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**VOLUNTEER CALL** - Once again we are calling on all Volunteers to attend a meeting at the Henry Homestead on Sunday, March 24th, at 1:00 P.M. This is the time we begin our intensified planning for the coming season. Since we have no paid staff we must rely on those who are willing to help with cleaning the houses, working on the grounds, manning posts necessary to present our programs, and other varied projects. There is property maintenance, planning, researching, writing, inventory, and many, many other items too numerous to mention. We can promise that if you are interested in being a Volunteer we will be able to come up with something that will appeal to you.

The meeting on March 24th will be a get-together of all those interested in volunteering at Jacobsburg Historical Society and, if you are a new Volunteer, an opportunity to meet others with the same goal in mind. Everyone is welcome! We look forward to seeing you!

## SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH - CLEAN-UP DAY

Last year was the first time we attempted to have people come out to work together on the properties on such a large scale. It was very successful! More work was done in one day than a few people could have accomplished during the whole season. We also had a good time! We urge everyone who can to come out and help. Starting time is 9:00 A.M. Lunch will be served and hot coffee and cocoa will be available all day. If you cannot be with us all day, we will appreciate what time you can spare. Workers are needed for cleaning the J. Joseph Henry House and the Henry Homestead; we have most of the tools needed for this. For those who prefer to work outdoors, please bring your rakes and work gloves.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH - If needed to complete projects in progress.

Mark your calendars now with the dates and times. In case of rain on the 13th, cleaning of the houses will be done but the outside work will be postponed until April 27th.

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On Sunday, February 4th, the Jacobsburg Historical Society hosted the monthly meeting of the PENNSYLVANIA ANTIQUE GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION. Despite the new snowfall that day, approximately 40 people attended. We were very pleased to host this club and to educate them in the heritage of the Henry Family. On display was the Henry Arms Collection, selected accouterments, and Henry Family artifacts.



P.A.G.C.A. (Cont'd.)

The P.A.G.C.A. was started in 1940 by a group of antique arms enthusiasts in southeastern Pennsylvania and the Philadelphia area. It incorporated in 1955 and has grown to include members from all over the United States. It is very well known for its fine semi-annual shows at Sunnybrook Ballroom in Pottstown, which maintain high standards of integrity.

At their most recent show on March 2 & 3, 1996, the Henry Arms Collection was the featured display. Those on hand to interpret the display were Bob Newell, Bill Goble, Terri and Tim Lubenesky, Jim Shedlauskas, Bob Frick, and Rich Hujsa.

1996 PROGRAMS

- May 18 & 19 - Jacobsburg Historical Society Fair  
Earl Van Norman, Chairman
- June 15 & 16 - Henry Heritage Days & Rifle Frolic  
Timothy Lubenesky, Chairman
- 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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LIGHTS!CAMERA!ACTION!

On May 7th, TV Host Tom Turczyn of Lehigh Valley Focus will interview a panel of Jacobsburg Historical Society members on WLVT Channel 39. The fifteen minute program will be aired at 3:00 P.M. and 7:30 P.M.

The program is devised to inform the public of the purposes of the Society, its programs and its relationship to both local and national history. The panel consists of Wendy Evans-Totani, James Shedlauskas, and Robert Frick.



LEHIGH VALLEY FOCUS (Cont'd.)

We are indebted to WLVT Channel 39 for this valuable exposure which will introduce our 1996 activities to the public.

REMEMBER

WLVT - CHANNEL 39, MAY 7, 1996  
3:00 P.M. and 7:30 P.M.

GARDENS

Once again the Forks of the Delaware Garden Club has offered to assist us in various gardening projects. Each year they have added a climbing rose to our arbor and pruned the existing roses. It would be ideal if persons would "adopt" sections of the perennial beds and see to their maintenance. This would let the gardener select the desired size of area, and provide social contact with fellow gardeners.

Another project planned for this year is table settings and flower arrangements in the J. Joseph Henry House. This would add greatly to the interest in house tours and make the rooms seem more lived-in.

