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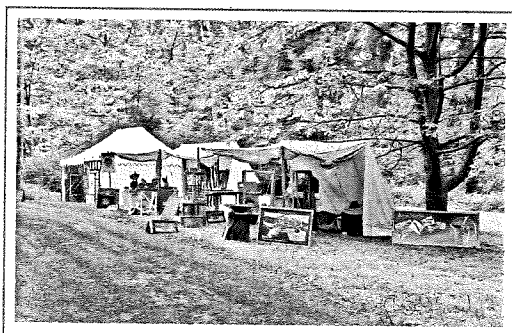
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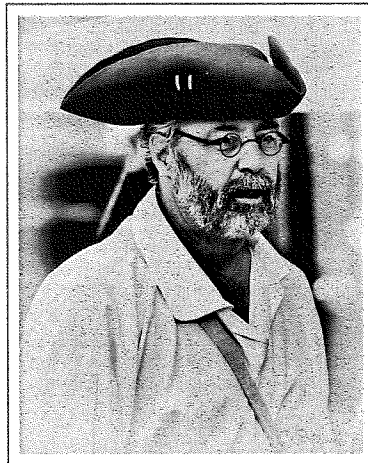
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SUMMER GREETINGS TO ALL!



Photographer Ricky L. Mensch gifted the Society with his time and talent at "A Market Faire and Rendezvous" during which he captured this image. For more of Ricky's pictures, see page six.

We have passed the midpoint of my current term as President of your SOCIETY, and it has been beyond my expectation. Here is a short summary of what has occurred:

Opening day for the 2012 museum season began at the Pennsylvania Long Rifle Museum with a new exhibit commemorating a dual bicentennial - that of the Henry Gun Shop and of the War of 1812. Special thanks goes to Tim Lubensky, Joe Flemish and Bob Newell for putting a dedicated, temporary exhibit together celebrating the Henry involvement in the War of 1812. Bobbie DiGerlando and her staff provided a number of children games and crafts to keep our young folk happy and entertained. Not only were the Henry Gardens in full splendor, there was also a successful plant sale which provide additional visitors to the grounds. (When you next visit, please check out our Henry Victory Garden, which is currently full of summer vegetables.) The John Joseph Henry House was once again in full glory thank to the hard work provided by Kay Tomko and band of merry workers who prepped and set the J.J. Henry House to continue in its splendor. Let us not forget Carolyn Flemish sweating away the hours in the summer kitchen and the rotating staff at the Hawk Gun Shop. The evening was capped with presentation by a great and loyal friend of the Society, Damian Sickonic, on his new endeavor, early American winemaking. Copies of his book, 'A Guide to Winemaking in Early America' are available in the museum gift shop. If you have never seen Damian make a presentation, let me just say that if you ever hear he is giving one, make a point to be there.

Other Society activities thus far have included two "Family Campouts." While the campers have been sparse, the campfire camaraderie and delicious desserts (provide by Brian and Jeanne Krenicky) are worth coming for. The largest success so far of our event season has been our annual rendezvous event. Our trademark Father's Day event was renamed this year to 'Boulton on the Bushkill: A Market Faire & Rendezvous.' Past president Dave Ehrig (and his

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COLLECTIONS

THE "OLDE SCHOOL HOUSE BELL"

By Joe DiGerlando

Many may remember the *Boulton or the Henry School* that was near the top of the hill, a bit past our John Joseph Henry House on Henry Road. Some of you may have even been students of Miss Mary Henry Stites when she taught there, more than a few years ago. She was the last in a long line of teachers from 1854, when the school was first built. It was originally built of brick, but when it burned down in the 1930s, it was rebuilt as a wood frame structure. The school was used until the early 1950s and in later years it became a woodworking shop until it burned in the 1970s.

The building was typical of one room school houses that dotted our villages across America. A few are still standing locally; most have been converted for residence or other uses. The Upper Edelman One-Room Schoolhouse is located on the corner of Route 191 and Bushkill Road in Plainfield Township, PA. It has been restored to an early 1900s appearance by Steve and Kathy Unger and is outfitted with school desks, blackboards, books and other items that would have been found in the school at the turn of the 20th century.

In the early days of our Society, our Board had an opportunity to acquire the school bell that had been used at the second Henry School (1930s). The bell was in storage in one of our barns and forgotten because, quite frankly, we were not sure what to do with it. During our spring cleanup this year, a crew pulled it out from its hiding spot and in the light of day, an idea was born to preserve and prepare it for future display. The bell had been brush painted a battleship gray and was starting to rust and pit.

