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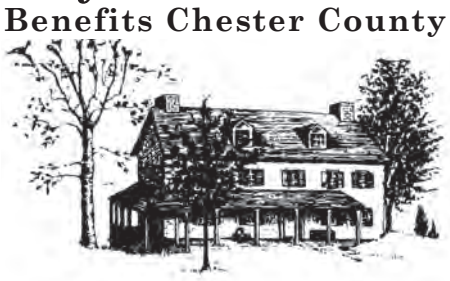
76th Annual Chester County Day

Chester County's Oldest Historic House Tour

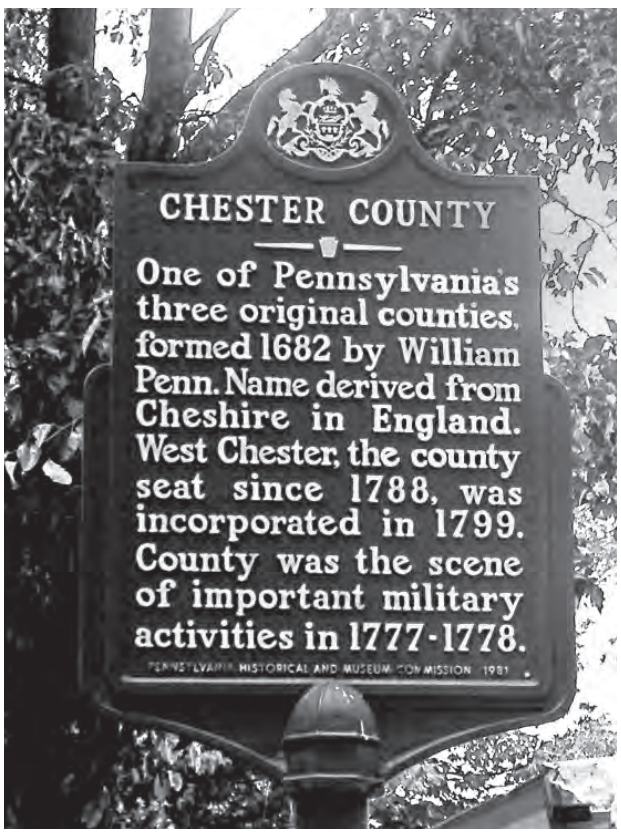
Benefits Chester County Hospital



Welcome to Chester County Day — Saturday, October 1, 2016

Chester County Day is steeped in traditions. 75 years of successful tours, plenty of practiced and new ways of making it bigger and better, and of course its dedicated volunteers without whom The Day could not exist. One of our biggest changes to traditions this year is that the 25 year veteran Editor of The Chester County Day Newspaper, Eric Chandlee Wilson, has retired his reigns for which he poured his heart and soul in for that long period of time. He saw changes and he made changes, all to the betterment of this informative publication which is supposed to be the largest circulation, at 30,000 copies, of its kind. He suggested that I take on the job and the committee agreed and I accepted as long as he would act as Assistant Editor to help with the transition so we switched positions to hopefully keep the quality of this publication where it has existed.

The tour this year focuses on the southwest quadrant of Chester County. For those of you not in on the tradition of the yearly routes, at its onset the route encompassed the entire county and many years later when gas prices hit the roof and one was only able to fill up with gas on a rotating basis based on the last number of your license plate, the committee with Mrs. Berenice Ball as Chair, decided to split the county into four sections by Route 30 and Route 100 crossroads and form four quadrants so as to contain the homes and spots to a smaller area to help conserve the gas usage. The tradition still holds true today and "Day Goers" are happy to be able to contain their plans for places to visit into a smaller touring area. This year we are incorporating several walking tours in areas of Marshallton, Kennett Square, and Marlborough Village. This is like one stop shopping as it is park and easily walk to several open homes. Without a doubt, one will still see the open areas while driving from area to area on the map that so significantly gives Chester County is aura of rural Pennsylvania. If one starts with the traditional hunt, you may even see one of my favorite lines from Mrs. Ball' early lectures before The Day happened and that is: "Enjoy those misty morning meadows". The traditional hunt will continue to start The Day and if you have not gone in a while or perhaps never gone to the festivity, this would be a great year to start or continue that tradition. Many people have told me that they think it will interfere with their ability to get to the first house on their list picks by 10, but let it be known that the pomp of the hunt is over with plenty of time to get to your first stop on the tour. The public preview lectures of sites on this year's tour are listed in this paper and we are back at the Chester County Court House again in Court Room #1 and Longwood Gardens the night before the event takes place.



Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission dedicated this marker: Tuesday, October 26, 1982. County Courthouse, 13 N High St., West Chester

Tradition has us always being the first Saturday in October and needless to say, I have done the tour for years and have been going with the same friends also. The map is secured, the route planned out, the place for a pit stop lunch is designated, and the race is on to cover as many homes as possible in the one day event. After the last house is visited and the doors close at 5 p.m., we traditionally gather to reassess the route, pick out the home or homes that we could easily live in if we had the ability and review ideas for potential projects to our homes from things we have seen along the tour route. So, gather your friends, get your tickets and map in plenty of time to prepare a route, attend a preview lecture to fine tune your choices of homes to visit and by all means enjoy yourself and have a good time. Remember that your good time has helped that Healing House on The Hill, the Chester County Hospital, and the Women's Auxiliary to the Chester County Hospital who has donated their proceeds from the event to various projects that have been undertaken over the years. So, here to The Day and the traditions that have brought us to the 76th tour and may there be many, many more for the benefit of all involved.

Michael Pillagalli, Editor

Chester County Day — Saturday, October 1, 2016

Houses Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This year we cordially invite you to visit old and interesting houses, gardens and historic landmarks in Chester County. Plan now to spend October 1, 2016 enjoying an all-day tour. Tickets will be limited. Tickets are non-refundable. Please refer to pages 3 & 4 for all pertinent information.

Public Preview Presentations, Food & Rest Stops all on page 3
Also, Where and How to Purchase Your Tour Tickets

A Message from the President

Penn Medicine
Chester County Hospital

Dear Friends:

For the past five years I have had one of the greatest privileges of my life: being President of Chester County Hospital and working side by side with all of you.

During this time together, we have witnessed tremendous growth and expansion. We opened our Lasko Tower; we brought on-line leading edge technology including our da Vinci Si Surgical System, TrueBeam™ Linear Accelerator, and new Catheterization Laboratories. We became part of Penn Medicine. We opened our Penn Medicine Southern Chester County campus. We advanced our leadership position in health care quality, expanded our Medical Staff, attained Magnet status and weathered our share of natural disasters – from hurricanes to blizzards.

This pace of growth, and change, continued this year. Our surgical team achieved a significant milestone when they performed their 2000th robotic case. To keep up with this demand, a second state-of-the-art robot - the da Vinci Xi - was added to the program. Other clinical areas of expertise, including cardiovascular services, orthopaedics, cancer and women's health, experienced substantial gains.

We have also been ramping up for the installation of Penn Chart. Those involved with this project have spent countless hours ensuring that our transition to a new electronic medical record meets the needs of our patients and our clinicians. Their dedication has us well prepared for this implementation.

The Penn Medicine Board of Directors authorized the funding of our new and much needed Operating Room platform and construction will begin at the conclusion of our Parking Garage project.

Our philanthropic pursuits continue to reap us great benefits. From Annual Giving to Planned Giving, from Tribute Gifts to Sponsorships, the support of our community has been strong and generous. Who are among the top tier of fundraisers? The combination of our Volunteers and Women's Auxiliaries. Together, they raise up to $800,000 a year - year after year - for Chester County Hospital.

By participating in Chester County Day, you are contributing to this rich tradition. Proceeds of our 76th House Tour will benefit our Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) project. The Women's Auxiliary to Chester County Hospital has pledged $1.25 million over the next two years toward the 5.1 million dollars it will cost to upgrade and expand our NICU.

Looking back over the past five years, I am filled with pride for all we have accomplished. Looking ahead, I am enthusiastic and eager to further build upon our successes. We are embarking on our 125th Anniversary and we have many exciting events and activities planned to commemorate this significant milestone. But most of all, I am humbled. I know and appreciate that without your hard work and dedication, this day would not be possible.

Thank you for all you do and enjoy the day!

Sincerely,

Michael J. Duncan, President and CEO, Chester County Hospital

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Chester County Day Volunteers

Volunteers are always needed on the "Day" to make it a success. The areas to volunteer are Greeters, Host/Hostess, Parking and Route Marking. If you would like to get involved, please call The Chester County Day office 610-431-5301 and leave your name, phone number and in what area you would like to volunteer. Someone from that committee will get in touch with you.

Thank you for your support.

Ticket Information

Tour Tickets are $40

All tour ticket orders must be received by September 22, 2016. Orders received after this date must be picked up on "The Day" at the Chester County Day Information Center. This office is located in the North Hills Medical Building, 795 E. Marshall St., which is adjacent to the East side of the Hospital Parking Lot.

