

The Jacobsburg Record

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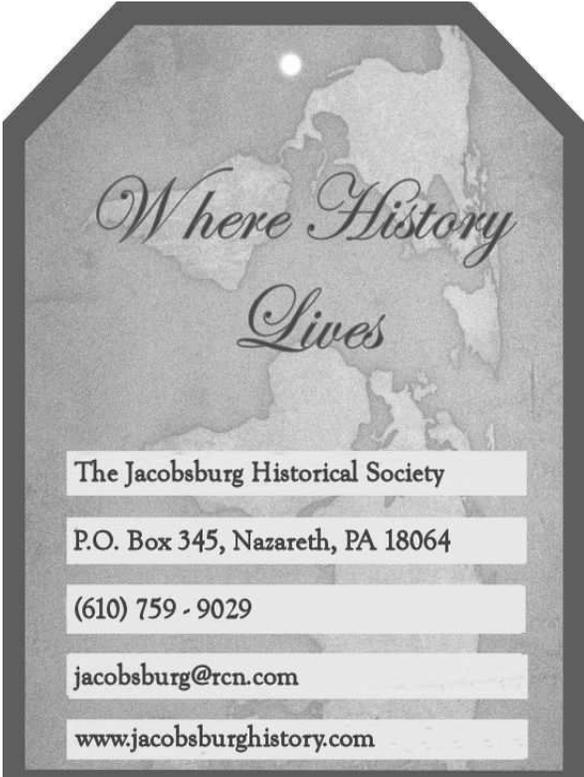
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The Jacobsburg Historical Society

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The Jacobsburg Historical Society Board of Directors meets each month on the lower level of the Pennsylvania Longrifle Museum, 403 Henry Road, Nazareth, PA.



The Jacobsburg Historical Society is a member supported non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and presenting the art and industry of Early America, and the character of the individuals and community that created and sustained that enterprise.

The Jacobsburg Record seeks to provide the members of the Jacobsburg Historical Society with information relevant to its mission while creating a sense of community and connection. If you are interested in contributing to our newsletter, please contact the society office.

*Sarah White, Editor
The Jacobsburg Record*

President's Report

Wow. Where has summer gone? The kids are back in school, vacation trips are memories instead of plans, and the cool nights are upon us. It's the time of year for our Fall Festivities at Jacobsburg.

The new event this year is a Wine Tasting Fundraiser (Oct. 6), followed by our great annual Market Faire & Rendezvous (Oct. 25 & 26), the Society Annual Dinner Meeting (Nov. 13), our ever popular Christmas Wreath-making Workshop (Nov. 15), and finally our Christmas Open House (Dec. 13).

What a line-up! Visit our website – jacobsburghistory.com for all the details, times, and registration information. I mention all of these events because we need you. We need you to participate. Come and experience the happenings at Jacobsburg Historical Society. Take an active part in the events. Get excited about what our Society is doing to preserve history and educate our future generations. Become a volunteer. There is certainly something for all ages and interests.

All of the events that I mentioned and more are being put together thanks to our great volunteers. They are doing a terrific job of maintaining our properties, preserving our treasures, researching the history of the area, and doing all manners of things like filing, sorting, mailings, and answering phone calls and emails.

There is so much more to do and we are recruiting. We want to expand our program offerings and we need teachers and speakers to share their craft and knowledge. We can use tour guides in our house and museum to help visitors understand our unique place in the history of America.

Consider this to be YOUR personal invitation to get actively involved. Contact me personally. Come to any or all of the events. Email, phone, or talk to me. We need you.

The year is coming to a close rapidly and it is time to think about renewing your annual membership dues. Be a true friend of Jacobsburg and recruit some new members, or better yet, give out memberships to your family and friends as holiday presents. There is a form in this newsletter as well as on our website.

I hope to see you at all of our events!

*Joe DiGerlando
President, JHS*

At A Glance . . .