Martin Kubek, Painting & Decorating Instructor at Lehigh Career & Technical Institute in Schnecksville, PA, agreed to make a class project of the restoration and preservation of our bell. Marty's students researched one room schools in the Lehigh Valley; learned about the Boulton / Henry School; and researched our bell. They discovered that it was a

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SOCIETY NEWS AND UPDATES

NEWS FROM BOULTON

NEW MANAGER AT THE JEEC

On June 27 the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) announced Robert Neitz as the new manager of the Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center in Bushkill Township. Michael Jones retired this past spring. Having worked 12 years with the Bureau of State Parks, Neitz began his employment the DCNR in 2000 as an environmental education specialist assigned to several eastern state parks. Since 2007, he oversaw coordination of environmental education from regional headquarters on the grounds of Nockamixon State Park in Bucks County. Neitz, 37, a native of Emmaus, Lehigh County, is married and has two sons. He holds a bachelor's degree in ecology from Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania, and master's degree in environmental education from Montclair State University in New Jersey. When asked his vision for the JEEC, he responded, "I'm very much looking forward to continuing the center's strong message of conservation and expanding its outdoor recreation programming," said Neitz. "I am particularly excited be working with all of DCNR's conservation partners to continue promoting and protecting our public lands for the citizens to enjoy." He is also committed to continuing the partnership between the State and the Society.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The **William Henry Atherton Award** recognizes a community leader whose sustained commitment and demonstrable achievement exemplifies exceptional service to the Jacobsburg Historical Society and its areas of interest (documenting, preserving, and promoting the art and industry of making early American firearms and the character of the individuals and community that created and sustained that enterprise).

Nominations are being accepted for recognition of living individuals who fit the above criteria and also for names of deceased members whose efforts clearly qualify them for inclusion on a "Wall of Honor." Nominations should be directed to Scott Gordon (spg4@lehigh.edu) and Earl Van Norman (EVanNorman1@gmail.com). Mail can also be sent %JHS, PO Box 345, Nazareth, PA 18064.

If a candidate is chosen this year, the award will be given at the Society's Annual Dinner on November 8, 2012.

Dispatches from the Archives

By Scott Paul Gordon

This new feature, which will appear regularly in The Record, will present some of the treasures in the JHS Archives as well as some of its puzzles.

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The Archives of the Jacobstown Historical Society contain a small fragment that records two names: Jacob Dickert and John Dehoff, both eighteenth-century gunsmiths from Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The numbers that precede each name, and the sums that correspond to them on the right side of the document, indicates that this fragment was once part of a numbered list of gunsmiths and payments made to them. The rest of this document still exists in the Hagley Museum and Library in Wilmington, Delaware—along with the many other Henry family papers that the will of Mary Henry Stites gave permanently to that institution in 1989.

The document lists fifty-four payments that William Henry of Lancaster (1729-1786) made on behalf of the United States to gunsmiths “for repairing of Arms.” The gunsmiths who appear on the list along with Dickert and Dehoff include George Frederick Fainot, Peter Reazor, Peter Gonter, Jacob Messersmith, John Miller, as well as William Henry, Jr. (William’s eldest son). Although the document is undated, from other surviving documents we know that Henry made these payments, which totaled some £10,337, between April 1778 and August 1779. The amount of funds paid to Dickert (£2,143) and to Samuel Sarjant (£5,656) indicates that these individuals ran large establishments: a different invoice itemizes nine men who worked under Sarjant at a factory at Carlisle in Cumberland County.

This document and others like it—in particular, papers related to the payments that Henry made on behalf on the United States to procure shoes for the Continental army—demonstrate that during the Revolution William Henry was not manufacturing arms. He was a high-level procurement officer, orchestrating a system in which he purchased items—shoes, spontoons, cartridge boxes, flour, and, yes, guns—from producers and made them available to the troops. He manufactured none of the items that he obtained for state and continental forces: at this point in his career, he was no more a gunsmith than he was a cobbler or a miller. In fact, when he became Superintendent responsible for supplying arms to the Continental Army, Henry was prohibited by law from supplying Continental forces with any items of his own manufacture. These procurement activities brought with them significant compensation. As the JHS fragment indicates, for procuring these guns between April 1778 and August 1779 Henry earned £516 in commissions.