- Tickets may be purchased on-line at www.chestercountyday.com **There is a fee for this service**
- By mail at Chester County Day, PO Box 1 West Chester, PA 19381
- Or in person, starting on September 1, 2016

At our Satellite locations and Chester County Hospital, 701 East Marshall St., West Chester, PA 19380

Hospital Locations

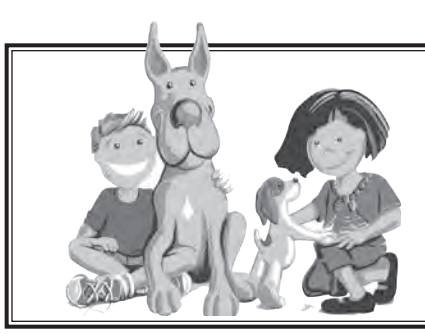
CASHIER in the Main Lobby
Monday-Friday – 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM

WAGS Gift Shop

Monday – Friday	Saturday	Sunday
10:00 AM – 7:00 PM	Noon – 4:00 PM	Noon – 4:00 PM

Beginning Monday, September 26th tickets will be sold in the Lobby by the Auxiliary Members
Monday – Friday
Noon – 6:00 PM

Also available at
The Chester County Historical Society
225 North High Street, West Chester, PA 19380
Wednesday – Saturday 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM



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No Babes-in-Arms
No Backpacks
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Please send No. ____ Tour Tickets @ $40.00 each - $35 tax deductible

Please send No. ____ VIP Tickets @ $100.00 each - $70 tax deductible

Make checks payable to Chester County Day

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Address _____

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Phone _____

Email (optional) _____

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We do not share this information with any third parties.
Information 610-431-5301
Tickets will not be replaced if lost.
Tickets are limited and non-refundable.
Mail Order Form to: Tickets Chester County Day
PO Box 1
West Chester PA 19381
Tickets will be mailed after September 1st. Tour ticket orders received after September 22nd must be picked up on the "DAY" at the Information Center at the North Hills Medical Building, 795 E. Marshall St., West Chester PA.
Information Center will be open on the 'Day' from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Enjoy "The Day" IN STYLE

Treat yourself to a VIP *Ticket*

VIP Tickets Include the Following:

- **Preview Party** – On Sunday, September 25th the historic Vickers Restaurant, famous for their fine dining and Continental cuisine with a French flair, will host a Private Preview Party for homeowners and VIPS. After enjoying fine food and wine, guests will be treated to a preview of this year's tour. Did you know that John Vickers, a skilled potter and passionate abolitionist, opened his home as a stop on the Underground Railroad?
- **Drive a Mini for the "Day."** Otto's Mini in Exton , Pa will provide a Mini for qualified guests with purchased VIP tickets, while supplies last.
- **Tour** a classic stone center hall manor house originally built in 1917. The new owners have recently given this house a facelift with the expertise of Period Architecture. A large kitchen was added while maintaining the historical appointments in the home.
- **Gourmet Box Lunch Menu provided by Montesano Bros Italian Market & Catering**

  Choice of:
  - » Roasted turkey & crisp bacon on a baguette
    Aged cheddar, lettuce, Jersey tomato, avocado mayo
  - » Cold baked Virginia ham on a baguette
    Soft brie cheese, honey dijonaisse, fresh arugula
  - » Raw vegetable & roasted garlic hummus, sundried tomato wrap
    Shredded lettuce, pickled red onion, Jersey tomato, marinated cucumbers, roasted sweet peppers, feta

  All choices include: Roman orzo pasta salad, mint & berry salad, gourmet potato chips, bottled spring water & white chocolate & macadamia nut cookie

VIP Tickets cost $100. 100% of your contribution benefits Chester County Hospital. If you have already purchased a General Admission Ticket and would like to upgrade to a VIP ticket for an additional $60, please contact the Chester County Day Office at 610-431-5301 by September 22nd.

Per IRS regulations, $35 of each $40 Chester County Day ticket and $75 of each $100 VIP ticket may be counted as a tax deductible contribution to The Chester County Hospital Foundation. For more information, please contact the Foundation office at 610.431.5328

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Complement Your Tour with a Picnic Lunch

Arianna's Gourmet Café - *$12 per lunch*

- Gourmet Chicken Salad on a Croissant
- Turkey Wrap with Cranberry Mayonnaise
- Ham with Swiss Cheese on Rye
- Roasted Vegetable Wrap

Sandwiches come with your choice of Caesar Pasta or Fruit Salad, a beverage: Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite or Spring Water, and homemade cookies.

Pre-Order by September 29th by calling 610.696.2910 or emailing ariannaswc@aol.com

Pick up will begin at 10:30am
Stop # 22 - Galer Estate Vineyard & Winery
700 Folly Hill Road
Kennett Square, PA 19348

Marshalton Inn - *$12 per lunch*

- Turkey Sandwich: brie, cranberry mayonnaise, whole grain bread
- Virginia Ham Sandwich: gruyere, dijonaise, baguette
- Chicken Salad: croissant

Included with all options: Chocolate Chip Cookie, Hummus and Crudité, Fruit Cup; a beverage: Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite or Spring Water

Pre-Order by September 29th by calling 610-692-4367 or emailing apple@marshaltoninn.com

Pick up will begin at 10:30am
Stop #8 - Marshalton Inn
1300 W. Strasburg Road
West Chester, PA 19382

A limited number of additional lunches will be available at both locations. Hot soups will be available at both locations for purchase.

All lunches are to be picked up by 2:30.

Friday Evening Previews

At Longwood Gardens & the Chester County Historic Court House

On Friday evening, September 30, at Longwood Gardens, Day guests will have the great pleasure of seeing a PowerPoint presentation of every home and landmark in our CCD house tour. This will take place in the Visitor's Center Auditorium with Day ticket holders being admitted first. Ticket holders may also tour the gardens at no charge all day on Friday Preview Day (gardens close at 6) and all day on Sunday (10/2). You must show your CCD ticket for admission to Longwood on Friday and Sunday. Tickets are NOT good for Nightscape.
Presentations will begin promptly at 5, 6, and 7:00 PM—no seating after the lecture begins. *THE ONLY FOUNTAIN SHOW THIS YEAR WILL BE HELD AT 5:55 PM AT THE OPEN AIR THEATRE.*
Chester County Day ticket holders will be admitted *free of charge* to the Historical Society Museum on Tuesday through Saturday starting October 4th through October 29th.

Also on Friday evening in Court Room 1 of the Thomas U. Walter's 1846 Historic Court House at High and Markets Streets in West Chester, you will have the privilege of seeing the PowerPoint presentation of homes and landmarks featured on October 1. Presentations will begin promptly at 6:00 and 7:30 PM.

2016 Chester County Day

Public Preview Lectures

Tickets will be available for purchase at all Preview Lectures

Tuesday, September 13 @ 7:00 PM
West Chester Public Library
415 North Church Street, West Chester

Wednesday, September 14 @ 7:00 PM
The Chester County Hospital
Mira Conference Room ~ First Floor East
701 E. Marshall Street, West Chester

Wednesday, September 14 @ 7:00 PM
Hershey's Mill ~ Hershey's Mill Community Center
1500 Greenhill Road, West Chester

Thursday, September 15 @ 7:00 PM
East Goshen Township Building ~ 2nd Floor
1580 Paoli Pike, West Chester

Tuesday, September 20 @ 7:00 PM
Easttown Library & Information Center
720 First Avenue, Berwyn

Thursday, September 22 @ 6:00 PM
Henrietta Hankin Library Annex ~ Large Community Room
215 Windgate Drive, Chester Springs

Sunday, September 25 @ 2:00 PM
Chester County Library & District Center ~ Struble Room
450 Exton Square Parkway, Exton

Monday, September 26 @ 7:00 PM
Freedom Village Brandywine ~ Auditorium
15 Freedom Boulevard, West Brandywine

Tuesday, September 27 @ 7:00 PM
The Chester County Hospital
Mira Conference Room ~ First Floor East
701 E. Marshall Street, West Chester

Friday,September 30 @ 6:00 & 7:30 PM
West Chester Historic Court House
1 North High Street, Court Room 1 - 2nd Floor. West Chester
(enter from Market Street)

Friday, September 30 @ 5:00, 6:00 & 7:00 PM
Longwood Gardens ~ Visitor Center Auditorium
Route 1, Kennett Square
(Those with Chester County Day tickets will be admitted first.)

In 1859 the Court House facades were faced with Pictou stone from Merigomish, Nova Scotia.

Satellite Ticket Locations

Purchase Tickets at These Businesses

Tickets for the "Day" may be purchased, in person, at the following locations beginning September 6, 2016.