Upcoming Events

Market Faire & Rendezvous

Saturday, October 25 (10 am—5 pm)
Sunday, October 26 (10 am—3 pm)
Boulton Historic Site

Membership Dinner Meeting

Thursday, November 13
5:00 pm Social Hour, 6:30 Dinner
Holy Family Club in Nazareth

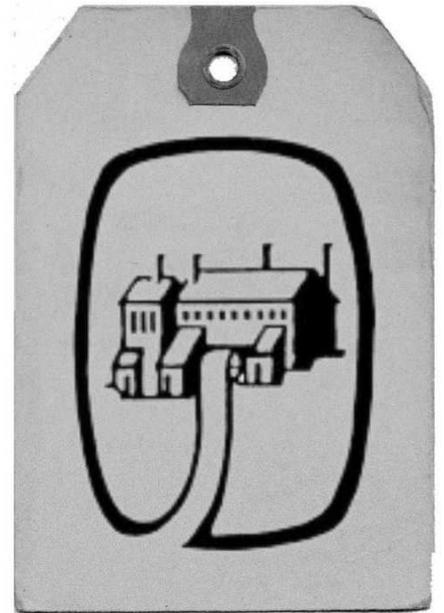
6th Annual 'Day of Wreath Making'

Saturday, November 15
Bushkill Twp. Fire Hall
Pre-Registration Required

Christmas at Boulton

Saturday, December 13
11 am—4 pm
Boulton Historic Site

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*Jacobsburg Historical Society welcomes you to
Historic Boulton!*



Serving Up History
Black Walnut Drops

This perfect autumn recipe is from the Nov./Dec. 1977 issue of the Jacobsburg Record. The preface is by Mary Henry Stites.

and now bear heavily. There were also a number of shellbark (hickory) trees, and nuts from these were greatly prized for cookie kisses and shellbark cake. The walnuts were put through a corn sheller to remove the outer husks, and then dried. Many a fall evening was spent cracking and picking out the meats to be used later in cake and candy." - MHS

"There were a number of black walnut trees on the Henry property planted for eventual use as gunstocks. So nuts were gathered carefully every fall, with people racing the squirrels. Unfortunately, when Route 33 went through, many of the old trees were cut down, but thanks to the provident nature of the gray squirrels, seedlings have come up

Black Walnut Drops

Mix together. Drop from a teaspoon on buttered tins and bake.

"As with all little cakes, they must be carefully watched and removed from the oven at just the right moment. Because this recipe results in a small number of cookies, I usually double it." - MHS

1 egg, beaten
with 1/2 cup
of brown sugar

Add 1/4 teaspoon
of baking powder

1/2 cup coarsely
chopped walnuts

2 tablespoons
flour

A Peek into the Past



Glassmaking in the New World

By Sarah White

King James I granted a charter to the Virginia Company of London in 1606, outlining the Company's purposes and goals. Among these purposes was to provide a profitable service to their investors. Glassblowing, they hoped, would flourish with the resources of the New World and provide the profit they were looking for.

Glassblowing was one of the first attempts at manufacturing in the colonies. The New World was rich in resources and raw materials, especially in tidewater Virginia, where sand proved readily available to be used in glassmaking. The Virginia Company of London had every reason to believe that glassmaking would be a feasible and profitable business in a land with all the necessary resources. All that was needed were the artisans to practice their craft.

The Virginia Company of London sent 8 “Dutchmen” (likely Germans) and Poles with the second resupply in October of 1608, men who had been trained in glassmaking and various other crafts. By December of that year, Captain Christopher Newport departed for England with samples of glasswork that the men had made, although it is not known which type of glass nor how much he returned with.

We do know, however, that the first attempt at a full-blown (pun intended) glassmaking facility in the New World was not successful. The glasshouse was set out in the woods and stood just about a mile away from the Jamestown settlement. Records indicate that production at the facility continued for at least six months after its establishment.

It wasn't until twelve years after the unsuccessful attempt at the first glasshouse that a second was attempted, one which was more thoroughly planned and staffed by more experienced craftsmen.

Glass was in high demand in England in the early part of the 17th century, and the demand could not be met by Englishmen in English factories, so a number of foreign glassmakers had travelled to England to practice their trade. With this in mind, it is known that in 1622, the Virginia Company of London brought in Italian glassblowers to once again attempt to create a successful business. This attempt, too, would fail. An uprising of the local Powhatans put a stop to all productions in Jamestown, while at the same time many of the craftsmen fell ill.

