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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is my very sad responsibility to report that our First Vice President, Mary Ann Van Norman, passed away suddenly Friday, June 29th, in the Lehigh Valley Hospital, Salisbury Township. Her husband, Earl, her daughter, Deanna, and four stepdaughters, Denise, Diane, Donna, and Doris, survive her.

We of the Jacobsburg Historical Society have not only lost an efficient, dedicated member - we have lost a true and loyal friend. Many adjectives would have to be employed to properly portray Mary Ann's most interesting personality: she was gentle yet thorough; she enjoyed reminiscing about the past, but she was busy planning for the future; she lavished praise, as well as offered constructive criticism; she backed her many words of encouragement with actual deeds; she faced her own decisions squarely, but always considered the opinions of others; she was generous, yet practical, and she accepted advice as readily as she dispensed it. She was a very complex woman, yet in many ways a very simple person - her worldly wants were few, but her personal accomplishments many.

I, for one, have never met anyone quite like Mary Ann. She was always cheerful, happy and smiling regardless of the circumstances in which she found herself. We can never replace her in our hearts and we shall not try. Although all that knew her deeply and sincerely mourn her passing from us, we are humbly grateful for having known her as a friend these many years. As we look forward to working along with Earl in the future, we realize he will always bring back pleasant memories of her.

Ron Gabel

THE INTERPRETER'S CORNER

By Jim Wilson

On Saturday, September 22nd, from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center and the Bushkill Stream conservancy will co-sponsor the tenth annual Bushkill Stream Festival. A celebration of the Bushkill Creek and its watershed, the event will be held, rain or shine, at the Henry's Woods Parking Lot and Henry's Forge Historic Site on Belfast Road, at Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center, Bushkill Township. In keeping with Northampton County's 250th Anniversary Celebration, this year's festival theme is "The Bushkill Creek: Building on the Past - Planning for the Future." This year's festival will thus emphasize the historical significance of the Bushkill as well as conservation efforts currently underway to preserve and protect Northampton County's largest watershed.

The Jacobsburg Historical Society and Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center partnership will sponsor the festival's history programming at the Henry's Forge Historic Site. Befitting the Jacobsburg reach of the Bushkill Creek, the history programming will focus on the area's gunmaking, ironmaking, and slate quarrying heritage. The Forge Office will be transformed into the "Heritage House at Henry's Forge" for the daylong celebration. There exhibits will interpret the story of the Henry family's ironmaking enterprises; a mighty regional story in its own right that is often obscured by the larger, more famous story of the family's renowned gunmaking industry. After all, Henry's Forge (built about 1808 by William Henry of Nazareth) and Catharine Furnace (built at Jacobsburg about 1825 by Matthew Henry) were the first iron forge and furnace in all of Northampton County. On the grounds of the Henry's Forge Historic Site outside the Forge Office, local craftsmen will be demonstrating the art and industry of blacksmithing and slate splitting. And gunsmiths from the Jacobsburg Historical Society will be demonstrating early American gunmaking.

This year, a special exhibit at the Henry's Forge Historic Site, celebrating the Bushkill Stream Festival and commemorating Northampton County's 250th Anniversary Celebration, will be Northampton County's Liberty Bell. The 236-pound bell was forged in Bethlehem in 1768 and placed in the cupola of the original county courthouse at Centre Square in downtown Easton. On the morning of Monday, July 8, 1776, the bell was rung to proclaim the signing of the Declaration of Independence, which had taken place four days earlier in Philadelphia. Nearly 170 years later, in 1945, thousands of Northampton County citizens rang the bell for 24 hours straight to herald the end of World War II.

Other activities at this year's Bushkill Stream Festival will include conservation demonstration programs, watershed exhibits, guided walks, and children's programs. Food service will be available through the Northampton County Junior Conservation School. So be sure to mark your calendar for Saturday, September 22nd, and bring your friends and family to this fun-filled, educational celebration!

2001 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- August 30** **“Our Cement Heritage”.** Illustrated presentation by Ed Pany on the region’s cement industry & history. This program will be held at Moravian Hall Square Retirement Community, Kortz Hall, Nazareth, Pa. 7:30 P.M.
- September 22** **Bushkill Stream Festival - Henry’s Woods Parking Lot & Henry’s Forge Historic Site.**
- September 26** **Start Basic Longrifle Gunsmithing Course - 8 wks. 7-10 P.M.**
- September 29-30** **Civil War Event - CANCELLED.**
- October 18** **Annual Fall Dinner & Meeting.**
- October 26-28** **American Fur Trade & Halloween Rendezvous.**
- November 3** **Fall Cleanup, 9 AM. Rain date November 17.**
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A Little Bit of Jacobsburg History.....

Excerpts from: Household Expenses, Boulton Landing (John Joseph Henry House)

September 1834

Cost of lot 8 acres and 19 perches at \$33.33-1/3 per acre - \$255.62
Surveying of same and deed - 4.50

September 5, 1834

Bought 1000 feet fence boards for house @ 20.50 per th. - 20.50
Bought 83 fence posts at 11 cents - 9.13
20 pounds of nails at 7 cents per pound - 41.40
1800 shingles - \$11.50

Boulton Dec. 28th 1834

Swartwood promises to deliver J.J.Henry 7000 shingles on or before the 1st May 1834 to be of the best quality at 48 per thousand, to be taken out in rifles and store goods.
Received on account 1 Rifle at \$10

Household Expenses (cont'd.)

