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HAVE YOU SEEN YOUR PROPERTY LATELY?

There are several volunteers who are at Jacobsburg two or three days a week. Wednesdays and Fridays usually see someone trimming shrubbery or weeding, or mowing, or repairing a piece of equipment. Often the day is hot; the air, for all that, cooler than back "in town."

These workers have been amazed at the lack of visitors during the week. True, the houses are not open, but why swelter in town when you own part of a country place? Huge trees provide shade, rolling lawns invite walks, and cool porches offer rest and relaxation. Members might even drop by of an afternoon just to see what is going on - or bring a picnic lunch.

It is time for members to think of the John Joseph House and Grounds as theirs - to take advantage of the privilege of their membership. And, by the way, to demonstrate your interest and appreciation in those who are out there working on your property week after week.

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NEW FOLDER

It has been some time since we have produced a publicity folder. Thanks to Dale Prinkey of The Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center, we now have a very attractive and informative piece of printing.

Dale approached the subject as being a National Historic District rather than a 'resume' of the history of The Homestead. The initial face of the folder presents portraits of six Henrys with a brief sketch of each.

Fully opened, we find a map of the Jacobsburg district, with Dale's drawings of Jacobsburg Village, Henry's Forge (The Benade House) and Boulton. With each sketch is a concise paragraph on the subject. These areas are keyed to a map covering both the State and Society holdings. Two smaller maps direct visitors to the major routes from New York and Philadelphia.

NEW FOLDER (Cont'd.)

Included on the back fold is stated the purpose of the Society, its resources and how to obtain additional information. All together this is a very well executed piece of printing and should help to strengthen our public image. Both Dale Prinkey and Publicity Chairman Dallum Blandy are to be thanked for this fine piece of work.

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KEEPING THE RECORD ALIVE

It is with regret that we announce that Bea Schlamp has given notice she can no longer continue as Editor of the Record. Bea has successfully put out issue after issue in spite of a lack of flow from news sources which we might expect from members and chairpersons. Bea is a busy person, and carried out this task at some personal sacrifice. This, and the lack of support expected from others, leads many a volunteer to wonder if, appreciation lacking, the sacrifice of time is worthwhile.

The Record is one of our most vital programs. It is the one thing that binds our Society together, and is necessary as an instrument to inform our members and (we always hope) record the thoughts of members on what is going on, and what is planned.

This issue is being put together by a few who already have heavy duties in our current program. It is a stop-gap to continue the publication until other volunteers can be found. It is an "at home" job and one with a choice of working hours. Each issue has a two-month preparation period. Please, someone, come forward!

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COMING EVENTS FOR 1991

OPEN HOUSE - Second and Fourth Sunday each month through
October - both homes.

August 24th & 25 - Wildlife Artists and Carvers Show to be
held at The Homestead.

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H.B.I. GUN EXHIBIT

On June 6th and 7th the Society sponsored an exhibit on the Henry Family story at the Handwork Crafts Show put on by Historic Bethlehem, Inc.

For this event, Bob Newell designed and constructed a special exhibit panel. The backboard was hung with framed photographs of the Gun Works and other scenes, with smaller matching frames containing an appropriate text. On the table itself Bob arranged Henry guns and related objects.

Bob manned the booth both days, giving his usual fact-filled talk and answering questions. In addition, the Society books and the new pamphlet were available.

We are at a loss to give adequate thanks to this loyal member. The fact that his usual Committee helpers were off on other projects for those days did not mean that the exhibit would fall by the wayside. When help fails, Bob goes it alone - but the job gets done. Again, our sincere thanks.

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MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

This has been a very busy and productive year so far. Assuming full responsibility for the Stites Estate has greatly expanded the need for volunteer skills. During the period when the "Bank" was responsible for the administration of the Estate, it was necessary to hire people and services to keep the property in reasonable condition.

The Maintenance Committee is attempting to arrange for donated time and skills to reduce the Society's operating cost and conserve our funds. Some arrangements have been made for such items as Lawn Care, Tractor Maintenance, Tree Trimming, etc., but we still have a great many areas and items that can utilize volunteer skills and labor.

We have cleaned out the Summer Kitchen and the Root Cellar in preparation for proper interpretation, but listed below are some of the items that still need to be done.

1. Install shelves in the Root Cellar.
2. Rearrangement of the wiring.
3. Repair the cracked and broken plaster in the Summer Kitchen.
4. Repair the original baseboard and trim in the Kitchen.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE (Cont'd.)

5. Repair the steps to the Root Cellar.
6. Replace the modern screen door.
7. Painting inside.
8. Install proper door on Smokehouse.

This is a partial list of items where you can be of great assistance to your Society. Call Jim Shedlauskas (215-435-4509) to get more details on these projects and get involved in the actual operation of your property.

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GEARY GUMM

Lawn mowing has been shared between Bill Atherton and our tenant, Geary Gumm. Bill usually takes the "high road" (beyond the pastures and The Homestead property) while Geary attends to the areas around the house, garden and orchard.

There was an old song, "Give A Man A Horse He Can Ride," which might be Bill's theme song if "Horse" is changed to "Mower." He has been on this job for some years now.

Geary is a valuable addition in another way (beyond getting the grass cut). He is proud of his work and always adding side tasks that are all in our favor. A low branch needs trimming, Geary cuts it and hauls it away - mowing at garden edge or under trees takes extra time, Geary takes it. And who else would paint worn spots on old equipment or wax the hood of a mower when putting it away? A good man, Geary, and we appreciate the job you are doing.

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RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Mrs. Stewart M. Demson of Allentown has sent us a photograph of Helen and Harriet Henry sitting in the Homestead Parlor. It is good to have a record of these former occupants, as well as a glimpse of how this room was furnished.

Wink and George Rutler have a beeswax molding business in Phillipsburg and on their recent visit to the John Joseph House noted that we could use some candles. They have been most generous in sending us a dozen beeswax candles.

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Individual	\$5.00	Family	\$12.50	Organizations	\$25.00

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Tannery Club	\$100.00	Boulton Club	\$500.00	Henry Rifle club	\$1,000
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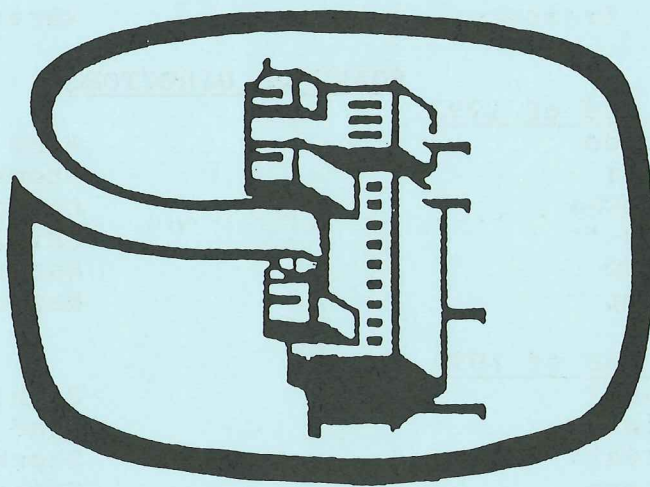
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