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COME, COME TO THE SUMMER FESTIVAL

Saturday, July 15, is the day--come one, come all! It's the Jacobsburg Historical Society's Summer Festival, Northampton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 3 miles north of Nazareth (Broad St. Extension) on the Bushkill Center Road. Time: 12:00 noon to 7:30 P.M.

Bring the children--there will be games under the direction of Art Stasiak.

Parking (\$1.00) will be handled by Boy Scouts. Free parking is extended to those who present their patron tickets.

Everyone is asked to contribute baked goods--get in touch with Margaret Stocker, 258-0210. Contribute plants to the Plant Table (garden and herbs)--call Betsy Zeller, 252-4993. Refreshments are in charge of Virginia Lopresti and Janet Gum--volunteer for kitchen duty, 759-1580 or 759-1862.

Help is needed from the entire membership--don't wait to be asked! Volunteer! Call G. Earl Peace, 258-4723.

A special feature will be the demonstration encampment of a Revolutionary War light infantry unit. The portrayal will be by the New Jersey Light Infantry of 1777 from Belvidere, N.J. They will put on musket and bayonet drills. They will also cook provisions over open fires and will share some of this Revolutionary flavor with visitors to the Festival.

Back by popular demand are the guided archeological bus tours to the Jacobsburg dig site.

We're delighted to have crafters with us who are regulars at the Kutztown Folk Festival. Mr. Shunk, a potter who has been at Kutztown more than 15 years, will be exhibiting with us. Mr. Ahern, who has appeared at Kutztown and also at the American Spirit Gallery in Washington, D.C., does handsome decoy carving and bird paintings. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, for instance, are known nationwide for their anthracite art.

Doll collectors will be interested to know Mrs. Bechtold of Whitehall has consented for the first time ever to show her antique dolls. Over a period of 10 years, she has collected more than 500 dolls.

Antiques from homes and farms will be displayed--some items such as noodle makers and apple peelers are in working order.

Noted artists, craftspeople, and exhibitors will be working, producing, displaying, teaching, and selling in areas of:

Chalkware
Tole painting
Silver working
Crocheting
Quilling

Theorem painting
Coal and precious gem work
Pa. German folk art
Spinning, weaving, and dyeing
Leather fashioning

Rag doll making
Stained glass
Quilting
Chair caning
Blacksmithing

Macrame	Rug making-hooked & braided	Pottery making
Decoy carving	Miniature furniture	Bird painting
Woodcraft	Dried & pressed flower arts	Hammock making
Soap making	Corn husk dolls	Wooden toys
World of herbs	Candle dipping	Model home building

In this list there is an interest area for everyone. Talk up the Jacobsburg Festival---round up the family and friends! Don't miss it--July 15.

G. Earl Peace, General Chairman
Mary Lou Audenried, Exhibitors

REMINISCENCES AND RECIPES FROM THE BOULTON COOKBOOK

Mary Henry Stites

Summer is close at hand--Decoration Day, or Memorial Day, is past. June is a pleasant month, one of my favorite times of the year, before the heat of midsummer, and with the growing things still in fresh, spring green.

We are still in the season of burgeoning growth, and the disillusionment of too much rain or not enough still lies ahead. Also weeds! Hope springs eternal in every gardener's breast--even if the rabbits, or maybe groundhogs, and if not these, perhaps last year it was the deer that cleaned off the lettuce and the beans, the corn, and the row of beets.

Rhubarb seems to escape the attentions of the wildlife--perhaps because of the ability of the stalks and the poison in the leaves. There is no better spring tonic than a saucer of stewed rhubarb sufficiently sweetened and gathered while young and tender. Today it is the fashion simply to wash and cut up the stalks in bite-size pieces, as many people do with cucumbers.

I have nothing against this practice, but in Boulton, the stalks were always skinned, and in the process the strings were removed, the stalks were then cut, washed, and with the least amount of water possible, put in a saucepan over low heat. When it was tender, the rhubarb was removed from the stove, sugar added to taste--again don't skim on sweetening--and served warm, unless, of course, it was preferred chilled. We liked it warm best just as we did apple sauce. A shake of cinnamon and a grate or two of nutmeg adds flavor. If you wish to use it for dessert, a good dollop of whipped cream dresses up the dish and adds a certain festive touch.

Some people don't care too much for rhubarb, and there are always some who like it but can't tolerate it. For these, a rhubarb pie or tart may be the answer. Make your favorite pastry, line a pie tin--about a 9" one should be right--then cut up stalks of rhubarb--a scant two cups or a little less. Mix one cup of sugar, two tablespoons of flour, and one egg slightly beaten. Add the rhubarb and pour into the crust. Add a little sprinkling, again, of cinnamon and a grate or two of nutmeg and bake. This is good served warm. In fact, it is good served warm or cold, but it should not be allowed to stand too long or the crust will become soggy--which nobody likes!

