

HALDEMAN MANSION QUARTERLY



2008 SECOND QUARTER

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Sunday, June 8, 2008

12:00 Noon until **4:00** PM

At the
Historic Haldeman Mansion
230 Locust Grove Road
Bainbridge, PA

Also featuring
Hot Dogs & Sloppy Joes
Strawberry Shortcake
Cheesecake with Strawberries
Strawberry Milkshakes
Strawberry lemonade & More

All proceeds benefit the mansion

Bring your lawn chairs & relax!
Enjoy the beautiful Susquehanna River
along with your meal.

No entrance Fee

The musical entertainment at the Festival will be provided by "The Five Friends". They play old fashion music and gospel style music. This is a scene from last's year festival. Mark your calendar to come and enjoy the delicious, fresh STRAWBERRIES!



CONOYTOWN EDUCATION DAY

DISCOVER NATIVE AMERICAN CUSTOMS AND CRAFTS.

COME AND STEP BACK IN TIME TO THE
1700'S IN CONOYTOWN

Saturday May 17, 2008

10:00 am to 5:00 pm continuously

Haldeman Mansion, 250 Locust Grove Road, Bainbridge

Featuring: Flute Players, Storytelling, Many Different Demonstrations including: Daily Activities in the Village, pottery making, basket weaving and more.

Haldeman Mansion volunteers will serve food throughout the day.

Admission Fee: \$2.00 for all ages 12 and over

OF BUGS & HISTORY

By Jason E. Shuff

On November 10th of this year (2007) I had the honor of giving the opening lecture at the 84th Annual Meeting of the *Entomological Society of Pennsylvania*. The E.S.P., as it is abbreviated today, was the first society dedicated to the study of insects in the United States and was founded in 1842. The learned society had expressed to me a desire to, "get back to their roots". This led to a request to have a presentation about one of their

primary founders and motivators, Prof. Samuel S. Haldeman (1812-1880). So it was, on a snowy day in Clearfield County, I presented a seven page speech entitled, "Prof. S. S. Haldeman, Interdisciplinary of Natural Sciences".

As a descendant of the Haldeman family and a former president of the HMPS my project was designed as an attempt to bring out some of Samuel's humanistic qualities along with his accomplishments from a family member perspective.

The forming of the E.S.P. was partly the result of a great interest in documenting the insects of the sixty-six year old nation. One must understand this was a time period when Europe held the highest esteemed research, collections, and professorships in this branch of zoology. In an effort to bring the United States up to standards in this 'scientific race' there needed to be a reputable foundation of which to promote the studies. As can be located in the founder's original letters they were appalled at the rate of which the foreign scientific community was discovering and naming our own nation's insects. Unfortunately for America, prior to 1842, the work in entomology had begun and then withered nearly to a halt. The general idea was that by establishing a direct line of communication between collectors the association would, and later did, greatly enhance this field of study.

At the suggestion and organizing skills of Prof. Haldeman, he and the Rev. Daniel Ziegler, Dr. Frederick Ernst Melsheimer, the Rev. John G. Morris, and the Rev. Solomon Oswald met in Zeigler's home in York City for the society's organization. The selection of officers began with Melsheimer as president, Haldeman as vice-president, Morris as Corresponding secretary, Ziegler as recording secretary, and Oswald as the treasurer. The society began holding their meetings every two weeks in each other's homes, having to rotate to one another's residence. The meetings assumed a casual environment where the collectors enjoyed sharing insect gathering stories and comparing specimens, after which they sat down for an informal dinner. Eventually, they resolved to holding nearly all their meetings in Haldeman's study at Chicquesalungo.

By 1853 the society had published their work, "Catalogue of the Described Coleoptera of the United States." This was one of the earliest publications of the Smithsonian Institute and won the Americans their desired esteem from the Europeans. Shortly after this publication Haldeman dropped out due to his increasingly poor vision from spending an average of sixteen hours a day focusing on the miniature world.

Today the E.S.P. is accredited as the primary source of establishing the science as a real working discipline in the United States. It is also remembered for having created the first organized communication between collectors in the nation. The society is still very active and well known for it's professional and down-to-earth attitude. I look forward to working with the E.S.P. as they consider using the Haldeman Mansion and nearby Chickies Historic District as a place for future business meetings and insect collecting field trips.

