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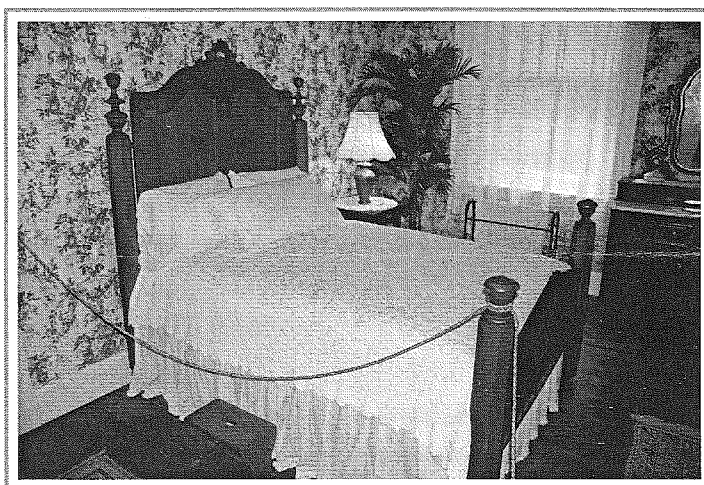


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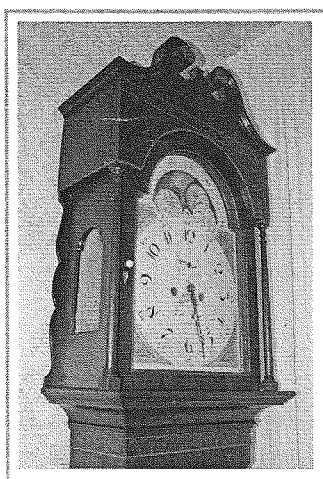
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SECOND FLOOR DEBUT

ROOMS IN JOHN JOSEPH HENRY HOUSE NEWLY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Last spring we reported on the amazing reorganization and renovation work undertaken by Kay Tomko with assistance from Jan Ballard, Carl Landis, and other dedicated volunteers. Kay's vision of opening the second floor of the John Joseph Henry House to the public required considerable elbow grease. The results are truly stunning and have been incredibly well-received. Hundreds of visitors came to Boulton during the summer season specifically to see the House. "I've lived here all of my life



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Quite a Birthplace!

"Whatever comes from the brain carries the hue of the place it came from, and whatever comes from the heart carries the heat and color of its birthplace." Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr. 1860

Have you visited Boulton lately? The Jacobsturg Historical Society's campus is quite the "birthplace!" We offer so much to members, visitors and students that it is difficult to record in one short president's message. But take to heart this vignette and see if it doesn't accomplish two things: One being that you're sure get a huge sense of satisfaction for your annual membership; and, Two being that you will find the urge to join us in the fun as we grow and share our story.

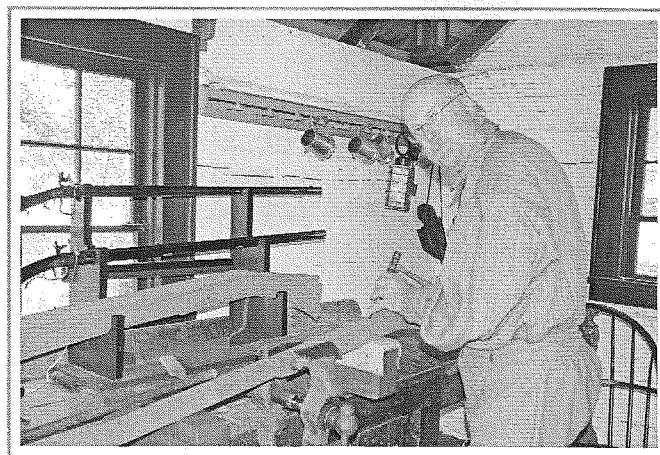
Visitors to Boulton have witnessed the increased interpretation of its three primary museums: Pennsylvania Long Rifle Museum; John Joseph Henry House; Nicholas Hawk Log Cabin Gun Shop.

Our "Third Sundays Initiative" is drawing to a close for this year, but the PLRM has had our colorful and knowledgeable Tom Varenchik bringing JHS collections and history to life. Visitors have been drawn to his stories and artifacts and these in turn, have led to

increased visitation and membership.

Our "Cinderella Squad" of housekeepers, including Kay Tomko, Phyllis Johnson, Sybil Marsh, and Carl Landis, have transformed the second floor of the JJHH and opened it up to the public. Now the rest of the story of this 1832 Federal-styled Philadelphia row home mansion is finally available for interpretation. With gratitude to our Executive Director Lyndsey for her self-guided tour signs, all of us at JHS owe our volunteers a great debt for this effort.

