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ANNUAL MEETING--OCTOBER 22

Clear your calendar for that night of October 22, Memorial Hall, Stockertown, dinner at 6:30, cash bar at 6:00. Price, \$8.50, including tax and gratuities--same price as last year. The dinner will include fruit cup, relish tray, mashed potatoes, turkey and filling or ham, succotash, Harvard beets, lettuce with bacon dressing, rolls and butter, homemade pie, coffee/tea. Friends are welcome!

John Gunsser, curator for the past 16 years of the Asa Packer Mansion in Jim Thorpe, will tell us about "The Carpenter Who Built a Fortune." John is an enthusiastic speaker and will show slides as well. The Asa Packer years (1805-1879) were free-enterprise, energetic ones of derring-do. Packer was a canal boat builder. Somehow he became the contractor to build the Lehigh Valley Railroad, then took over ownership in payment.

The Mansion and furnishings are in essence in their original condition, having been kept so by his last remaining daughter, Mrs. Mary Packer Cummings. They reflect the owner's great wealth. After Mrs. Cummings' death, the house was completely sealed.

During Asa Packer's active years, Mauch Chunk (now Jim Thorpe) could boast of nine millionaires. He was certainly one, and actually was considered one of the wealthiest men in the U.S. This is a fascinating story of a builder of canal boats whose activities were involved in Eastern Pennsylvania's development, conjuring up memories of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co., of early coal mining and use of canals for transportation before railroads.

Lehigh University, founded by his original gifts of land and money, is a tribute to his philanthropy. Easton had its Asa Packer elementary school, now demolished, on the South Side. As a churchman, he funded the St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Jim Thorpe, and a beautifully appointed church it is.

Gunsser, from East Jim Thorpe, was graduated from Pen Argyl High School in 1956 and in chemistry from Lehigh University in 1960. He is married to a cousin of Asa Packer. John teaches chemistry in the Panther Valley School District. He is treasurer of the Jim Thorpe School District, and is chairman of the Board of the 14 School Districts of the Carbon/Lehigh Intermediate Unit.

Virginia and Joe Lopresti will have on hand artifacts from the Jacobsburg digs, and Eva Smith will be showing and taking orders for the Miss Clara Jacobsburg cornhusk dolls. The model of the Henry Gun Factory donated to the Society by Mr. Robert Wendler of Bethlehem, will be on hand. Diane Warner will be offering her herbal packets and her various homemade vinegars. Dale Prinkey, Superintendent of the Jacobsburg State Park, has hand-drawn prints of the different historical houses in the area to show and sell. The Society earns a percentage of all sales.

Directions for getting to the Memorial Hall: Coming from the south on Rte. #33, take the Stockertown exit and turn right. At the end of the block, you are perpendicular to Rte. #115. Cross it slightly to the right. At the dead end of that block, turn right, and the Hall is on your left. Coming from the north on Rte. #115, in Stockertown, immediately beyond the exit from Rte. #33, take the street to the left. At the end of that street, turn right, and the Hall will be on your left. Parking available.

ANNUAL MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS

We will hear the report of the Nominating Committee: Matthew Morris, Judy Sandercock, Charlotte Sayre, and Louise Young. Presented is the following slate: president, John J. Schlamp; vice president, Matthew K. Morris; secretary, Betty Morris; treasurer, Margaret Taylor. Nominations for Board members include: Mary Lou Audenried, Joseph T. DiGerlando, Janet A. Gum, Joseph A. Lopresti, Ellis Neuner, Hilton N. Rahn, Jr., Charles M. Sandwick, Sr., and Louise Young.

The organization is set up with a Board of 12, including the usual first four officers. The president assigns to each of the other eight, specific areas to cover. The new officers and Board will be announced on the Directory page of the January/February issue of the Record. Election is the night of October 22.

According to the by-laws, the membership must be apprised of the nominations 10 days before the election. No nomination may be made from the floor unless the person involved has agreed to run.

NEW BY-LAWS AND CONSTITUTION

Attached to this issue, is a set of the proposed new By-laws and Constitution. They are to be ratified or rejected at this Annual Meeting. The biggest change is the shift to a rotating Board with the election at the Annual Meeting in 1982. At the Annual Meeting in 1982, four directors will be elected for a term of three years, four for a term of two years, and four for a term of one year, all terms to begin January 1983. Also then, the Directors will elect officers at their first meeting. Another change is that new Board members take office January 1, the beginning of the fiscal year. At the present officers and Directors serve from November 1 to October 31 of the following year.

