



Haldeman Mansion Quarterly

A Publication of the Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society

Autumn 2004

Special points of interest:

- Introduction of the new HMQ issues
- New Elected Officers and Board Members
- Revival of the Special Events Committee
- Messick's donates a lawn trimmer
- Artifacts in mansion get cleaned
- Helping Hands from the Ludwig United Methodist Church
- Haldeman Reunion 2004
- Walk-a-thon 2004
- Meet our President

Mailing Address :
Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society
PO box 417
Bainbridge , PA 17502

Visit us at :
www.haldemanmansion.org

Location at :
Haldeman Mansion
230 Locust Grove Road
Bainbridge , PA 17502

HMQ Introduction

In a continued effort to keep our members informed with the latest news , up-coming events and historical facts , we are proud to announce the new quarterly newsletter "Haldeman Mansion Quarterly".

It is among our sincere endeavors to communicate with all those who share an interest in us . It is just one way for us to say thanks to those who have made various contributions to help us reach our goals .

We have been extremely busy revamping a few much needed details and procedures in our organization . We hope you will look forward to keeping up with us and future events via *HMQ* .



The HMPS symbol above has been used since the society's incorporation in 1977 .

New Elected Officers and Board Members

During the past month of May , the HMPS held it's Annual Members Meeting at the Village Homestead Restaurant in nearby Bainbridge . Following a successful Walk-a-thon , which benefits the mansion's annual maintenance costs , the society held its latest elections .

We are now pleased to announce our newly elected officials :

PRESIDENT : Jason E. Shuff (1st term expires 2006)
VICE-PRESIDENT : Allen Kenyon (1st term expires 2005)
RECORDING SECRETARY : Phyllis Crum (1st exp. 2005)
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY : Sally Williams (1st term expires 2006)
TREASURER : Elaine Jackson (2nd term expires 2005)

BOARD MEMBERS :

Norma J. Bair (Immediate Past President)
Jill Bartles (1st term expires 2007)
Wayne Brooks (2nd term expires 2007)
Nathan Kenyon (1st term expires 2006)
Lorraine Gangemi (2nd term expires 2005)

Revival of the Special Events Committee

Thanks to the directional effort of former president Norma J. Bair , the Special Events Committee is once again a thriving program .

With the gracious contributions of Tina Marks , Phyllis Crum , Fay Burke , Ruth Barley , Jeanette Bernhard , Jennifer Gordon , Donna Eitnier , Barb Baker and Doris Stauffer , the group has been extremely enthusiastic and successful .

Among their concerned projects was the organization of this years Susquehanna Old Fashion Field Days , which they had carefully planned . Always looking to the future , this enthusiastic committee has already taken on the task of planning next years events as well .

We here at the HMPS wish to extend our appreciation for their hard work , creative talent and positive attitude . It is truly a blessing to have such a delightful team showing their support .

READY for Fall Cleanup

Hand-held Blower
BG 55
\$129⁹⁵
After \$20 Rebate



STIHL

limited quantities

MESSICK'S

www.messicks.com
185 Merts Drive, Elizabethtown PA 800-222-3373
7481 Lincoln Hwy, Abbebtown PA 888-285-0225

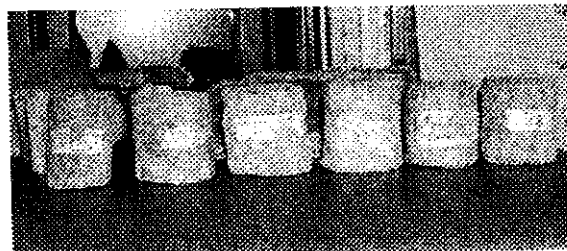
Messick's Donates Lawn Trimmer

A special thank you to **Messick's Farm Equipment** of 187 Merts Drive, Elizabethtown, for their generous donation of a Stihl lawn trimmer/weed eater to be used in trimming the Haldeman Mansion's grounds.

The Mansion sits on approximately 2 1/2 acres, and we take great pride in the appearance of the beautiful lawn overlooking the Susquehanna River.

We are very grateful to Messick's Farm Equipment for donating a weed eater which will make the task of maintaining the property much easier.

Mansion Artifacts Get Cleaned



Samples from the teaching collection of Prof. Samuel S. Haldeman.

Beginning in the late fall of 2003, the society had begun a complete cleaning project of the various mansion artifacts. With great painstaking care, each item has been cleaned, documented and given a new display sign for our visitors.

In the process of reorganizing, two boxes filled with teaching aids once belonging to Prof. Samuel S. Haldeman were discovered. These items varied from a large quantity of tree cuttings to fossils and petrified wood. It was especially exciting to find the professor's hand written labels still attached to several of the items. We are proud to announce the items are now on display for the first time in the parlor museum of the Haldeman Mansion.

Although looking much better, the parlor museum is still a temporary setup. In the future, when the mansion is in its completion, we can then work toward having professional museum display cases.

Helping Hands

When a plea went out for help in picking up sticks and raking some of the Mansion grounds in preparation for the upcoming Field Days, the request was met by the Youth Group from the **Ludwig United Methodist Church** in Bainbridge.

Under the direction of Youth Minister, Ed Keyser, the group arrived around 8:00 am. With rakes in hand and testing their driving skills on the lawn tractor pulling a trailer, the enthusiastic group went to work, and by 11:00 am the job was finished. A sincere thank you to the Youth Group for their community involvement in helping us.

2004 Haldeman Family Reunion



Enjoying lunch in the Receiving Room .