Our "Log Cabin Gunsmiths and Craft Apprentices" continue to light the fire of craftsmanship, living history, and a strong sense of "belonging" for all of the visitors at the Hawk Shop. Current and previous artisan apprentices from past programs at the PLRM are encouraged to come back from their



Board President Dave Ehrig at work in the Nicholas Hawk Gun Shop.



OBITUARY

JOE RUGGIERO, TWENTY-SIX, DIES IN FILM SET ACCIDENT

It is with deepest regret to report the death of one of JHS's young reenactors and blacksmiths. Joe Ruggiero died after an off-road vehicle accident in Roanoke, Virginia.

Joe had been working as a props assistant on the set for the Christian movie "Alone Yet Not Alone". He had been active with JHS in the Blacksmith Shop with sword blade making being his passion. Volunteered his time reenacting for the rendezvous as well as several Boy Scout programs.

I had the privilege of having long talks with Joe about history and the love of life and feel honored to have known this fine young man. The JHS family will miss our Pirate. RIP. ~ Tim Lubenesky

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previous Longrifle, powderhorn, and leather pouch classes at the PLRM and ply their craft for the public at the Nicholas Hawk Log Cabin. Our hats are off to Rocky Schreck, Jim Correl, Rich Hujsa, Carl Landis, Frank Willis, and Hoyt Masters in appreciation for their tireless efforts of volunteerism on behalf of JHS.

Our October 30-31 JHS Fur Trade Rendezvous will feature some new events with a "Blacksmiths' Hammering" exposition below the PLRM; a "Pennsylvania Dutch 'Associators' Reenactment" by the Hawk Gun Shop; and, an Antique Cars Display on the back lawn of Phil and Barbara's house, across the street from the registration area. It promises to be one of the best rendezvous weekends in recent memory.

Our Annual JHS Membership Meeting at Green Pond Country Club will feature a slideshow of volunteers and docents; tables of completed hunting pouches/powderhorns/longrifles made in our Apprentice Workshops; Board Member Scott Paul Gordon, Ph.D. Lehigh University, delivering a power point presentation of

the lives of William Henry I and John Joseph Henry; and the First JHS "Lifetime Achievement Award."

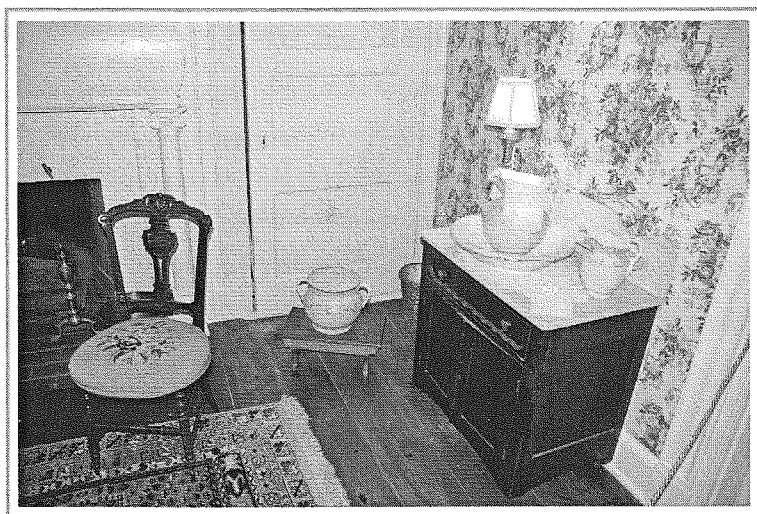
Our campus even has more to offer late in the year. Add to this medley, the wonderful aromas and skills that emanate from the JJHH Summer Kitchen "Hearth Cooking Classes" and the new 18th Century Crafts Education Building "Christmas Wreaths Workshop."

Our Christmas at Boulton will be festive with antique, Henry family decorations; caroling, and refreshments. The celebration is sponsored by Roberta Steiner and hosted by JHS volunteers in period clothing. Visitors may call from 1 to 5 p.m. And for those who appreciate fine photographs, craftsmanship and research, JHS is hosting twin book signings by authors of the Kentucky Rifle Association's "Moravian Gunsmiths" and the Honorable Company of Horners' "The Hartley Horn Drawings" in the basement on December 11th, from 2 to 4 p.m..

