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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.

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The Jacobsburg Record

Upcoming Events...

Apprentice Gunsmith Class

Spring 2019: Sundays (9) from 12pm to 5pm
 Classes start March 3, 2019
 Instructor: Rocky Schreck, 610-533-9064
 Pre-registration required.

Spring Grounds Clean Up Day

Saturday, April 20, 2019 from 8am-12pm
 Great Earth Day Community Service project for students and Scouts. 8am refreshments!

Passport to History Museum Day

Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 12pm-4pm
 PA Longrifle Museum, J. Joseph Henry House, Summer Kitchen & Grounds, open to the public

Museum Season Opening Weekend

Saturday and Sunday, May 18-19, 2019
 “New” 6th Pa. Revolutionary War Encampment
 Museums open 10am-4pm Saturday; 12pm-4pm Sunday
 Annual Plant Sale: 9am Saturday

Basket Weaving Workshop

Early American Craft Center
 Saturday, June 15, 2019, 9:30am-4 pm
 Pre-registration Required

World War II Living History Weekend

Saturday and Sunday, June 22-23, 2019
 Tour Allied & German camps,
 see period vehicle displays, meet with WWII Veterans.
 Battle Reenactment— WWII Vendors – Music – Food



Past Events

Looking Back on Fall 2018

Annual Dinner Meeting in the Phoenix Room, Holy Family Club, Nazareth PA. Oct. 11, 2018

We had another wonderful evening of fun, food, and friends at the annual dinner meeting in October. Doug Miller was our special program speaker. Doug is the site director for Pennsbury Manor and spoke about William Penn and the founding of Pennsylvania with wonderful insights into the rich legacy he has left us. Our basket raffle was a big hit, too!



Market Faire & Rendezvous. Oct. 27 & 28, 2018

This year's event was not as big as usual due the rainy weather on Saturday. The weather on Sunday was much better and we had a good turnout of visitors to the Boulton Historic Site. Everyone enjoyed our rendezvous encampment, the early American crafters, J. Joseph Henry House museum, the Summer Kitchen, the Nicholas Hawk Gunshop, and the Pennsylvania Longrifle Museum. A special thank you to the Colony Meadery for coming both days! All of our event volunteers and museum docents did an outstanding job presenting the Henry family legacy to our guests.



Gun Raffle Winner

Congratulations to Tom Ledoux, who won the 2018 JHS Pennsylvania Longrifle Gun Raffle. The drawing was held at closing ceremonies of our annual Market Faire & Rendezvous on Sunday, October 28, 2018. JHS Town Crier, David Rose, and JHS 2nd VP, L. Paul Lopresti, presented Tom with the one of a kind deer hunter's rifle built and donated by Master Gunsmith Jim Correll.

Victorian Doll House Winner

Beverly Fatebene is the lucky winner of our 2018 doll house! Our Society is also a winner because Beverly is our newest volunteer. We look forward to Beverly joining our team in 2019. Thanks to all who purchased tickets. The proceeds benefit the J. Joseph Henry House.



Past Events
Looking Back on Fall 2018

A Very Special Christmas at Boulton
Saturday & Sunday, December 8-9, 2018



A Generous Donation from a Neighbor

Jacobsburg Historical Society recently received a donation from Dr. John Yaswinski, a native of Bethlehem who formerly owned the Nazareth Veterinary Center. He and his wife, Lanie, are now reviving the Mountain View Drive-In, just up the road from Boulton. They have salvaged as much of the original site as they could, repurposing its original furniture, paneling, and white bricks into a new and exciting design. The Yaswinskis will reopen the complex as a miniature golf destination once it is completed. Each of the holes on the course will recreate a Bushkill Township landmark, including one that will honor our own Henry's Woods!

Yaswinski purchased several guns over the years in an effort to illustrate the variety of arms that the Henry gunsmiths produced. He has now donated to the Society one of these items from his collection: an 1808 Joseph Henry Contract type flintlock pistol. It is a .54 caliber smoothbore with a 10" round barrel. The walnut

stock is pin fastened, the mountings are brass, it has a wooden ramrod, and its lock has a pronounced teat-like projection at rear with two deep vertical flutes and a large gooseneck hammer. There has been a bit of professional restoration to the stock.

