

HALDEMAN MANSION PRESERVATION SOCIETY
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ANNUAL MEETING

April 15, 2012, at 2 PM
At the Haldeman Mansion

All members are invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society. A discussion of the plans for the events of the upcoming year, a review of the past year and the goals for 2012 will be on the agenda. Snacks will be provided.

The HMPS is searching for two members to serve on the Board of Directors. The Board meetings are held once a month. Please submit your name, if you are interested, or names of others who may be interested in helping with the restoration of this magnificent building, the Haldeman Mansion. The Mansion has a wonderful history and place in Northwestern Lancaster County.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

HMPS has some **Great Events** planned for 2012!
Mark your calendar now - Tell your friends & neighbors.
YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS ANY OF THE FUN!
Attending an event is an EASY and ENJOYABLE
way to support HMPS!

OPEN HOUSE

The Mansion is open every Sunday starting
April 22nd through October 16th, 2012
from 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Visit the Mansion on Sundays. Bring your friends and share this peaceful setting with them. Encourage others to support the preservation and restoration of the historic Haldeman Mansion. A knowledgeable volunteer will be on site to provide information about the mansion and the Haldeman Family.

MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS SPRING TEA

Saturday, May 5, 2012, at 4 PM

At the Haldeman Mansion

The cost is \$25 per adult-ages 7 and under \$15.
This is a perfect way to celebrate Mother's Day and a wonderful opportunity for young ladies to learn about manners. For entertainment and the education of our younger guests, Judy Kay Bard will speak on "Etiquette in the 1800's". You will enjoy socializing and a delicious full course meal served on the Mansion's fine china.

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CONOYTOWN EDUCATION DAY

Saturday, May 19, 2012, from 10 AM to 4 PM

At the Haldeman Mansion

The cost is \$5.00 adult-ages 18 and under free.

This event features a step back in time to the early 1700's when the Indians lived on the land. There will be educational stations, demonstrations and an opportunity for guests (young and old) to sample life in an Indian village. Along with all the activities food will be available including venison stew, hot dogs, chili, sauerkraut, corn bread, desserts and drinks. Come to learn and enjoy your meal, too!

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STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Sunday, June 3, 2012, from noon to 4 PM

At the Haldeman Mansion

The cost is \$5.00 per car for parking.

This was our most highly attended event in 2011. People enjoy relaxing on the beautiful grounds of the Mansion in the shade of the 100 year old Oak Tree, touring the Mansion, listening to live music and enjoy visiting with other attendees. The menu will consist of bratwurst sandwiches, hot dogs, chicken corn soup, milkshakes, strawberry desserts: shortcake, cheesecake and sundaes. YUMMY! The parking fee covers the cost of the musicians. There will also be a silent auction with items donated by businesses and members.

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VICTORIAN TEA

Sunday, July 15, 2012, at 4 PM

At the Haldeman Mansion

The cost is \$25 per person

This elegant dinner will feature a scrumptious and delicious meal served on the Mansion's fine china. A musician will entertain you with classic music while you dine. After the meal, there will be a guided tour of the Mansion.

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SAMUEL HALDEMAN'S 200TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

the biggest event for 2012

Sunday, August 12, 2012, from noon to 4 PM

At the Haldeman Mansion

The cost is \$5.00 per car for parking.

There will be old fashioned games for the kids, cupcake decorating, learning about critters of the stream and about bugs. (These were two important interests of Samuel.) There will be speakers who will share information about Samuel Haldeman and His Place in History. Tours will also be offered. There will be food stands where you may purchase your meal. Of course we will have a birthday cake and music, too.

Contact Ruth Barley @ 717 838.9716 or

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TAVERN DINNER

Saturday - September 8, 2012

APPLE FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday - October 7, 2012

KRISTKINDTLE MART

Friday & Saturday - November 9 & 10, 2012

Of the many interesting stories connected with the ancient cemeteries of Lancaster county that which concerns the only known member of the famous Astor family ever to be buried there is of interest.

In an unknown grave of the little cemetery a short distance north of Bainbridge, that county repose the remains of a sister of John Jacob Astor, New York millionaire, who came with her husband, John Fessler and two children to that section probably 100 years ago.

The story of these early arrivals is told in a story written by Horace B. Haldeman, and published in a pamphlet issued by the Lancaster County Historical Society.

This German family located in Bainbridge and lived in a small stone house at the extreme north end of town. Although the husband was without a trade or occupation, his wife was a spinner, an accomplishment that she rarely put to use, however. The family proved shiftless and the son, Jacob, was simple-minded.