Our opportunities within Jacobsburg Historical Society are endless and we invite you to join us. ~Dave Ehrig

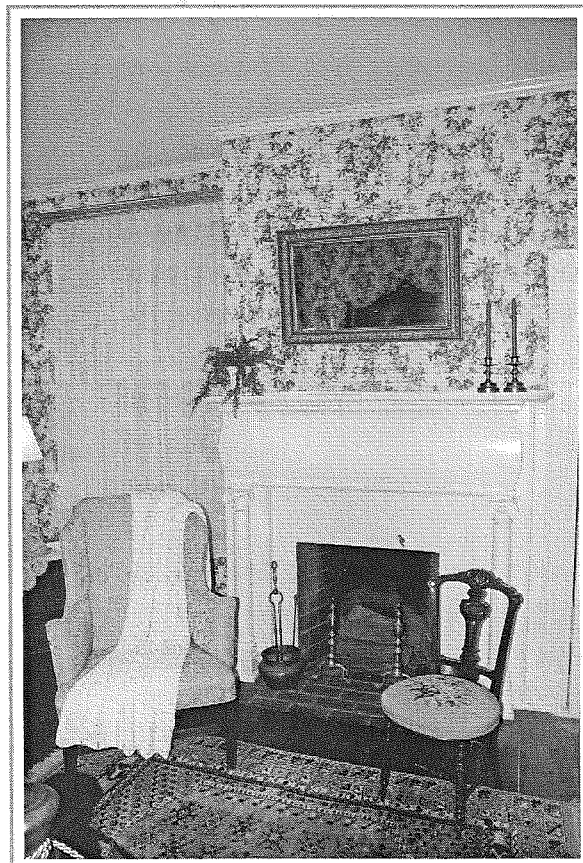
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A VICTORIAN BEDROOM & LADIES' SEWING ROOM



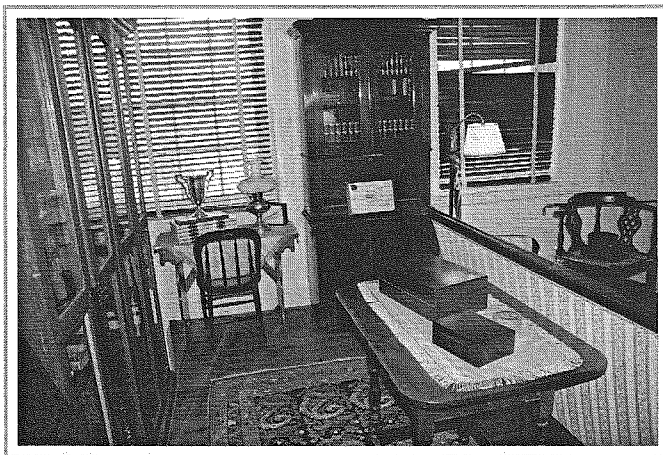
and have always wondered what was inside this house" was a refrain heard again and again.

If you haven't yet seen the bedroom, sewing room, and gentleman's study for yourself, don't miss the opportunity to do so on December 11th from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. The House will be fully decorated and the festivities roaring during **Christmas at Boulton.** (*Story p. 11*) And when you next see Kay and her team, please thank them for the incredible care they continue to provide the most important piece in the Society's collection, the Henry House itself.

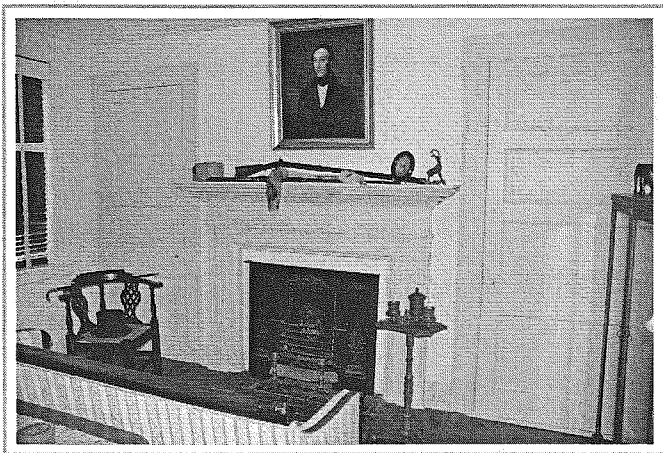


THE "GENTLEMAN'S STUDY"