Committee in charge: Mary Henry Stites, Dominick Ferraro (Society lawyer as advisor), Matthew Morris, Charles Sandwick, and John Schlamp.

NEWS NOTES

In the last issue, July/August, the editor misspoke. The newly painted cupola, under the direction of Ellis Neuner, went up on the Duck House, not the Homestead.

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The two Nietzsche cousins to Mary Henry Stites have given the Henry Homestead three occasional chairs, sturdy but ornamental. They have also offered an old chest. The latter will be helpful when we change exhibits for Open House. We want to say thank you for these gifts and for the thoughtfulness.

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Virginia and Joe Lopresti will write up the summer hard work for our winter issues, but we can report they have finished work at the Miller's House, and have started on the Jacobsburg Inn reconstruction. They have come across an 1890 penny.

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Would someone like to donate shelves for the Society's Office in the Homestead? Or a cabinet with glass doors? Please see Matt Morris.

JACOBSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY

B Y - L A W S

ARTICLE I.

Officers and Board of DirectorsSection 1. - Compensation

The officers and directors shall perform their respective duties without compensation.

Section 2. - Duties

The duties of the officers shall be as outlined in Article IV. of the Constitution.

Section 3. - Board of Directors

a. The Board of Directors shall consist of twelve (12) directors, including the officers, elected by the membership.

b. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held as determined by the Board.

c. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President at his discretion, or upon the request of three (3) directors.

d. Seven (7) directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 4. - Elections and Terms of Office

a. The President, Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected for a one-year term by the Board of Directors at its next regular monthly meeting after the Annual meeting. Their term shall be concurrent with the fiscal year as stated under Article III, Section 1 of the By-Laws.

b. A nominating committee shall perform its duties as outlined in Article V., Section 5.2, of the Constitution.

c. Nominations may be made from the floor at the time of the election, provided that the consent of the nominee has been obtained previously.

d. At the Annual meeting in 1982, four (4) directors shall be elected to serve for a term of 3 years, four (4) for a term of 2 years, and four (4) for a term of 1 year, all terms to begin with the forthcoming fiscal year. Thereafter, the term of office for directors shall be 3 consecutive fiscal years as defined in Article III., Section 1. of the By-Laws. Directors may succeed themselves.

ARTICLE II.

MeetingsSection 1. - Meetings

The Annual Meeting shall be held as specified in Article VI. of the Constitution.

Section 2. - Other Meetings

Other meetings of the membership may be called by the Board of Directors or by the President subsequent to petition by ten (10) members.

Section 3. - Quorum

A quorum for membership meetings shall consist of fifteen (15) members or a majority of the membership, whichever number is smaller.

ARTICLE III.

Dues and FinancesSection 1. - Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of The Society shall be from January 1 to December 1.

Section 2. - Dues

The annual dues of The Society shall be as determined by act of the Board of Directors. Dues are payable January 1, annually.

ARTICLE IV.

Rules of Order

The rules of parliamentary procedure as laid down in "Robert's Rules of Order," latest edition, shall govern all meetings of The Society.

ARTICLE V.

Dissolution of The Society

In the event of dissolution of The Society, the net assets of The Society shall be transferred to an organization working in an allied field which is an "exempt organization" as presently described by Section 501(c) (3) of the U. S. Internal Revenue Code of 1954. The officers, with the concurrence of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors, are authorized and directed to take whatever action is necessary and proper to effect this provision, including without limitation, application to the Court of Common Pleas of Northampton County and to the Office of the Department of State, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

JACOBSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY

C O N S T I T U T I O N

ARTICLE I.

NAME

The name of this organization shall be Jacobsburg Historical Society. The organization shall be called The Society in this document.

ARTICLE II.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization is: the discovery, collection, preservation, restoration and presentation of the history, historical artifacts, buildings, documents, grounds and all material which will illustrate and demonstrate the history and culture of Jacobsburg, the Henry Gun Factory site, Henry's Woods and related areas.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIPSection 3.1 - Classes

Membership in The Society shall consist of Active, Life and Honorary members.