Antiques at Silver Bell Farm
1641 Horseshoe Pike (Rt. 322), Glenmoore 610-942-4834
Open Everyday from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Thursdays from 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Berkshire Hathaway Fox & Roach Realtors
232 Eagleview Blvd., Exton 484-875-2600
Monday thru Friday 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Sunday 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Bittersweet Farm
8 Reese Ave., Newtown Square 610-355-1776
Tuesday thru Friday 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Brandywine View Antiques
1244 Baltimore Pike (Rt. 1), Chadds Ford 610-388-6060
Wednesday thru Sunday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

John W. Bunker & Son Antiques
431 E. Lincoln Hwy. (Rt. 30), Exton 610-363-7436
Monday thru Friday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Gardner's Landscape & Nursery
535 E. Uwchlan Ave. (Rt. 113), Chester Springs 610-363-5455
Monday thru Saturday 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Hallman's Store
600 Pikeland Ave. (Rt. 113), Chester Springs 610-827-7721
Monday thru Saturday 7:30 AM – 6:30 PM
Sunday 7:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Paoli Design Center
1604 E. Lancaster Ave., Paoli 610-644-4100
Monday thru Friday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Penn Liberty Bank
210 Font Rd. (Rt. 100 Above Eagle), Downingtown 610-535-4830
Monday thru Friday 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Stuart Jewelers
925 Paoli Pike, West Chester 610-692-6181
(West Goshen Shopping Center)
Monday thru Friday 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

The Carriage House
698 Unionville Rd., (Rts. 926 & 82) 610-444-6770
Kennett Square
Monday thru Saturday 10:00 AM – 5:30 PM

The Encore Shop
Corner of Rt.1 & Rt. 52, Mendenhall 610-388-6269
(Re-opens Saturday, September 12th)
Monday thru Friday 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

UpHome
223 E. King St., Suite 105, Malvern 484-318-7109
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A Message From the Chairs

Welcome to the 76th Chester County Day House Tour. The House Committee began their work in January contacting homeowners and coordinating a wonderful tour for you. You can traverse through Marshallton Village, Marlborough Village, then travel south to Kennett Square, or you may choose to tour in the opposite direction. Perhaps you would like to start your day at Cheshire Hunt and experience the pageantry of the Chester County Day Fox Hunt while you enjoy home baked goods and coffee provided by the Women's Auxiliary.

Each year the 45 members of the Committee work tirelessly from January to October. They, with the over 400 volunteers on The Day, make Chester County Day the success that it is. We are grateful for the volunteers, most of whom are so dedicated that they return year after year. New volunteers, however, are always welcome.

Vital to the success of "the Day", are our generous homeowners and sponsors. They, together with you who purchase tickets, make the Chester County Day House Tour possible and we are grateful for each and everyone who contributes to the success of the tour and supports The Chester County Hospital.

We in Chester County are so fortunate to have an award winning hospital in our midst. Chester County Hospital is continually striving to offer the best healthcare available. In 2017, the hospital will celebrate 125 years of delivering outstanding medical care. In celebration of this milestone, The Women's Auxiliary is pledging $1.25 million toward renovating and enlarging the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Funds that are raised by this tour and other Auxiliary events will contribute to this worthwhile pledge.

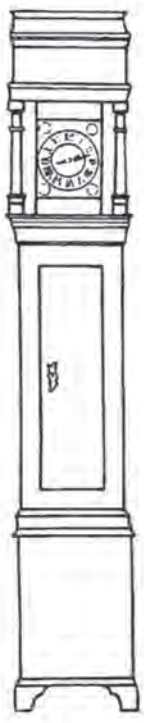
Please help us achieve our goal by joining us on Saturday, October 1st for a memorable Chester County Day House Tour.

We hope to see you along the way.

Louise Milewski and Karen Weber
Co-Chairs

Welcome Sign along East Gay Street looking west from Worthington Street, c. 1925.

Courtesy of Chester County Historical Society



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Hats Off to Marshallton's "Mountain House"

By Jonathan L. Hoppe

Just to the west of the village of Marshallton on the Strasburg Road, exactly 4 miles from West Chester, a stately mansion house sits perched atop a rolling hill. The elegant stone house is an eye-catcher; it is certainly hard to miss at any rate. Its ancient outbuildings, a stone barn across the road and a long-neglected tenant house, are less so. They all stand today in a serene and bucolic tranquility of the rolling West Bradford countryside. Were it not for a small tenant house on the property, sitting just at the 27th mile marker from Philadelphia, one would almost never suspect that the quiet farm was once a hotbed of industry and commerce. For it was here that for much of the 19th century the Carpenter family operated a large hat manufactory, roadside stand, and popular resort hotel.

Photograph courtesy of Chester County Historical Society.

The "Mountain House," as the property was known, has its origins in the late 1790s. Marshallton at the time was a village on the move. Though West Chester had been selected as the county seat over the more centrally-located hamlet in West Bradford Township, spirits and commerce were not at all dimmed by the loss. Marshallton boasted a population of about 800 people clustered near the Bradford Friends Meetinghouse. They worked in a variety of industries, and the local taverns were thriving with the business of drovers, teamsters driving freight-loaded Conestoga wagons, stagecoach passengers, and other travelers moving along the Strasburg Road.

When the federal tax collector came through the village in 1798, he found Humphrey Marshall, the eminent botanist, still living at his large "county house" with its sprawling gardens on the western end of Marshallton. Renting the land on the western corner of Marshall's property was the young hatter Francis Carpenter.

Carpenter had married Sarah Baily in 1795 at the Bradford Meeting and the newlyweds settled in Marshallton. The young couple, as many young couples have since time immemorial, began their married life with modest means but high aspirations. In 1798, together with their young son Thomas, Francis and Sarah lived on that small portion of the Marshall property in a tiny frame house. Francis maintained a small hattery in a log shop nearby.

Francis Carpenter was following in a very old tradition when he hung out his board as a hatmaker. The manufacture of fur hats was one of the oldest branches of industry in America and it had been a lucrative trade indeed since the times before the Revolution. In 1731, to prevent domestic English markets from being flooded by cheap, quality hats from America, Parliament forbade the export of hats from the colonies to any foreign market. This law remained in effect until the Revolution. But by 1786, the industry was flourishing with Pennsylvania taking the lion's share. That year alone over 160,000 wool hats and 54,000 fur hats – primarily beaver pelts – were made annually in the commonwealth. By 1810, Pennsylvania boasted an impressive 532 individual hatters. In the coming decades, the demand for beaver pelts would only increase, and their population plummeted. Even today their numbers have not entirely recovered, though they can again be seen along the Brandywine.

Making beaver hats at the time was quite an involved process. The most popular material to make hats was felt made from beaver fur. To make the felt, the soft underhairs were shaved from the beaver pelt and mixed with a vibrating apparatus called a bow. The matted fabric was then pummeled and boiled repeatedly, resulting in a shrunken, thickened, and softened felt. Filled over a hat-form block in a number of possible styles, the felt was pressed and steamed into shape. The hat maker then brushed the outside surface to a sheen. Often, hatmakers used mercuric nitrate when they boiled the fur to smooth the furs and breathed in the toxic mercury vapors. Their high rates of mercury poisoning from their trade and attendant mental issues gave rise to the phrase "mad as a hatter."

Fortunately, Francis Carpenter was not a mad hatter, but a rather prosperous one. As the years went by both the family and commerce increased, and by 1818, Francis had made enough money to purchase the land, erect a new house, and open a small country store. In 1819, he took his son Thomas into the business, announcing their new partnership with an advertisement in the Village Record that noted they were keep-

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ing "a general assortment of Hats, Furs, and Hatters Trimmings, where store-keepers and hatters may be supplied with all articles in their line of business on the shortest notice." The partnership lasted until 1827, when Thomas moved on to bigger and better things. In 1829, when his youngest son, Moses Squirrel Carpenter came of age, Francis Carpenter took him into the partnership. And under their management the business flourished.

One could say the era before the railroads were the halcyon days for the Carpenter family and for Marshallton as a whole. Until about 1839, when the Main Line of Public Works really began to pick up steam, the plurality of merchandise traffic between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh– that is to say freight and other commodities – passed along the Strasburg Road and the Lancaster Turnpike, rumbling along in great Conestoga wagons. The Strasburg through Marshallton, though, was preferred—at least in dry weather—as it was free and not tolled like the 'pike.

The heavy freight traffic brought with it a lively bunch of teamsters, and drovers driving their herds of livestock and flocks of poultry to market. Frequently hard-drinking and sometimes rowdy, these travelers were a boon to the local taverns as well as to the roadside businesses such as the blacksmith and wheelwright shop that still stands in the center of the village. And where the travelers stopped, businesses catering to their wants flourished. It is small wonder then that the Carpenters' hat manufactory and roadside store prospered. The Carpenters, it is said, hired teams to sell wagonloads of hats throughout Chester and the neighboring counties.

