

# HMPS

Quarterly Newsletter

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Haldeman Mansion  
Preservation Society

230 Locust Grove Road  
Bainbridge, PA 17502



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).

## The Apple Fall Festival

**Sunday, October 9th from 12-4PM**

Our Apple Fall Festival will feature several fun activities including an apple dessert contest, apple peeling contest, pumpkin decorating for the kids and a coloring contest, Hearth cooking in the Summer Kitchen, great live music with Elizabeth and Josh Tindall, apple cider press demonstration with Daryl Williams, bug display with Ryan "Bugman", power point with Dale Good and tours of two buildings, lots to eat including the apple desserts and hot foods- Bratwurst, hot dogs, homemade baked beans and apple sauce plus sodas, and mulled spicy apple cider. Entrance fee is \$5 per car. No other fee! Contact Elaine at 717-426-3794 with questions.

# Halloween Parties at the Haldeman Mansion

## **Children's Halloween Party-- October 21st, 6-9 PM**

A party for children up to 13 years old, there will be pumpkin coloring, games, spooky stories, and much more. Tickets are \$3 per child.

**Adult Halloween Party-- October 22nd, 8 PM till up drop.** Scare dares, games, treasure hunts, prizes, raffles, refreshments, costume contest and stay to investigate. Only \$25 a ticket. Limited tickets.

**Registration is required for both events.**

**Contact Lora at 717-424-5286 or email  
faithparanormal@yahoo.com**



# Kristkindle Mart

**November 5th, 9AM-3PM**

Held at the Bainbridge Fire Hall, 34 S. 2nd Street in Bainbridge, our annual craft fair lets you support the mansion while doing some holiday shopping. The event will feature numerous Christmas-themed crafts, including wreaths, ceramics, candles, and knitwear. HMPS will also be selling chicken corn soup, hot dogs, bratwurst, and various desserts.

If you are a crafty person and be interested in being one of our wonderful vendors, please contact Elaine Jackson at 717-283-7740. The vendor fee is \$30.



# The 2016 Strawberry Festival

This is one of the two big events for this year. The Strawberry festival came before the downpour which occurred around 4 PM when we were cleaning up. Due to the small attendance, we started cleaning up at 3 PM. The music with "Raise the Roof and the Fiddlekicks" was superb. We hope to have them come again in 2017. The food and strawberries were delicious the games for the children were fun and despite the poor turnout we managed to have a small profit.

Our volunteers were great. They included: Lorraine Guttshall, Elaine & Chuck Jackson, Ellen Rhodes, Keith Shearer, Kyle Shearer, Ken Beard, Lora Shirey, Norma Bair, Rachel Jackson, Mike Sauble, Tina Mark, Dale Good, Alisha Kerr and her daughters, Roslyn Hurley, Cathy Popp, Sandi Bush, Vada Clemens, Debbie Bowen, Diane Myers, Daryl Williams, Joanne Myers, Donna White, Louise Marshall, Joyce Droege & granddaughter, Robert Dougherty, Dick Keesey, Ken Shaffer and Tom D'Aura & boyscouts.

We received many donations in food items, silent auction items and gift certificates from merchants and members. Thanks to all who supported us at this event. If you are missed, please contact me and I will add to next newsletter. The list includes: Turkey Hill, Simplee Seafood, Hennigans, Wes Gerber, Brownstone Cafe, Cloverleaf Herb Garden, Country Meadows, P & J Pizza, Mueller's Flower Shop, Elizabethtown Twin Kiss, West Main Auto, New York Fitness, Fisher Auto Parts, B & G Lumber, Hostetters, Sharp Sharper, Giants, Weis, Udder Bliss, The Country Store, Thome's Insurance, Curves, Gingrich's, Karn's, Cathy Popp, Ellen Rhoads, Sally Williams, Kyle Shearer, Keith Shearer, Tina Mark, Donna White, Sherrie Moyer, Doris Sites, Roslyn Hurley, Elaine Jackson, and Russ & Dawn Hudak.

Also we thank all who came for the event. We hope to repeat this event with a much bigger crowd next year. It should be better with great weather.

Written by Elaine Jackson



## The 2016 Victorian Tea

In July on a nice Saturday we had a wonderful Victorian Tea. There were 34 attending. Our guest Frances S. Haldeman, portrayed by Jamie Wilson, was delightful. Everyone enjoyed learning Haldeman history as she talked her about her beloved son, Samuel Haldeman and the mansion, and her family, and she wondered about all the changes that happened including the beautiful marble fire mantels that were sold to various people before the mansion was given to the Haldeman Mansion by the J. E. Baker Company in the mid 1970's.

Our volunteers at this event included:

Ellen Rhoads, Elaine Jackson, Keith Shearer, Kyle Shearer, Judy Kay Bard, Roslyn Hurley, Tina Mark, Sherrie Moyer, Hallie Mc Donough, Alisha Kerr and her daughter. The food was donated by our Special Committee: Judy Kay Bard, Elaine Jackson, Ellen Rhoads, Roslyn Hurley, Cathy Popp, Sherrie Moyer, Vada Clemens and Elaine Jackson. We used fine china and linens to make the tea eloquent. All money raised at this event was put in the Heating Fund. One event that you may want to put on your calendar for 2017. It will be the 3rd Saturday in July.

