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CHRISTMAS PARTY, 1985

HENRY HOMESTEAD OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1-4 P.M.



Come to enjoy the very essence of Christmas--open hospitality, candles in the windows, trains, dolls, a putz, Christmas carols from an antique music box, and our own decorous Jacobsburg Brew and cookies. Come to savor an old-fashioned Christmas.

Back by popular demand will be the antique Regina music box, courtesy of the couple from Montgomeryville. The horizontal metal disc is 27 in. in diameter.

Again the gentleman from Nutley, N.J., will display and operate some of his antique electric Lionel trains, standard gauge tin plate, from the 20's and 30's. We'll have a platform set up, 4x8 ft.

Mrs. Phyllis Bechtold, Walnutport, collector of antique dolls for about 18 years, the lady who can't bear to sell any of them, will exhibit some of her "children;" also a number of Santa Clauses.

Shirley Frye, Nazareth, will show her collection of bandboxes and hat boxes from miniature to full size.

In addition, Eva Smith, Bath, the corn husk doll originator, who does her own selecting and drying of the husks, the dyeing and choosing of materials, will be on hand to show how it's done. Eva's historical representations will include Jacobsburg's own Miss Clara Henry, who lived her entire life in this very Home.

Joe and Virginia Lopresti will be talking about and exhibiting fascinating artifacts from the Jacobsburg digs.

Bob Newell and Jim Wright will be showing items from our latest acquisition about which the Society is much excited--an anonymous gift appraised at \$9745: several of the half dozen pistols, some of the half dozen powder flasks (pewter and brass), perhaps one or two of the seven long guns, and an early trap-door conversation musket. The 1860 Henry rifle picked up by Mary Henry Stites will be on display, as well as the flintlock Henry from 1825-35 now on loan.

Charles M. Sandwick, Sr., author, will be present to autograph the Society-published book, "Jacobsburg," price, \$25.18.

The rest of us are invited to bring cookies galore. Althea Neuner, Mary Banks, Betty Morris, Margaret Peters, Kathryn Schlamp, and Louise Young are the committee in charge.

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Plan to make this your first Christmas Party!

## NEWS NOTES

The Society says a large thank you for the anonymous gift appraised at \$9745. The items will be displayed off and on at future Open House Days. On the last page of this newsletter is a complete listing of the items. The Society is indeed grateful and hereby expresses its deep appreciation.

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D. Benedictus, State Secretary of Environmental Resources, in a letter to Matthew Morris, has stated his support for the Jacobsburg Environmental Educational Center.

The Center involves the Benade House, the rehabilitated Spring House, the Bake House, and the activities surrounding the new emphasis not just as a Park, but as an educational resource in the area.

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We want to make everyone aware of the every-Sunday activity going on at the Center. Mary Ann Vincent and Earl Van Norman, Easton, are leaders in keeping open the Spring House. The work completed by Joe Lopresti on the roof, the fireplace, the chimney, the flooring has all made for a tight comfortable almost "primitive" taste of Colonial life, and they dress the part.

The couple are looking forward to offering a "long arm" to facilitate more elaborate cooking in the fireplace. Visitors come the year 'round: regulars such as Bob Frick from Bethlehem and George Dech, gun expert, from Nazareth.

The State has supported the reconstruction of the Spring House chimney and fireplace with a check of \$5000. At its meeting in October, the Board voted \$2000 to complete the total cost.

Come join the group--everyone is welcome. The rugged life appeals, even in snowy winter but when the area can be particularly beautiful.

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Two buses have been secured for the November 13 trip to Pottsgrove. About 70 members and guests have signed up from the two Historical Societies, Jacobsburg and the Northampton County Genealogical. Anne Rahn and Matthew Morris have worked hard to make this a spectacularly successful day.

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At the October Open House at the Homestead that featured quilts, 227 visitors registered.

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Approximately 80 members and guests at the Annual Meeting, October 24 at the Stockertown Memorial Hall welcomed Margaret Druse's much researched account of life in Colonial times from birth to death. Dinner was sumptuous as usual.

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## MORE ABOUT THE STEINER FAMILY, PART TWO

By Charles M. Sandwick, Sr.

All but two of the children of Abraham and Maria (Leib) Steiner, Mennonites of Lancaster County, of whom we know, were discussed in the preceding article. We come now to Friedrich Heinrich Steiner (1739-1820) who was married twice and had fourteen children, and Johann Peter Steiner (1741-1796) who never married.