Any person who agrees to the purposes of The Society as specified in Article II. shall upon application and payment of dues become a member of The Society.

Section 3.2 - Active Members

Active members shall pay dues annually. Each active member shall have one vote.

Section 3.3 - Life Members

Life members shall make a single payment of dues, the amount to be set by the Board and have one vote.

Section 3.4 - Honorary

The Society may from time to time elect to honorary membership any individual in recognition of distinguished contribution or service toward the purpose of this organization. Honorary members shall be recommended in writing by the Board of Directors and elected by the membership at the Annual meeting of The Society. Honorary members shall have no vote and shall pay no dues. Not more than two honorary members shall be elected in any one calendar year.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS AND DUTIESSection 4.1 - Officers

Officers of The Society elected by the membership shall be President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The President may appoint a Corresponding Secretary. Other officers or acting officers may be appointed by the Board of Directors.

A. President:

The President shall conduct all meetings of the membership and Board of Directors and shall regulate all its proceedings as prescribed in the By-laws. The President may appoint such committees as may be helpful in furthering the interests of The Society. The President shall be the official representative of The Society, and shall be an ex officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.

B. Vice President:

In the absence of the President, the First Vice President shall preside; in the absence of both, the Second Vice President shall preside.

C. Secretary:

The Secretary shall be present at all regular and special meetings of The Society and shall keep full and accurate minutes of the proceedings. He shall also attend and keep full minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors. He shall attend to the preparation and mailing of all notices of meetings of the Board of Directors and of the general membership. The Secretary shall keep approved minutes of all meetings.

D. Treasurer:

The Treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of The Society. He shall receive and have custody of all the monies and securities of The Society and shall keep regular books of account. He shall deposit all monies in a depository to the credit of and in the name of The Society. The Board of Directors shall designate such depository. He shall pay all bills upon order of the Board of Directors and countersign with the President such instruments as require his signature. The Treasurer shall provide bond if required by the Board of Directors and at the expense of The Society for the faithful performance of his duties,

ARTICLE V.

COMMITTEES OF THE BOARDSection 5.1 - Executive Committee

There shall be a committee of this association which shall be appointed annually by the President, to be known as the Executive Committee, consisting of the President, Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer. This committee shall direct and transact all business of The Society which properly might come before the Board of Directors, except such as the Board only by law is authorized to perform. The Executive Committee shall report its actions to the Board of Directors at its next regularly scheduled meeting, which shall approve or disapprove the report and record such action in the minutes of the meeting.

Section 5.2 - Nominating Committee

There shall be a committee of this association which shall be appointed annually by the Board of Directors or President, to be known as the Nominating Committee, consisting of three (3) members, only one of which shall be a member of the Board of Directors. This committee shall present in writing a slate of nominees for publication at least 10 days prior to the Annual meeting. Publication in the Jacobsburg Record shall constitute proper notification.

Nominations may be made from the floor, provided that the consent of the nominee has been previously obtained.

Section 5.3 - Other Standing Committees

The Board of Directors shall transact the business and conduct the affairs of The Society and shall carry out the purposes of The Society as set forth in the Constitution and By-laws. The Board of Directors shall be elected by the membership as prescribed in the By-laws, Article I, Section 4 d.

Section 5.4 - Vacancy in Office

In the event any of the officers resign or be removed by death or otherwise, the Board of Directors shall fill such vacancy for the unexpired term of such office.

ARTICLE VI.

MEETINGS

The Annual meeting of The Society, shall be held in October of each year at such place and time as selected by the Board of Directors. At least ten (10) days' notice thereof shall be mailed to each member. Publication in the Jacobsburg Record shall constitute proper notification.

ARTICLE VII.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The Constitution and By-laws of The Society may be amended by a vote of two-thirds (2/3's) of the members present at a stated meeting of the membership, provided that the quorum is met. A copy of the intended amendment shall be mailed to the membership at least ten (10) days prior to the stated meeting. Publication in the Jacobsburg Record shall constitute proper notification.

OPEN HOUSE--OCTOBER 25

This season's last scheduled monthly Open House will be on Sunday, October 25. Eva Smith will bring the antique wooden items that have come down through the generations in her husband, Bill's, family. They are the third generation of Smiths in the same house.