The nearly complete set of account books from the business that reside at the Chester County Historical Society provide a fascinating glimpse into the lives of the past. Dr. Joseph Parrish, the esteemed Marshallton physician, was a frequent customer; others appear once and are seen no more. "Friend Carpenter," reads one surviving scrip tucked in one of the ledgers, "Please let the Bearer Robert Buffington have a hat on my account. William Cheyney." One of the more curious entries belongs to a "William Smith (coloured)." Very little is known about the Smith family; by all indications they were quite prosperous, even, according to the census, surpassing the Carpenter family in wealth. And indeed Mr. Smith appears to have been one of the hattery's best customers, buying hats for his son, father, and many others. But whatever happened to that family and their fortune, good or ill, this writer does not know.

By the 1850s, the hatting trade was beginning to die down as the railroads began to take the lion's share of the freight business, and increasingly industrialized City firms that of the hat manufacturing. And so in 1860, Moses Carpenter, now being in sole control of the business after his father's death in 1857, remodeled and expanded his home and hattery into a lodging place, eating house, and drovers' stand that he dubbed the "Mountain House." Though never a licensed tavern, it was nevertheless one of the more popular resorts along the road. In addition to the dining and rooms, a roadside stand offered groceries and supplies for travelers, and pens for the drovers' livestock. In a clearing on the hill, a dancing platform was built where it was said people from miles around, young and old, would gather in the warmer months for picnicking and dancing in the moonlight to the sounds of Shaner's Orchestra. Years later, some local writers would recall those nights quite fondly.

It was also said that the "Mountain House" was a popular spot for gamblers from West Chester to Philadelphia to gather and drink brown ales, wine, and other spirits. One 1866 article which notes that the "Mountain House" had been broken into and a "keg of pure Rasyberry Wine" was purloined by persons unknown. But by that time Moses Carpenter had wearied of keeping a hotel, and in 1869 he closed out the "House" and rented the little shop on the road out to hatter Albert Carson for $2.00 a week plus board. Moses Carpenter retired to farming, and passed away in 1885 having lived a long and full life.

After his death, the "Mountain House" gradually fell to ruin. By 1890, after the land had passed to Mifflin Thornbury, the once popular eating house had become home to chickens and other farm fowl who could be seen poking their heads out of the broken windows, the "Mountain" part of its wooden sign worn entirely away. Eventually, the old ruins of the "Mountain House" were razed by Alfred Hallowell and the present beautiful house was built using the salvaged stone.

But the old roadside store stand persisted, tenanted by the farm hands and other who worked for the subsequent owners. Even through the 1960s, lacking such amenities as running water and an indoor toilet, one could find people living there. Today, the tiny shop stands in a ruinous condition, the sole survivor of the time when the unassuming spot on the Strasburg Road was a beehive of activity.

So let us tip our hats when we pass by to the Carpenter family and all those who poured out their sweat working and living at the old "Mountain House" for they in no small capacity helped make Marshallton the place we cherish today.

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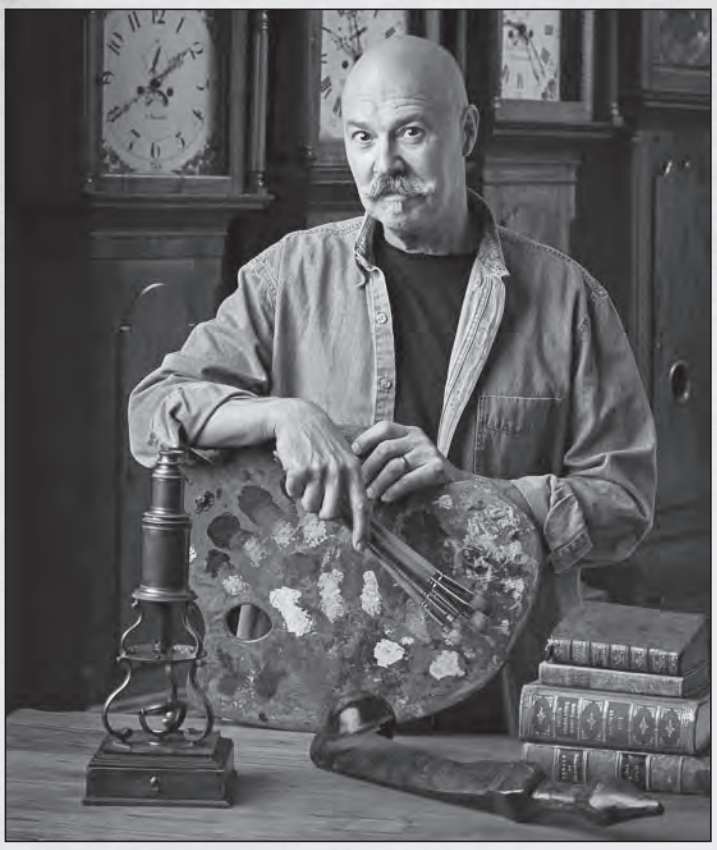

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Young Woman in Green, Outdoors in the Sun 1914

Mary Cassatt Called West Chester Home

By Robyn Young

Impressionist painter Mary Cassatt (1844-1926) was born in Allegheny City, now called Pittsburgh. From 1856 to 1859, the Cassatts moved to the eastern part of the state and lived in the house still standing on the corner of High Street and East Miner Street in West Chester. In 1860, Mary attended the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. In 1865, Mary traveled to Spain and Italy to study with Old World professional instructors. She finally settled in Paris and submitted her paintings to the conservative art exhibition known as the Paris Salon. Her paintings were exhibited in 1868 and again in 1872 and caused a sensation. Cassatt joined the Impressionists, a group of radical artists. Among her friends were Degas, Gauguin, Renoir, Morisot, Monet and Manet. Yet Cassatt was so independent that she eventually left her Impressionist friends and developed her own style of painting using bold lines and colors. She is famous for her depictions of idealistic scenes of mothers and children. Cassatt experimented with drypoint, printmaking and etching later in her career. She lived in France for the rest of her life. There have been three United States postage stamps issued in her honor. Examples of Cassatt's artwork may be found at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, the National Museum of Women in the Arts, the National Gallery of Art and the Art Institute of Chicago.

A state historical marker for Mary Cassatt is located at her former home in Pittsburgh. Mary Cassatt never married. She is buried in France.

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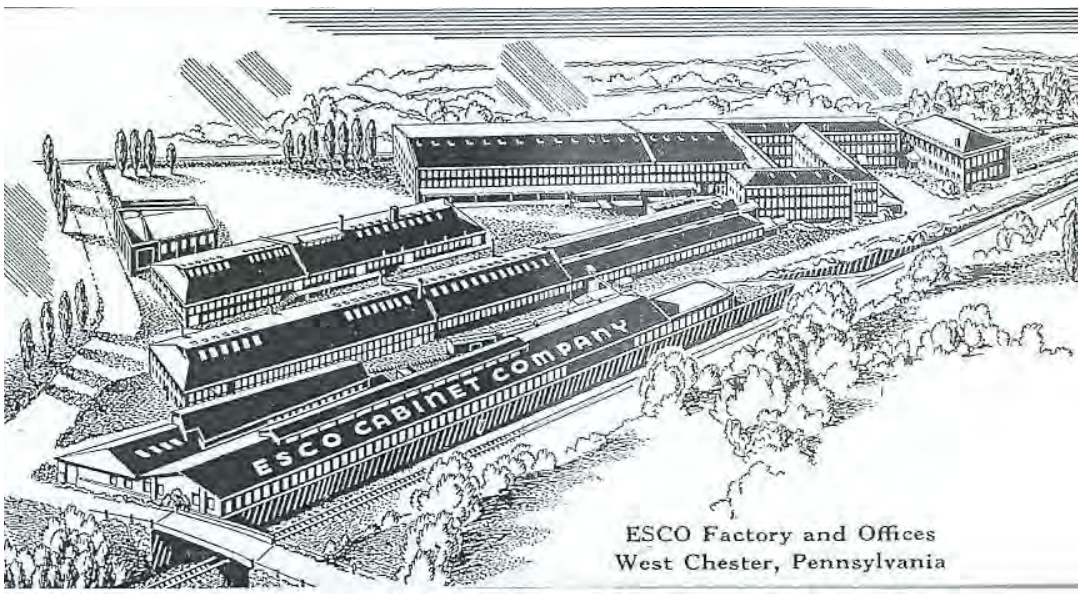
Two Industrialists from Marshallton:

Harry and Merrill Cann of the ESCO Cabinet Company

By Thomas M. Walsh

If one travels near West Chester's B. Reed Henderson High School you will see a very large apartment complex called the Sharples Works. These former brick industrial buildings were built between 1890 and 1909 by P.M. Sharples. West Chester was growing industrially and Sharples would improve upon DeLaval's cream separator. With these improvements, he made a fortune. His separators and other equipment such as milking machines continued to make the company he founded in 1881 very wealthy. But, in 1933, the Great Depression had caught up to Sharples's various companies. His business, occupying 14 buildings on five acres, ceased to exist.