Friedrich Heinrich Steiner (called Henry) was born at Warwick, near Lititz, Lancaster County on 9 Feb 1739 and died at Schoeneck, Northampton County on 5 Mar 1820. He first married, on 25 Jul 1763, Anna Volz (Foltz), who died 8 Apr 1772, less than two days after giving birth to twin sons. They had five children. (1) Anna, born 15 Aug 1764, married a man named Tibby and lived somewhere in the western states. (2) Henry, born 27 Oct 1766, was said in 1820 to be in Lititz. He was confirmed in the Lutheran congregation of Zion Stone Church, Allen Township, 2 May 1789. Henry and Catharine Steiner had three daughters baptized at that church in the interval 1790-1794, two by the Reformed minister and the third by the Lutheran pastor.

Friedrich Heinrich and Anna (Volz) Steiner had three more children. (3) Elisabeth, born 6 Nov 1769, was baptized at Schoeneck on 3 Oct 1784 in her 15th year, and died there 23 Sep 1851. She married at Schoeneck 4 Nov 1794 Gottlieb Stauber who was born at Friedland, North Carolina 8 Feb 1768 and died at Schoeneck 4 Jun 1820. They had seven children. The Stauber family will be the subject of another article. (4) Johannes Jacob (a twin) was born 6 Apr 1772, was baptized at Schoeneck 19 Apr 1772, and died there soon afterward. (5) Abraham (a twin) was born 1772. Apparently the motherless twins had been placed with different nursing mothers, one in Schoeneck and one in Bethlehem.

Friedrich Heinrich Steiner (called Henry) married second 30 Jul 1773 Susanna Volz (Foltz), who was born in Warwick Township, Lancaster County 7 Apr 1751 and died at Schoeneck 1 Nov 1815, daughter of Henry and Eva Volz. Possibly Anna and Susanna were sisters. Henry and Susanna (Volz) Steiner had nine children. (6) Johannes, born 30 May 1774, married Catharina Huessly and settled at Lake Erie.

Their second child was (7) Peter who was born in Allen township 30 Mar 1776 and died at Schoeneck 8 Feb 1851. He was a gun maker and lock-filer in Bushkill Township. By 1811 or earlier he married Anna Salome Clewell, who was born at Schoeneck 6 Mar 1789 and died 5 Apr 1854, daughter of George, Jr., and Anna Johanna (Knauss) Clewell. The 1850 census of Upper Nazareth Township lists the household of Peter Steiner, 74, and Anna S., 61, who were then living at Schoeneck. On 1 Aug 1829 Peter Steiner was elected a warden of the Union Church near Belfast, representing the Moravians.

Peter and Anna Salome (Clewell) Steiner had three children, all born in Bushkill Township and baptized at home by pastors of the Schoeneck Moravian Church. Alexander Benjamin, born 13 Jan 1812, died 4 May 1895, locksmith, married at Schoeneck 6 Apr 1834 Clarinda Eliza Schneider, born in Bushkill Township 13 Jan 1814, died 24 Mar 1863, daughter of Samuel and Elisabeth (Protzman) Schneider. Marietta Elisabeth, born

born 19 Jun 1816, died 6 May 1895, married at Schoeneck 30 Nov 1834 John Rippel (Jan), born in Forks Township 20 Mar 1812, died 26 Jan 1886, son of John and Susanna (Jany) Rippel. Emilie Lisette, born 14 Mar 1823, married first at Schoeneck 25 Apr 1841 Friedrich Wilhelm Beitel, born at Christian's Spring 3 Jun 1818, died at Schoeneck 8 Aug 1853, son of Friedrich Wilhelm and Maria Magdalena (Frey) Beitel; married second at Schoeneck 13 Nov 1854 Herman Oppelt, born at Emmaus 13 Jul 1809, son of Gottfried and Catharina (Westhoepfen) Oppelt, and widower of Maria Louisa (Giersch) Oppelt who died in Bushkill Township 27 Feb 1842, and of a second wife, Lisette, who was living, aged 40, in 1850.

The third child of Henry and Susanna (Volz) Steiner was (8) Abraham, born in Allen Township 3 May 1779, who died 5 Jun 1847 and was buried at Schoeneck. He married first in Plainfield (now Bushkill) Township 11 Feb 1801 Anna Margaetha Dierrich (also spelled Dietrich), who was born at Nassauischen (presumably in Europe) 10 Sep 1778, died 5 Jul 1826, and was buried at Schoeneck. He married second at Schoeneck 5 Aug 1827 Rosina Magdalena Kustner, who was born at Apeltnach, Wuerttemberg, 7 Jul 1791. By his first wife, Abraham had four sons and four daughters, but we have identified only one, Maria, born 10 Apr 1817, who was baptized at Schoeneck on 14 Jun 1817 as a child of nonmembers.