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Henry was not involved in the gun trade as a producer whatsoever after 1760 (as I argue at length in a recent article in *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*). Although references to Henry in the 1750s always refer to him as a gunsmith, no document after 1760 does so. By 1760, Henry had become a merchant, partnered with Joseph Simon, and their business prospered. William Henry probably did help establish his brother John as a gunsmith, however, perhaps transferring the tools he had used in the 1750s and directing customers his way. Jasper Yeates patronized Simon and Henry for "Metal Jacks for the Window Blinds," for "Hinges" and nails, for a "Blade for a Wood Saw," and for quires of paper. But when Yeates needed a gunsmith's help—for mending locks or for "making a pair of Bullet Moulds for my Pistols"—he went to John Henry. A 1765 Lancaster tax list identifies John Henry as a "gunsmith"; it records William Henry as a "ironmonger. The 1773 tax list, again noting John Henry as "gunsmith," describes "William Henry, Esq." as a "store keep[er]." Lancaster's authorities called on John Henry, not William, to inventory and appraise the possessions of Lancaster gunsmiths when they died.

We don't need to wonder much about why Henry would have wanted to leave the occupation of gunsmith behind: the desire to sweat less at the forge was motivation enough. Most eighteenth-century individuals worked with their hands, but few would have chosen to do so if they had an alternative. We can only register the shape of William Henry's career, the magnitude of his transformation, if we stop thinking of Henry as a career gunsmith who "was engaged in the manufacture of firearms for over thirty years," who produced the rifles or muskets carried by soldiers from the French and Indian War through the Revolutionary War. Henry may have been a skilled craftsman in the 1750s; in the 1770s and 1780s, he was a bureaucrat struggling to orchestrate large-scale production of a variety of items to keep America's armies in the field.

We hope that JHS members will contribute what they know and keep the conversation going. Please email Scott Gordon at spg4@lehigh.edu.

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Sears Roebuck cast iron bell from the 1930s. They also learned from Mr. Kubek that bells were NOT painted, but were coated with a linseed oil mixture to keep them from rusting.

The students then began the task of completely sandblasting of all iron parts, replacing leather dampers, and then painting with a special paint now used for bells. This will greatly reduce maintenance for our Society volunteers. The bell was returned in time to display at our **Boulton on the Bushkill ~ Market Faire and Rendezvous**. It is outstanding. Marty and his students did a fantastic job on the bell, and also learned about some history of education in the Lehigh Valley.

We need your help for the next part of this project. James Schray, a Moore Township resident and a Carpentry & Construction Instructor at Lehigh Career & Technical Institute, has agreed to build a home for our bell. Jim will work with his students next school year, to design and execute an appropriate display, based on the type of belfry that would have housed our bell. This will help us to secure and preserve it and make it the focal point of a new learning exhibit. What an appropriate project for our fortieth anniversary!

We need pictures of the school that shows the belfry. We would also like to have pictures of the teachers and students that attended the Boulton School. Dates and names would be a great help. I have seen 'class' pictures from the past, but none showing the entire school building. Your help and information is greatly needed.

NOTE: For more information about Boulton and the other schools in Bushkill Township, read *History of Bushkill Township, Pennsylvania 1813-2007* by James A. Wright. (Copies available in the Pennsylvania Longrifle gift shop.)

WATCH THE MAIL FOR YOUR INVITATION TO "A PICNIC AT BOULTON"

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 4:00 - 8:00 P.M.

