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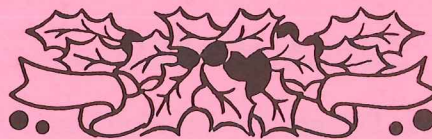
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VOLUNTEER HOLIDAY GET-TOGETHER

The members of the Board of Directors will host a Christmas Party to honor our volunteers of the past year. This will be held at the Henry Homestead on the evening of December 5th starting at 6:30 P.M.

The event not only gives the volunteers a first view of the exhibits and decorations, but affords our workers an opportunity to meet and visit with one another. A pleasant social evening is assured and any boasting about the projects carried out is forgiven!

All volunteers are urged to attend even if a special notice is not received.



CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

On Sunday afternoon, **December 6th**, from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M., the Annual Open House at the Henry Homestead will be held. On exhibit for this "Old Fashioned Christmas Program" will be toys, winter clothing and winter sports equipment from the Henry attic, many not shown before. Included will be family-related cards and documents.

Of course it would not be a Christmas Open House without the decorated Christmas Tree and the Christmas Putz to delight both young and old. Refreshments will be served, including the famous Jacobsburg Brew.

This event is our Christmas gift to neighbors and friends, and **no admission** will be charged.

On your way home you will enjoy seeing the many lighted window candles in the Society buildings and neighboring properties along Henry Road.

ANNUAL FALL MEETING AND DINNER

The Annual Fall Meeting of Jacobsburg Historical Society was held in conjunction with the Fall Dinner at Holy Family Club, Nazareth, on October 22, 1998. Sixty-nine members and friends were in attendance.

A review of 1998 highlights of the Society was given by A.J. Shedlauskas.

The following Directors were elected to the Board, Class of 2001:

Joseph DiGerlando
Virginia Lopresti
John Molnar
Donald Repsher

A. James Shedlauskas
Wendy Totani
Mary Ann Van Norman

Our speaker for the evening was Mr. Thomas Heard of the National Canal Museum.

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THEY ALSO SERVE

Day by day things get done. Perhaps the work force isn't obvious, but it is there. During the year 1998, volunteers at Jacobsburg put in some 2,881 hours. At minimum wage, this amounts to a gift of about \$14,400. We owe much to our faithful volunteers.

To most people the word "volunteers" means tour guides, but that is a very narrow concept. Buildings are kept in repair and gardens are weeded. Furniture is repaired and needed items produced in the Blacksmith Shop. Important papers are filed and membership records kept. Then there are professional duties carried out at no cost, such as financial matters and caring for and recording the possessions of the Society. Let us not forget lecturers and teachers. And how do you think the Record reaches you six times a year?

Yes, the type of volunteer is varied and covers a large range of activities. Whatever you enjoy doing, the Historical Society has a job for you!

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ACCESSIONS FOR 1998

N.B. The initial "U" designates a utility item.

	<u>Item</u>	<u>Donated By</u>
U98.4.1	Toshiba Copier	John Molnar
98.5.1	Iron Garden Chair	Robert Frick
98.6.1	Oil Portrait, Wm. Henry, Sr.	William Atherton
98.6.2	Oil Portrait, Ann Wood Henry	William Atherton
98.7.1	Blacksmith Self-feed Post Drill	Robert L. Gross
U98.8.1	Cassette Deck	Matthew W. Morris
98.9.1	Gun Barrel Hone	George Dech
98.10.1	Henry Gun Stock Blank	Millard Johnson, Jr.
U98.11.1	500 feet #6 copper wire	A. J. Shedlauskas
U98.12.1	Computer	Air Products
98.13.1	Award Plaque	Minsi Trail Council BSA
U98.14.1	Electric Pencil	A. J. Shedlauskas
98.15.1-3	Horse Overshoes, Ladderback chair, Farrier's box	Paul Hager
U98.16.1	Dress Form	M/M Earl Van Norman
98.17.1	Rendezvous Broadside, Laminated	George Dech
98.18.1	Sizing Tool for 14 gauge shotgun	George Dech
98.19.1	Rifle Frolic Medallion 1998	Committee
98.20.1	Rendezvous Medallion 1998	Committee
98.21.1-12	Event Directional Signs	Thomas Lynn, Prints and Impressions, Bath, Pa.
98.22.1	Rifling Machine and Bench	Tim Lubenesky
<u>Gunnery</u>	Henry Shotgun, 16 Gauge, Twist Action	Tim Lubenesky
<u>Library</u>	Nazareth Hall, H.H.Hacker	Tim Lubenesky
	Life of Wm. Henry - F. Jordan, Jr.	Tim Lubenesky
	Wm. Henry And His Friends, A. M.Diaz	Tim Lubenesky
	History of Lehigh Valley, Matthew Henry	Tim Lubenesky
	Harpers Ferry Armory - Merrit R. Smith	Tim Lubenesky
	Woodworking Hand Tools - G. Blackburn	R. Frick
	The Real People & Children Of Thunder-Ann Riordan	R. Frick
	Rockdale - Anthony F.C.Wallace	Purchase
	The Pennsylvania German Family - Amos Long	Purchase
<u>Manuscripts</u>	2 - with signatures of Wm. Henry Sr. & Wm. Henry, Jr.	Tim Lubenesky

Mistakes are always possible. If any gift has not been recorded, please let me know.