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In the late 1980's developers Steve Solms and Carl Dranoff form Historic Landmarks for Living. After a five-year struggle they purchased the old tired and rundown factory/warehouse buildings. Using tax credits, they developed a modern apartment facility which made preservationists and West Chester's citizens alike very proud. This article is not about P.M. Sharples and his Sharples Cream Separator Company, nor is it about Solms and Dranoff's preservation of this industrial site. The focus will be on another agriculture-oriented company, a company that manufactured in West Chester for 40 years and is largely overlooked.

In 1927, Harry E. Cann and his younger brother Merrill B. K. Cann of Marshallton formed what would become the ESCO Cabinet Company of West Chester. For most of its history ESCO would occupy the bulk of the old Sharples plant. Sixteen-year-old Harry and thirteen-year-old Merrill came to Marshallton when their father, the Rev. William L. Cann, was appointed minister for the Methodist Episcopal Church (Marshallton United Methodist Church today). They would grow up and remain in Marshallton for the rest of their lives. Their families were and are still active in the operation of the local church. The 2016 Chester County Day will allow visitors to pass by their family homes as well as Harry Cann's store on the way to the Bradford Meeting House, and then to Strasburg Road. (Please note that these locations are not open to the public this year).

Young Harry Cann became involved in agricultural sales and in 1927 he and his brother Merrill formed a partnership called the ESCO Cabinet Company of West Chester. The ESCO name and trademark was derived from their Eastern Sales Company. They would develop, manufacture, and sell dairy refrigeration equipment nationally and even internationally. Harry was a pioneer in refrigeration and filed many patents with the U.S. Patent Office. Merrill would focus on sales and distribution. 140-142 East Market Street in West Chester was their original location for manufacturing, offices, and a showroom. Sales increased quickly and they expanded to an old industrial building at Franklin and Lacey Streets (now 301 N. Franklin) in 1928. Soon they added a new building at the Franklin and Lacey location. These developments and growth occurred during the Great Depression. "The ESCO Cabinet Company made the original electric milk cooler for farm use, that was completely automatic in its operation… electric refrigeration was comparatively new, and its application to the cooling of milk on the farm was rather startling to the refrigeration industry; however, demonstrations of ESO Milk Coolers proved their efficiency and marked the beginning of a new industry." A scale model of one of the original 1927 ESCO Milk Coolers is in the possession of the Chester County Historical Society It was presented to CCHS in 1947 by Harry Cann.

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The growth in manufacturing and sales led to the need for additional space. In the early months of 1933, a portion of the now-vacant Sharples Cream Separator Works was purchased. Manufacturing was transferred to the new location and very soon the rest of the Sharples complex was purchased with one exception. That exception was the corner of Franklin and Washington Streets, this two-story portion was owned by Kauffman's Furniture Store (having at one time suffered from extensive fire damage, this section is now a one-story parking garage for the Sharples Works). "By 1934 all operations of the company had been consolidated in the new plant."

In addition to milk can coolers, ESCO over the years would develop a line of products that included electric steam sterilizers, electric dairy water heaters, walk-in sectional coldrooms, dry storage coolers for bottled milk, circulator pumps, commercial ice makers, and milk transfer systems.

As technology improved, they trademarked the "NI-AG-RA"® line of milk can coolers and still later the "Icy-Wall"® system for its new line of bulk milk coolers. In 1937, ESCO developed the farm freezer, a forerunner of today's home freezers. Before Harry and Merrill formed ESCO, Harry sold dairy equipment that included milking machines made by the Empire Milking Machine Company of Newark, New Jersey and later Rochester, New York. In 1939, ESCO purchased Empire. "The entire operation, including the personnel, sales offices, and manufacturing equipment was moved to West Chester" from Rochester. 1939 was also the beginning of the World's Fair in New York with its theme of the "World of Tomorrow." One of the key exhibits was the "Electrified Farm." ESCO Cabinet Company products that were on display included the ESCO Farm Freezers, the "6-can "NI-AG-RA"® Milk Cooler, a 100-cubic foot walk-in Cold Room, and Electric Utensil Sterilizer. As the United States was coming out of the Depression, the 1939-40 World's Fair proved to be quite an attraction.

With the United States' entry into World War II, production of ESCO came under control of the Federal Government. The War Production Board and the War Food Administration deemed that farm milk coolers and milking machines were rated as essential. In addition, ESCO ice makers and freezers were used by the various military branches and some special equipment was produced for shipboard usage.

ESCO was incorporated in Pennsylvania in 1946 along with the Empire Milking Machine Company as a wholly-owned subsidiary. There were both periods of growth and sluggish economy throughout the 1940s through the 1960s as dairying and agriculture in general were changing. Merrill Cann died in 1963 and the remaining company leadership was getting older. A chance situation developed in 1967 and ESCO sold to Oxy-Catalyst, Inc., a pollution control firm founded by Eugene Jules Houdry after World War II. Within a year or so the ESCO line of products was terminated. Oxy-Catalyst was sold to Research-Cottrell, Inc. in 1971. Later, Research-Cottrell would sell the property to Paul Gumas of the Gumas Brothers who used the buildings for warehousing and rented some space to small businesses. With Solms and Dranoff's purchase of the property in the 1980s we have come full circle. Remember as you pass by the Sharples Works in West Chester that the ESCO Cabinet Company occupied the complex for 34 of its 40 years of existence under the leadership of two industrialists from Marshallton, Harry and Merrill Cann.

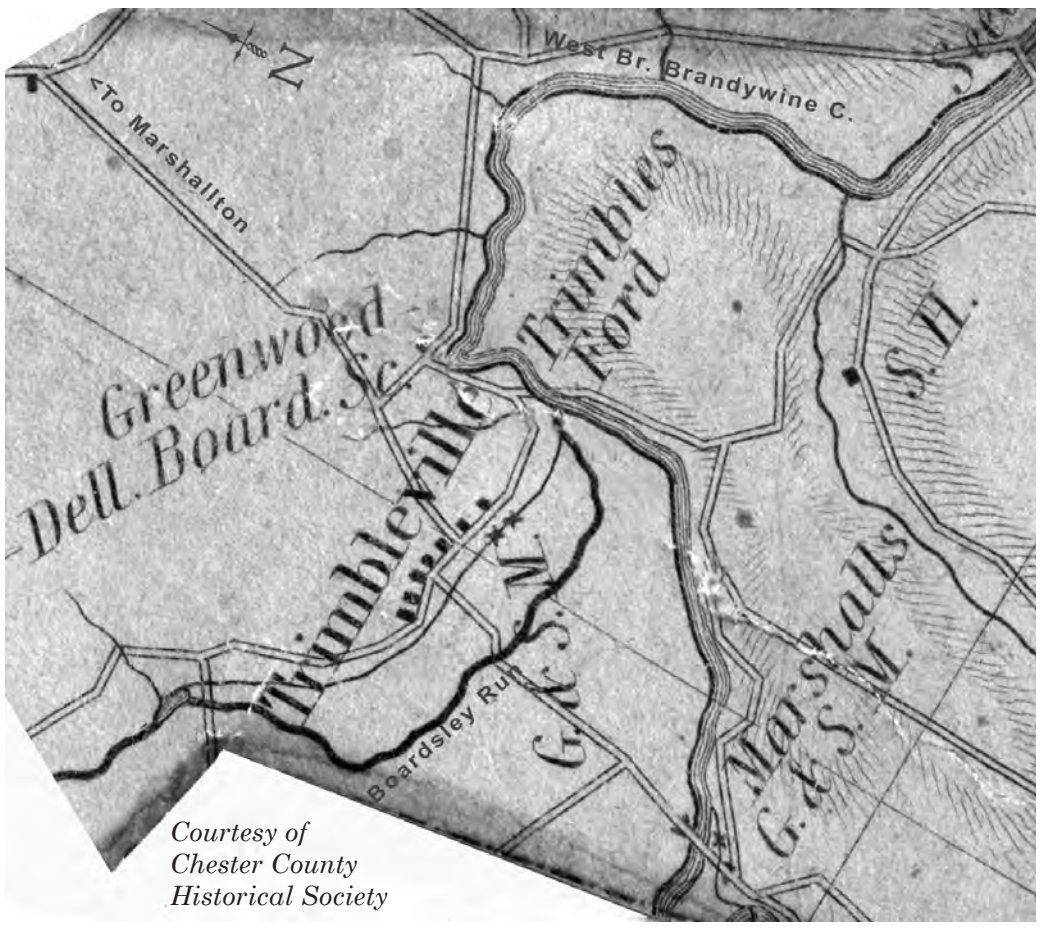
NOTE: Space does not permit us to describe Harry and Merrill's commitments to family and community, their ESCO Farm in Marshallton, and their older brother, S. Homer Cann, another Marshallton industrialist who started the Bannock Food Company, a dog food manufacturer within the ESCO Building complex.