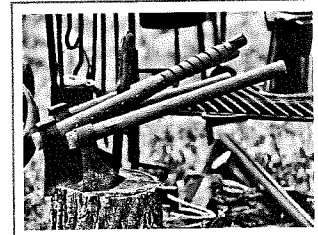
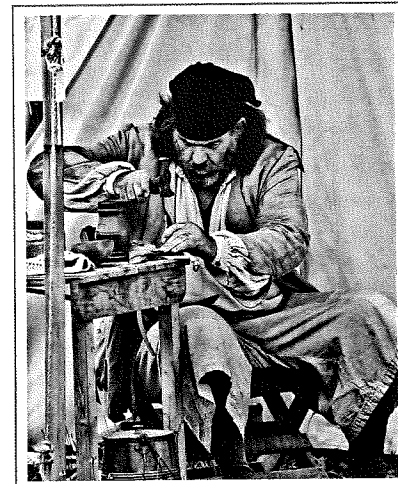
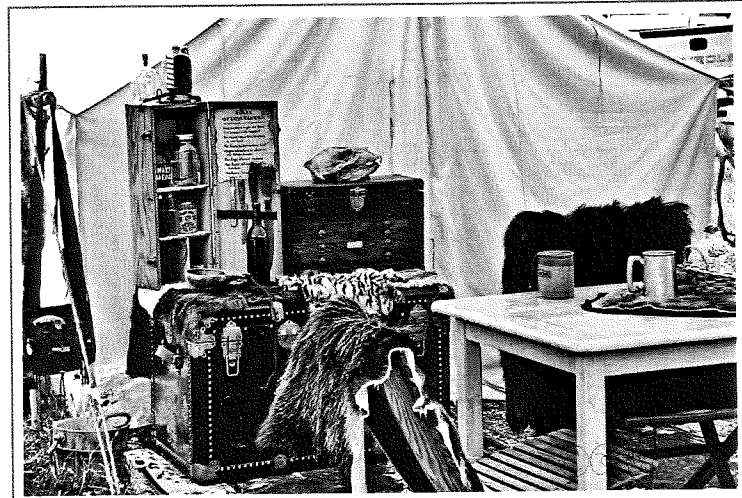
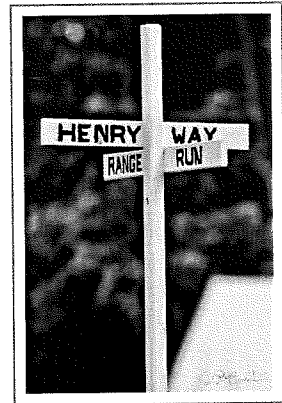
The Henry Family estate of Boulton is stunningly beautiful, especially in the summer months. The Henrys celebrated the outdoors and family by hosting formal picnics. Gather with Society members and friends in the gardens of the John Joseph Henry House and continue the family's tradition at a casual picnic with Victorian touches. \$20 adults; children under 12 \$10. Babes in arms free. For reservations, contact the Society office.

