# **HMPS**

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The birthplace of Professor Samuel Steman Haldeman, an internationally recognized naturalist, philologist, and linguist. He "epitomized the early 19th Century generation of scholars, who advanced American science and letters to a position of true cultural independence from Europe" (Sorenson).

# A BIG Thank-You

# Dear Friend of the Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society:

The Society's Board of Directors is very happy to announce ... Thanks to you, thanks to our loyal and new donors, individual donations received on Friday, November 18th surpassed our expectations. We will now be able to match the Lancaster County Conservancy's \$2,500 mini-grant and have some additional funds to put towards the preservation of Locust Grove's Native American Heritage.

A final report on our ExtraGive results will be provided in our next newsletter, after we receive our ExtraGive 2016 Final Report from the Lancaster County Community Foundation.

This Thanksgiving we will remember you and the generous support you have provided. Thank you!

We wish you a safe, happy and memorable Thanksgiving Day!

Board of Directors, Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society

p.p. Dale Good

**Board Member** 

# **HMPS** Grant Status

The Society has four outstanding grants. Three were received during 2016.

#### Susquehanna Riverlands Mini-Grant (\$2,500)

This grant from the Lancaster County Conservancy is to help fund the creation of a Locust Grove Native American Heritage District around the confluence of the Conoy Creek and Susquehanna River. It requires matching funds. Donations received from the Lancaster County Community Foundation's 2016 ExtraOrdinary Give Campaign will be used to help meet this requirement. The grant period is May 1, 2016-December 31, 2017.

Funds will be received after we have paid for expenses incurred.

# Louis J. Appell Jr. Fund for Central Pennsylvania (\$4,750)

This grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation is to help fund an economic feasibility study for adaptive uses of the Haldeman Mansion. The uses to be evaluated will be among those proposed by the Building Preservation Plan, as approved by the Society's Board of Directors. The grant monies were received on June 23, 2016. The grant period is one year. This grant requires that HMPS provide matching funds.

## Lancaster County Community Foundation (\$5,000)

This grant provides the matching funds for the grant noted above. The grant period is from July 2016 to July 2017.

# John J. Snyder, Jr. Fund (\$25,000)

This grant from the Lancaster County Community Foundation is to help cover new roof and roof repair expenses. The grant monies were received on October 5, 2015. The grant period of one year has been extended to accommodate necessary delays.



# A Special Thank You

"Into the Streets" is a program done in the fall by Elizabethtown College students, going out to help people clean up their yards, etc.

We were fortunate to have three eager students who enjoyed working with us at the Haldeman Mansion on Saturday, October 22 for two hours.

Elliot Allen and Shelby Simon worked with Elaine Jackson, cleaning the first floor of the carriage house. Sarah Roesner worked with Ken Beard, picking up limbs and clearing the brush pile.

Then all of us cleaned out the closet in the Summer Kitchen. It was a fun morning working with them. The students all want to come back.

The job we hope to do in the Spring, sometime in March, is cleaning out the attic with their help. and help from many members, including YOU. Written by Elaine Jackson.



# A New Roof for the Mansion

The much-anticipated new roof installation began on November 4, 2016. Our contractor is Lantz Slate Roofing, a highly respected company from Leola, Pa. The saga began when the HMPS Board recognized the mansion's 1970s era cedar shingles were rapidly failing. The story took on new drama when we realized we had insufficient funds to replace the roof in a historically appropriate manner. Installation of a temporary roof ensued in 2010. It consisted of rubber sheeting to maintain a weather-tight covering while sufficient funds could be raised for a permanent, historically appropriate roof.

Ben Franklin once wrote "Energy and persistence conquer all things". Our new roof saga is a good example of this. Thanks to our Society's generous members and friends, to the Lancaster County Community Foundation's (LCCF) ExtraOrdinary Give Campaign, to significant grants from LCCF's John J. Snyder, Jr.'s Fund and the GSM Roofing Company of Ephrata, plus the many efforts of a host of volunteers at fund-raising events, our much-anticipated new slate roof installation began on November 4, 2016.

Lantz Slate Roofing, a highly respected company from Leola, Pa, is installing the roof. Their work was delayed several months when a decision was made to first repair and repoint both chimneys and install a lightning rod protection system.

Written by Ken Beard



# The 2016 Apple Fall Festival

This was held Sunday, October 9, 2016. We had a beautiful Fall Day which began with a windy gust and settled down to a cool, sunny afternoon with great music by "Sweet November" band playing music and singing a variety of songs including "oldies" that I knew. The attendance was great.