Trimbleville

A Chester County Hamlet That Time Passed

By David E.Davis.

The once thriving hamlet of Trimbleville, located along the banks of the West Branch of the Brandywine River, may no longer exist on the postal or road maps of Chester County, but the homes of its early residents and industry still exist today. The hamlet was founded in 1740 when James Trimble erected an early grist mill on the Broad Run stream. The hamlet is beautifully situated along the Brandywine River, which takes a large bend at Trimbleville, and is drained by the Broad Run, a picturesque stream which empties into the Brandywine. Much of the land in Trimbleville is flood plain and its homes and buildings are poised on slopes just above the flood plain, and look down on the Brandywine River and the Broad Run. Moderately steep hills rise behind the homes to a height of 300 feet and enclose the hamlet. With its backdrop of hills, lush meadows, flowing waters, and handsome stone houses and farm complexes, Trimbleville is an outstanding example of a rural Chester County landscape that no longer exists. In 1985 the hamlet was listed on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and National Registry of Historic Districts.



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The history of Trimbleville mirrors major themes in Chester County's history: settlement and occupation by a Quaker family; a prosperous milling center for 200 years; a blacksmith and wheelwright shop; a five generation family farm; location of a distinguished school; and a significant role in the American Revolutionary War's September 11, 1777, Battle of Brandywine. The origins of Trimbleville begin with a three way partnership agreement to construct a grist mill, and saw mill along the Brandywine. In 1740, William and Elizabeth Woodward (Elizabeth was the sister of Humphrey Marshall for whom Marshallton is named) sold land to Robert Mendenhall and Irish immigrant brothers William and James Trimble. By 1751, James Trimble had purchased the other two shares of the partnership and owned the grist mill and 175 acres of land. This land and the grist mill became the core of Trimbleville.

It was during James Trimble's ownership, and on the morning of September 11, 1777, that Trimbleville was visited by about 8,000 British troops advancing toward Birmingham Meeting. These troops commanded by General Howe and accompanied by Lord Cornwallis forded the west branch of the Brandywine in Trimbleville at Trimble's Ford during their strategic flanking march that concluded in the famous Battle of the Brandywine in Birmingham. These British troops' visit to Trimbleville resulted in numerous reports of damages being filed by Trimbleville residents, James Trimble, Joel Baily, Joseph Trimble, and James Marshall. James Trimble's notation in the Trimble grist mill transaction book for that day was a simple……."Mill Closed".

A historic marker is proposed in this area where visitors can take a moment to consider the colonial landscape and how it remains visible in today's landscape. Here, visitors find themselves on the 1728/1771 Road to the Great Valley, a major thoroughfare connecting the Brandywine Valley to Chester County's Great Valley industrial and transportation corridor and further north to where forges and furnaces produced iron. It was through the Great Valley that the Lancaster Pike, a major transportation corridor, connected the colonial cities of Philadelphia and Lancaster.

Since 1740, Trimbleville has experienced minimal physical changes. The homes that exist today existed essentially in the same fashion in the early 19th century. James Trimble (1739-1816) and his wife Mary lived in the stone house on today's Broad Run Road in Trimbleville, and it was during his lifetime that the Trimble family holdings in Trimbleville grew to greater than 150 acres. It was also during this time that, James Trimble built a grist mill that continued to operate for 145 years. James Trimble's home subsequently became the home, during the 19th century, of a number of Trimbleville's blacksmiths and wheelwrights. Although Trimbleville's blacksmith shop no longer exists, the wheelwright shop still stands along today's Broad Run Road. It was James Trimble's son, Issac Trimble (1781-1859) that built the elegant stone mansion house along today's Northbrook Road in Trimbleville. Isaac and his son John expanded the Trimble farm holdings to 300 acres and grew the grist milling business to include a saw mill and cider mill. The farming and milling business's founded by James Trimble and expanded by Issac Trimble remained in the Trimble family for five generations until 1943.

Despite it small size and rural location, Trimbleville was also the location of an important private school run by one of Chester County's most distinguished teachers, Jonathan Gause (1786-1873). In 1832, Gause moved his West Chester Boarding School to the home on today's Wawaset Road in Trimbleville, and renamed it the Greenwood Dell Boarding School. This school operated until 1865. One of Gause's most famous pupils was Bayard Taylor, Chester County's eminent man of letters and American Legation Secretary to Russia and American Minister to Germany during Abraham Lincoln's presidency.

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A Chester County Day Menu

By Michael Pillagalli

For years I have based the menu, to the best of my ability, on the area in which the tour is focused, the time of the year, the abundance of seasonal fruits and vegetables, and the ways we entertain our family and friends now. When we are in the Southwest quadrant, as we are this year, it is a quick decision to think of something with mushrooms and some rashers of bacon added. As I have written about in the past, it is challenging to think of a Fall Menu when it is a cold, damp spring day and the beds of the garden lay empty of crops. I keep various recipe ideas from October and November magazines and publications to peruse as an idea of what would work as make ahead and or what is simple enough to do and serve after squeezing in one last stop at 4:45 to add to the tally of homes and sites visited on The Day. This year there is something different in that I have included two entrees due to a gift explained below so that one could pick and choose which ever one struck your fancy for serving. So, sitting in front of a fireplace to stay warm, watching a drizzle of cold rain fall, we present a menu to tempt your taste buds and give solace after a fun packed day of visiting homes filled with Chester County charm and character. If you do choose the salmon, pull out Granny's silver fish server you inherited; you have finally found a use for it.

Set the table for guests after a day on tour.

Creamy Mushroom Soup

Since we are in Kennett Square for a walking tour and that it is considered the Mushroom Capital of the World, it is altogether fitting that we serve up a creamy Mushroom Soup with a bacon twist flavor added as a first course. The larger the variety of mushroom used, the better for the mix of flavors and by all means, make it at least a day ahead to blend the flavors and let it all mellow together once it has been blended with an immersion blender. If that is not available, a regular blender will suffice. The creamy consistency comes from the roux created with the bacon, mushroom and onion juices (the half and half helps also!)

6 slices bacon, cut crosswise into 1/2-inch lengths
2 medium Yukon gold potatoes, diced with skin left on
2 pounds mixed mushrooms chopped roughly.
Slice a few and keep separate for garnish with the parsley leaves listed below.
(Recommended: common white, shiitake, chanterelle, cremini, or oyster)
3 tablespoons butter
1 large, sweet onion, cut into 1/4-inch dice
Sea salt
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1/2 cup white wine (Optional)
5 or 6 cups chicken or vegetable stock
1/2 cup half and half (can use Low-fat or Fat-free)
2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh flat-leaf Italian parsley for the soup and reserve a few fresh Italian parsley leaves to garnish the soup along with a few sliced mushrooms.

Add the bacon to a wide, large soup pot and bring it to a medium heat. Cook the bacon, stirring frequently until it gets crispy and has released a lot of fat. Remove the bacon and set aside on paper towel to drain of grease. To the bacon fat, add the diced onions and a pat of the butter. Season the onions with salt and cook until they are wilted- about 7 to 8 minutes. Add the chopped mushrooms to the pan, season with salt and cook until they are soft and have released their juices, about 6 to 7 minutes. Remove the chopped mushroom mixture into a bowl and reserve. Then add the handful of reserved sliced mushrooms to the pan and brown them slightly to be used as a garnish. After they have browned some, remove them to the paper towel with the bacon.

To the pot, add the diced potato and the rest of the butter and stir until the butter has melted and incorporated with the other flavors. Sprinkle with the 2 tablespoons of flour and stir to cook the flour for 2 or 3 minutes. Add the wine if you are adding that and cook until it has reduced by 1/2. Add the stock and bring to a boil and then reduce to a simmer. Taste the stock and season with salt if needed. Add to the pot now the chopped mushrooms, parsley, bacon, and half and half and simmer for 10 minutes more, stirring occasionally.

Using an immersion blender or regular blender, puree the soup in the pan until smooth. If using a regular blender, blend a cup or two at a time to prevent unnecessary cleanups!! Return the soup to the pot if you used a regular blender. Taste the soup and adjust the seasoning, if needed. When serving, just reheat slowly and add the parsley leaves and a few sliced mushrooms to garnish the soup bowl.

Serves 6

Stuffed Roasted Pork Loin

This is an entrée which incorporates dried seasonal fruits with meat. I would suggest dried prunes that have been hydrated before stuffing for this fall dinner. One could substituted dried Turkish apricots that have also been hydrated and or fresh sliced Granny Smith apples for sweeter tasting pork. One can also put this on a grill on medium heat so as not to char the outside too much. The pork and the prune stuffing is a perfect blending of sweet and savory in every bite. One could serve the applesauce, with the recipe listed below, as a side dish if you do not stuff the pork with apples.