Sixteen different teamsters hauled 68,370 bricks for the "new" John Joseph house from as few as 500 per teamster to one John Johnson who carried 12,100 bricks and another who carried 13,620 bricks.

Dec. 30, 1834

Cash paid Jacob C-----for 209-1/6 days work at new house at 80 cents per day 167.40

Cash paid John Gold for carpenters work at new house. 75.70

Jan. 1, 1835

Cash paid Thomas Gold for hauling bricks, sand & c 48.95

Jan. 4, 1835

Cash paid Thomas Rorder for carpenter work 21.46

Furniture for the new house bought in Philadelphia. P.B. Walker Dec. 22, 1835

3 yards oil cloth	at \$1	\$ 3
2-1/2 doz. stair rods	at 1.75 per doz.	4.82
5-1/2 doz. eyes	.25 per doz.	1.37
26-1/4 yds carpet	@1.25	32.81-1/4
27-1/ yds carpet	@1/25	34.6-
1 rug	7	\$ 7
1 piece binding		2.00

1836

Bill for sofa and freight \$ 46.-

Bill for papering two rooms \$ 36.-

(The above information is shown exactly as it appeared in the Household Ledger.)

MUSEUM SPONSORS FALL LECTURES - Hugh Moore Historical Park and Museums and the Pennsylvania Canal Society will sponsor a Fall Lecture Series at the Two Rivers Landing Auditorium, Easton, Pa. Lectures are free and open to the public. They begin at 7:30 P.M.

September 20 - Thomas Flagg presents a slide lecture on "Railroad Navies of N.Y. Harbor."

October 18 - "Iron Horses in Penn's Woods" is the topic of a lecture by Commonwealth Speaker Dr. Charles W. Boas.

November 15- "Cruiser U.S.S. Olympia" will be presented by Robert Stewart.

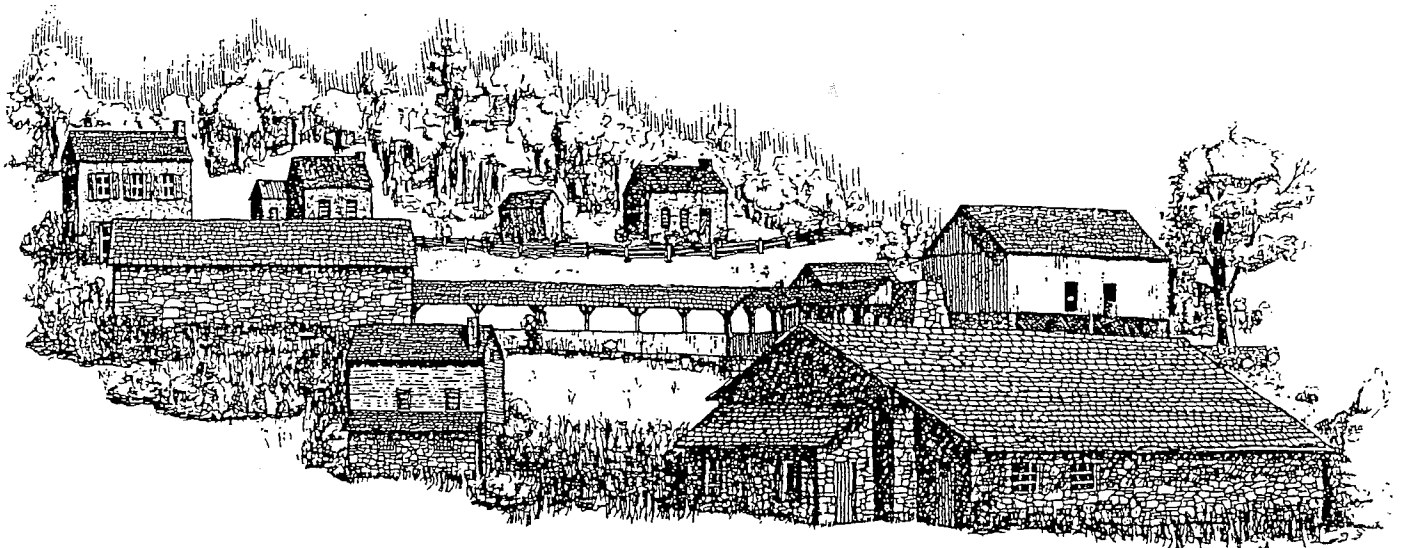
For more information, call the National Canal Museum at 610-559-6613.

Estelle Shedlauskas, Editor

Jacobsburg Historical Society & Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center
invite you to attend...

“Our Cement Heritage”

an interpretive talk & artifacts exhibit by Ed Pany,
founder & curator of the Atlas Portland Cement Company
Memorial Museum in Northampton, Pennsylvania



The Village of Jacobsburg

August 30th, 7:30 p.m.

at

**Kortz Hall, Moravian Hall Square
Retirement Community**

175 W. North Street, Nazareth, PA

To register, call (610) 746-2809 or e-mail jacobsburg@fast.net

Refreshments will be served

This presentation is free-of-charge and open to the public