Dale Good had power point presentations and Tina Mark did the Tours. Darl Williams has an old press and made delicious cider and provided samples for all. The apples were donated by the Masonic Farm Store. In the Summer House, Jim and Diane Leonard cooked food on the hearth, including pumpkin soup, sausage, and had bread with apple butter to delight the appetites of all who came. Children enjoyed games and activities. Also, Jean Moyer told the story of Johnny Appleseed with her excellent storytelling talent. The food was enjoyed by all. Desserts were special with apple dumplings, apple crisp, pies, and cakes, as well as caramel apples.

We also had a silent auction with items donated by: Clearview Bowling, Legacy Pizza, New York Fitness, Subway, Babbos, Country Store, Twin Kiss, Nissleys, West Main Auto, B & D. Lumber, Country Meadows, Ellen Rhoads, Muellers' Flower Shop, Elaine Jackson, Wes Gerber. and Giants Grocery. Many volunteers helped to make this a successful day. They included: Louise Reichert, Ken Beard, Tom D'Aura & boy scouts, Ellen Rhoads, Elaine Jackson Roslyn Hurley, Mike Sauble, Debbie Bowan, Dick Keesey, Cathy Popp, Vada Clemens, Charles Jackson, Charlie Gibble, Diane Myers, Sandi Bush, Joanne Myers, Rachel Jackson, Norma Bair, Donna White, Lauren & Ariel Kerr, Gina Mariani, Lora Shirey & friends of Lora.

Thank you all for supporting us with donations of food too. We, also, appreciate all who came to support the Haldeman Mansion. This event was chaired by Elaine Jackson.

Written by Elaine Jackson



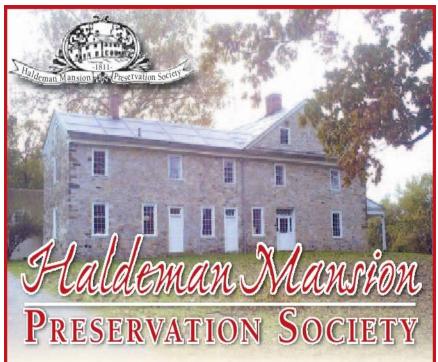
# The 2016 Kristkindle Mart

This was held Saturday, November 5, 2016 at Bainbridge Fire Hall. We had a nice group of vendors this year including: Jody Stuart with tie-dved scarves, and jewelry, Laurel Sedak with pottery and jewelry, Ahna Ebersole with scented soy candles, Kim Kingswell with towel cakes and diaper cakes (gifts shaped like cakes with baby items and towels), Lynn Benkendorf with pennyrugs, handstitched pillows and miscellaneous items, Gayle Lawrence with community cookbooks, ornaments and art, Alma Shearer with CDs, movie tapes and miscellaneous items, June Hippensteel with knitted, crocheted, and sewn items, Roberta Wills with rocks and minerals, Dot Nellenbach with clothing for 18 inch dolls, butterflies, angels and elves, Barbara Ruffini with hand built pottery, Judy Horner with handspun wool, crocheted items and pottery, Pam Potts with accessory items made from alpaca fiber, Nancy Gusler with "Damsel in Defense", Mike Gehron with Dutch Country Caramels, Stephanie Brosey with Zoey Bows, Erin White with copper roses, Craig Miller with Canyon Candles and Tina Mark with jewelry. The volunteers who helped to make this a successful day included Gina Mariani, Tina Mark, Cathy Popp, Ellen Rhoads, Roslyn Hurley, Kyle Shearers, Donna White, Sandi Bush, Gail Yorkovic, Dick Keesey, Tammy, Norma Bair and Elaine Jackson. The Silent auction included items donated by vendors, plus wine

by Ellen Rhoads, gift certificate by Pita Pit, and gift basket by Masonic Village Farm Market. All the food was donated by the volunteers and members.

Written by Elaine Jackson, Chair of Events Committee.





# **2017 HALDEMAN EVENTS**

Sundays, May 7- October 29 Open House with tours from 1 to 4 PM

Sunday, June 4 - Strawberry Festival noon to 4 PM

Saturday, July 15 - Victorian Tea at 4 PM

Saturday, Aug. (TBD) - Geology & Archaeology Tour

Saturday, Sept. 9 - Tavern Dinner at 4 PM

Sunday, Oct. 8 - Apple Fall Festival noon to 4 PM

Saturday, Nov. 4 - Kristkindle Mart 9 AM to 3:30 PM

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# Our Native American Hertitage

## by Dale Good

We are now one step closer to submitting a nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, to validate the creation of a Native American Heritage District around the confluence of the Conoy Creek and Susquehanna River at Locust Grove. While the Lancaster County Community Foundation's final report on this year's donations will not be received until early January 2017, we can safely say that our loyal and new donors have made this possible. Donations exceeded the \$2,500 needed to match the Lancaster County Conservancy's grant and provided additional funds that will help support the other aspects of our Native American Heritage Preservation initiative.