EVENT REPORT

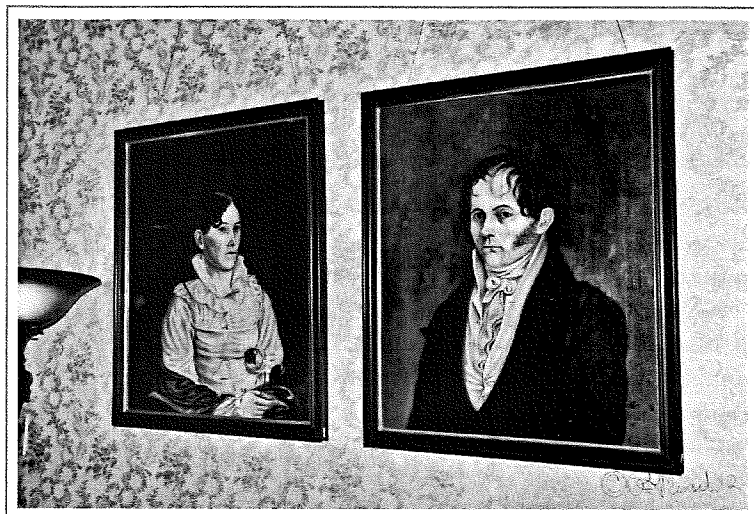
MARKET FAIRE AND RENDEZVOUS

ANNUAL RENDEZVOUS, IMBUED WITH NEW VISION AND VIGOR, ATTRACTED OVER 700 VISITORS

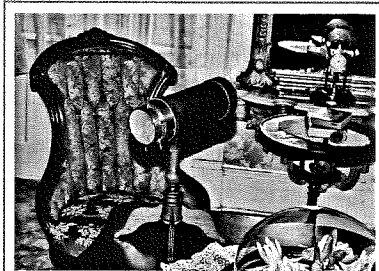
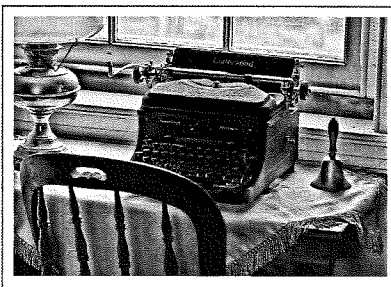
On Friday, June 15th, Dave Ehrig arrived at the Boulton Historic Site at 5:30 a.m. Dressed in the formal 19th Century clothing he wears when depicting gunsmith John Joseph Henry, Ehrig strode across the dew-wet grass towards an incongruous picture. A white WFMZ Ch. 69 news van was parked in front of the Nicholas Hawk Gunshop, the reconstructed log cabin that sits in the middle of the property at 402 Henry Road. Ehrig then gave the first of three interviews, aired live on the news channel's morning show, leading reporter Melanic Falcon on a tour of the just-awakening encampment of fur-trade era re-enactors. Over 150 of these dedicated volunteers devoted their weekend to teaching the public hands-on history. They were joined by another 50 volunteers from the Jacobsturg Historical Society to present the most successful living history event in Boulton's recent history - the 2012 Boulton on the Bushkill: A Market Faire and Rendezvous. The event attracted over 700 visitors (more than double the count in the past several years) and raised over \$5,000, also a significant increase. The event's success was due to re-invigorating the planning committee, making the event a shared activity by the entire volunteer team, integrating Society and re-enactor volunteers, and a dedicated marketing plan. One of the most exciting signs of success was tired but happy volunteers saying to each other on Sunday as they broke down tents and put away tables, "See you next year!" The 2013 Market Faire and Rendezvous will be held in October. If you are interested in joining the planning committee or volunteer team, please contact the Society office.



MORE PICTURES AT "BOULTON HISTORIC SITE" ON FACEBOOK.



(On opposite page) JHS Board member and professional blacksmith Tom Turtzo organized a "Hammer-In" for artisan blacksmith. He demonstrates his work in this photo (upper left); scenes from the rendezvous encampment; the cannon was fired every hour to mark the time (bottom right.)



Mary Rebecca & John Joseph Henry's portraits greet guests to the Society's 1832 historic house museum (top). Close up of front parlor (left). Dr. Thomas Stites' Underwood typewriter sits in the gentleman's study (above). Carolyn Flemish and Gabriella Taviannini shared the history of the Summer Kitchen - and provided goodies!



ON THE ROAD

JACOBSTOWN AT LANDIS VALLEY

**SCOTT PAUL GORDON & RICHARD HUJSA TO
SPEAK AT LONGRIFLE EVENT**

Our friends at Landis Valley are hosting a "crash course in long rifle appreciation" and the Jacobstown Historical Society will be there to help. As part of its ongoing Lancaster long rifle exhibit, Landis Valley Village and Farm Museum will present a comprehensive learning experience event: "Lock, Stock & Barrel," to be held Saturday, July 21 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and July 22 from noon to 5 p.m. Peppered throughout the museum's 40 acre village area will be demonstrations by master craftsmen of the various stages of gun making—from shaping the stock to forging, boring, and rifling the barrel to assembling the firing mechanism. The museum will cater to those whose interest lies in the guns themselves with lectures from various experts including Reaves Goehring, Alan Gutchess, John Kohler, Patrick Hornberger, Bruce Bomberger, Jim Lewers, and both Scott Paul Gordon and Rich Hujsa.

Admission to the event is \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors, and \$8 for youth ages 6 to 11. Children ages 5 and younger are free. All proceeds benefit the museum. More information on the "Lock, Stock & Barrel" event and the long rifle exhibit can be found on the museum's website, www.landisvalleymuseum.org.

Situated on 100 acres in Lancaster, PA, Landis Valley Village and Farm Museum is a living history village that collects, preserves and interprets the history and material culture of the Pennsylvania German community from 1740 to 1940. The museum is administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission with the active support of the Landis Valley Associates, a community non-profit support organization.

UPCOMING EVENT

MAJOR CORPORATIONS SPONSOR UPCOMING BLACKPOWDER GOLF TOURNAMENT

By Rich Steiner, Committee Chair

Monday, October 15, 2012 marks the date of the second annual Jacobstown Historical Society Blackpowder golf tournament to be held at Southmoore Country Club and followed by post tournament activities at Miguel's Restaurant, located in Belfast. The tournament represents our largest special event fundraising initiative with last year's event raising nearly \$17,000.

This year the golf committee is pleased to report that major corporate sponsors include Accenture, Air Products, Cabela's and Martin Guitar. Based on last year's feedback we are confident that this year's event will be equally fun filled for participants and volunteers alike. An unusual aspect of our event includes a "closest to the pin" opportunity to fire a Pennsylvania longrifle under the supervision of "Mr. PA Black Power," Dave Ehrig.