The glassmaking venture was taken over by George Sandys, the resident Treasurer for the Virginia Company of London. Though he tried to revive the glassmaking business, his attempts, too, failed. He requested that sand be sent over to the New World, sand that the glassblowers may have been more familiar working with, but with no success. It is believed that glassmaking operations ceased completely in the Spring of 1624.

When the glasshouse site at Jamestown was excavated in 1948, only small, dark green fragments were found. Archaeologist believed they could be remnants of windowpanes, drinking glasses, or small bottles or vials.

For further reading:

<http://www.nps.gov/jame/historyculture/glassmaking-at-jamestown.htm>

The Henry Homestead

by Scott Paul Gordon, Lehigh University

The earliest years of the structure that we now call the Henry Homestead remain mysterious.

The most reliable information indicates that in 1812 or 1813 William Henry III (1794-1878) enlarged an existing log house that had been first erected in 1790. William Henry III, the first Henry to live on this site, states in several places that in April 1812 he returned to Northampton County from Philadelphia, where he had worked in the gunshop of his brother Joseph (1786-1836), to fell logs for the new factory that he named "Boulton." William Henry III does not say where he lived while he supervised the construction of Boulton, so we must gather this information from other sources.

Around 1900, Granville Henry wrote a memoir of his great uncle, William Henry III. Nearly forty-five years old when William Henry III died, Granville had likely obtained his information about the Homestead directly from his uncle. Granville writes:

In the year 1813 the original log house built in 1790 standing upon the west of the Bushkill Creek, now the old homestead, was enlarged by a frame addition. With some other changes made at various times, it is the same home, first occupied by Wm Henry, then by John Joseph, his son James, & now by Charles, Sophia, and Clara Henry. Into this house William Henry & his wife Mary B. (Albright) moved on the first of April 1817, having been married on the 23rd day of March previous. (JHS archives: Series III, Box 2, Folder 3)

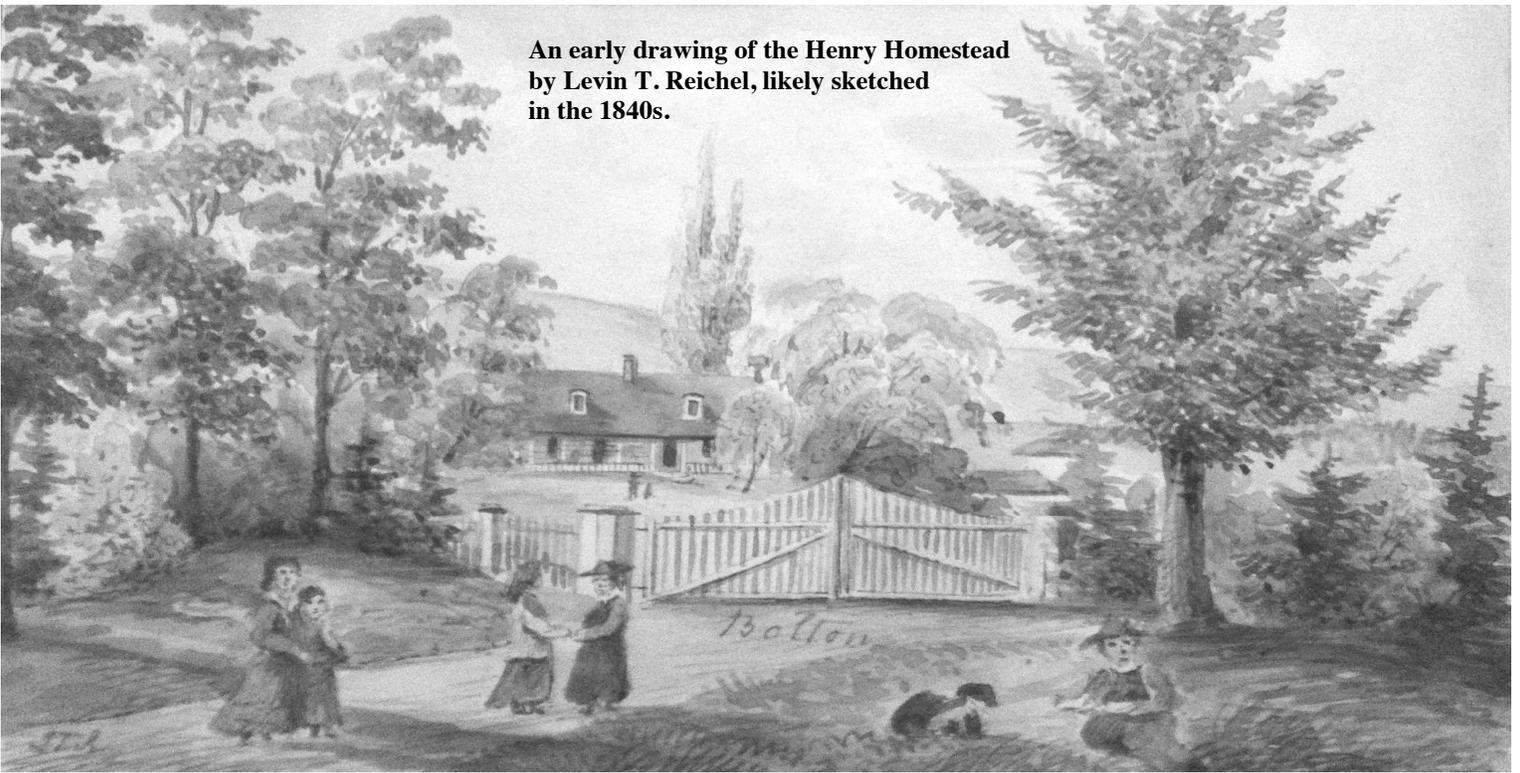
Granville states that the "old homestead" was "enlarged" in 1813 but that William Henry III moved into it only after his marriage in 1817: where

