



Quarterly Newsletter

2014 2nd Issue Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society 230 Locust Grove Road Bainbridge, PA 17502



# Ninth Annual Strawberry Festival

Sunday, June 1, 2014 12 PM - 4 PM At the Haldeman Mansion 230 Locust Grove Road, Bainbridge, PA

Hot Dogs, Groff's Bratwurst, Strawberry Shortcake, Cheesecake with Strawberries, Milkshakes, Strawberry Lemonade, & More.

Tours, Powerpoint Presentation, Silent Auction, and Entertainment with the Shuey Brother's Band.

All proceeds benefit the mansion.

Enjoy the beautiful Susquehanna as you have your meal.

Bring your lawn chairs and relax.

No entrance fee! A \$5.00 Parking Fee to cover some of the expenses.

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# Mark your Calendars Upcoming Events

*June 1:* <u>Strawberry Festival</u> with Shuey Brothers, third year at the Haldeman Mansion from 12 PM to 4 PM

July 19: <u>Victorian Tea</u> at the mansion at 4:30PM We provide a high tea with several courses of food. Everything is done by the volunteers. Homemade soup, fresh salad, tea sandwiches, scones with lemon curd or jam, several choices of hot tea, and



choice of fresh homemade cake with ice cream. The cost is \$25 per person or for age 6 and under it will be \$15.

Please make reservation(s) early. We have limited space. Contact Elaine Jackson with your reservation 717 426-3794.

September 13: <u>Tavern Dinner</u> at the mansion at 5:30 PM



October 12: <u>Apple Fall Festival</u> at the Haldeman Mansion with Josh Tindall, Elizabeth Tindal and Josh Duma- The Sweet November Band. This is their third year.

*November 8:* **Kristkindtle Mart** at Bainbridge Fire Hall 8AM to 4 PM.- Venders, please put this on your calendar and notify Elaine Jackson at 717-426-3794 or <u>elainekjackson@centurylink.net</u>

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## Items needed at the mansion. Please help us. These may be used.

- \* Large screen with tripod to do PowerPoint presentations.
- \* Microwave oven
- \* Food processer
- \* Coffee maker
- \* Set of stainless steel silverware service for 8 or 12 (We also need soup spoons).
- \* Tea kettle to heat water.
- \* Another used refrigerator for overflow of food at the events.

This is my fifteenth year on the Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society Board and I have served as President for 8 years. I am committed to seeing the restoration of this place completed. This past year was again very busy.

The Strawberry Festival was our best attended outdoor event again this past summer. We hope to bring the numbers up at the events we have scheduled this year. And with your help by inviting your friends and neighbors, you can make a difference. The Strawberry festival is still our most popular event followed by the Fall Festival. The strawberries were local and were excellent. We had strawberry sundaes, strawberry short-cake, strawberry shakes and other desserts along with hot sandwiches to please your appetite. Our Musicians' band, David Cronce and the Shuey Brothers, was enjoyed by all as they relaxed by the Susquehanna.

The Victorian Tea was again a wonderful event. The Tavern Dinner with home cooked ham and all the sides was a smash in September. October brought the Fall Festival. This was enjoyed by all. The kids enjoyed the games, decorating pumpkins and bobbing for apples. Demonstrations of apple cider making were done by Darl Williams. Our band, Sweet November, kept people tapping to the music.

In November, we had our third annual Kristkindtle Mart with a nice variety of vendors who came. We were pleased with a large variety of choices at the Bainbridge Fire Hall. This was downtown with warm heat on Saturday from 9 to 3. The venders were very nice and liked the wellorganized event.

Our events are needed to help with upkeep. We have all the wonderful volunteers to thank in making the events days successful.

Our roof fund continues to grow. The temporary roof is still doing well. We still need to raise more funds for the roof. Members may continue to donate to raise at least double of the amount we now have. We have about \$27,800 in the roof account now. This is almost another \$8,000 since a year ago. We aren't sure how much we need since we haven't made a decision on the material to use. We aren't even sure of the kind of roof that we will have- It could be wood shingles, tiles that look like wood shingles, or something else.

## 2014 HMPS President's Annual Report Cont.

Letters were sent out in January to renew memberships and get new members. We now have five new members. Many still have not paid their membership dues. We had a good response with 85 families, responding. If you haven't paid your 2014 dues, please send in soon. We have 250 families in our membership list. Some members are volunteers and some are businesses who support us. If you haven't sent in dues or donated to the roof fund, please help save the mansion. Your money is used for ongoing expenses, insurance, repairs and other bills. We all are volunteers who give many hours to save this place for the future generations.