Robert Frick

WINTER SLEIGH RIDES

by John Woolf Jordan, written in 1894

(Taken from the Society publication, "Memories of Old Nazareth")

How many of the good people of Nazareth remember the old fashioned high, stiff-backed sleighs, filled with straw and furnished with homemade blankets, and around the horse's neck a string of large deep-toned brass bells, in which we would glide over the snow-covered ground in winter?

Now the graceful sleigh cutter, well provided with robes made from buffalo and bear, and horses bedecked with innumerable silver bells, has taken the place of the ancient sleigh.

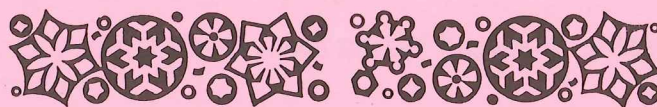
It was just before this period of transition that a sleigh load of four congenial brethren left the dear old town for a round trip by way of Christian's Spring (then still famous for the excellence of its rye bread and butter), Bath, and Bethlehem.

On the homeward way, the bright lights and sounds of music and jollity within the inn at Hecktown arrested them in their course. Alighting, they found that a ball was in progress on the second floor, and on being invited in by the landlord, they were escorted to the ballroom. On two tables, at one end of the room, was stationed the orchestra of three pieces, laboring with some popular music; and the floor was well filled with happy dancers.

Introductions followed and it was not long before the travelers found themselves engaged for supper, which was to follow the next waltz. How many of them indulged in this spirited recreation is mere speculation, but the vim and dexterity with which one of them twirled his partner the length and breadth of the room until the last note of music sounded is impressed upon the memory of the others.

And what a royal supper it was! The long table groaned under the weight of roast turkey, chicken and ducks, chicken salad and fried oysters, cold meats, sausage, cheese, sour beets and pickles, large and small sponge cakes, and ice cream in large vessels from which soup was ordinarily consumed.

The sound of music recalled the company to the ballroom, where dancing was resumed. When the travelers finally reached the time to depart, it was nearing the hour when ghosts scurry off to their retreats for fear of hearing the cock's crow. And the party goes silently journeyed homeward with the sleigh bells stowed away under the seat.



FALL CLEAN-UP DAY, OCTOBER 24, 1998

It was a beautiful Fall day to be working outside and that is where our volunteers spent their time. The air was crisp enough that it kept everyone moving. This was a general clean-up of the grounds at the J.J. House and the Homestead in preparation for the winter. The wood supply was replenished for the Summer Kitchen, and debris and unusable wood behind the Summer Kitchen were cleaned up. A very large amount of leaves were raked and disposed of. This should make the Spring clean-up of the grounds a lot easier.

Our turnout on this day was not large, but they were hard workers. Thank you from the Society to Gary Gum, Howie White, Virginia Lopresti, Joe and Carolyn Flemish, Bob Newell, Earl and Mary Ann Van Norman, Phil and Barb Schroeder, Ron and Elaine Gabel, Jason and Adam Stephan, Valerie McNulty, Jim and Estelle Shedlauskas, and Bob Frick. We also wish to thank a group of Brownies from Troop 614 in Northampton and several Boy Scouts from Troop 364 in Coopersburg who worked with the volunteers in cleaning up the grounds. This kind of work helps the scouts who are working toward their Community Service badge.

On another day, a diseased and damaged Hickory tree across from the Stone House was removed.

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CURATORIAL PROGRESS

The Decorative Arts Department is happy with its new Accessions Forms. These have not only been updated to provide additional information, but are better suited to our expanded use of artifacts in both borrowing and lending. Another improvement is having each form printed on different colored paper so it is easier to distinguish the use of one form from another.

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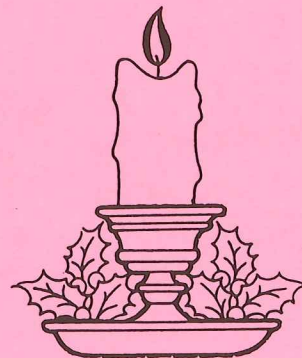
FOOD FOR THOUGHT

A New Year's Resolution that each member of Jacobsburg Historical Society make a resolution for 1999 to attend at least one special event and volunteer to help at one special event!

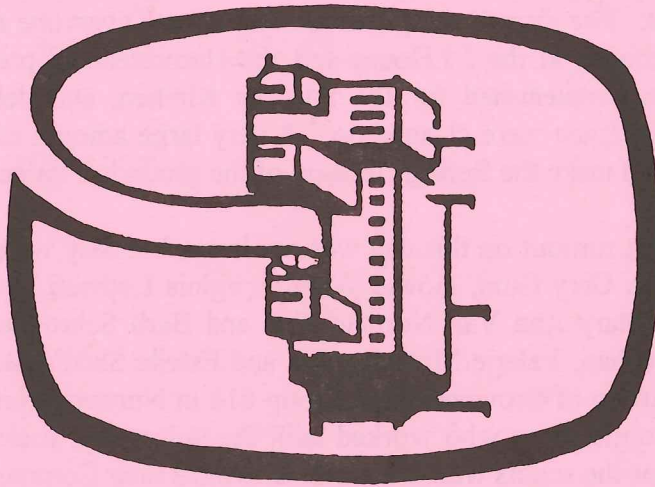


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TO ALL!



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