did William live when he returned to Northampton County from Philadelphia? Why was the log home enlarged and who lived there? The minutes of Nazareth's Aufseher's Collegium, which oversaw the social life of the Moravian community, reveal that William lived with his parents at their home on South Main Street in Nazareth. The log house to the west of the Bushkill was "enlarged," then, not for William Henry III but for the workers who helped to construct Boulton. (The researcher Charles Sandwick referred to the enlarged structure as a "boarding house.") Granville Henry's account is clear, however, about the dates of the structures that have stood on this site: an original log house (1790) and an enlarged structure (1813) that later (1817) became the home of William Henry III and his family.

This history of the Henry Homestead has been confused by a tale that Mathew Schropp Henry (1790-1862) told in his 1851 manuscript history of Northampton County. A misreading of this tale has led some to propose an inaccurate date of 1740 for the Homestead.

J. Joseph Henry moved into the homestead in early 1822 when he returned to Northampton County and purchased his brother's interest in Boulton (William Henry III moved to Wind Gap at this time). Joseph Henry occupied the homestead for a decade, until he built his large home (which we now call the John Joseph Henry House) across the street. At that time or shortly after, James Henry—married to Mary Sautter in 1833—took occupancy of the homestead in which he had already lived with his parents. Granville was born there in 1834. James Henry left the house upon his death in 1895 to three of his children: Sophia Henry (1838-1933), Clara Henry (1844-1927), and Charles Henry (1854-1926). Sophia and Clara had never married, and the only child of Charles and his wife, Amalinda Leibert, had died in 1894. None of these Henrys had a child to whom to pass on the homestead. The property passed into the Clewell family, close relatives of the Henrys, and it was from Ruth Henry Clewell, Jr. (1912-2001) and her brother, John H. Clewell (1915-

An early drawing of the Henry Homestead
by Levin T. Reichel, likely sketched
in the 1840s.



1990), that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania purchased the Henry Homestead property (6.4 acres) on 18 June 1971.

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settled at Jacobsburg & the [author] yet remembers the Small log Dwelling house he put up here in 1740, at a Spring near the Minnisink Road (as it was then called) leading from Nazareth to the Wind Gap. (Sandwick, *Jacobsburg*, 11-12)

It is crucial to note that the Minnisink Road, which connected Nazareth and Wind Gap and can be seen clearly on Mathew S. Henry's 1851 map of Northampton County, ran considerably west of all the Henry properties: the Homestead, Joseph Henry's home, the gunworks itself. Henry locates Hubler's home on a "Spring" near the Minnisink Road—not, for instance, "on the Bushkill," which is where the Homestead stands. The "Small log Dwelling house" about which Mathew Henry wrote could not have been the structure that William Henry III "enlarged" in 1812 or 1813: Hubler's home sat west of the Homestead, closer to what is now Jacobsburg Road.