The fourth child was (9) Daniel, born 28 Jun 1781, who by 1815 had moved to Shamokin. He married Margaretha Weiss (sometimes called Rebecca). Two children of Daniel and Margaretha (Weiss) Steiner were baptized at Schoeneck: Susanna Elisabeth, born 2 Mar 1808, and Johann Gottlieb, born 8 Feb 1810. Daniel Steiner was a house carpenter. On 27 Jul 1810, Daniel Steiner and Margaret his wife sold their farm of nearly forty-two acres, adjoining the Jacobsburg tract on the southwest, to William Henry for \$400; so this transaction probably dates their departure for Shamokin.

Their next child was (10) Susanna, who was born in Allen or Moore Township 15 Jun 1784, died at Christian's Spring 10 May 1858, and was buried at Schoeneck. She married at Schoeneck 10 Apr 1808 Philip Plattenberger, who was born at Schoeneck 11 Jun 1786 and died in Upper Nazareth Township 21 Sep 1866, son of Christian and Salome (Mueller) Plattenberger. They had seven children: Christian Ludwig (C. Lewis), b 17 Jan 1809, d 9 Jun 1886, m Henrietta Stout; William Henry, b 17 Sep 1810, d 9 Jul 1858, m Sarah Herzel; Friederica Wilhelmina, b 7 Oct 1812, m 14 Nov 1830 Peter Haack (Hauck, Hawk), b Easton 22 Feb 1809, locksmith, Bushkill Tp; Daniel Benjamin, b 28 Feb 1815; Alexander Theodorus, b 26 Aug 1817; John Aaron (Aaron J.), b 2 Feb 1821, m Seraphine Seyfried; Carl Ferdinand (Charles F.), b 25 Oct 1825, d 17 Oct 1840.

The sixth child of Henry and Susanna (Volz) Steiner was (11) Catharina, who was born 17 Oct 1786 and died 6 Sep 1857. She married in 1806, in Plainfield (now Bushkill) Township, Johann Jacob Colver (called Jacob), who was born at Hope, New Jersey 5 Oct 1783 and died in Bushkill Township 19 Mar 1844, son of Ephraim, Jr., and Magdalena (Lanius) Colver. The Colver family has been covered extensively in previous articles in The Jacobsburg Record and in our book, Jacobsburg--A Pennsylvania Community and Its People, which was published this year.

The seventh child of Henry and Susanna was (12) Anna Maria Magdalene

(called Maria), who was born 7 Dec 1789. On 27 Jul 1806 she married Michael Basler (also spelled Bassler) who was born in Moore Township 4 Dec 1782, son of Jacob and Maria (Rothrock) Basler. After their marriage, which was recorded in the register of the German Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Easton (now St. John's), they lived in Plainfield Township, where Michael was a house carpenter. At least two generations of their descendants lived at Filetown. Their family will be subject of a future article.

Heinrich and Susanna (Volz) Steiner had two more children, both born in Allen Township. (13) Jacob, born 12 May 1792, died 21 Oct 1792. (14) Joseph, born 2 Feb 1795, was said to have married, at Lancaster; Elizabeth Kehly.

The last child of Abraham and Maria (Leib) Steiner of whom we have any record was Johann Peter Steiner, called Peter, who was born in Warwick, Lancaster County 11 May 1741 and died at Bethlehem 28 May 1796. He never married. After schooling and service in the Moravian schools at Emmaus and Nazareth, he went to Bethlehem, built a house which contained a shop and living quarters for himself near the Brethren's House, and worked there as a wheelwright.

Peter Steiner's will, dated 1 Sep 1795 and proved 9 June 1796, mentioned his sister Magdalene, wife of August Henry Frank, at Schoeneck; brother Henry, and Henry's daughter Elizabeth; sister Elizabeth Steiner, spinster, of Bethlehem; brother Jacob Steiner; sister Barbara whose daughter was the wife of Johannes Reitz at Salem, North Carolina; nephew Peter Steiner, son of Henry; brother Abraham Steiner, deceased, who left children Abraham, John, Henry and Elizabeth; Hannah wife of Michael Knaus of Plainfield, and in case of her death the bequest to go to her son Abraham; John Heckewelder, Bethlehem; missionaries of the Brethren among the Indians, 50 pounds; missionaries among the Heathen "my two shares of Bridge over the Lehigh near Bethlehem;" 50 pounds toward building of new Church in Bethlehem; 30 pounds for the Poor of Bethlehem; Magdalene, called Magdalene Moor, 10 pounds. The executors were Gottlieb Stauber and John Steiner of Plainfield. The witnesses were Daniel Esterlein, Christian Borhek and John Hasse, Esq. (File no. 1714; will book 3, page 51; Northampton County.)