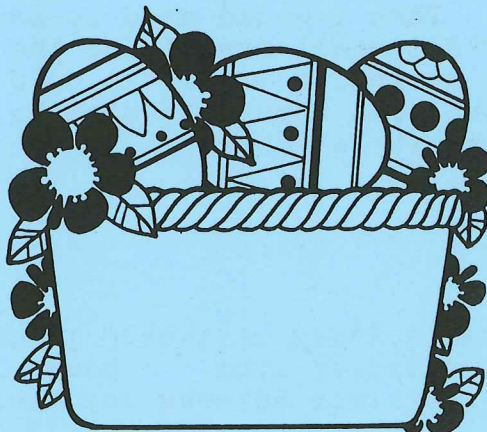
Anyone is welcome to volunteer their services either with the Garden Club or as an independent worker. Just leave a message at the office or drop a note in the mail.



SCOUTING CORNER

The Society has been approached for some possible Eagle Scout projects. These requests are presently under consideration.

Explorer Post - Some of the Jacobsburg Historical Society Board members and representatives of Explorer Post 1776 met on February 17, 1996 to discuss renewal of the Post Charter and usage of the Historical Society property.





## What's a Bügel?

**To Granville Henry**

from Gustav A. Reichel in Germany

*(We thank Dr. K. Helmut Reich of the Universite de Fribourg Suisse in Switzerland for translating this from a German manuscript. The answer is upside down at the bottom of the page. --Don Repsher)*

December 17, 1890

Dear Mr. Henry,

Dear friend, together with greetings I take the liberty to send you some lines.

Please excuse that I am again forced to trouble you with a question. Here it is: the other day my nephew lost the Bügel of my simple rifle. In case you have some spares on hand, kindly let me know, including the price, and information how to send the money. I shall then send the measurements of the Bügel, and the money.

If I had the right type of wood, maybe I could fix up a wooden Bügel from a rifle I brought from Germany; it had a Bügel of wood from a walnut tree.

My state of health is worse than that of the rifle; there is no healthy limb to be found from my head to my feet. This month it is exactly one year since I became ill, and I feel miserable most of the time. First I fell on my backbone, which will never be right again. Then I got a kind of flu, followed by neuralgia in my head and teeth. Some time ago I caught an erysipelas of the face which reappeared three times, because I could not take a long enough rest.

From all these wounds I get much pain,  
I feel almost as if I had been slain....

It would be a good thing if I could metamorphose and become a bear. Then I would need no boots nor other winter clothes; I could install myself for the winter and hibernate ...because the prospects are for a cold and tough winter! We had a storm for three days; the snow is over a foot deep, and on the trees it is frozen.

Your friend,  
Gustav A. Reichel

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We thank Earl Van Norman for knowing the right answer: the Bügel was the trigger guard.... This letter also indicates the far-ranging extent of Granville Henry's personal and commercial friendships.

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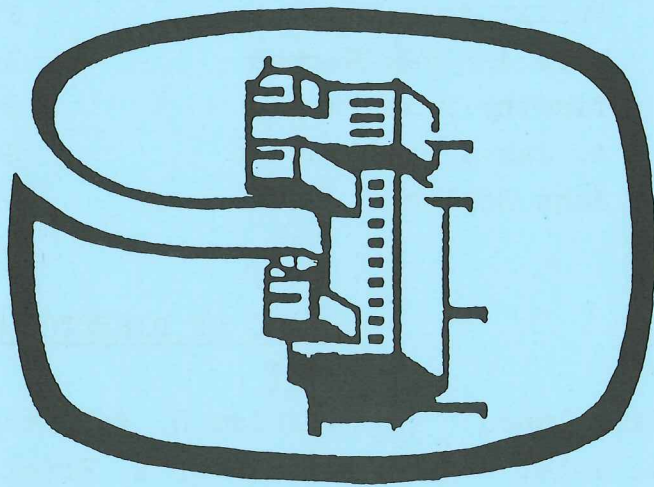
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