One unusual item is a tool or utensil to break wool fibers used in fashioning underwear--so that it wouldn't scratch! A number of items could be found in households of the 1850's, such as fluting iron to do the ruffles on ladies' petticoats, and a shoe repair kit. Shoe repairs were done at home.

Eva will bring old advertising cards, an apple peeler, and a wooden rake, among other things. This will be the Sunday after our Annual Meeting. Plan to come.

NO HISTORICAL RESEARCH THIS ISSUE

In the July/August issue, Charlie Sandwick introduced family names in the Jacobsburg area that were extant concurrently with the Henry name: Colver, Alleman, and Edmonds.

The Colver story was ready for this issue, but with the By-laws and Constitution taking six pages, we decided to hold the Historical Research section for next month. We promise: The Colver family will be reviewed in the November/December Record.

CHRISTMAS PARTY, DECEMBER 6

Everyone enjoyed the Christmas event at the Homestead last year. This year the date is Sunday, December 6. We look forward to an old-fashioned holiday--old toys, old ornaments, wreaths, and holly. Celebrate with us first!

We note the typo in the July/August issue in the Sandwick paper on page 4, line 1, that should read "Brethren's Unity." Inasmuch as we pride ourselves on being an educational instrument, we point out the error. It occurs to us there just might be someone out there who. . . . Anyway, we are so-o-o-o fortunate. This sort of thing happens so seldom. We salute all our colleagues who are involved in this project we proudly call, The Jacobsburg Record.

DIRECTORY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

JOHN J. SCHLAMP - President
 MATTHEW K. MORRIS - Vice President
 BETTY MORRIS - Secretary
 MARGARET H. TAYLOR - Treasurer
 JANET GUM
 MARY LOU AUDENRIED
 JOSEPH DIGERLANDO
 JOSEPH LOPRESTI
 ELLIS NEUNER
 HILTON N. RAHN
 CHARLES M. SANDWICK, SR.
 LOUISE K. YOUNG

Nazareth 759-0302
 Boulton 759-0751
 Boulton 759-0751
 Easton 252-1315
 Nazareth 759-1862
 Nazareth 759-4649
 Wind Gap 759-7239
 Stockertown 759-1580
 Boulton 759-1764
 Bethlehem 868-1789
 Easton 252-1290
 Nazareth 759-4610

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

Archaeology - Joseph & Virginia Lopresti
 Editor, JACOBSTOWN RECORD - Charlotte C. Sayre
 Homestead - Kathryn M. Schlamp

Cataloguer -- Betty Morris
 Curators: Contents - Dorothy Law
 Gunnery - Albert Toth
 Exhibits - Virginia Lopresti
 Gardens - Mary Henry Stites
 Beatrice Pritchard, Jane Gilbert
 Herb Garden - Diane Warner
 Maintenance - Ellis Neuner

Stockertown 759-1580
 Easton 253-9516
 Nazareth 759-0302
 Boulton 759-0751
 Bethlehem 866-7910
 Nazareth 759-2153
 Stockertown 759-1580
 Boulton 759-4693
 Nazareth 759-4905
 Nazareth 759-3555
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 Nazareth 759-4610
 Easton 252-1290
 Nazareth 759-4649
 Boulton 759-4693
 Nazareth 759-3507

Hospitality - Judy Sandercock
 Membership - Margaret Taylor
 Music in the Woods - Dale Prinkey
 Program - Janet Gum
 Publicity - Louise Young
 Research - Charles M. Sandwick, Sr.
 Summer Craft Festival - Mary Lou Audenried
 By-Laws - Mary Henry Stites
 Corresponding Secretary - Joy A. Betz

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR JACOBSTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Student	\$2.50	Sustaining	\$10.00	Contributing	\$15.00
Individual	\$5.00	Family	\$12.50	Organizations	\$25.00

Name Contributions

Gunnery Club	\$100	Boulton Club	\$500	Henry Rifle Club	\$1000
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Please return this slip with your check made payable to Jacobstown Historical Society. Mail to: Miss Margaret H. Taylor, 733 Paxinosa Ave., Easton, Pa. 18042. All contributions are tax deductible to the extent provided by law. Your canceled check is your receipt.