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The following three-year term members of the Board were elected, beginning January 1986: William Atherton (cousin to Mary Henry Stites and newly settled in Stockertown from Connecticut), Janet A. Gum, Matthew K. Morris, Ellis Neuner, Robert N. Newell, Kathryn Schlamp, Ann Marie Trbuza, and Louise K. Young. Congratulations to all!

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Board meeting in November will be on November 14, Thursday; there will be no Board meeting in December.

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Steve Kolmar, our excellent tenant in the Homestead, not only painted the front porch, but donated toward the paint as well! Our hats are off to you, Steve---thanks so much.

Will Hahn of Bath came across a corn stalk shredder which he bought and has given to the Society. It is now in the barn. Joe DiGerlando has given to the Society a thresher (stationary) and an old-time hay loading machine. We appreciate it all and thank you muchly.

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Following is a complete listing of the items acquired in the anonymous gift to the Society with the appraisal of each:

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| 45 or 50 caliber, percussion, brass patch box, Pennsylvania, no name. Brass hardware, all original, 1844 marking on butt. Barrel 36 in. | \$1,450.00        |
| Golcher, Easton, PA., percussion, approx. 40 caliber, brass hardware, all original Pennsylvania rifle, barrel 34 in.                    | 1,800.00          |
| Conversion percussion, brass hardware, maple stock, 45 in. barrel, converted from flint to percussion. Approx. 60 caliber               | 1,100.00          |
| Golcher conversion from flint to percussion, brass hardware 32 caliber, 38 in. barrel   | 1,250.00          |
| 50-70 Springfield trapdoor. Good plus bore, 1866-1884   | 375.00            |
| 63 in. Springfield, 68 caliber, N.H. Amoskeag. Bore good  | 650.00            |
| 1820 Springfield, flint, good   | 850.00            |
| Remington, new model percussion, all original, fair   | 250.00            |
| Pocket flint pistol, good   | 400.00            |
| Richardson pocket percussion, cracked stock, otherwise very good  | 300.00            |
| European double barrel pistol   | 200.00            |
| Pewter powder measure   | 100.00            |
| Pewter powder measure, deer   | 100.00            |
| Brass powder measure, Sykes & Co.   | 160.00            |
| Brass flask, American Flask & Cap Co.   | 210.00            |
| Brass flask, Ames, 1838   | 400.00            |
| Brass flask, dog scene  | 100.00            |
| British bulldog (copy), Belgium   | 50.00             |
|   | <u>\$9,745.00</u> |

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MORE PUBLISHING

At the suggestion of Bob Newell, the Society will sponsor what Bob at present thinks may be a pamphlet listing types and histories of the guns the Society now has in its possession or on loan. The pamphlet would include a description and history of all the Henry guns manufactured or worked on.

Bob is beginning a sabbatical from the Intermediate Unit #20 school system, and it looks as if he has his work cut out for him. The Board is firmly in support of such a project and one that has been crying out to be done. Right on, Bob!

*And to Everyone a Happy New Year*

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| Individual | 5.00   | Family     | 12.50   | Organizations | 25.00   |

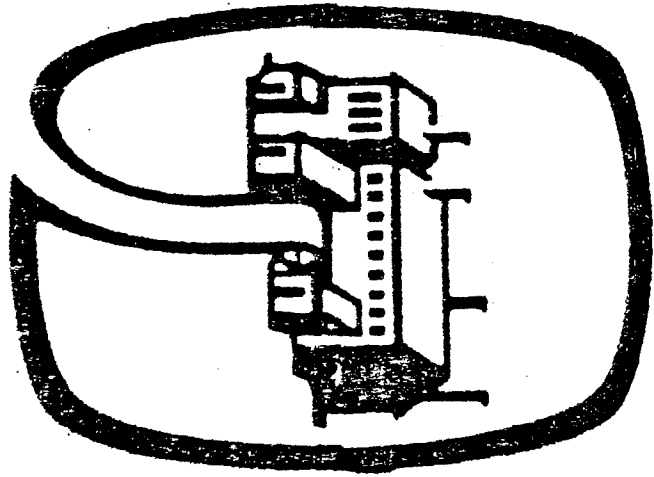
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