Had the Homestead been the successor of Hubler's log cabin, Mathew Henry would have said so: he enjoyed recounting the history of old structures that remained occupied and knew the Homestead intimately (his nephew, James Henry, lived in it). The fact that Henry does not offer an up-to-date account of Hubler's log home suggests strongly that, by the time he was composing his history of Northampton County in 1851, Hubler's home no longer existed and Henry did not know the story of its disappearance.

It is worth noting that Mathew Henry probably misstated the date (1740) that Hubler built his "Small log Dwelling house" near the Minnisink Road. As Sandwick documented, Jacob Hubler obtained his first warrant for land only in April 1743 (Sandwick, 13). It is unlikely that he built a log home on this land before he owned it. Much more likely is that Mathew Henry misremembered (or invented) the date of 1740 for the old log house that he remembered as a boy in the 1790s.

JACOBSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY *presents*

MARKET FAIRE & RENDEZVOUS



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25: 10AM - 5PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26: 10AM - 3PM

ADULTS \$5.00 - Free on-site parking

MEMBERS/ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY/SCOUTS/CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER: FREE



Market Faire Vendors of 18th & 19th Century Wares

18th & 19th Century Living History Encampments

Early American Arts & Crafts Exhibits with Demonstrations

***LEATHERWORK, HORNWORK, GUNMAKING,
ROPEMAKING, QUILLWORK, SHOEMAKER***

Basket Raffle - Children's Games - Scavenger Hunt - Hands On Crafts

**The Pennsylvania Longrifle Museum, the J.J. Henry House, Summer Kitchen,
and Nicholas Hawk Gun Shop will be open during this event!**



Located at 402 Henry Road, Nazareth PA - Just west off the Belfast exit of Route 33

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Jacobsburg Historical Society's 6th Annual Day of Wreath Making



The local community and surrounding
areas are invited to join us on

Saturday, November 15, 2014

Bushkill Township Fire Co. Hall
155 Firehouse Drive in Nazareth PA

Doors open at 11:00am

Please bring along your own pruning shears!

Registration is \$45.00 which includes materials and
instructions to create a beautiful wreath.

***Pre-registration is required as
space is limited - First come first served!***

*Food will be offered for sale by the
Bushkill Township Fire Company kitchen*

*To pre-register, please submit your \$45.00 check payable to
Jacobsburg Historical Society, PO Box 345, Nazareth PA 18064*

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone(s) _____

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For more information, please contact:
Kay Tomko at 610-863-8136, or Karen Whitehill at 610-837-0834

41st Annual Meeting of the Jacobsburg Historical Society

Held at the Holy Family Club
515 W. Mauch Chunk Street, in Nazareth PA

On Thursday, November 13, 2014

5:00 p.m. Social Hour - Cash Bar

As a special offer for our guests, Richard L. Dotta will offer an evaluation/identification of an antique or collectible item that you bring during the pre-dinner social time. Mr. Dotta, a Nazareth area Auctioneer and Appraiser, has more than 40 years' experience.

6:30 p.m. Dinner & Evening Program

Annual Meeting

Election of New Board of Directors
State of the Society

Keynote Presentation by Dave Ehrig "The Pennsylvania Longrifle"

Mr. "Black Powder" is a renowned outdoorsman, an accomplished writer and speaker. Do not miss this very special new program that Dave will present about our new Pennsylvania State Symbol.

Cost: \$30 per ticket

Please R.S.V.P. by Weds., October 29, 2014

*Dinner is family style including turkey & stuffing,
beef, and vegetable choices.*

To R.S.V.P. or for more information,
please contact the society office at
610.759.9029 or email jacobsburg@rcn.com

Christmas at Boulton

Saturday, December 13

11:00am - 4:00pm

Join the Jacobsburg Historical Society as we celebrate the end of our 2014 museum season with our open-house tours, cooking and craft demonstrations, and the company of friends and family.

Adults \$5 - Children 12 and under are free

JHS Members, Active Duty Military & Scouts receive free admission!