The pistol was produced by J. Joseph Henry (1786-1836), who had been trained by his father, William Henry II (1757-1821), probably in Nazareth and at the gunworks on the Bushkill that operated from 1799 to 1803. In summer 1807, however, Joseph opened a factory on North Third Street in Philadelphia. This Philadelphia factory remained active for nearly fifteen years.

In 1808-1809, William Henry of Nazareth entered into a government contract, partnering with his eldest son, Joseph, in Philadelphia. It is unknown how father and son divided responsibilities for this government contract. Only a limited number of these pistols were made—both for state militia contracts as well as for private sale.

These pistols carry a variety of markings: some have J. HENRY or J. HENRY/PHIL stamped ahead of the hammer, and they may or may not have PHIL^a stamped vertically at the rear of lock. Three variations of this pistol have been on display in the PLRM—but this pistol is a variation that we have not had in our collection.

We are very grateful to Dr. Yaswinski for donating this wonderful tribute to the craftsmanship of the Henry gunmakers to our society.



**Above and Below:
The 1808 Joseph Henry Contract type
flintlock pistol**



Our Summer Kitchen Volunteers

The two women cautiously peered at the bubbling liquid in the dark pot. They gave each other a knowing look, nodded, and then placed the lid on the cast iron kettle. Their creation was ready.

This scene may seem like something from Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, but it is actually just a routine sight in the Summer Kitchen behind the J. Joseph Henry house.

Carolyn Flemish and Peggy Snyder have a lot in common. Not only are they wonderful women who enjoy making delicious food and creating just the right atmosphere in the Summer Kitchen, but they are both operating room nurses. Carolyn has been retired for several years from the Allentown Hospital and Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital in Detroit. Peggy is currently employed at St. Luke's Anderson Campus. Together they make an amazing team.

Carolyn first discovered Jacobsburg when she and her husband, Joe, were walking in the state park in 1992. They came upon JHS in the midst of Rendezvous and they were instantly attracted to the Society. The Flemishes have been active volunteers ever since that day. Carolyn began managing the summer kitchen on Opening Day, April 1, 2011. Her first food offering was venison stew, fried apples, dried cherries and blueberries, crystalized sugar, assorted seeds and nuts, and horehound lozenges.

Peggy, recruited by her friend and neighbor, Kay Tomko, began volunteering in late 2015. Her time at JHS began in the J. Joseph Henry House, but she admits that from the beginning her first love was the Summer Kitchen. Peggy began helping Carolyn on August 6, 2016. It was hot and rainy that day and the menu featured chicken soup and red beet eggs.

The Summer Kitchen is such a warm and inviting place. The neatly stacked wood on the hearth and herbs such as marjoram, sage, thyme, and savory hanging from pegs on the wall combine to make a pleasing ambiance. On cool days, Carolyn and Peggy have a warm fire in the hearth and the smell of their delicious culinary creations draws volunteers and visitors alike. It is so cozy that everyone loves to linger. Visitors frequently sit on the bench just inside the door to enjoy sights, smells, and conversation.

Outside the Summer Kitchen are herb beds, three culinary and one medicinal. The beds were originally planted by Bobbie DiGerlando, but Carolyn has been maintaining them for over a decade. The culinary beds contain such herbs as sage, rosemary, thyme, oregano, sorrel, parsley, salad burnet, chives, garlic, and tarragon. The medicinal bed is home to santolina, valerian, echinacea, and lemon balm.

The signature treat offered in the Summer Kitchen is snickerdoodle cookies. These delicious, moist cookies have become the venue's trademark.

Adults and children are often spotted walking around the JHS campus with a snickerdoodle in their hands and a big smile on their faces.

Recently, Carolyn announced a role reversal. After so many years, she has transferred the lead responsibilities to Peggy. Carolyn is now the helper. She knows that, under Peggy's leadership, the Summer Kitchen will continue to be a warm and friendly place for visitors and members alike.

JHS Summer Kitchen Snickerdoodle Cookies

1 package of Yellow Cake Mix

2 eggs

¼ cup of oil

Mix ingredients. Form dough into teaspoon sized balls and roll in a bowl of sugar/cinnamon.

Place dough balls on greased cookie sheet and bake at 350 for 10 minutes.