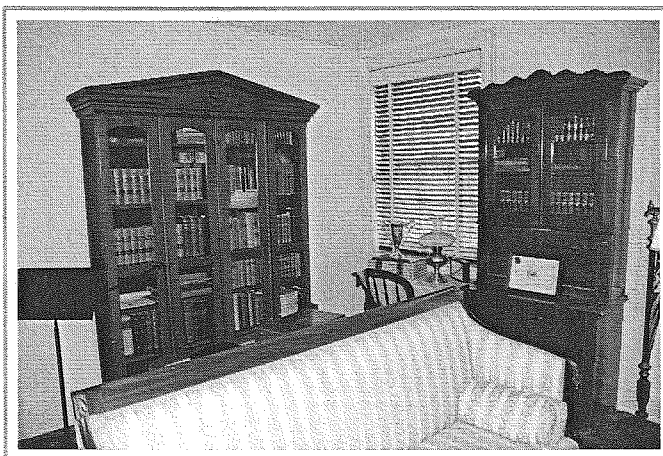
TRADITION AND RECORD STATE THAT BOTH GRANVILLE HENRY AND DR. THOMAS STITES USED THE ROOM AT THE BACK OF THE HOUSE AS A STUDY. ITEMS IN THE COLLECTION INCLUDE GRANVILLE'S LIBRARY, A BOOK COLLECTION HE NUMBERED AND CATALOGUED.



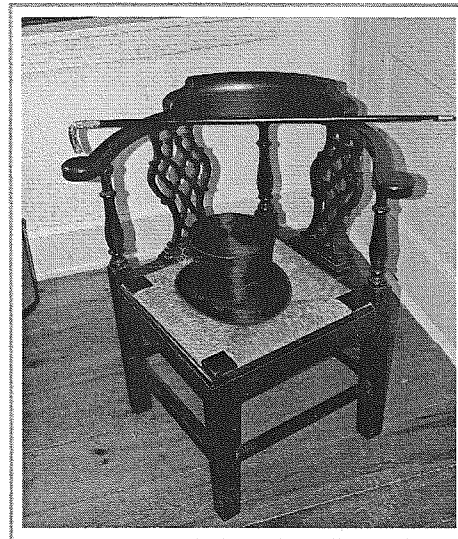
Dr. Stites' writing desk sits on the table to the right.



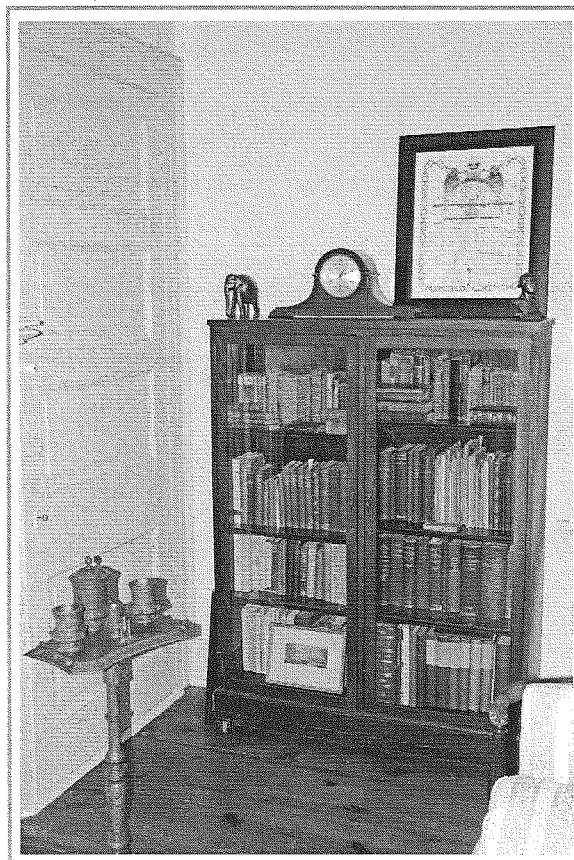
Note the smoking stand to the right of the hearth and the Henry firearm on the mantel.



Granville's library is in the large case; the accounting of which is in the desk to the right.



Evidence that a gentleman occupies this space.



The case holds just some of the family's Moravian book collection.

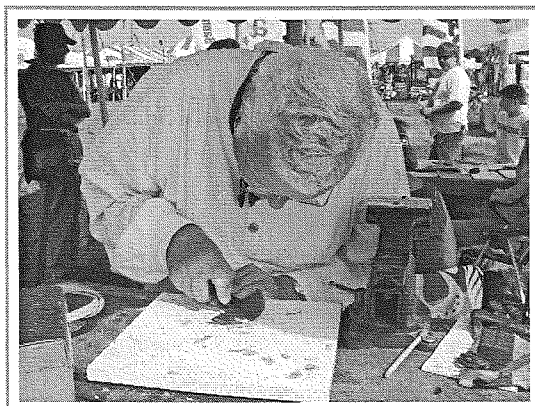
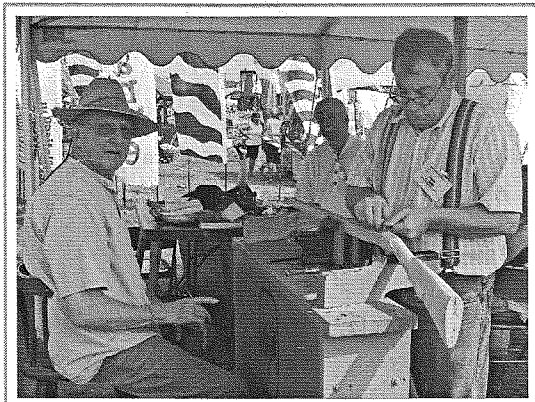
EVENT REPORT