COMING EVENTS

OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

The mansion will be open every Sunday from May 4th -October 4th

Hours from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Bring your family and friends, tour the Mansion and the lovely land surrounding it. What a wonderful opportunity to see the work that the HMPS has accomplished over the years. You can also witness all that still needs to be done!

UPCOMING EVENTS at the Mansion and in the Community

September 20 & 21 - OLD FASHIONED FIELD DAYS Conoy Township Park, Bainbridge. Craft demonstrations, tractor parade and food. All the fun of a small town celebration!

September 28 - PIG IRON FEST 11 to 4 - Chickies Historic Park, Marietta. Join this celebration of the iron furnaces that were at Chiques. The Haldeman Family were ironmasters and Professor Haldeman lived in a magnificent mansion at the base of Chiques Rock.

October 12 - Apple FALL FEST 12 TO 4 - Haldeman Mansion, Bainbridge. We are pleased to announce that the Martin Family Band is returning this year with their Celtic songs and dance.

2008 HMPS President's Annual Report

This report is from May, 2007 to today, April 27, 2008. Last May, the Humane League contacted Sally Williams about doing a program in April of this year. Since we didn't hear anymore, they probably went to another location for this meeting.

Last June, the Strawberry Festival was successful under the competent chairs Megan Gangemi and Georgia Neefe. They along with many volunteers raised over \$3000.

In July Tina Mark organized the Conoy Pow Wow. It was held at the Gerber Park with 2 days of events and Native American dancing. Profits from this event were given to the mansion. Volunteers of HMPS served food one of the days with the baked goods donated by members. The money raised was about \$700.

The painting of the outside of the Summer Kitchen was done by the Lions and two Board members last April. Also painting of windows and doors along patio facing the Summer Kitchen during last summer was done by this same group. In October, two Lion's Members, two board members, one member and 8-10 college students under the program "Into the Streets" prime coated windows and doors facing the Locust Grove Road and primed the posts on porch facing the river. They also put first coat on the sign at the entrance which had been repaired by Clark Merrifield. Later I, Elaine K. Jackson, gave that sign its second; then Tina Mark and I painted the letters on that sign.

Have you noticed the two signs posted at the Route 441-Locust Grove Road and Route 441-2nd Street? They were recently placed there by Ken Beard and a friend after spending the winter at my house. The one needed repaired and painted and the 2nd one needed new posts and painted. My brother did all the repairs and I helped paint both signs and put the letters on the one. The sign that was in storage only needed cleaning and new posts. It's great to have two decent looking signs up again.

We had a successful Fall Fest with the apple theme. Norma Bair chaired this committee. An Apple Cookbook was published at the event and there was an apple dessert contest. The entertainment was the Martin Family with great music. About \$.3000 profit was made. Success of this and all events held comes from hard work and all the volunteers.

During Field Days, we had a stand and sold popcorn. This was not for fundraising. It was for community awareness.

Temporary work was done in the basement as repair of foundation problems. This needed done in order to make the building safe for events. Last fall Dr. Jordan Marche', Director, sent grants for funding to replace a main beam and other work that needs to be done to the basement. The cost for the job is \$26,000. The first grant for \$13,000 was sent to PA Historical & Museum Commission and the second one, a matching grant was sent to Armstrong Foundation. We did not receive either grant.

Also Sally Williams, Director, sent a grant to Lancaster County #1395 Questers requesting \$2490.00 for repairs to the roof and to the inside walls of the Summer Kitchen. We should hear from them shortly.

Membership letters were sent to the members and potential members. There has been a good response. I would like 100% return of all our members. That would be wonderful.

The Events Committee met twice. We have dates for most of the events. These were included in our recent newsletter. There are flyers for you to pick up after the meeting.

My Dream For This Summer - I have hopes to get the second coat of paint on everything that was done last fall with help from you. Also I would like to have a major campaign to raise money to have the second story windows and trim done after we get some bids.

Submitted by Elaine Jackson

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2008-2009

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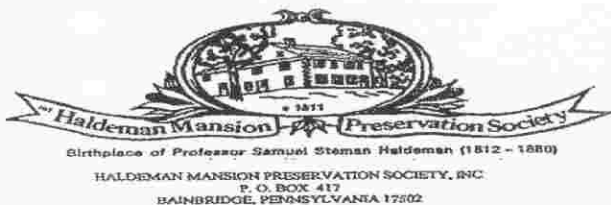
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