During the post golf activities, we will also be selecting the winner of the 2012 JHS Raffle. This year's prize includes a contemporary period longrifle, powder horn and leather bag all hand-crafted by instructors in our Early American Craft Education program.

Again, mark your calendar for this autumn date and join us for a fun filled day of golf, food, prizes and camaraderie. Sponsors, golfers, and volunteers are all still being recruited. Brochures will be mailed to all members in mid-July. If you have any questions, please contact the Society office.



Dave Ehrig and Rich Steiner receive Cabela's support of the Blackpowder Golf Tournament from Harold Luther, events coordinator.

RESEARCH

A RARE SWEITZER IN NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

By Greg Huber

*Gregory D. Huber is an independent scholar, consultant and principal owner of both **Past Perspectives** and **Eastern Barn Consultants**, historic and cultural resources companies that are based in Macungie, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. His special focus is in **House Histories** and **Barn Histories** of historic homesteads in southeast Pennsylvania and beyond.*

A student of early vernacular architecture since 1971, Huber has specialized in pre-1830 barn and house architecture of Holland Dutch and Pennsylvania Swiss-German and certain English settled areas of the northeast. He has lectured to more than 125 audiences and led dozens of barn tours in several states of the northeast. He is author of more than 150 articles on barn and house architecture and is co-author of two books.

At one time, thousands of early style Sweitzers dotted the cultural landscape in southeast Pennsylvania. Likely starting in the third quarter of the eighteenth-century they served the fundamental needs of many farmers until about 1825 when they lost their basic utility. Few were built after that time. Sweitzers are still commonly seen, for example, in Lancaster and Lebanon Counties. From there, the farther east one goes the less these barns are encountered. About thirty Sweitzers have been seen in Lehigh County while only two have ever been identified here in Northampton County.

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staff) built upon the strong foundation laid by Tim Lubenesky and Mike Jones. New records were set in attendance and income. In addition to these on-campus events, the Society (which is you) has had very successful travel shows. Among these have been the Slate Belt Heritage Day, Kutztown Folk Festival, and Easton Heritage Day. If you missed any of these, don't despair. Mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

REMEMBER, your 2012 membership provides you with **FREE** access to the Pennsylvania Longrifle Museum every Saturday and Sunday until the end of October 2012. Our "Henry Involvement in the War of 1812" exhibit is still on view and will be until the end of this season. Please recall on the third Sundays of August, September and October the entire Boulton Historic Site – the John Joseph Henry House, Summer Kitchen and the Hawk Gun Shop in addition to the Longrifle Museum – are also open for your enjoyment. So please come and take advantage of your membership and visit the grounds which you help to maintain. Also, your "Passport to History" begins here at Boulton! Stop by the Pennsylvania Longrifle Museum and pick up your passport and the "stamp" for our location. Over twenty historical societies and museums within Northampton County have joined forces to provide a glimpse of our county's history. At each stop your passport will be stamped or labeled like a regular passport so you can be the envy of your neighbors. This is a great activity to share with kids or grandkids.

Until my next ramble,

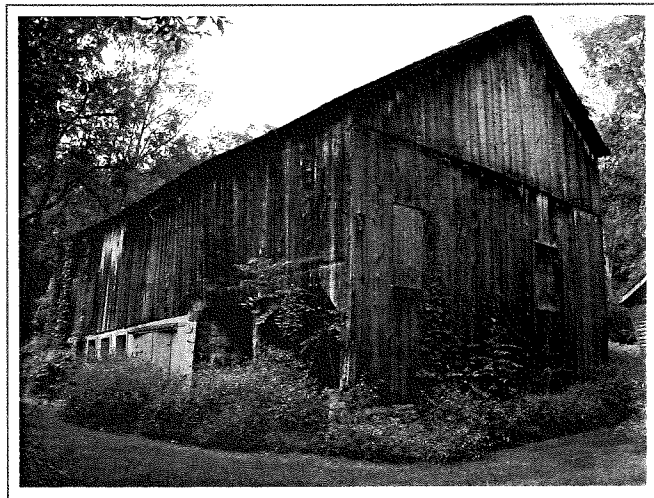
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Howard B. White, President

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A Sweitzer is defined as a two-level banked fore-bay style barn. It has an asymmetrical roof-line due to the distinctive appendage or fore-bay or over-shoot at the front of the barn. These barns can be built with logs, stones, brick or frame units. The earliest ones were built of log.