Season 2010 - A Pictorial Review

MAY 1, 2010 - OCTOBER 31, 2011

As Dave Ehrig shares in his president's report this month (*see page 2*), the 2010 Season was full of events, outreach activities, and visitors. While visitor numbers continued to increase, we learned something very important. Most of those who found their way to Boulton shared that we are still the best kept historical secret in the area. Increased advertising and recruitment efforts continue. You can help! Encourage friends, neighbors, and colleagues to visit the site and join our efforts. (*See page 9 or contact executive director Lyndsey Brown for ideas and materials.*)

KUTZTOWN FOLK FESTIVAL



Rich Hujsa and Carl Landis demonstrate making a Pennsylvania Longrifle while Hoyt Masterton carved leather for a carry bag. (above)

The Honorable Company of Horners gathered for fellowship in the gardens and enjoys tours of the museums and grounds. (right)



Bobbi DiGerlando and one of the many gardens.



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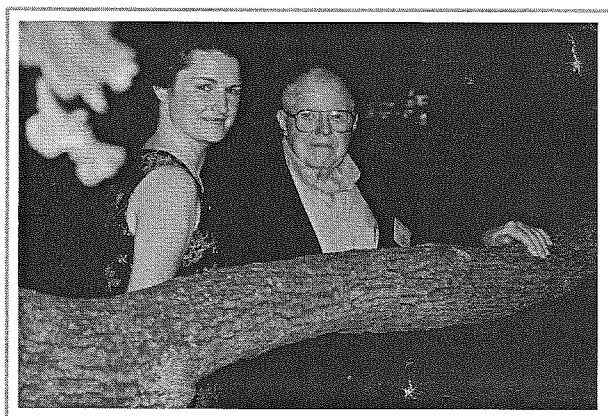
DIXONS GUN FAIR



Dave Ehrig displays his award-winning, hand-crafted hunting bag.

JULY

AUGUST

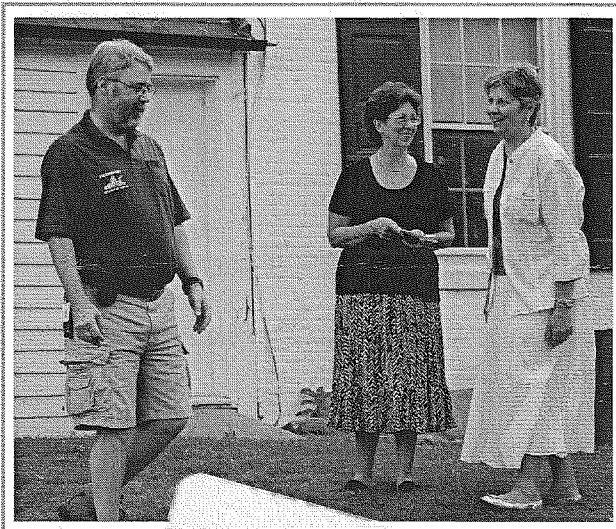


Bill Atherton and Lyndsey Brown pose for a moment with one of the historic trees on the property, long protected by many, including Mary Henry Stites and Bob Frick.

Representative Marcia Hahn hosted local elected officials and their guests at a dinner party on August 30th. Over 100 attended. (Top right)