We have contracted with the firm Linebaugh & Associates to guide us though the nomination process, which includes historical/archaeological context research, consultations with professional archaeologists, collecting and analyzing research/documentation on the identified archaeological sites, preparation of the National Register of Historic Places nomination form and following the nomination process through to its conclusion.

Dr. Donald W. Linebaugh is the principal of Linebaugh & Associates. A resident of southern York County, he is Director and Professor of the Historic Preservation Program in the School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation at the University of Maryland. Prior to joining Maryland in July 2004, Dr. Linebaugh was the Director of the Program for Archaeological Research (PAR) and an Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Kentucky.





The PAR conducts archaeological, architectural, and historical research for government and private organizations on a grant and contractual basis.

Dr. Linebaugh is enthusiastic about our project. He finds Professor Haldeman's contributions to archaeological science and interests in Native American culture to be especially intriguing. We anticipate his work for the Society will begin in earnest next summer and be completed by the fall.

We continue to be very grateful for the support we are receiving from our membership, volunteers, visitors to the mansion and the local community. As it is often said and is very true, we could not do it without you!





# Locust Grove's Colonial Heritage

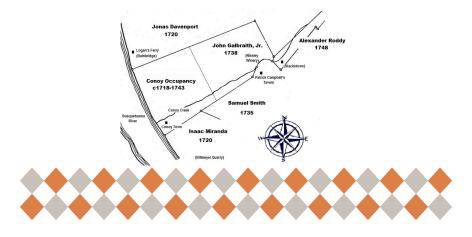
#### Part Two

#### Locust Grove's First Owner

## The Settling of Locust Grove

John Galbraith, Jr. (b. 1711 - d. 1769), Scot-Irish Presbyterian, farmer, fur trader, was the first private land owner of Locust Grove<sup>1</sup>. He applied for and received a land warrant<sup>2</sup> for Locust Grove from the William Penn Family in 1738. A survey in 1739 indicated the Penns had reserved the southwestern portion of the land, about half, for the Conoy Indians, thus denying John full access. We believe, however, that John was settled on a portion of the land as early as July 3, 1732 when he, along with his neighbor Jonas Davenport, a fur trader, witnessed a codicil (addition to a will) to the will of another neighbor and fur trader, Isaac Miranda. Jonas had warranted 200 acres in 1720 along the river to the immediate north of Locust Grove and Isaac had warranted 210 acres in 1720 to the immediate south. (See below Diagram).

Historians report John lived northeast of the Conoy's tract, about a mile from the river, where Peter's Road<sup>3</sup> crossed Conoy Creek, by present day Nissley Winery. Lancaster County Court Records reveal a road laid out in 1742 passed by his old field. The road began at Logan's Ferry (Bainbridge) proceeded east, bulging northward about a mile and a half, to Conoy Creek, and then continued southeast across the creek. The metes and bounds presented in the records suggest the field was near the northern most corner of his Locust Grove warrant.





John was married by July 10, 1742, the date when his wife Dorcas witnessed the will of John Catherwood, a saddler, who lived at Patrick Campbell's Tavern (formerly the Samuel Smith Tavern.), next to Peters Road. Her husband was named an executor of the will. Working from the tavern, John made, repaired and sold leather horse accessories to fur traders and local farmers.

After the Conoy Indians moved north to Shamokin (present day Sunbury) in 1743, John patented<sup>2</sup> Locust Grove's full 466 acres, down to the river. He now owned prime real estate fronting on the river, with a strong stream running thru its length. It was traversed by a road, which crossed the breadth of Donegal Township (since divided into East Donegal, West Donegal & Conoy Townships) and connected Logan's Ferry to the Great Road, which connected Philadelphia, Lancaster & Harrisburg.

In 1754, John surveyed and then patented, a narrow wedgeshaped 46 acre tract of land that had been warranted by Alexander Roddy in 1748. It extended about a mile to the northeast from the corner of his Locust Grove property and encompassed present day Stackstown and Sagerville Road along both sides of the Conoy Creek (See Diagram).