Item from the Collection

A Case for Blue Stockings

The Henry family library contains approximately 2,000 books. Within the collection is an inconspicuous little book titled, *The Young Lady's Own Book*, published by Key, Meilke and Biddle, Philadelphia. This book was printed in 1832, the same year the J. Joseph Henry House was built. It is diminutive in size, measuring only 3" x 5". However, this little book contains 320 pages, each printed in an extremely small font. A companion book by the same author, *The Young Man's Own Book*, was also published in 1832. Both books offer advice and guidance on appropriate conduct and etiquette for each gender.

The signature inside the front cover indicates that *The Young Lady's Own Book* originally belonged to Mary Magdalena Sautter. Sautter, who was born on October 18, 1811, in St. John Antiqua, West Indies, married James Henry on September 10, 1833. The couple became the parents of seven children. Mary Sautter Henry passed this little handbook to her eldest daughter, Sophia L. Henry.

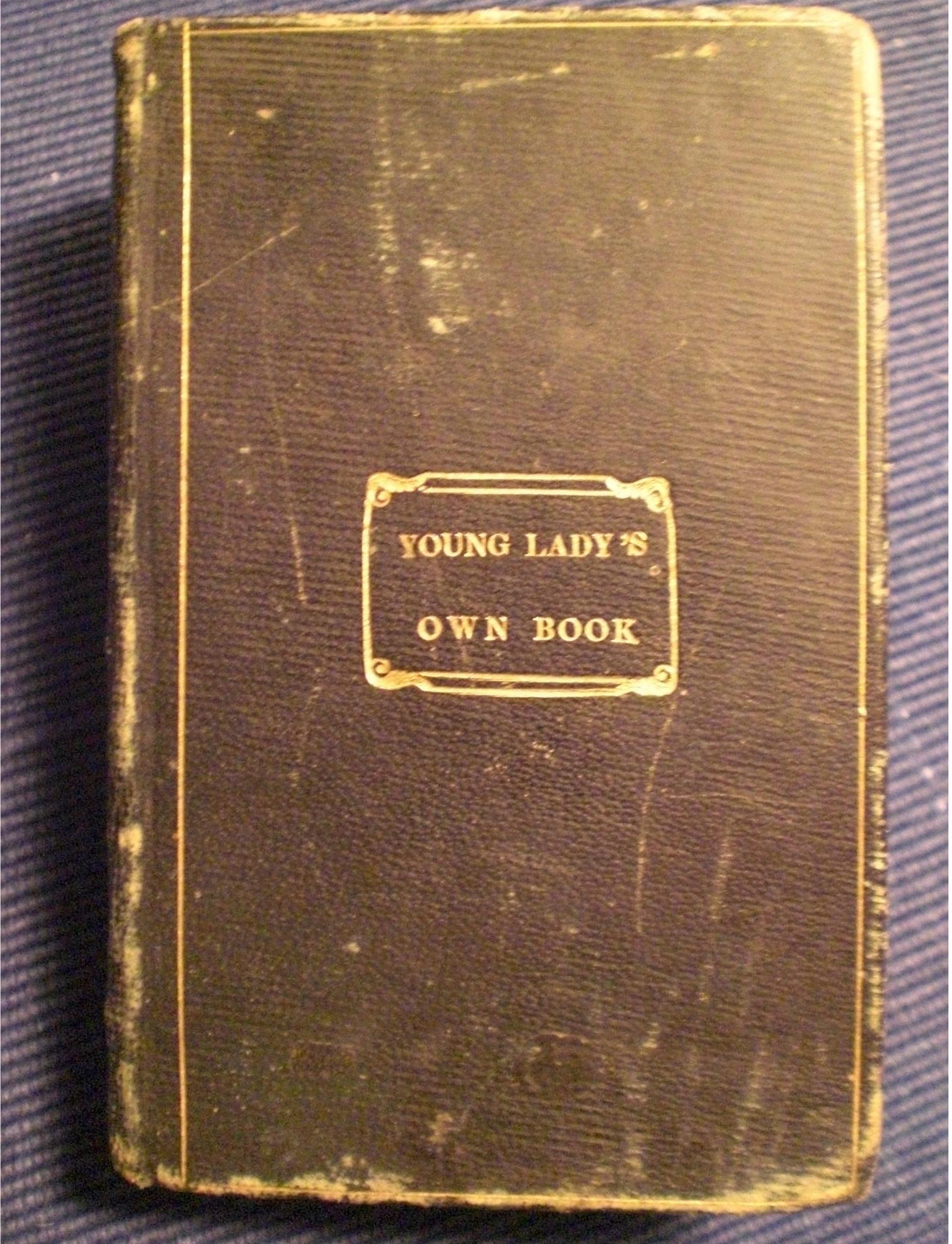
The preface of *The Young Lady's Own Book* states that "Most of the books for the 'fair sex' are of rather a frivolous character. Trifling pursuits and empty recreations are frequently recommended and whole volumes are sometimes employed in teaching young ladies the most elegant and fashionable modes of wasting their time and unfitting themselves for the sober business and the inevitable emergencies of life." The topics included in this "lady's book" are, by contrast, of a very practical nature during a time when shallowness and superficiality were trendy.