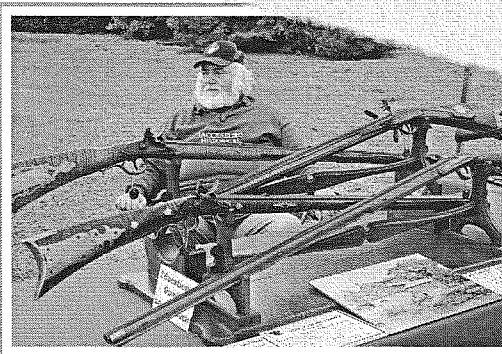
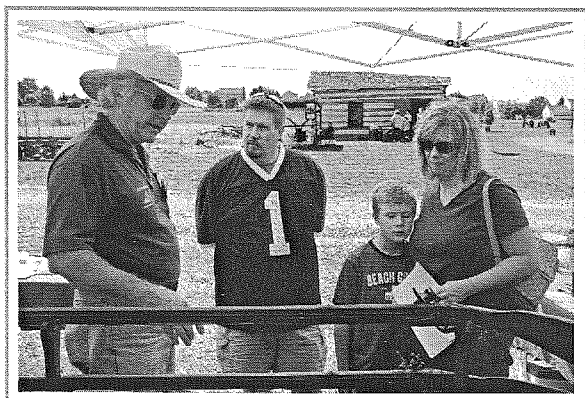
Dedicated volunteers Howie White, Kay Tomko, and Sybil Marsh share a chuckle. (Lower right)

MARCIA HAHN ELECTED OFFICIALS RECEPTION



SEPTEMBER

KU PA GERMAN HERITAGE CENTER FESCHT

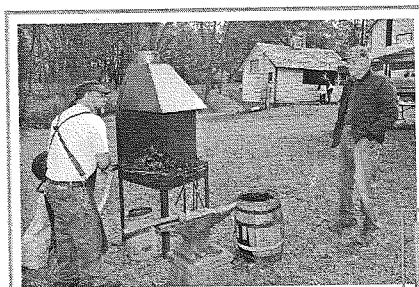


Tim Lubensky answers questions from visitors to the Jacobstown booth at the Kutztown University Harvest Fescht in September. (Right)
Jim Newell looks on during a moment of rest from sharing his store of knowledge. (Left)

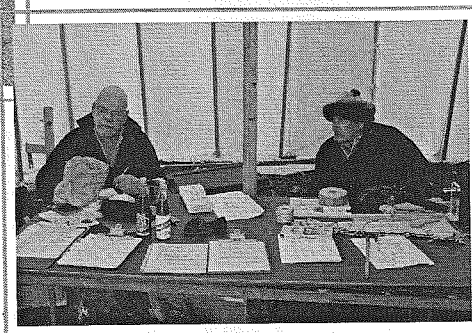
FUR TRADE RENDEZVOUS



OCTOBER



Several hundred visitors flocked to Boulton Halloween weekend for the annual Fur Trade Rendezvous. Special thanks to all re-enactors and volunteers who turn out year after year to make this and all events at Boulton successful. Special thanks to Tom Turtzo for expanding the blacksmithing display with a "Hammer In."



COLLECTION

Donation Spotlight

A SHOW OF GENEROSITY AND DEDICATION TO PRESERVATION

This summer also saw several donations, both monetarily and physically, to the Society. The JHS acquisition policy focuses on items that can be identified as having been owned by the Henry family. Very rarely, when space and need allow, an item is accessioned that was not a "Henry." The plant stand depicted to the right is on such case. Sometimes you need just the right piece of furniture, and a plant stand for the hall was missing. Janet Masterton heard her brother, and Society volunteer, Hoyt Masterton comment on the need, and donated the stand from her own collection. Our thanks, again, to Janet, for her thoughtfulness.



ADMINISTRATION

Wish List

As with all non-profit organizations, there are always needs to be met! Donations of the following items will keep our expenses down:

- ◆ Radios - either small transistor or small "boom boxes" for placing out of site throughout the House in order to play classical/period music. These do not have to be new!
- ◆ 33 gallon trash bags
- ◆ Photocopy paper
- ◆ Colored paper and card stock
- ◆ Printer cartridges: HP 61 Black and Color; HP 94, HP 96.

New Members

PLEASE WELCOME THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE JACOBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

- ◆ Fred & Tracey Bradigan (Bangor)
- ◆ Steven Gove (Goodlettsville, TN)
- ◆ Timothy Sorady & Family (Bath)
- ◆ Craig Wetzel & Sue Kendravy (Coplay)
- ◆ The Atwood Family (Nazareth)
- ◆ Ann Power (Nazareth)
- ◆ Jack & Linda Legath (Northampton)
- ◆ Elwood & Dorothy Eyer (Hellertown)
- ◆ Leonard Camarda (Holrbook, NY)
- ◆ Gail Weber (Nazareth)
- ◆ Simeon Solotruk (Breinigsville)
- ◆ Emily Henry Jostrand (North Chatham, MA)*
- ◆ James Landitch (Mt. Bethel)
- ◆ Frederick Tim (Pocono Pines)
- ◆ Brian Taylor (Bethlehem)
- ◆ Brian Serfass (Easton)
- ◆ Lance Metz (Allentown)

Jacoburg Historical Society Membership Application

MAKE HISTORY LIVE AT BOULTON!