Off to a late announced start this year , the 2nd annual Haldeman Reunion nevertheless proved to be a lovely success . On a lovely sunny afternoon in August , the descendants of Jacob Haldeman (1722-1783) met with one another evoking warm thoughts of family days gone by . With food catered by the Bainbridge Family Restaurant and a celebration cake contributed by Norma J. Bair , the day proved to be memorable .

Hosted by new HMPS President Jason E. Shuff , a Haldeman descendant himself , this year's gathering took a closer approach at bringing the family back together . It is Jason's belief that the love of the family will put the 'heart' back into the mansion .

A special delight was a returned visit of Henry B. Haldeman and his wife Audrey . Henry is the great-grandson of Professor Samuel Steman Haldeman who draws the most recognition to the mansion . Being contributors to the society and various other historical organizations , the kind and generous couple has long been appreciated for their many hours of research .

It is our hope the reunions will become a tradition here at Locust Grove . As each year's celebration is now being planned a year in advance , we have the opportunity to reach out to new and perhaps previously unknown family members . We invite you to spread the word to other descendants you may come across .

Thank you for all your support !

Walk-a-thon 2004

The Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society greatly appreciates the items donated by individuals and businesses for the raffle drawing held during the annual walk-a-thon in May. A sincere thank you for the following donated items and congratulations to the winners:

- Hand crafted wall hanging quilt donated by Ann Ruth of Nissley, Bainbridge - won by Dr. Jeff Kutchar
- \$100 gift certificate to Cabela's, Hamburg - won by Cindy Drawbaugh
- Stone garden bench donated by River Road Produce, Route 441, Bainbridge - won by Les Hixon
- Bird feeder with bird seed donated by Brandt's Farm Supply, Elizabethtown - won by Dorinda Williams
- Lawn spreader with fertilizer donated by JB Hostetter's, Mount Joy - won by Ruth Herchelroth
- Hand crafted wooden bench donated by Masonic Homes Wood Shop, Elizabethtown - won by Jean Craun

After the walk-a-thon a delicious lunch was provided for all participants and Board members by Alma Zeager of Village Homestead Restaurant in Bainbridge.

Meet Our President

What brings a person living in Dillsburg, York County, to Locust Grove several times a month to work to preserve the Haldeman Mansion? Actually it all began when he was 14 years old and inherited a family tree. That is when Jason Shuff learned that Jacob Haldeman was his great-great-great-great-great grandfather. He became interested in genealogy and researching his family.

Searching for the home his family built led him across the river to Locust Grove. He thinks of the mansion as a gem, important to his family's history and rich with possibilities for community use.

Jason's wife Shannon shares his interest in the mansion. He is father to a son, Bradley-Ross. He works for the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency as part of a grant investigation team. When asked what he does in his free time, his interests echo those of his famous relative, Professor Samuel S. Haldeman. Since he was a child, Jason has been interested in natural science, enjoying visiting museums and libraries. He is interested in theology and the history of languages. An amateur artist, Jason enjoys doing portraits. He collects historical documents and antiques and enjoys American history.

We welcome Jason to our board and appreciate his enthusiasm and effort. We encourage you to introduce yourself at our next event, and you may be rewarded with stories that bring the Haldemans out of a photograph and into real life.

†

Your donations are needed and appreciated !

While the Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society draws much of its restoration money from various government and civil grants , we still rely heavily on the contributions of our members and supporters for the general upkeep of the mansion buildings and grounds .

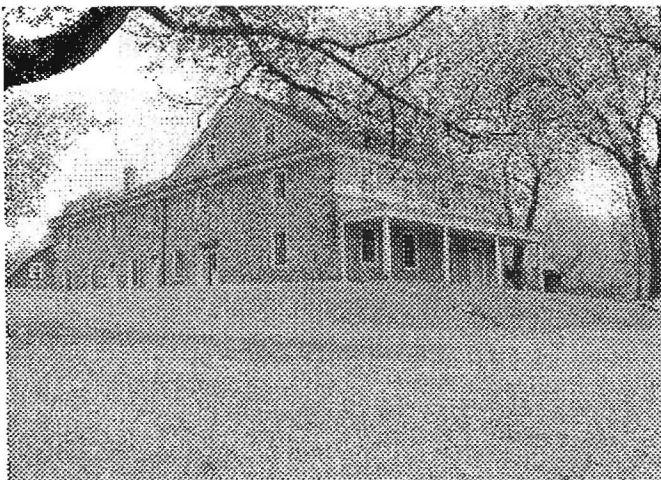
Without the financial support of generous people such as you , we could not possibly operate in any effect manner to keep the society's dreams alive . Won't you please join us by a renewal of your membership with a contribution today ?

It only takes a few moments to fill out the enclosed Membership / Donation Form and send it in to the HMPS along with your check payable to HMPS or Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society .

Your elected Society officials continue to remain ever dedicated and grateful to those many people who have shared an interest in saving our beautiful historical structures and grounds . *Thank you for your support !*

NONPROFIT
ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
LANCASTER, PA
PERMIT NO. 601

HALDEMAN MANSION PRESERVATION SOCIETY, INC.
P.O. BOX 417
BAINBRIDGE, PA 17502-0417



The **Haldeman Mansion** ,
situated on a hill overlooking
the Susquehanna River at
Locust Grove , in Lancaster
County , Pennsylvania .

Prof. Samuel S. Haldeman ,
renowned naturalist and philo-
list born in the mansion in
1812 (Mathew Brady image
from the Library of Congress)