One of the two Sweitzers in the county resides at Jacobsburg State Park; the other is a log structure in western Moore Township. The state park Sweitzer is a two-section frame building; the original section of small to medium size is a three-bay construction – a middle wagon bay and two end bays. A later built one-bay frame addition appears at the one end of the barn. Some original exterior siding survives. Much of the authentic bent framing is intact. The stable wall was completely removed at one point. The three-bay section was built circa 1850 while the addition was built a decade or two later. The Sweitzer deserves to be safeguarded for future generations. **NOTE: Greg will expand on this topic during his presentation, "A Special Sweitzer at Jacobsburg Park" on Saturday, October 13, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.**



PARTNER EVENT

LEARN HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN GREEN CLEANERS

COLLABORATIVE EVENT WITH THE JACOBURG ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

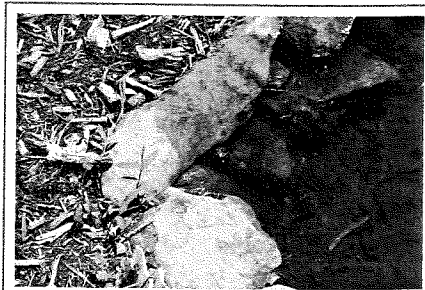
Feeling a bit overwhelmed by the chemical cleaners in your home? Learn how to make your own household cleaners the old-fashioned way from ingredients that you already have in the kitchen. Natural cleaners are a great way to make your home greener and healthier. Take home recipes and samples of what we make together in this hands-on lesson. Class will be held at the John Joseph Henry House, 402 Henry Road on Saturday, September 22nd from 2-3:30 p.m.

GARDEN CORNER

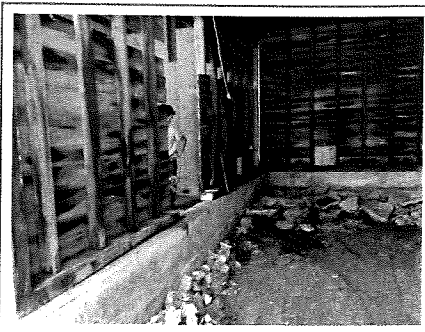
By Bobbie DiGerlando

Well, summer is here in all her glory and intensity. Our garden keepers, Tess and Jim and Julia, have faithfully weeded and planted and watered to help our leafy friends keep growing with all the heat. Visitors to the Reenactment enjoyed strolling the grounds while the younger guests looked among the plants for their Scavenger Hunt question on 'plants with animal names.' The heat is enjoyed by the tomatoes, eggplant, and peppers; also the tropicals, such as the hibiscus, oleander, elephant ears, plumbago, and dahlias. Come walk the gardens some afternoon or evening; afternoon to see the butterflies and hummingbirds, evening to see the deer. Also, come check out our little pond and say 'Hello' to Hank, our resident frog. The trees have benefited from the mulch placed around them by Scout Pack #33 from Bath and look lovely. Garden helpers are always appreciated, and we just love to teach new plant aides what to pull. Volunteers of all experience levels are always welcome.

See you at the Gardens!



Above: Hank the Frog in his small pond in the formal garden. Below: Work begins on the EACE workshop.



EARLY AMERICAN CRAFT EDUCATION AT BOULTON

By Frank Willis

So far this year, we have completed three different and very successful craft classes. In February we held our fourth annual powder horn class. The first redware pottery class was held in March, and our very popular flintlock gun class in April and May. The fall the schedule will be a leather working class in October and a second gun making course as well.

Next year the powder horn class has been scheduled for the four Saturday afternoons in January. The redware class will again be in March. The spring gun class is also scheduled. The 18th Century sewing class will be offered if there is enough interest. Finally, an advanced powder horn class, to include scrimshaw decorating, is being planned.

Classes fill quickly so now is the time to call the office and sign up!

BEGINNING GUNSMITH APPRENTICE CLASS

SATURDAYS, 10 AM - 5 PM ~ SEPTEMBER 8, 22, 29; OCTOBER 6, 13, 20
\$750, ALL MATERIALS INCLUDED. \$250 DEPOSIT TO HOLD SPACE.