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY

(or give this form to someone whose talents and interests will strengthen the Jacoburg Historical Society!)

This is a: ☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal

Please check desired membership level

- | | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Student \$7.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$10.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$20.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing \$25.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organization \$ 50.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Apprentice \$ 75.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Journeyman \$100.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Master Craftsman \$250.00+ |

Name(s) _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

How did you hear about the Boulton Historic Site/Jacoburg Historical Site?

What are your areas of focus or interest in Boulton? (I.e. the Henry Family, Pennsylvania Longrifles, Industrial American, the museums, gardens, etc.)

The Jacoburg Historical Society runs on volunteers. What skills or interests can you share with us to help "Make History Live!" at Boulton?

Please detach and mail along with payment to: Jacoburg Historical Society P.O. Box 345 Nazareth, PA 18064

All contributions are tax deductible as provided by law.

Early American Craft Classes at Boulton

SPRING CLASSES

Leather Bag Class

Early Winter 2011

Call Frank Willis for more information.

Phone: 610-965-0388 Email: ftwillis@ptd.net

Powder Horn Class

Late Winter 2011

Call Frank Willis for more information.

Phone: 610-965-0388 Email: ftwillis@ptd.net

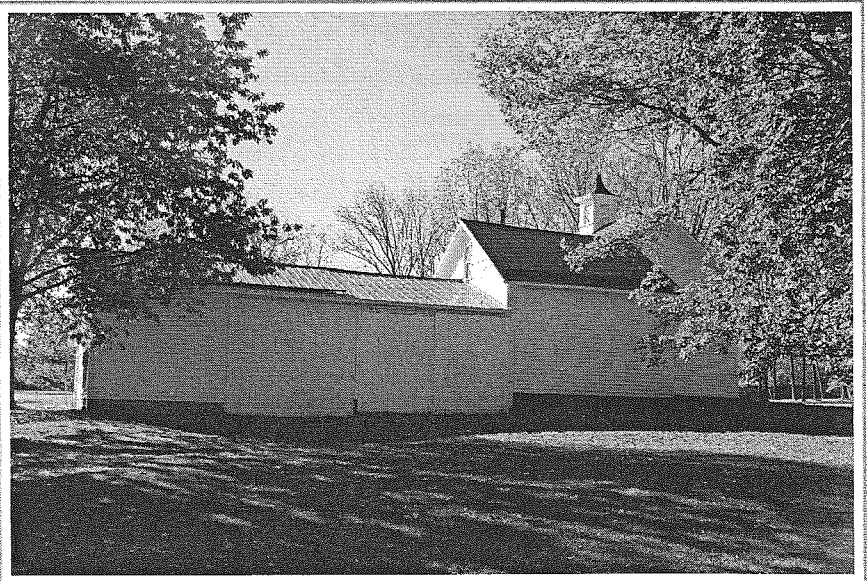
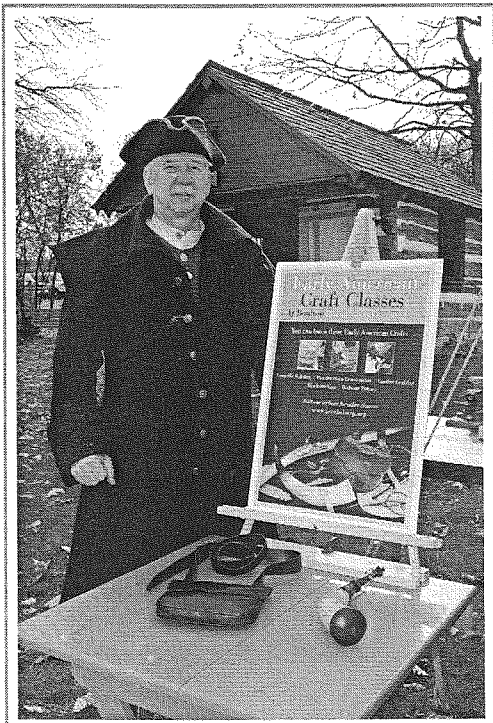
Gunsmith Apprentice Program

March - May 2011

Stay tuned for more information!

PREPARATION FOR PHASE I OF BARN RENOVATIONS FOR EDUCATION CENTER BEGINS

In the Spring of 2010 the Board of Directors of the Jacobsburg Historical Society appointed director Frank Willis chair of a feasibility study to investigate the renovation of rooms within the barn structure behind the John Joseph Henry House, off of Schoeneck Ave. The vision is for the main 20x30 room to become a workshop for classes within the Early American Craft Classes at Boulton program. Adjacent rooms will be renovated for utility, bathroom, and storage purposes. Initial projections of cost are being gathered and fundraising efforts are well underway. Additionally, Board members have worked diligently to responsibly review the items stored in the barn space, carefully preserving items within the Society's museum collection. Formal contractor bids will be received in late winter with construction intended for spring.