1 ½ pounds of pork tenderloins butterflied and slightly pounded.
½ pound dried prunes hydrated in ½ cup hot chicken broth and 1 cup hot water
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste
Fresh sage leaves or dried sage

With butterflied pork tenderloins open, spread hydrated prunes over the pork which has been lightly salted. Roll tenderloins carefully and tie with cooking string. Insert sage leaves under string on both sides of tenderloins. Brush olive oil on the outsides of the tenderloins and salt and pepper. Sear in oven proof pan for two minutes on one side and then turn over to sear the other side for 2 minutes or so. Transfer to a 400 degree oven for 8 to 10 minutes and then turn and continue to roast for another 8 or 10 minutes. You can also sear both sides and wrap in foil and place on a grill at medium heat for 10 minutes then turn and heat another 10 minutes to heat to internal temperature of 140-150 degrees. Remove from heat and let stand for 10 minutes and slice into one inch thick pieces and serve. You should be able to get 3 or 4 slices per serving.

Serves 6

Poached Salmon

Recently I was gifted a full size, stainless steel fish poacher and so there is going to be a second entrée to consider. Salmon is a favorite fish that has been popular for years and is in vogue today as a non-meat choice for a meal. If you decide to poach a whole or half of a salmon, salmon steaks, or slices of salmon, it is all very easily and quickly accomplished- especially with a wonderful poacher that was used by a friend and professional chef who was classically trained in France. If you do not have a poacher, one can use a large, deep sauté pan. This entrée can be served either hot, cold, or at room temperature depending on how you wish to guide the dinner. If you opt for cold or room temperature, it can easily be done before you get ready to attend the Friday night Preview at Longwood or the Chester County Court House. Refrigerate and you have that part all ready for dinner after the tour. The number of servings is determined by

what cut of fish you use.

2 regular size carrots, cut into 1/4-inch rounds
(do not peel the skin from the carrot or take off the green tops if you have them that fresh)
1 medium sweet onion peeled and chopped.
1 lemon, cut into 1/4-inch rounds
6 sprigs fresh thyme / ¼ tsp. of dried if fresh is not on hand
2 sprigs of fresh dill fronds
Small bunch of fresh flat-leaf parsley (Italian)
1 dried bay leaf
1/2 teaspoon whole black peppercorns
2 tablespoons coarse sea salt
1 cup dry white wine (optional)

Start by placing the fish on the perforated rack of the poacher and layering the above ingredients on top of the fish. If the skin is on one side of the fish, have the skin side down. Add water and the optional wine to just cover the contents. Bring the liquid just to a slight boil and immediately turn the heat down to a low simmer. With the lid of the poacher on, let just simmer for 10 to 12 minutes so that the fish stays moist and flaky. At that point, take the lid off and let cool in the liquid if you plan to serve it cold or at room temperature. When cool, remove from the poacher and wrap and refrigerate for later use. If serving immediately, let stand for 5 minutes or so to retain the juice before removing and slicing for serving. If you are utilizing a sauté pan, combine the carrots, onion pieces, lemon slices, thyme, parsley, bay leaf, dill, peppercorns, salt, and optional wine in your pan. Add enough of the liquid/s to reach a depth of an inch and a half or so. Bring the contents to a boil and then reduce heat to barely simmering. Gently add the fish to the simmering liquid. Cover with a lid and cook until flesh is firm but slightly moist in center, 6 to 8 minutes for steaks or slices and 10 to 12 minutes if you are poaching a half a salmon. Follow the same steps as for the poacher after the cooking is complete. Serve with a sauce of your choice.

French Applesauce

I am not exactly sure why I am calling this French, but I assumed I watched Julia Child years ago and saw her make something similar and assumed it was French. Definitely country in appearance and easy to make and yummy to eat many different ways. I find myself filling a cast iron pot with chopped up apples and the rest of the ingredients and cooking them down quickly and deciding if I will eat it warm with vanilla ice cream, cold with some yogurt, as a side dish to a meat or vegetable dinner, or just as a quick snack by the spoonful. There is almost no recipe that I use consistently to make this, much like my grandmother's Irish Soda Bread, so follow along and try it with your spin added to the recipe. Fall apples are the best to use and I usually try to mix two or three kinds together choosing by what looks best at the market. I buy large, individual apples and if you buy the smaller ones that are bagged as 2 or 3 pound bags, you may want to use more to make a worthwhile batch. I also do not peel them as many of the nutrients are in the skin of the apple.

6 Granny Smith Apples
6 Pink Lady Apples
6 Golden Delicious Apples
Handful of mixed Raisins (1/2 cup)
Handful of dry Cranberries (1/2 cup)
1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
¼ cup of raw sugar.

Wash and core apples then cut into bit size pieces and put a cast iron Dutch oven. Add the raisins, cranberries, raw sugar and cinnamon to the pot and stir the contents. Over medium heat start to cook the apples with the lid of the pot on to keep in the steam. Stir every few minutes in the beginning to avoid sticking. Once the apples start to break down and the juice is keeping them from sticking, turn the heat to simmer and let the apples cook until almost tender. Maybe another 20 minutes or so. Remove from heat and with an old fashioned potato masher, mash the apples to a lumpy consistency. I like the chunks of some of the apples mixed with the now hydrated fruits. This is a perfect accompaniment to the pork stuffed with prunes or apricots.

Quinoa with Fall Vegetables

Quinoa is SO easy to prepare. Toasting it adds a nutty taste to this nutritious food which is high in fiber, has plenty of protein, vitamins, and minerals. It also has the highest fat content of any grain - but is not a grain. Grown in the Andes Mountain region of South America, this nutrition packed grain like product is good for you and easy to cook and use. Here we are mixing it with an assortment of fall vegetables which I have chosen, but add you own mix of products for your favorite taste if you wish.

1 cup of quinoa- well rinsed after toasting
1 ½ cups water.
1 medium red onion chopped coarsely
2 bunches scallions cut into 1 inch pieces-use all but the very end of the green section
1 large red pepper chopped into medium sized pieces
1 large yellow pepper chopped into medium sized pieces
1 cup of cut corn-either fresh or canned/frozen
2 small zucchini chopped into small pieces
2 medium sized carrots sliced thinly
2 ribs of celery coarsely chopped
2 tablespoons olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste

Toast the quinoa to a heavy, large dry sauté pan over medium heat, stirring constantly until it becomes aromatic and starts to crackle, about 5 or 6 minutes and then place into a fine sieve over the sink and rinse well with cool water. Bring 2 cups water in a heavy saucepan to a boil; add the toasted quinoa and reduce heat to low, cover, and simmer gently until almost all the water has evaporated, 12 to 15 minutes. Fluff up the quinoa with a fork and let sit. In the large sauté pan you used to toast the quinoa over medium heat, place the olive oil and onions and scallions into the heated oil and stir around for two minutes or so. Then add the red and yellow peppers, carrots, celery, and corn and stir with the onions and cook for about five minutes. Next add the zucchini and anything else you would determine might taste good in the sauté and incorporate well and turn heat down to low and let simmer through to blend tastes. Take the fluffed quinoa and lightly mix in with the vegetables in the sauté pan and leave on the stove. The quinoa will absorb the flavors of all the vegetables and be simply easy to make and delicious to eat.

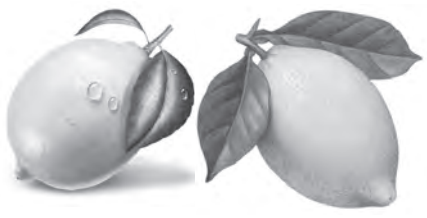
Serves 6

Lemon Essence Pound Cake

And finally we come to dessert; my favorite part of the meal. It usually has to be chocolate but I thought I would try a simple pound cake that is literally made from a pound of everything! Needless to say, this is a heavy and dense cake that can stand alone with some whipped cream or some sort of fruit or ice cream? This cake can easily be made ahead and it actually ages quite well with flavor. The recipe was given to me years ago by a friend who was a descendent of a signer of the Declaration of Independence and Jeb Stuart. She served it at every party she held and it was served on dishes that were part of a set owned by Jeb Stuart.

7 eggs
1 ½ cup butter
3 cups flour – sifted three times
2 cups sugar
1 teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon ground mace
1 teaspoon dried lemon peel or fresh lemon zest

Cream butter and sugar together in a large bowl until well incorporated. Beat in well three eggs, one at a time. After the third egg has been beaten in well, then the final four eggs all at once and beat the mixture until pale yellow. At this point add the mace and the lemon peel and stir or mix in briefly. Then add the flour a cup at a time and do not overbeat. Pour into a buttered and floured Bundt pan and bake at 325 degrees for about 1 ¾ hours. Check doneness by inserting a baking needle to check for a baked center. Let cool and then invert baking pan to release cake. Serves an easy 12-18 depending on the thickness of each slice.