RESTORING HENRY HOMESTEAD

In our last issue (Vol. VI, No. 2, March/April 1978, page 3), we printed the letter from the Department of Environmental Resources, Harrisburg, informing us of the \$40,000 allocated to us to assist in restoration of the Henry Homestead.

This is the dream the Jacobsburg Historical Society has had since its inception and since the State set aside a tract in Northampton County known as the Jacobsburg State Park. It is a tribute to the hard work of Catherine Beers, Easton, first president, and John Dickey, consultant of Media, that we are backed by State funds and in a position to put on our First Capital Funds Drive, although we are a young group founded only in 1972.

The \$40,000 is a reimbursable grant included in the State budget to be given out from March 1978 to March 1980, but we must furnish the first "up-front" funds before the reimbursement will begin. We must spend before we can be reimbursed. The State funds are for restoration itself--and only. For instance, the Society must furnish funds for collateral expenses--the fixtures connected with wiring and plumbing, printing, etc. Therefore in the fall we will put on a drive for \$65,000.

A committee is already hard at work: Matthew K. Morris, campaign manager; ex-officio, president Catherine Beers; Joe DiGerlando, Janet Gum, Hilton Rahn, Margaret Taylor, and Albert Toth.

MORE GIFTS FOR A JACOESBURG MUSEUM

Mr. Charles M. Sandwick, Sr., has presented the Society with a hard-bound copy of his compilation Eighteenth Century Vital Records from the Early Registers of the Moravian Congregation at Schoeneck, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Copies have also been presented to the Moravian Historical Society and the Easton Area Public Library. The presentation is the first English translation from the original German records, some of them in German script handwriting by various early pastors. The work lists births, baptisms, and parents' names, 1792 to 1800. It immediately becomes an excellent source work for later genealogical students. Charlie Sandwick is to be congratulated, and we say thank you for our copy of this work.

Two additions have been made to the collection of oldies-but-goodies department at the Homestead. They were given by Mrs. Wesley Hilbert (nee Irene Hess) from Forks Township. The first acquisition is a ceramic sponge cake baking dish used by Mrs. Hess's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Meyers Hess, who spent the first 30 years of her married life in Stockertown. The second addition is an antique picture frame containing two photos of wagons made by her father, Frank Hess, a blacksmith. Irene's brother, Raymond, gave blacksmith tools to the Society several years ago. Look for them at our next Open House.

A big thank you from the Society to Mrs. Hilbert for thinking of us.

Virginia Lopresti

On January 5, 1978, an arrowhead collection, numbering 150 or more, was given to the Society by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kocher, High St., Nazareth, Pa., in memory of Mr. Kocher's brother, Francis. These pieces are in a chest of drawers all numbered and cataloged and were collected from Bucks County to Carbon County in Pennsylvania and in Warren County and along the Delaware River in New Jersey. A great number were found in the area of "The Rose Inn and Nisky," which has seen quite a bit of Indian travel, and also near the Bushkill Creek where there is an Indian shelter cave. (Most of this area I have traveled with Francis and am familiar with his findings.) At present, the Collection is being sealed and updated with help from another Society member.

The Society expresses its appreciation to the Kochers for this considerable gift of historical significance.

We have also received a large wooden lathe from Eisenhardt Mills Inc. This large piece of machinery was set up to turn out ax handles and single-trees, some pieces of which came with the lathe. The Eisenhardt Mills furnished the truck and three workmen to deliver the lathe to the Henry Homestead.

We well appreciate the time and effort given by the Eisenhardt family to express their interest in the Jacobsburg Historical Society. Thank you!

Albert M. Toth

RAMBLINGS
(1792-1796)

Albert M. Toth

After the usual procedure of land settlement, the next project at hand was to erect the building to suit present needs. This building was to serve more than one purpose, for everyone concerned knew this type of manufacture would last only for a relatively short time.

It was known to all that water to furnish power was close by and in plentiful supply. After careful planning (which will be explained in the next issue) of water drop, volume, etc., the building was erected a certain distance below the dam with a race of given dimensions. Its purpose was to supply water, not at a given speed of flow, but with depth and width to create a steady flow of water for power.

The excavation began and the measurements were as follows: 70' long x 26' wide. The first 7 or 8 ft. in height were laid up with stone; the rest of the building was wooden framework. An over-shot wheel was installed with the flow of water from west to east and with the tail end of the race emptying into the main stream after a short drop. The building had two window openings on the west side. The southern part had one plain dormer and one large unloading dormer in the roof, two 4-pane double windows, and a large sliding door where wagons loaded and unloaded on a slate slab platform. After all the machinery was installed, this mill was ready to manufacture military arms under contract to the State of Pennsylvania. (This writer had the privilege of authenticating one musket made at the Jacobsburg Mill.)

The building was the Henry Gun Factory at Jacobsburg, later turned into a grist mill.

In the next issue, I'll describe how the Henrys determined the horse power and wheel size used at the Jacobsburg, Benade, and Boulton sites.