**For more information on
the Early American Craft Classes at Boulton,
visit the Society's website at www.jacobsburg.rcn
or call the office at 610-759-9029.**

CURRENT EVENTS AND INFORMATION

Celebrate Christmas at Boulton

Saturday, December 11, 2010

Christmas at Boulton is one of the ways we showcase the John Joseph Henry House. Built in 1832 and lived in by members of the Henry family until 1989, the home is decorated in large part to the Victorian era. At Christmas, we have the opportunity to bedeck the halls, display items from the collection that are tucked away during other times of the year, and celebrate the season in style. This year's event will also include a very special book signing, located in the lower level of the Henry Homestead, below the Pennsylvania Longrifle Museum. Please spread the word and join us on December 11th.

Victorian Christmas Open House

*Period Decorations, Clothing,
Music, Food, and Festivities*

John Joseph Henry House

402 Henry Road, Nazareth, PA 18064

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

HELP NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS PREP

Volunteers needed to help clean and decorate the John Joseph Henry House and Pennsylvania Longrifle Museum for our December 11th Christmas at Boulton events. Jobs available for older children and adults. ***Please join us on:***

Monday, November 29th

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Friday, December 3rd

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Book Sale & Signing

*Moravian Gun Making of the
American Revolution*

Published by the
Kentucky Rifle Association

*The Hartley Horn Book:
A Collection of Powder Horn Drawings
by Robert M. Hartley*

Presented by the
Honorable Company of Horners

Pennsylvania Longrifle Museum

Lower Level

403 Henry Road, Nazareth, PA 18064

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Books available for sale

Both Dec. 11th events are
FREE

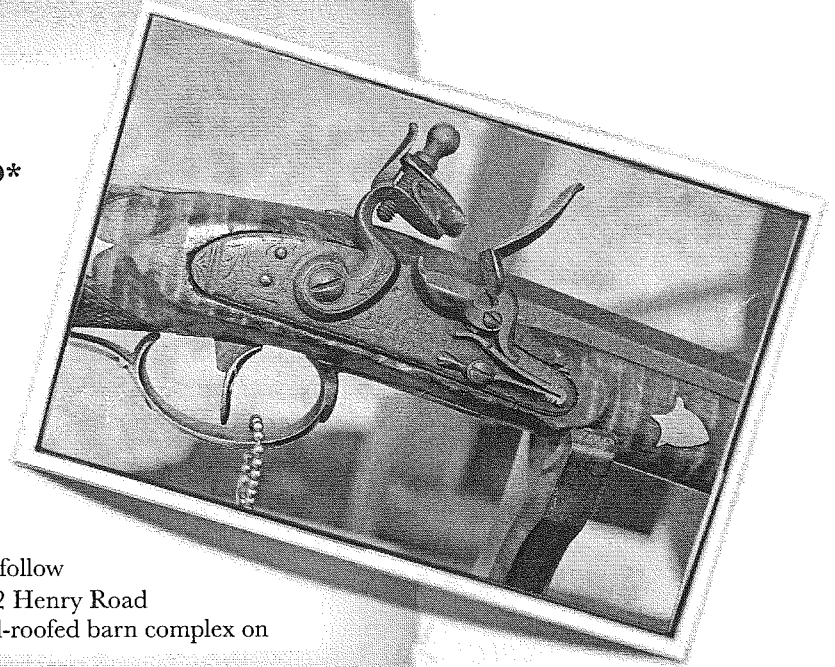
Dates to Remember

Upcoming Events

- Wreath Making Class
~ Saturday, November 27, 11 a.m. ***FILLED***
- Christmas at Boulton
~ Saturday, December 11, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Book Signing Event at PLRM
~ Saturday, December 11, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Please note: all museums are closed for the season (except on December 11). Opening Day May 1, 2011!

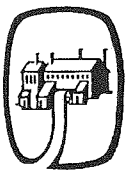
Directions to Boulton: Take the Belfast exit off PA Route 33. Turn West towards the woods. Pass the Boulton Historic Site parking lot and over the William Henry Atherton Bridge. **Either** turn right into the driveway for 401 Henry Road and follow long drive to parking lot beyond the barns **or** pass 402 Henry Road and turn left onto Schoeneck Ave, driving past the red-roofed barn complex on the left to the pasture beyond.



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