Wife Burned to Death.

It is claimed that sometime during the years 1830 and 1840 while Mrs. Fessler was hunting for something in the attic with the aid of a lighted candle, some spinning material became ignited and she was burned to death.

Board Member
Dale Good shares these articles that were published in the July 23, 1930 edition of the Reading Eagle linking John Jacob Astor and members of the Haldeman Family.

Yorick Sherer, another German immigrant, who resided in Bainbridge at the time the Fessler's lived in the town, came from Baden and said he knew John Jacob Astor in the "old country," as well as the Fessler family.

Sherer told of having made a trip to New York, having first consulted Henry Haldeman, a prominent Lancaster countain who lived in that section.

Upon arriving there he hunted up Mr. Astor, but he refused to recognize him or admit the sister's claimed relationship.

Sherer, thoroughly angered and indignant at Astor's actions, freely expressed his views to the latter on his treatment and then returned to Bainbridge, where he repeated his story.

Shortly afterwards, a regular annuity was received by Henry Haldeman from Mr. Astor, to be paid to Mrs Fessler, which was continued for some years.

Astor Sends for Daughter.

After the death of Mrs. Fessler, Astor sent for the daughter, Susan, to come to New York to be educated. Samuel Crider, a farmer near Bainbridge, took charge of her to Philadelphia, from where he sent her to New York. Rumor claims she soon tired of her new life and remained but a short time. What became of her in after years was never learned.

The son, Jacob for years after his mother's death, wandered around the neighborhood. He lived one entire season under the roof of an overturned tree along the banks of the Susquehanna near Locust Grove, and died there. He was burned midway between Locust Grove and the Haldeman lime kilns.

The late John Wiley, who owned and resided at Locust Grove in Later years, was familiar with many of these circumstances.

Desiring to confirm the details, he wrote to Henry Haldeman's son, the late Prof. S. S. Haldeman (1812-1880), and received the following reply:

Chickies, Lan'r Co., Pa

"28 May, 1863

John Wiley, Esq'r.

Dear Sir:-Upon returning from Philadelphia I find your letter of the 13th inst. Your impressions about the Fessler's are correct, although I do not recollect the fact you mention about the eagle.

They have two children, Jacob and Susan. Mrs. Fessler was burned to death. She was an Astor, or, as she pronounced it in Pennsylvania German 'Ashtor.'

My father paid her annuity from Mr. Astor, her brother. The family was improvident and not up to the level of the ordinary German population.

My mother's piano was made by Astor of London, a brother of the New York Astor.

Yours Truly,

S.S. HALDEMAN

The eagle's nest referred to was on a tall tree near the Haldeman residence, and it is said the simple-minded son, Jacob, shot the eagle which had its nest there.

We are pleased to report that the Roofing Fund has reached the \$12,000 level, which is good, but we still have a long way to go! You can buy shingles or make a donation directly to the Roofing Fund when you remit your Annual Membership dues.



This Place Matters

Please consider submitting an "This Place Matters" article for publication in the newsletter of why The Haldeman Mansion matters to YOU. If you have any questions or if your document is ready for publication. Send it to the editor at:

hmpsnewsletter@gmail.com

An EASY way to support HMPS!



**HAVE YOU VISITED THE
NEW HMPS
WEBSITE???**
**CHECK IT OUT
BECOME A MEMBER!**

www.haldeman-mansion.org

The new website has information for visitors to learn about the Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society and the life and work of Samuel S. Haldeman.

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NEW or RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2012

Name _____	Circle Your Amount
	Contributing \$ 15
Address _____	Family \$ 25
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	Sustaining \$ 50
Telephone _____	Benefactor \$ 100
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	Roof Fund _____

Roofing Donation (HONOR or MEMORY) of: _____ \$ _____

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RETURN WITH YOUR CHECK TO:

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Volunteers are the life blood of this organization and we need all who can help in maintaining and restoring this beautiful property full of history. Please express your area of interest.

I am willing to:

Serve on an event committee _____ Help at events _____

Donate food items for events _____ Help paint _____

Carpentry Repairs _____ Do other repairs _____ Help with cleaning inside _____

Clean up yard (Pick up sticks,etc.) _____ Help edit or write for newsletter _____

Do research & help do exhibits _____ Help write grant requests _____

Serve as Volunteer contact (call volunteers to schedule hours) _____

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