We are getting ready for the Strawberry Festival, our first event, Sunday, June 1, 2014 with Elaine Jackson as the chair. We have three other events this summer: Victorian Tea will be Saturday, July 19 at 4 pm. The Tavern Dinner will be Saturday, September 13 at 5:30 pm Both the Victorian Tea and the Tavern Dinner events need reservations. The Apple Fall Festival follows on Sunday, October 12, at noon and the last event of the year is the Kristkindtle Mart, Saturday, November 8.

We completed both projects that were started in the winter of 2013 and finished in the spring. Now we have a security system running and the lower part of our road has a new drainage system. These were projects done with the help of Elizabethtown College students as part of a student project and it involved help from Ed Mohr's Plumbing and Excavating and board members.

More good news: The Haldeman Mansion was awarded a second \$ \$2500.00 check by the Gooding Group Foundation, GSM roofing, Ephrata. A form was sent in by Dale Good for the contest to get a new roof. All the groups who sent in applications were awarded something. This helped to boost our roof fund.

he Carriage House's heating was changed from oil to electric to help with the cost of heating it. There are loose tiles on the roof from the branches falling in this winter's ice storm. The Building Preservation Plan review with stakeholders will be Saturday, April 26. The Architectural Firm of Shrive & Herse of Washington D.C. and preservation Consultant, Tim Smedick of Lancaster are preparing a **Building Preservation Plan**. At the meeting, the Stakeholders will provide advice and counsel in helping to refine the plan's goals and help to build a platform upon which to launch the subsequent work recommended by the plan. The Plan should be finished by June, 2014 and this will enable us to obtain substantial grants for major restoration projects

We had a successful Cleanup day on the 15<sup>th</sup> with boy scouts and their leaders helping. After raking up twigs and branches, the volunteers were treated to pizza donated by Little Italy. Yesterday, March 22, was the second cleanup day with members of HMPS cleaning the inside of the mansion. Sally Williams, Judy Kay Bard and I cleaned the first floor.

We certainly appreciate volunteers helping us. This is awesome. Volunteers are needed for our upcoming events. Please contact me to help. Thanks to all who helped with the two cleanup days.

The EXTRA ORDINARY GIVE Day, under Lancaster County Community Foundation, September, was an exciting day for the Haldeman Mansion and other nonprofits in Lancaster County. Our total received was \$2,369.37. Our gratitude goes to the Foundation for having this event to help nonprofits in Lancaster County.

Goals for 2014 include:

1. Complete the painting of the windows of the Carriage House

2. Finish painting windows of the Haldeman Mansion. We need to get estimates of the cost for the second floor

3. Continue to raise money for the roof.

4. Continue to raise money for Sustainability plan and hopefully get a grant to start a big renovation.

5. Have successful events with members and volunteers support.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine K. Jackson

# Paris Haldeman & His California Gold Rush

Several years ago, current Society members Henry Breneman Haldeman (1923-), a great grand-son of Professor Samuel Steman Haldeman (1812-1880), and his wife Audrey, kindly donated transcripts of about 275 Haldeman Family letters to the Society. They include letters written and received by the Professor and letters written from California, Texas and numerous European cities (London, Paris, Berlin, etc.).

Four of these letters were written by Paris Haldeman (1831-1893), a younger brother of the Professor. These letters, which set forth Paris's "Gold Rush" plans and experiences, were written to a cousin, his mother (2) and an unnamed brother. They will be presented verbatim in our next three newsletters as follows:

	Date Written	From
Installment 1	April 29, 1846 April 23, 1849	Manor (Locust Grove?) St. Joseph, Missouri
Installment 2	Sep 15, 1849	Sacramento City (CA)
Installment 3	Oct 28, 1849	Reading's Dry Diggings (CA)

The Professor and Paris were two of Henry Haldeman's (1787-1849) eight sons. Henry was married twice. By his first wife Francis Steman (1794-1826) he had seven sons: Samuel, Edwin, Henry, Leander (died young), Horace, Lorenzo (died young) and Cyrus. His second wife Margaret Armstrong (1804-1867) provided him with his son, Paris, and daughter, Helen.

By all accounts, the family members were very close, as is evidenced by the contents of Paris' letters and the many others Henry and Audrey have given us. As we learn from Paris' letters, the Professor liked to use his family members' travels as opportunities to collect insect specimens from far & wide.

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### Letter from Paris Haldeman to his mother

#### St.Joseph, Mo. April 23,1849

Dear Mother,

It has been but a few days since I received news of Papa's death, it was indeed sorrowful tidings to hear from home. I received Cyrus letter a day or two since, also one from May. Cyrus states that you wish me to return. I would indeed like to be home to console you and sis, but mother I am now two thousande miles from home  $\frac{1}{2}$  way to California and have money invested in stock so to carry me through and am improving in health so fast that I should now go on and make a fortune if possible and if not I can return soon, improved in mind and body. Now is the time I should use my might and strength in making something for you and Helen. We have been encamped out in open air since the 1st. day of April and Henry looks a great deal better. We stand guard every few nights. Also, I think I shall soon be able to stand anything. We leave tomorrow for Fort Karney & there we strike the plains. We have provisions enough to do nearly one year. I think Samuel had better be my guardian until my return I do not know who would be better. I should indeed like to know your arrangements. I suppose you will remain at home I think you had better keep Helen home for a while, that she may improve in health. There are so many beautiful indian ponies here I wish I could send her one home. I am now the color of an indian. The sun has taned me so much.but two short years and you will see me return home quite different looking. Give my love to all.