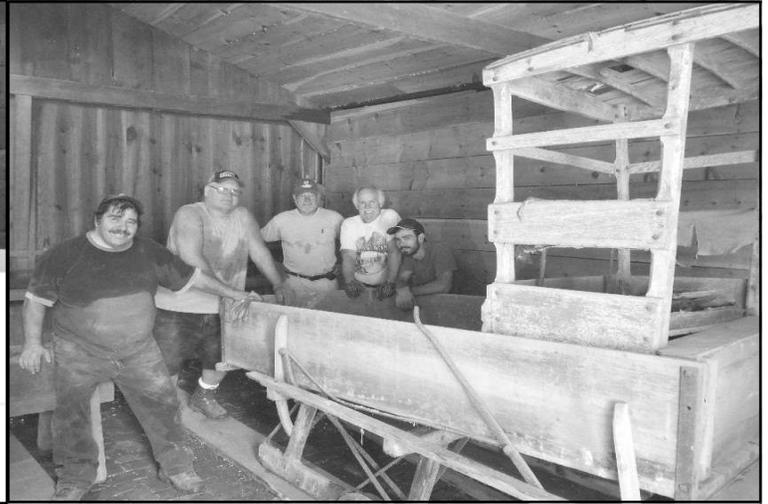
Nazareth Area House Tour participants receive free admission.

Free parking is available behind the pasture at 402 Henry Road



The Jacobsburg Historical Society owes its continuing success to our dedicated members and volunteers, as well as to the surrounding communities who believe in Jacobsburg's values and vision. As we say goodbye to our 2014 season and look towards the future, we take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for attending our events, visiting our museums, and making the Boulton Historic Site a place where history truly lives!

Spotlight on JHS Volunteers Grounds Crew



Left: In August, the Grounds Crew was busy in the boat house, moving and securing the Henry Family Boat. The boat's name, "Lehightan," is clearly visible on the stern seat. L to R: Joe DiGerlando, Jason Martin, Jim Wagner, John D'Angelo, and Terry Murphy.

Right: The Grounds Crew safely secures the delivery sled in the Boat House. L to R: Joe DiGerlando, Terry Murphy, John D'Angelo, Jim Wagner, and Jason Martin.

Rendezvous Preparation Team

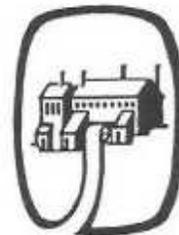


Signs of "getting ready"! It won't be long until the last weekend in October, when JHS will once again come alive with the songs of the Fur Trade, the scent of pumpkins and smoky campfires, buckskin-clad folks reliving Henry history, and just plain fun for the kids. October 24th, 25th, & 26th will witness wall tents, tipis, marquis and fancy canvas covering the lawn east of the John Joseph Henry House, Nicholas Hawk log cabin gun shop, and Early American Craft Center. Our Annual Market Faire and Rendezvous is a must see in Pennsylvania! Come join us as we celebrate the Pennsylvania Longrifle, our newest State Symbol. Many thanks to Dave Ehrig, Jeff Marsh and Larry Gular for getting the firewood ready for the Rendezvous!

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers!

The Jacobsburg Historical Society

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MAKE HISTORY LIVE AT BOULTON

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

(Or give this form to someone whose talents and interests will strengthen the Jacobsburg Historical Society)

Membership Options

Student \$10.00 Individual \$20.00 Family \$35.00 Lifetime \$500.00

Memberships are by calendar year and must be renewed each December/January.

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Special Instructions: _____

This gift is in honor / in memory of: _____

Please send an acknowledgement to: _____

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Email Facebook Flyer Magazine Newspaper

Saw sign Website Word of mouth other: _____

What are your areas of interest at Boulton?

Genealogy Henry History Local History Industrial America

Gardens JJ Henry House Summer Kitchen Moravian History

Nicholas Hawk Gun Shop PA Longrifle Museum

Please send me information about volunteer opportunities.

Please send me information regarding the Early American Craft Education program at Boulton.

Please mail along with payment to:

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Make checks payable to the Jacobsburg Historical Society

Call the JHS Office with any questions at (610) 759-9029

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The JHS makes its home at the Boulton Historic Site, part of the Jacobsburg National Historic District.