## The Risks of Fur Trading

By the mid 1720's, the fur trade, as practiced by John and his neighbors, was shifting west, across the Allegheny Mountains. According to historians, Jonas was one of the first traders to cross over the mountains. By the late 1740's and early 1750's, traders from Donegal Township were regularly traveling into the Ohio Valley. It was their custom to travel into the interior twice a year. In the fall, they would provide merchandise to their suppliers on credit and then return in early spring to collect their furs and skins. From 1751 thru 1753, John, along with other fur traders, during hostilities building up to the French & Indian War (1754-1763), incurred huge losses. By one account, his losses totaled 960 British pounds. This was a considerable sum, roughly equivalent to 70 percent of the value of his lands.





Perhaps it was these losses and the need for collateral to continue his fur trading business that led John to begin selling off his properties in 1756. First, he sold Locust Grove's northeast most corners (about 54 acres) to Conrad Wolf. This tract would have encompassed the land occupied by Nissley Winery's main buildings (Conrad subsequently built a log mill along side the creek.). At the time, this northeast most corner of John's Locust Grove tract may have arguably been the most valuable portion of his lands. On December 9, 1757, John sold the remainder of the Locust Grove property (about 406 acres) to his uncle James Galbraith for 1,200 pounds. Six months later, he sold the wedge-shaped property to Dewalt Wolf.

John's first sale took place about 13 years after the Conoy Indians moved north and about 5 years after he began to incur losses in the Ohio Valley. Apparently, His misfortunes were not over. Historians Ellis and Evans reported he was one of 22 traders who were attacked by Indians in November 1763 and lost another stock of goods. This was about one month before the infamous December 14, 1763 Paxtang Rangers attack on Conestoga Indian Town in Manor Township. In a surprise attack, they killed six Indians and burned their homes to the ground.

The Rangers, mostly Scot Irish Presbyterians, came south from the Paxtang (Harrisburg) area, traveling on the old Paxtang Indian Path, which followed the Susquehanna River and passed through Locust Grove. Reportedly, as they traveled thru Donegal Township, new recruits joined them, bringing their number to about 50 by some accounts. Only a few of the Rangers were ever identified. There is no record of John Galbraith, Jr. having participated.

#### John's Heritage

John's will was written on April 19, 1768. At the time, he was "very sick and weak in body". His will was probated about one year later, on March 28, 1769. From an inventory of his possessions, taken after his death, we learn he had been still living and farming in Donegal Township. While we have no accurate record of the exact location where he lived, one clue may be a 1765 mortgage document concerning the tract John sold to Conrad Wolf. It lists John as a neighbor. As we have no record of him purchasing new land, is it possible he rented back a portion of Locust Grove? Importantly, however, we need to keep in mind that it was not uncommon for early deeds and mortgages to fail to be up-to-date when neighbors were recorded.





The inventory of John's possessions indicates, despite his losses in the fur trade, he was still well off by colonial standards. Valued at 515 British pounds, his possessions, in addition to household goods and farming tools, included: 6 horses, 6 cows, 3 heifers, 5 calves, a "quantity" of sheep, and 1 "parcel" of hogs, 32 acres of wheat, 10 acres of rye, 2 Negroes and 2 servants.

His will provided five pounds each to his four married daughters (Elizabeth Spear, Mary Cook, Janett Work and Barbara Allison) and grandson Galbraith Patterson (son of deceased daughter Isabella Patterson). Dorcas reportedly moved to Cumberland County sometime after John's death. Then she petitioned (without success) to recoup John's entire trade losses, which by one account totaled 1,581 British pounds.

John's Locust Grove Colonial legacy will never be fully known. What we do know from the above account, his neighbors trusted him and he was one of our early pioneers, an early farmer in northwest Lancaster County, an early fur trader into the Ohio Valley, one of those who were in the forefront of establishing our nation's Colonial Heritage on its frontier's edge.

1/ Locust Grove was defined in Part 1 of this series of articles (See HMPS Newsletter 2016, No. 3) as a 466 acre tract of land that spanned the confluence of the Conoy Creek and Susquehanna River, including the Susquehanna River's eastern bank from present day Bainbridge to just south of the Haldeman Mansion. It stretched for about a mile from the river bank northeast to present day Stackstown, encompassing Conoy Creek.

2/ Acquiring land was a four step process, not always strictly adhered to on a timely basis (1) Application - a request for a Warrant; (2) Warrant - certificate authorizing a survey of a tract of land; (3) Survey - sketch of boundaries, determination of exact acreage (4) Patent - final, official deed from the Proprietors.

3/ Peter's Road was an old Indian path from Chester County that connected with a Paxtang Indian Path running along the Susquehanna River. The Chester County Path was frequently used by French fur trader Peter Bezaillion and became known as Peter's Road about 1718.

Readers interested in additional information on this article, including source materials, may contact Dale Good, dale\_good@hotmail.com.





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