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ELECTION OF 1996 OFFICERS

At the January meeting of the Board of Directors the following officers were elected to serve for the year 1996:

President	Philip Schroeder
1st Vice President	Mary Ann Van Norman
2nd Vice President	Timothy Lubenesky
Secretary	A. James Shedlauskas
Treasurer	John Schlamp

The slate, as presented by the Nominating Committee, was accepted by unanimous vote. The members of the Committee were Matthew Morris, Robert Newell, and Robert Frick, Chairman.

SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER.....After our most recent bout with winter weather, and just about everyone has had some dealings with it, let's "THINK SPRING." SPRING usually means "Spring Cleaning" and it means the same to Jacobsburg Historical Society as it does to anyone else with a property to care for. In order to prepare for our 1996 activities we are asking for some help from our members, their families, friends, neighbors, etc. Therefore the following dates have been set aside in planning our "Spring Cleaning."

Sunday, March 24, at 1:00 P.M. at the Henry Homestead. VOLUNTEER GET-TOGETHER to plan our projects. Unlike many other organizations our Society operates totally with volunteer help. We have no paid staff!!! All planning, purchasing, repairing, building, improving, inventory, groundskeeping, writing, researching, maintenance, etc., is done by volunteers. We have something for everyone!

Saturday, April 13th - CLEAN-UP DAY. Workers are needed for cleaning the John Joseph House and the Henry Homestead. Those who love the outdoors are needed to rake leaves, gather broken branches, etc.

Saturday, April 27th - If needed to finish up projects already started.

SPRING (Cont'd.)

1995 was the first time we tried this approach of taking care of our properties. It was a huge success! Not only did we save money by not using a professional cleaning service, but a great deal was accomplished. Not even the rain deterred some of the more enthusiastic outside workers. Lunch, hot coffee, tea and cocoa were a plus. Those who came out had a good time and it was a wonderful opportunity to meet and mingle with others aiming for the same goal. COME AND JOIN US!

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ON SUNDAY, February 4th, The Jacobsburg Historical Society will host the Pennsylvania Antique Gun Collectors Association monthly meeting. This prestigious organization will meet at the Henry Homestead and Boulton Plantation Complex. Replacing their regular agenda and displays, they will be treated to a presentation on the Henry Family of Gunmakers by Bob Newell. Also on display will be our Henry Arms Collection, selected accouterments and Henry Family artifacts. A tour of the property and homes has been arranged with Bob Frick.

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YOUR HOUSE IN THE COUNTRY - All of us have experienced the anxieties of the recent storm. Will the roof leak? If the furnace fails, will the pipes freeze? How many members have worried about their two houses out there in the country, the Henry Homestead and the J. Joseph Henry House? You have a responsibility there, too.

Lucky for us two dedicated members have assumed this responsibility for you. Bill Atherton and Phil Schroeder have kept a constant watch on your houses, breaking through drifts and opening narrow paths to provide security for this valuable property. You owe both of them a vote of thanks.

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THE ANSWERING MACHINE at the Society Office has been out of order. Please be advised the machine has been repaired and will be checked regularly for any messages.

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THE RECORD

We regret the delay in publishing the last issue of the Record. Both the pressures of the holiday season and the severe weather were in part responsible. In the future we hope to have the Record in the mail by the middle of the first month of the bi-monthly publication. Thus, the March-April issue should be mailed March 15th. This means that the deadline for material would be the first of March, with copy to the printer the end of the first week. Allowing one week for printing and one week in the mail, the Record should be in your hands by April 1st.

This schedule can only be upheld if persons submitting reports or articles get the material in on time. Again, we encourage members to send in any thoughts, suggestions or questions they might have. After all, it is YOUR Record.

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1996 PROGRAMS

- May 18 & 19 - Jacobsburg Craft Show, featuring Juried Artisans
Earl Van Norman, Chairman
- June 15 & 16 - Henry Heritage Days and Rifle Frolic
Timothy Lubenesky, Chairman
- July 27 & 28 - Dixon's Gunmakers Fair, Kempton, Pa.
- Sept. 21 & 22 - Bushkill Creek Festival, with the
Bushkill Conservancy
Philip Schroeder, Chairman
- Oct. 12 & 13 - 11th Annual Jacobsburg Civil War Weekend
John Morrow and Robert Newell, Cochairmen
- Dec. 7 - Board of Directors honors Volunteers
- Dec. 8 - Christmas Open House - Henry Homestead

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Have you paid your 1996 membership dues? If not, our Treasurer, John Schlamp, will be happy to hear from you. Your dues can be sent to John at Box 345, Nazareth, Pa. 18064

THE BLACKSMITH SHOP

At our "Iron: From Furnace To Firearms" program (July 15-16, 1995), the Blacksmith Shop was opened for the first time. The old Duck House at the Homestead was cleaned out by Jonathan Lopresti as an Eagle Scout project. Jonathan laid a brick floor and painted the exterior. Sections were cut from a side wall and hinged to provide areas for viewing the forge from the outside in complete safety.

Bob Chattin, our Master Blacksmith, laid out the interior plan, designing the forge and the suspension of the bellows. Eric DiGerlando laid up the brick forge, facing the outer wall with bricks from the Henry's Forge site. The job is extremely well done.

Joe and Virginia Lopresti had purchased the bellows years ago at a sale, in preparation for just this sort of future need. It proved to be in need of much repair, which Claude Jones did with his usual zeal and expertise. This also was done well in advance of its future use. Thus it came out of storage in July, ready for duty.

The shop will fill several needs. It will instruct the visitor, teach the craft to young people, and make or repair iron items needed on the site.

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ADD YEARS TO YOUR LIFE BY VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering at Jacobsburg may add years to your life. A 10-year study at the University of Michigan found that people who did no volunteer work died at an earlier age than those who volunteered at least once a week.

Who may volunteer? Men and women; employed and retired; husbands and wives; anyone with a few hours to spare.

If you'd like to volunteer, call the Society office and leave a message or complete the Volunteer form on Page 5 and mail it to the address shown.

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Dale Prinkey, Ex-Officio

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YES, I would like to be a VOLUNTEER.

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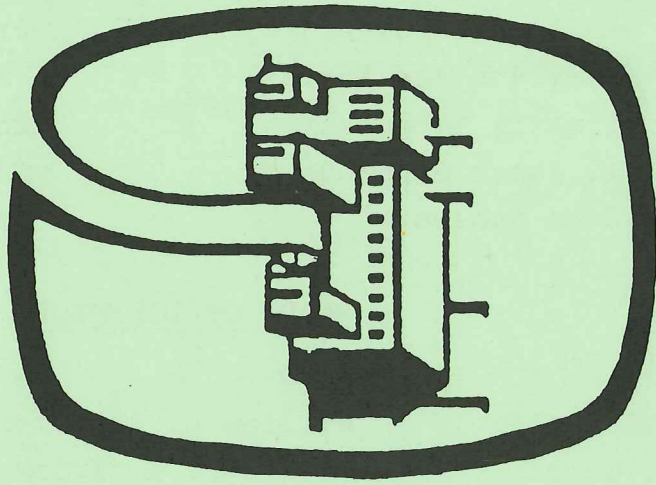
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