LEATHER HUNTING BAG CLASS

WEEKEND EVENING TBD, FOUR WEEKS IN OCTOBER 2012
\$250, ALL MATERIALS INCLUDED. \$50 DEPOSIT TO HOLD SPACE.

BARN COMPLEX RENOVATION BEGINS FOR EACE WORKSHOP

By Frank Willis

By the time this newsletter reached your mailbox, our project to renovate two rooms in the barn complex behind the John Joseph Henry House will be well underway. After many months of planning - including applying for permits and successful fundraising of over \$40,000 - we have started work. Upon completion we will have a 24'x20' room for our craft classes and assorted other uses and a 24'x16' store room, within which will be located a handicap accessible bathroom. This renovation will provide much needed space without changing the exterior look of our wonderful, historic setting.

Up to this point, we have been holding Early American Craft Education classes in the basement of the Pennsylvania Longrifle Museum - not the best place to be making dust! The new workshop will provide space for a variety of different classes to be taught and for tool storage.

Local tradesmen have been contacted to do the work, and we expect to have the project completed by the end of September.

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What are your areas of interest in Boulton?

☐ Genealogy ☐ Henry History ☐ Local History ☐ Industrial Early America

☐ Moravian History ☐ Other _____

☐ John Joseph Henry House ☐ Summer Kitchen ☐ Gardens

☐ Pennsylvania Longrifle Museum ☐ Nicholas Hawk Gun Shop

☐ **Please send me information about volunteer opportunities.**

Classes currently offered within our Early American Craft Education Program:

☐ Open Hearth Cooking ☐ Gunsmith Apprentice Program

☐ Powder Horns ☐ Leather Hunting Bag

☐ Redware Pottery ☐ Eighteenth Century Clothing Construction

Please mail along with payment to:

Jacobstown Historical Society, P.O. Box 345, Nazareth, PA 18064

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CALENDAR

July 15 John Joseph Henry House & Grounds
Open Noon - 4:00 p.m.

July 22 Gordon & Hujsa Lectures at Landis Valley (2:00 p.m.)

July 25 Women in Nazareth Networking Luncheon (JJHH, Noon)

July 26 Nazareth Chamber Bonfire Mixer (Pasture, 6:00-8:00 p.m.)

July 27 Honorable Company of Horner's Picnic (JJHH, 6:00-8:00 p.m.)

July 27 - Dixon's Gunmaker's Fair in Kempton, PA

July 28 - Office Closed (ED on vacation)

Aug 5 John Joseph Henry House & Grounds
Open Noon - 4:00 p.m.

Aug 25 'A Picnic at Boulton' (Gardens, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.)

Sept 8 Family Camp Out (Pasture, Overnight)

Sept 14 - Forks District (Minsi)

Sept 16 Boy Scout Camporee

Sept 21 John Joseph Henry House & Grounds
Open Noon - 4 p.m.

Sept 22 JEEC Green Cleaners Class (Summer Kitchen 2:00-3:30 p.m.)

Sept 29 Equi-librium Ride-a-thon

Oct 13 Family Camp Out (Pasture, Overnight)

Oct 14 Greg Huber Barn Presentation (PLM, 2:00-3:00 p.m.)

Oct 15 2nd Annual JHS Blackpowder Golf Tournament (9:00 a.m.)

Oct 21 John Joseph Henry House & Grounds
Open Noon - 4 p.m.

Oct 28 Last Day of 2012 Museum Season

At a Glance

Museum Hours *MAY THROUGH OCTOBER*

PENNSYLVANIA LONGRIFLE MUSEUM
Noon - 4 p.m. every Saturday & Sunday

JOHN JOSEPH HENRY HOUSE MUSEUM
Noon - 4 p.m., the third Sunday of the month

Group tours available. Call the Society office to schedule.

Office Hours

The Jacobstown Historic Society office is located at 402 Henry Road. Summer office hours are Tues. afternoons, Wed. & Thurs. mornings, and by appointment.

Contact Us

You can reach the Society office at 610-759-9029, jacobstown@rcn.com or visit us at www.jacobstown.org.

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Directions to Boulton: Take the Belfast exit off PA Route 33. Turn West towards the woods. Go over the William Henry Atherton Bridge. **Either** turn right into the driveway for 403 Henry Road and follow long drive to parking lot beyond the barns **or** pass 402 Henry Road and turn left onto Schoeneck Ave, driving past the red-roofed barn complex on the left to the pasture beyond.

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