Written by Elaine Jackson



# The Geology Walk

Jeri Jones of Jones Geological Services, Spring Grove, PA, led the first ever Locust Grove Geology and Archaeology Tour on August 13th. Jeri provided an excellent tour. It was a fun learning experience for everyone, as many questions were asked and answered. Despite the excessive 100+ heat index, 18 adults and one student attended. The majority of those attending were visiting Locust Grove for the first time. Jeri's tour was followed by a tour of the mansion, led by Tina Mark.

If you would like to know the geological history of the Locust Grove area, including the Susquehanna River and Conoy Creek; if you would like to know the origin and stories of the mansion's building stones and what lies beneath the surface at Locust Grove; you do not want to miss this tour when it is offered again. According to Jeri, every stone has a story to tell, and he proved it! All participants received a copy of the geologic guide for the Halde- man Mansion and Locust Grove.

**Written by Dale Good**



# The ExtraOrdinary Give 2016 Campaign

This year, the Lancaster County Community Foundation's ExtraOrdinary Day of Giving is scheduled for Friday, November 18. Please mark your calendars! More information will be provided as we approach this special day.

First, we want to take a look back and thank the 2015 ExtraOrdinary Give Campaign donors. Those who helped establish our Educational Program Fund last fall. These monies funded our summer 2016 educational activities and will fund additional activities into the future. This summer twelve classes were scheduled with the following themes, supporting the lifelong interests of Professor Samuel Steman Haldeman: Woodland Indian Life, Conoy Creek Fauna; Locust Grove's Geology and Local Wildlife & Their Habitats. HMPS Board member Tina Marks, an accredited educator and Native American expert, has led the way in developing and implementing our program.

## **New Native American Heritage Program Initiative**

This initiative has three objectives:

1. Validate the creation of a Locust Grove Native American Heritage District under the auspices of the National Register of Historic Places.
2. Plan, create and hold a Native American Celebration to commemorate the 300th Anniversary of the 1718 arrival of the Conoy at Locust Grove.
3. Generate materials to promote and preserve Locust Grove's Native American Heritage for future generations.

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# ExtraOrdinary Give Continued

This year, we plan to use funds received through the ExtraOrdinary Give Campaign to help fund this initiative. We have already been awarded a grant from the Lancaster County Conservancy's Susquehanna Riverlands Grant program to cover half of the costs of engaging a professional archaeologist to prepare our National Register nomination. Your ExtraGive donations will be used to match this grant and fund objectives (2) and (3) above.

This initiative will support efforts to preserve the history and heritage of the Native Americans and their relationship with the Susquehanna River. It will benefit from, and support, the goals of the new, adjacent Northwest Lancaster County River Trail and the new Captain John Smith Susquehanna River Water Trail. Their goals are, respectively, "to connect people to the river and its history" and "to connect visitors with special places, people, and stories that will touch their hearts, stretch their perceptions, and ultimately make them better stewards ..."

The initiative will include research to consolidate the considerable, but scattered reports and data on the Native Americans who had a presence at Locust Grove (Shenks Ferry, Susquehannock and Piscataway/Conoy tribes). Over a forty year period (1950's - 1980's) archaeologists from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, the Franklin & Marshall College, Millersville University and Temple University identified five Native American villages nearby (and under) the mansion.







Our initiative will include researching the efforts of Professor Samuel Steman Haldeman to preserve Native American Cultures thru his nationwide collection of artifacts for Philadelphia's Academy of Natural Sciences and his study of their languages. He conducted one of, if not the first, scientifically directed archaeological digs in Lancaster County and is credited by the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology with pioneering the practice of archaeological stratigraphy. During his lifetime he published articles and gave presentations on Native American artifacts and languages. On these topics he addressed such institutions as the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences, the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, the American Philosophical Society and Smithsonian Institute. This is a Locust Grove Heritage we want to preserve.

Stay tuned for more information on the ExtraOrdinary Give Campaign and our Locust Grove Native American Heritage Program! This program supports our goal to use the mansion and its Locust Grove property as an interpretive & educational center and event venue for the local community and public at large.

Written by Dale Good

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## Collection of Haldeman Family Documents

The Lancaster County Historical Society (LCHS) completed in August 2016 the digitization of the Haldeman Family documents donated by Henry and Audrey Haldeman, as described in our newsletter last June. We offer up a huge **THANK YOU** to LCHS's Heather Tennes, Director of Archival Services. She initiated and oversaw the completion of this project.