The last thing a parent wanted was for their daughter to become a "bluestocking."

It is important to review this little book in the societal context in which it was written. Prior to 1830, marriages were often an uneven partnership with the man regarded as superior and the woman inferior. This started to change during the years 1830-1850 as marriage began to evolve into a partnership. But even in this partnership, the roles of men and women were sharply defined. The world of men revolved around places of work and politics while women remained at home to oversee domestic duties. As a result, women and men existed in separate domains. Women resided in the domestic arena, men in the public arena.

Society expected women to be accomplished in music, drawing, dancing, and languages. A woman was judged by the way she walked, her expressions, the tone of her voice, and her overall demeanor. It is interesting to note that at that time women were considered physically weaker but morally superior. Many physicians claimed that too much study or intellectual pursuit could actually impair a woman's hormones causing her to turn into a "dried up prune." Parents discouraged their daughters' higher education in the fear that they would become unfeminine and as a result unable to attract an appropriate husband.

Higher education or any professional development was out of the question for most women. Aside from learning to read, much female education consisted primarily of learning to play an instrument, draw, and embroider. As an example, young Florence Nightingale yearned to be useful, but she was expected to stay busy within her home along with her mother and sisters. Florence's primary responsibility was to help her mother supervise their servants. She became so frustrated with her situation that she experienced emotional outbursts. Her mental state improved dramatically after she was finally able to break out of the expected role and fulfill what she longed to do.



YOUNG LADY'S
OWN BOOK

Girls were taught to be soft and meek. The last thing a parent wanted was for their daughter to become a “bluestocking.” This title was applied to women who were considered to be overly involved in “intellectual activities.” Bluestockings were viewed as unfeminine because they violated women’s proper place in society, revealing intellectual ambitions that were thought to be exclusive to men. Women could not practice law or become physicians, politicians, or preachers. They were discouraged from pursuing any kind of professional knowledge reserved for men.