HISTORICAL RESEARCH

ETHAN ALLEN WEAVER, PRESERVER OF HISTORY

Charles M. Sandwick, Sr.

We are indebted in no small measure to a native of Jacobsburg for the preservation of much of the lore and history of Northampton County. Born in Jacobsburg 7 June 1853, Ethan Allen Weaver was a great-great-grandson of Jacob Weygandt, founder of the first newspaper published in Northampton County, who rose from the rank of private to that of captain while actively serving the cause of American independence in the Revolutionary War.

Ethan Allen Weaver liked to comb through the files of early newspapers for items of historical interest. In the course of his research in the Easton newspapers, he collected several articles by Matthew S. Henry which had appeared in the Easton Whig in 1851. The Henry articles are included in a volume entitled Local Historical and Biographical Notes collected by Ethan Allen Weaver from files of newspapers published in Easton, Penna. (pages 223-231), published at Germantown, PA., in 1906. This is only one of several volumes, written or compiled by E. A. Weaver, which may be found in the historical room at the Easton Area Public Library.

In the course of his historical searching, Weaver found an unpublished (and unedited) manuscript by Matthew S. Henry, begun about 1851, containing the histories of several of the townships of Northampton County. Weaver gave the Henry manuscript to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, which in turn gave a typescript copy to the Easton Library, where the bound volume bears the title Manuscript History of Northampton County, by M. S. Henry. The Bushkill Township chapter contains important information about Jacobsburg, Boulton, and Filetown, and the people involved in the early history and development of the area.

Ethan Allen Weaver attended the public schools in Nazareth from 1859 to 1864, and in Easton from 1864 to 1869, and studied with a private tutor in 1869 to 1870. He was graduated from Lafayette College with the degree of Civil Engineer in 1874; received the degree of Master of Science in 1877; and the honorary degree of Master of Arts in 1924. In 1877 he began the study of law but did not pursue it. In that year he also worked as a reporter for the Easton Express. From 1878 until retirement in 1923, he was employed in the civil engineering department of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. In 1905 he was one of six citizens appointed to a commission to direct and supervise the preservation of the historical archives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and continued in this service through successive appointments by four governors until 1919.

Mr. Weaver was a member of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, the Moravian Historical Society, the Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society, the historical societies of Bucks and Montgomery Counties, the Pennsylvania German Society, and various hereditary and learned societies and fraternal orders. In 1896 he compiled and edited the Decennial Register of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution.

He was married in 1883 to Mary M. Patterson by whom he had four children, two of whom survived him. He died at his home in Germantown,

Pa., 26 May 1929. Another article will deal with the family and ancestry of this illustrious native of Jacobsburg.

FIELD JOURNAL

(Excavation of Matthew S. Henry Home, Continued)

Virginia Lopresti

On Saturday, October 1, 1977, I worked in the area south of the fireplace, the area from which we had moved the bricks. Again there was burned material (Vol. VI, No. 2), but only about 3" of it. We found chicken bones, very thin window pane glass, and a few ceramic sherds. We were excited when we troweled the dark brown soil and uncovered an 1863 Indian Head one-cent piece with a shield on the reverse side. It was only the second coin turned up in 5 years of digging. The ground was very wet and we found it easier to pick it up with the shovel and then go through it with a trowel. In doing so, we found some cut nails and the neck and bottom of a bottle.

On Saturday, October 8, I was lucky enough to have a helper part of the time. He dug along the inside of the south wall in the area of the west door. He found numerous nails below the burned area, many pieces of very thin window pane, one spike hinge used on a door, two buttons, and one quartz crystal. I worked the southeast corner to the base of the stone wall. I found about a dozen pieces of broken bricks, red in color, and numerous pieces of cracked rock, the kind used for filling in the empty spaces between the large stone in all of the walls. These bits of stone were noticeably absent on the inside wall to the west. Having some time left, I worked the area 3' in front of the fireplace. Near the remaining brick wall, I found a 1913 Lincoln Head cent.

On Saturday, the 15th, I worked the area near the west door. I found three small buttons, one glass marble, more nails, and other pieces of rusted metal. I thought when I uncovered a 1926 penny, I had earned my reward for the day. It was here I found two as yet unidentified objects, 2 3/8" thick pieces of polished material. They could be made of wood, bone, or ivory.

After finding a coin on each of the first three Saturdays of October, on Saturday the 22nd I certainly did not expect my luck to hold. But I found a 1920 dime, an Indian Head cent from 1903, and Lincoln pennies dated 1912, 1919, and 1920. The coins were in the area where the stairs led to the floor above. I did some digging on November 20 and December 3, but no valuable contributions were made to our artifacts list. The shovels were then cleaned and hung up for the winter.

Mrs. Ralph Heckman, 759-4145, and Mrs. Samuel Pritchard, 759-4905, are the new chairmen for the Natural Flower Garden.

If '77 follows your name on the address label, your dues are not paid for 1978.