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ANNUAL FALL MEETING AND DINNER

October 17, 1996

Stockertown Memorial Hall

Our speaker for the evening is **Mr. Robert F. Brand** and his presentation will focus on Indian Artifacts. Mr. Brand has been active in Indian artifact collecting and amateur archaeology for the past twenty years. He is a member of several national, state, and local archaeological societies and clubs. His artifact collection is pictured in **Who's Who In Indian Artifacts** (Parks and Thompson) and **North American Indian Artifacts** (Hothem). Mr. Brand has done artifact restoration for the Lehigh County Museum in Allentown. He is a historian by profession and is currently teaching in the Parkland School District.

Further details will be announced in a separate mailing, but mark your calendars now to reserve this date. The cost per person is \$15.00.

HISTORIC CORRIDOR MEETING - On August 22nd, Don Repsher and Robert Frick attended the Historic Corridor meeting in Jim Thorpe. This was held in the Mauch Chunk Opera House which is in the process of restoration.

Each of the Visitor Centers, or "Landings," will distribute folders listing nearby attractions. These will be listed by category and the purpose of the meeting was to enlist volunteers to organize the necessary information for each of the folders.

We feel it is good for Jacobsburg Historical Society to be represented at these meetings. It is also an opportunity for us to learn of other historical organizations and sites as we visit the various meeting places.



CHARLES M. SANDWICK

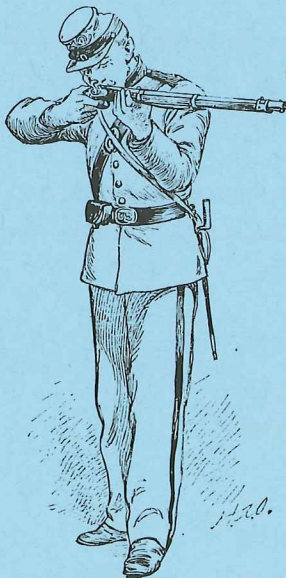
On Friday, July 19th, the Society lost one of its oldest and dedicated members. Charles M. Sandwick served as a Board member and Chairman of our Research Committee for many years. He authored the Society's first publication, "Jacobsburg, A Pennsylvania Community and Its People." The meticulous scholarship shown in this work continues to be of value to present-day researchers.

Charlie and his wife, Jessie, were always present at our affairs, and even in the last years, at great personal effort, always attended the Annual Dinner. May Charlie's dedication and service remain an example to the rest of us.

1996 PROGRAMS

Sept. 21 & 22 - Bushkill Creek Festival, with the Bushkill Conservancy
Philip Schroeder, Chairman
Saturday, Sept. 21, 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Sept. 22, 12:00 Noon to 5:00 P.M.
Various displays and demonstrations.
Period clothing and Henry Arms Collection on display.
House Tours.

Oct. 12 & 13 - 11th Annual Jacobsburg Civil War Weekend
John Morrow and Robert Newell, Cochairmen
Company G of the 96th Pa. Volunteer Infantry will be
encamped on the grounds of the Henry Homestead.
Infantry Drills and Musketry Demonstrations
Large collection of Civil War relics on display.
See camp life of the typical Civil War soldier.



Dec. 7 - Board of Directors Honors Volunteers
Dec. 8 - Christmas Open House
Henry Homestead

The following article comes from the continuous research of Henry family correspondence which is being done by Don Repsher:

WHO WAS THE "WILLIAM HENRY" WHO WORKED FOR THE BARBER ASPHALT COMPANY IN EUROPE IN 1886?

His letter from Paris, addressed to "Cousin John Woolf Jordan," mentions correspondence with his mother. John Woolf Jordan, who forwarded the letter to James Henry, refers to him as "Willie." He operated a steam roller, paving some of the streets of Berlin and Paris:

....My part is to run the steam roller.... In Berlin they were very cordial toward the American company. Here (in Paris) they cordially hate all foreign workmen, and we have not experienced the same kindly feeling that Berliners seemed to have for Americans....

Every day's work is a pleasure.... The steam roller attracts considerable attention and the sidewalks are sometimes lined three rows deep.

Our work in Berlin was on Lansberger Strasse, just off from Alexander Platz.... In Paris there are two sections on the Rue de Rivoli, another by the Louvre building. This is an old and historical part of Paris....

This is a fine company to work for. They send us from place to place first class, and allow \$2.00 per day for board and lodging. I have never enjoyed eating so much in my life. It takes an hour for lunch and an hour and a half or two hours for dinner. There are four ladies at the table, and when coffee, etc., is finished they smoke cigarettes, and of course I do also. Altogether we are living in true Parisian style. A cup of coffee and two rolls in the morning before getting out of bed....

With love, affectionately,

William Henry

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AUGUST PICNIC

The summer of 1996 brought some changes in our Society program. Instead of Open House Programs in July and August, we had a picnic and private "gun show" on the grounds of the John Joseph House. The members' picnic is something that had been discussed at Board meetings for several years, and it finally came to fruition in August. The unique twist was that the picnic was hosted by our friends from the Pennsylvania Antique Gun Collectors Association.

Approximately 200 members attended the event; about ninety members from our Society and the remainder from the P.A.G.C.A.

The day began about 10:00 A.M. on a beautiful Sunday morning with coffee and doughnuts. The weather all day was as near perfect as possible. The private gun show was held under a 40' x 80' tent in the program area just east of the gardens at the John Joseph House. There were some excellent Henry pieces on display in the tent along with a wide variety of other weapons. We had our usual fine display of Henry artifacts in the Homestead Museum, and also conducted a number of tours through the John Joseph House.

The garden lawn was set up for Croquet, Horseshoes and Quoits. After a catered lunch, the afternoon was spent in old fashioned visiting with old friends, meeting new people, and generally having a good time. Those members who were unable to attend certainly missed an enjoyable day.

Once again, we extend a very sincere "thank you" to our friends in the P.A.G.C.A. for providing the picnic and making this a memorable event.

ROAD SHOW

Once again the road led to Dixon's Muzzleloading Shop near Kempton, Pa., the site of the annual Gunmakers Fair. This event draws participants and visitors from all over the United States.

For the past three years we have been one of the premiere attractions at the Fair. Virtually every exhibitor and visitor found his/her way through our tent. All seemed to enjoy the display and many stopped to ask questions, study and photograph the variety of Henry Arms available for public viewing.

The Henry Arms Committee would like to thank all who contributed in any way to help make this venture a success.

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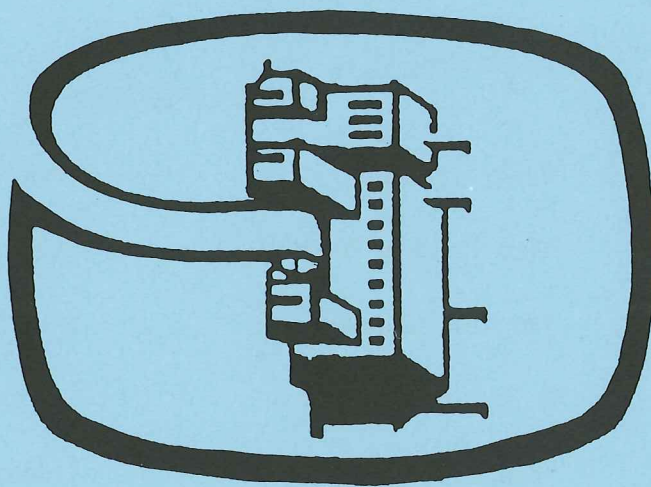
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