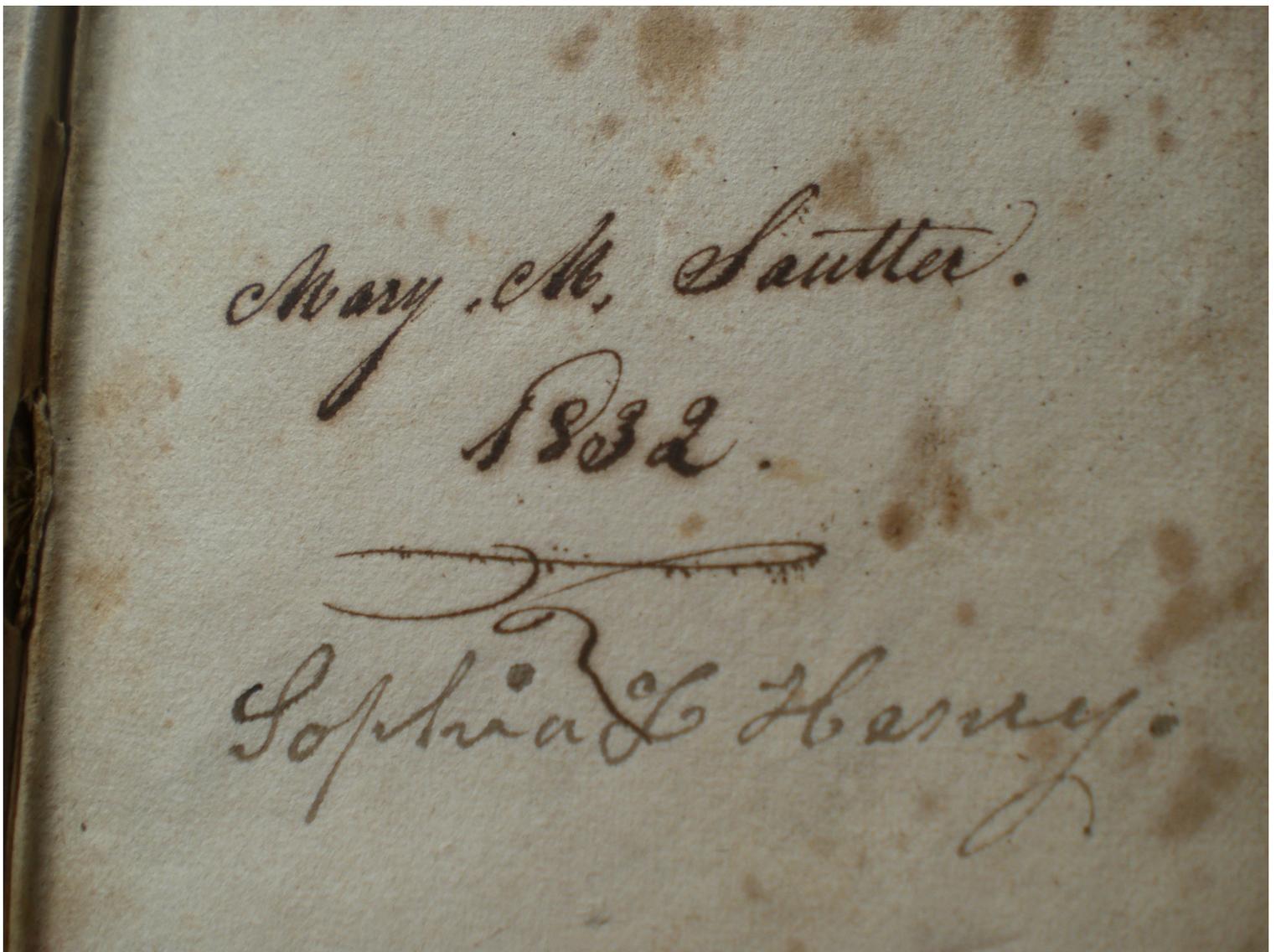
The original bluestockings were members of a literary society started by Elizabeth Montagu in England in the 1750s. Montagu took sole possession of her husband’s estate after he died and managed her financial assets herself. This action provided her with financial independence and a degree of freedom from societal restrictions. The followers of her movement were called bluestockings, perhaps because they did not wear fashionable black stockings. Traditional society rejected the independence of bluestocking women. In the 1820s, William Hazlitt, an English literary critic, noted that “the blue stocking is the most odious character in society. She sinks wherever she is placed.”

The Young Lady’s Own Book was published in the midst of these strict societal rules and mores. The author states that he has dared to go outside the norm in preparation of young ladies during a time when being superficial and frivolous was fashionable. “It is a good sign of the advance of society,” he writes, “when attention is paid to the education of women.” He emphasized cultivation of the inner woman and observed that the gentleness of women could disarm opposition. According to the author, elegance was desirable, not in dress but in manner. He further states that “often the female child is left to acquire the menial arts, outward beauty and adornment is considered their sole claim to regard and often her mind is thought incapable of culture and not worth the effort. Music and drawing are delightful but they are surely not essential.”

This little handbook encourages young women to take advantage of every opportunity for study. The content reminds young women that their minds were made for action and that many accepted activities of the day did not provide them with enough activity to fill up their time. The author urges women and girls to study languages, primarily French but also Italian, literature, and history. And he insists that young women should tackle a wide range of intellectual topics: “It is unpardonable not to know about the great laws of the universe, natural history, astronomy, botany, chemistry and physics.”