Boulton is located north of Nazareth, PA, on the edge of the Jacobsburg State Park, just off the Belfast exit of PA Route 33.

The Pennsylvania Longrifle Museum is Located in the Henry Homestead at 403 Henry Road, Nazareth

The John Joseph Henry House and Grounds, Including the Nicholas Hawk Gun Shop, are Located at 402 Henry Rd.

For more information:

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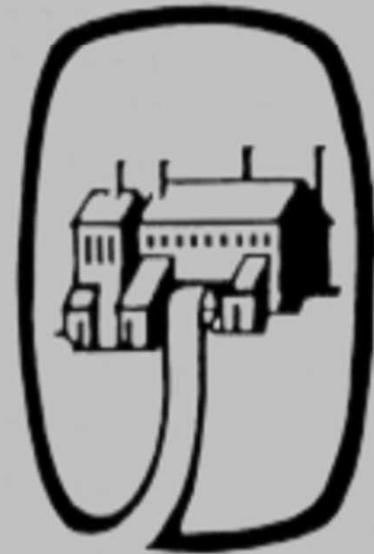
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Early American Craft Center



*The Early American Craft Education Program
preserves and teaches the art and industry
of Early America.*

The Early American Craft Education Program began over a decade ago, when Jacobsburg Historical Society's master gunsmiths began sharing their knowledge of making Pennsylvania Longrifles in formal classes. The program was formally branded in 2009 and soon expanded with the renovation of a Henry family barn, which became the Early American Craft Center.

Visit our website www.jacobsburghistory.com for scheduled dates of all events, workshops, and classes!

Early American Craft Center

at Jacobsburg Historical Society

The Early American Craft Center began over a decade ago when Jacobsburg Historical Society master gunsmiths began sharing their knowledge of making Pennsylvania longrifles in formal classes hosted by the Jacobsburg Historical Society.

In 2009 the program was formally branded and expanded. First added was a class on how to fashion an authentic period powder horn. This program has been sponsored from the beginning by the Honorable Company of Horners. The next class added was making a leather hunting bag.

The expanding program needed more space and a fundraising campaign was conducted, raising over \$50K towards the renovation of a Henry family barn into the Early American Craft Center.

In 2012, classes were added in redware pottery and 19th century clothing construction.

For more information please contact program coordinator Frank Willis at ftwillis@ptd.net or (908) 246-8935 or fill out and return the form below to:

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CREATE A LEATHER HUNTING BAG

Learn how leather work was done in an Early American Shop. Build a handsome hunting bag, from making a pattern to staining the final piece. *Fall dates: 4 classes on Wednesdays 6-9 pm, starting October 1, 2014. Pre-registration is required.*

CRAFT A POWDER HORN

Make a beautiful Early American style powder horn. Using a natural cow horn, create the storage container in which our forefathers carried their gunpowder. *Winter dates: 4 classes on Saturdays 12-5 pm starting January 3, 2015. Pre-registration is required.*

BEGINNING GUNSMITHING

Build a fine representation of a historic Pennsylvania Longrifle from parts - lock, stock and barrel. *Spring dates: 9 classes on Sundays 1-5 pm starting March 15, 2015. Pre-registration is required.*

INTRODUCTION TO REDWARE POTTERY

Learn the history of redware pottery in this workshop! Using multiple techniques, make four different sized pieces of redware pottery. *2015 dates to be determined. Pre-registration is required.*

SEW A 19TH CENTURY HUNTING SHIRT

Sew a man's linen shirt patterned from original examples, cutting linen yardage and then hand sewing an authentic 19th century shirt. *2015 dates to be determined. Pre-registration is required.*

Early American Craft Center at Jacobsburg Historical Society

Request for Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email: _____

Classes I am interested in: _____

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MUSEUM HOURS

Pennsylvania Longrifle Museum

Noon—4:00 pm every Saturday and Sunday
Starting May 3, 2014 through October 26, 2014.

John Joseph Henry House Museum and Grounds

Noon—4:00 pm
on the third Sunday of each month starting May 2014.

*Group tours are available.
Please contact the Society Office
at 610-759-9029 to schedule a visit.*



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