### Your Affectionate Son, Paris

### Letter to an unknown cousin (age 15)

Manor April 29th 1846

Dear Cousin,

I received your letter a few days ago in which you state that you were informed of my intention to go to the far west. I expect to sell my property in the fall and in the summer of 1847 to start for California. I hardly think that I'll get to Oregon unless some object offers that will induce me to change my route and the only thing I know of now to effect that would be to join a Company of Fur Traders, having received an invitation from an acquaintance in Ohio. The time I intend to remain will be about 3 years. I shall be very happy to render you any service that lies in my power,tho' my very limited knowledge of such objects as I suspect you desire my turning my attention to, will preclude the possibility of making any great discoveries. However I'll do my best with due allowance for my ignorance and after receiving instructions from you I hope I may be able to afford you at least some slight satisfaction.

I write you these few lines, as it will be some time before I can make it suit to be up that direction. I thank you for the complimentary tenor of your letter.

Yours truly,

P.M. Haldeman

# Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society hosts *Building Preservation Plan* Stakeholders Meeting By: Tim Smedick

On the bright spring morning of May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the HMPS hosted a *Building Preservation Plan* (BPP) stakeholders meeting at the mansion. More than strictly a preservation guideline, the Building Preservation Plan is hybrid document intended to provide an overview of the history of the mansion and its people, current conditions, suggestions for restoring the historic fabric of the structure, sustainable adaptive use concepts, and ideas on obtaining funding for the report's recommendations. The Building Preservation Plan will provide guidelines to help meet HMPS short-term needs of sensitive restoration and year-round adaptive use while still honoring the life and accomplishments of Samuel S. Haldeman and the significant Native American presence on and nearby the mansion's property. Concepts for longer-term preservation and use will also be briefly touched upon in the plan.

Conducted by BPP team members, Architects Gemma de la Fuente and L. Scott Paden from Shreve and Herce of Washington, D.C. and Madrid, Spain and Tim Smedick of First Preservation Services, we welcomed a wonderful array of local professionals who heard about the consultant's initial thoughts, toured the mansion and grounds, and provided excellent feedback and practical advice. Each invitee bought many years of historic preservation, business, museum, history, and planning experience to the table. If we consider the Haldeman Mansion as part of the larger picture of Lancaster County historic fabric, then these people were indeed "stakeholders" in the eventual success of the project. Attending were:

Mark Platts of the Susquehanna Gateway Heritage Area Mike Domin and Kip van Blarcom of the Lancaster County Planning Commission Don White (CPA), of White Good and Company Tom Ryan, Ph.D. of LancasterHistory.Org Scott Doyle and Karen Arnold of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission Margie Marino of the North Museum Dave Koser of the Lancaster County Community Foundation Scott Hein of David Miller Associates (Landscape Architects) Jim Rockwell, Independent Architect and Owner's Representative Kathryn Sandoe of the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority Margie Landis, former HMPS Board President and Noted Local Preservationist Elaine Jackson, HMPS President Dale Good, HMPS Vice President Norma Bair, HMPS Treasurer Ken Beard, HMPS Board Member Richard Keesey, HMPS Board Member

Additionally, local restaurateur, Bob Fenniger, met at the site with the architects earlier and provided great feedback on using the mansion for events.

As group, the invited attendees were excited about the possibilities for the mansion and grounds as a year-round event, conference, and historical interpretive center and becoming a significant feature of the developing historic Susquehanna River trail. Just as important were the practical considerations and suggestions offered by the stakeholders. Some of the major points made included:

- Establish clear priorities and sequencing of work
- Maintain realistic expectations of revenue. Include multiple sources of income in the plan.
- Connect the great story of the mansion to the past and present
- Focus on outreach to the greater community
- Form strategic and tactical partnerships
- Engage excellent event management
- Don't sacrifice the interpretive programs for income

We greatly appreciate these people taking time out of their busy schedules to provide the consultants and us with their thoughts. The BP Plan and the mansion will benefit from their contributions.

# Building Preservation Plan Stakeholders Meeting



Scott Paden of Shreve and Herce Architects leads the stakeholders through a tour of the Haldeman Mansion Grounds during the May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.



Scott Paden, consulting architect, provides an example and theory of "preservation zones" that help guide restoration priorities and work.

# **Photo Gallery**



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