The Young Lady’s Own Book is today considered a classic, nearly two hundred years after its original publication. Some of its advice for women of an earlier era may still offer good counsel for us today:

- “Economy is an art as well as a virtue. Early rising and good disposition of time are essential....Provide for contingencies, make a plan and live by it. Acquire skills in purchasing – attend to the price of things. Learn the real value of everything.”
- “Get the better of your procrastinating spirit and acquire the habits of consistency and steadiness even in small matters.”
- “When you find yourself heated, you should immediately resolve either to be silent or to quit the room rather than give utterance to anything dictated by a bad inclination. In that state you are unfit to reason or to hear reason from others. It is your place to retire until you are cool. Preserve calmness and weigh every circumstance with candor and charity.”
- “Cultivate beauty on the inside by developing depth of intellect and nourishment of the soul. Dependence on outward beauty to justify self-worth is folly and the women who relies on this will find herself alarmed and depressed as the image in the mirror changes.”



“Get the better of your procrastinating spirit and acquire the habits of consistency and steadiness even in small matters.”

If this book piques your interest, you will be pleased to learn that it is still obtainable. Reproductions in paper and electronic formats may be found on Amazon.

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Saturday, April 20, 2019 from 8am - 12 Noon



**Great Earth Day Community
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**Help us welcome in our new
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8 am Refreshments!

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Thank you to all of our members that have already renewed for the 2019 season!

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Annual Member Benefits

Our members enjoy free admission to our Pennsylvania Longrifle Museum, the John Joseph Henry House Museum, Summer Kitchen and Grounds including the Nicholas Hawk Gunshop.

Members also enjoy free admission to our events; **Museum Season Opening Weekend** in May; our two annual Living History Events: **WWII Weekend** in June; **Market Faire & Rendezvous** in October; and our very special end of year Open House, **Christmas at Boulton** in December.

Corporate and Sponsor level members also receive recognition in our public event programs and on our website.

Annual subscription to our newsletter, **The Jacobsburg Record**

Members receive regular communications about our special events, programs, and craft classes.

10% discount in the museum gift shop on select JHS Logo items and an invitation to our annual meeting of the Jacobsburg Historical Society.

Jacobsburg Historical Society runs on **VOLUNTEERS!**

Please consider becoming a volunteer. We have many areas of interest including Genealogy, Henry History, Local History, Gardening, Docents for the John Joseph Henry House and the PA Longrifle Museum, Early American Craft Education, Event Coordinators, Gift Shop and so much more!

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Museum Gift Shop Volunteers will be greeting our visitors, collecting admissions, and assisting with gift shop sales.

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CLOSING CEREMONIES OF THE 2019 MARKET FAIRE & RENDEZVOUS
DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN - MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER**

**Raffle tickets will be available in the PLRM Gift Shop
throughout the season until the drawing on October 27, 2019**

Early American Craft Center



Build a Pennsylvania Longrifle



Gunsmith Apprentice Program



Craft a Powder Horn

Beginner & Advanced



Create a Leather Hunting Bag

From Pattern to Stain



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Build a fine representation of an historic PA Longrifle from parts:
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*Classes available in the spring and fall.
Sundays, 12 - 5 pm for 9 classes
Pre-registration is required*

Instructor: Rocky Shreck: 610-533-9064.

Craft a Powder Horn

Create an Early American style powder horn, a storage container in which our forefathers carried gunpowder.

*Beginners: 4 classes in January
on Saturdays, from 12-5 pm.
Advanced: 2 classes in June
Saturday & Sunday, 9am-5pm.
Pre-registration is required.*

Instructor: Frank Willis: 908-246-8935.
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Create a Leather Hunting Bag

From making the pattern to staining the final piece!

*Classes available in the fall,
Wednesdays from 6-9 pm for 4 classes.
Pre-registration is required.*

Instructor: Frank Willis: 908-246-8935.

**For more information, please contact
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The Early American Craft Center at the Jacobsburg Historical Society

Request for Information

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Email: _____

Classes I am interested in: _____

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MUSEUM HOURS

Pennsylvania Longrifle Museum

Noon—4:00 pm Saturday and Sunday on the third weekend of each month in July, August, September 2019.

Open for special events in May, June, October, and December;
Saturday 10 am - 4 pm and Sunday Noon—4:00 pm.

John Joseph Henry House Museum, Summer Kitchen, and Grounds

Noon—4:00 pm on the third Sunday of each month
In July, August, September 2019.

Open for special events in May, June, October, and December;
Saturday 10 am - 4 pm and Sunday Noon—4:00 pm.

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