If you go to the LCHS website (<http://www.lancasterhistory.org/archives/recently-processed-collections>), under the rubric "Haldeman Family Papers and Business Records, 1814-1883, 1957" you will find the following description of the documents' scope and contents:

*This collection contains correspondence between various members of the Haldeman family—the majority of which were sent or received by Samuel Haldeman or his daughter Eliza. The first sets of letters are between Samuel's parents and other family and acquaintances, then progress to Samuel and his family. The content includes Paris Haldeman's life during the California gold rush; Eliza's studies in Philadelphia and France; the Civil War; Carsten Haldeman's severe throat illness; and Samuel's travels throughout Europe. The letters span from 1814 to 1883. Mentioned in many of the letters to and from Eliza is her friend Mary Cassatt, an American Impressionist artist. As for the letters sent by Samuel, their content tends to be extremely detailed sending home as good a description of his travels as he could with locations ranging from Philadelphia to Pompeii. Also included in the collection are several newspaper clippings concerning the Haldeman mansion and Chickies Rock as well as a ledger from the E. Haldeman and Co. furnaces at Chickies.*

The collection includes 73 folders, 290 items and 1,111 pages. A brief summary is provided for each item.

Written by Dale Good



# Locust Grove's Colonial Heritage

## Part One

### Locust Grove

This article is the first of several articles to be presented on Locust Grove's Colonial Heritage. It is a heritage emanating from events on and immediately around a 466 acre tract of land acquired from the William Penn Family, a tract 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.

It was not uncommon for those who acquired land from the Penn Family to give names to their properties, e.g., New Meadows, David's Delight, Pattersonia, Orphan's Recovery, Parsimony, Stonyridge, and Walnut Grove. Locust Grove is what we shall call the above described tract, the original 466 acre tract of land the Haldeman Mansion was built on. Its first owner did not assign a name. We do know the Haldeman Family, as early as 1814, addressed their letters "Locust Grove Mills, Donegal Township, Lancaster County".

Perhaps the place name Locust Grove predates the Haldemans? There is some evidence that a small mill may have existed before the Haldemans acquired the land in 1785. We know there were several buildings here, including a hops kiln, as early as 1767. Perhaps Locust Grove has a Native American origin? Foresters tell us that groves of locust trees can result as secondary growth when vegetation has been cleared by slash and burn techniques used by Native Americans, to clear land for their villages and crops. Readers may recall the three prehistoric Shenks Ferry Culture villages that were located at Locust Grove.

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# Heritage Continued

## **Indian Paths**

The Colonial Heritage of Locust Grove probably begins with the Indian paths that traversed it. There was a Paxtang Path which ran along east bank of the Susquehanna River and a path from Chester County which branched with the Paxtang Path and then crossed the river near Falmouth. West of the river, the path was known as the Conewago or Conoy Trail. It extended to present day Carlisle. These paths may have been used by Dutch and Swedish fur traders in the mid to late 1600's, as they traveled into what was called the 'backwoods'. The Conoy Indians may have settled at Locust Grove in 1718, in part, due to the intersection of these paths. Later, early immigrants looking for land on which to settle probably used them, as well.

## **French & Scot-Irish Fur Traders**

Early historians described the area around Locust Grove as being a fur trader hotbed during the first half of 1700's. The Indian path from Chester County, regularly used by French fur trader Peter Bezaillion became known as Peter's Road about 1718. It passed thru present day Stackstown and crossed the Conoy Creek (just north of Conoy Town) at present day Nissley's Winery and continued to the Paxtang path. In 1719, Peter (& Martha) Bezaillion and fellow French fur traders, Moses Combe and James LeTort became the first to have land surveyed near Locust Grove, about two miles to the southeast, by the small village of Rowenna, bordering the Susquehanna River.

As the use of Peter's Road grew and more traders settled around Locust Grove, Samuel Smith, a Scot-Irish fur trader built an inn & tavern along side it, just south of Stackstown, where the road crossed the Conoy Creek, just off of present day Shumaker Road,





probably around 1720. Much has been written about the French and Scot-Irish fur traders who used the tavern locale as a staging ground for their trips into the interior, pack trains were assembled here. A saddler was in permanent residence at the inn by 1742.

The Scot-Irish followed on the heels of the French fur traders. They emigrated from Ireland's northern province of Ulster. They came into the Locust Grove area like gangbusters. Many engaged in farming and the fur trade. They also established taverns, mills and roads, mostly in that order. They served as key township and county officials, key officers in the French & Indian War and eventually the Revolutionary War. The histories written about the nearby Donegal Presbyterian Church, about five miles to the northeast of Locust Grove, along Peter's Road, chronicle their immigration and settlement. The church's congregation was founded before 1721.

The first Scot-Irish settlers in the region around Locust Grove acquired land to the southeast along the Chiques creek and its tributaries. These early Scot-Irish settlers included Andrew Galbraith (immigrated in 1718), Joseph Work (1720), and John Scott (1730). Out of these families came the first four owners (the Colonial period owners) of Locust Grove: John Galbraith (b.c.1711-d.1768), James Galbraith (b.1703-d.1786), and Patrick Work (b.c.1732- d. May 1770) and Samuel Scott (b. 1697-d. 1777).

Future articles will chronicle these four men's colonial days' activities and their ownership of Locust Grove.



Readers interested in additional information on this article, including source materials, can contact the author, Dale Good, [dale\\_good@hotmail.com](mailto:dale_good@hotmail.com).





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