Abraham Lincoln's Quaker Roots

Traced to the Barnard's of Chester County and the Kennett Underground Railroad

By Loraine Lucas

Abraham Lincoln knew he had Quaker ancestors in Pennsylvania since his Great Grandfather John Lincoln and his Great Grand Half Uncle Abraham married Quaker women. John (born 1716 in New Jersey), married Quaker Rebekah Flowers (born in Chester County PA, then in 1729 that area became part of Lancaster County), they owned & sold several pieces of land in Monmouth County NJ, Lancaster County PA and Berks County PA before moving to Virginia. John's half-brother Abraham married Quaker Anne Boone, first cousin of Daniel Boone, and they settled near the Boone Homestead, in Amity Township, Philadelphia County which is today Exeter Township, Berks County PA.

Lincoln's Great Grandmother Rebekah Flowers Lincoln, was the granddaughter of Quaker Richard Barnard who arrived in America around 1682 from Wiltshire England. Richard settled in Chester County, PA and many of his descendants spread into the area around Kennett Square with several of them being notable Abolitionists. Lincoln's Barnard relatives had been active in the Underground Railroad for years and William Barnard (Lincoln's third cousin once removed, although they were not aware of their relationship) along with 5 other delegates from Longwood Progressive Friends Meeting, met in June 1862 with President Abraham Lincoln at the White House urging him to end slavery. Some note it's possible this meeting may have had some influence on Lincoln moving forward to issue The Emancipation Proclamation in September 1862. The Civil War was in progress at this time and its purpose now was to preserve the Union and end slavery. The Civil War ended on April 9, 1865 with General Robert E. Lee surrendering at Appomattox Courthouse, 5 days later on April 14, 1865 President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated (he died April 15, 1865) and 8 months later in December 1865 the U.S. adopted the 13th Amendment to the Constitution which abolished slavery and involuntary servitude, except as punishment for a crime. Years of effort and conviction from abolitionists like the Barnard Brothers, along with their cousin in Washington D.C, were of significant contribution during this historic period.

The Kennett Square area of Chester County PA was a "hotbed of abolition" from the 1830's into the 1860's. With the proximity of the slave states of Delaware and Maryland, and the sympathies of the Quaker and African-American population to "freedom seekers" from the south, Chester County was truly border country. William Kashatus, author of "Just Over the Line: Chester County and the Underground Railroad", listed 132 agents in the Underground Railroad in Chester County with the majority of these being of The Religious Society of Friends a.k.a. "Quakers". Two of Abraham Lincoln's prominent Quaker Abolitionist Barnard relatives were the Barnard brothers Eusebius (1802-1865) and William (1803-1864). They were born in Newlin Township Chester County and were members of Marlborough Friends Meeting. This meeting was built in 1801 on land donated by two Quaker farmers, Richard Barnard (the brother's Grandfather) and Isaac Baily. These two men spent years in bitter dispute over water rights until Richard Barnard defused the situation by washing Baily's feet. Their gift of land to the new meeting was an outward sign of their truce.

Eusebius Barnard (1802-1865) Quaker third cousin once removed to Abraham Lincoln

In the 1830s, the anti-slavery movement in the United States was revitalized, involving to a large extent the Quakers in Chester County, PA In 1838, the Kennett Anti-Slavery Society declared that anyone "who aids in the restoration of the fugitive to his master is guilty of a crime against humanity and religion". Many Quakers maintained their witness against slavery by aiding the fugitive or by refusing to consume the products of slave labor. Other Quakers felt that personal witness was not enough and slavery should be vigorously addressed. In the mid 1840's, a series of "conferences" were conducted at Marlborough Meetinghouse to openly discuss whether time had come to leave the Society of Friends for some more open and activist society. The issue simmered for years and came to a head in 1852 when William Barnard invited Oliver Johnson, a radical abolitionist Progressive Friend from New York state who had recently relocated to eastern Pennsylvania, to speak at Marlborough Meeting. The conservative faction at Marlborough Meeting arranged for the arrest of Johnson for disturbing the quiet of their meeting, this episode is known as the "Marlborough Riot". Soon after this, in 1853, fifty-eight remarkable women and men temporarily left their original meetings (many "read out" or disowned and not accepted back until @ 1874) and created the Pennsylvania Yearly Meeting of Progressive Friends based on moral accountability and "practical righteousness". The annual meetings, held from 1853 to 1940, were a beacon to reformers throughout the United States. John and Hannah Cox gave the land on which to build The Longwood Progressive Meetinghouse. The cornerstone for this new building, to be used for "moral, literary and scientific purposes", was laid on September 3, 1854 and the new building was dedicated on May 19, 1855. Most of the founders of Longwood Progressive Friends lived within a few miles of this spot, including Eusebius & Sarah Barnard, William Barnard, Coxs, Fussells, Hambletons, Mendenhalls, Pennocks, and others. These local Quaker founders had been the core of the anti-slavery movement in Chester County for the past twenty years and actively involved in the "Underground Railroad". A handful of like-minded reformers from Philadelphia and Thomas Garrett of Wilmington DE also joined in the call. Longwood Progressive Friends Meeting has a long list of renowned speakers and visitors. It always had a Quaker core, but quickly attracted reformers of various religious groups. Active participants at Longwood included: Lucretia Mott, the Quaker advocate for abolition and woman's rights; William Lloyd Garrison, editor of the "Liberator"; Sojourner Truth, a former slave turned lecturer; Frederick Douglass, an African-American social reformer/abolitionist/orator/writer/statesman; Susan B. Anthony, the champion of the women's suffrage movement; Theodore Parker, Unitarian clergyman; Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin"; John J. Whittier, Quaker poet; Thomas Garrett, abolitionist from DE; and others. There are notations that Harriet Tubman, former slave who became a prominent African American Abolitionist on the Underground Railroad, likely traveled near Longwood on occasion.

The Longwood Progressive Meetinghouse

June 20, 1862, The Longwood Progressive Friends Meeting sent a delegation consisting of three men and three women to visit the White House. Three Congressmen and one Senator, David Wilmot, all from Pennsylvania, led the delegation into the White House to introduce the six to the President. Two of the men in the delegation were Thomas Garrett, a prominent abolitionist from DE and William Barnard, Lincoln's third cousin once removed, however they were not aware of their Quaker relationship to each other. The delegation, all ardent supporters of the Underground Railroad, presented Memorial (petition) to President Abraham Lincoln urging him to issue orders of widespread emancipation. Lincoln was gracious to his visitors but he did not quickly yield to their reason-

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ing. He noted from his Springfield speech that the American people would either agree to slavery's "extinction," or they would agree to its inclusion in all states. Lincoln had disappointed many abolitionists already by his placing the preservation of the Union higher than his moral objection to slavery. However, just over a month after the meeting, on July 22, Lincoln shared with his cabinet the first draft of what was to become the Emancipation Proclamation. In September 1862, he issued the Emancipation Proclamation, which was to take effect January 1, 1863. Could the Progressive Friends delegation have had an influence on one of the most important decisions in American history? William Lloyd Garrison hailed the proclamation as "a great historic event, sublime in its magnitude, momentous and beneficent in its far-reaching consequences."

A few other items relating to Abraham Lincoln in Chester County, PA: "The First Biography of Abraham Lincoln" published in West Chester PA on 2/11/1860, it helped launch his presidential campaign which eventually got him elected the 16th President of The United States. Historical Marker is in front of the Lincoln Building in West Chester. 1858 Fall -- Jesse Fell, a Chester County native, meets with Abraham Lincoln in Bloomington, Illinois, to discuss political strategies for a presidential bid by Lincoln. Fell asks Lincoln for information concerning his family background and education with the intent to have a biography written of him and published in West Chester. Lincoln initially refuses then complies. 1860 February 11 -- The first biography of Abraham Lincoln is published by The Chester County Times at 28 West Market Street. It is republished in newspapers throughout the country to introduce Lincoln as a candidate for president. http://www.westchesterbid.com/view_program.php?id=224 In 1861, on the way to his inauguration, President Lincoln's train passed through Chester County, through Haverford College in Ardmore, Downingtown, Coatesville and Parkesburg.

"Ballad of Abraham Lincoln" written in 1869 by Bayard Taylor, an 1800's American Poet from Chester County PA who also authored "The Story of Kennett" In December 1863, Bayard was in Washington, D. C. for a series of three lectures on the topic of Russia, its people and place in history. President Abraham Lincoln attended Bayard Taylor's lecture in Willard's Hall. The President, impressed by Bayard's lecture, wrote him a brief letter of admiration. Later, in 1869, Bayard published his "Ballad of Abraham Lincoln" one of the earliest compositions in verse about Lincoln, prepared especially for children.

Eusebius Barnard House in Pocopson

William Marshall Swayne (1828-1918), commonly known as Marshall Swayne, was a sculptor and writer who lived in Chester County PA. He married Mary S. Barnard (fourth cousin of Abraham Lincoln) in 1850 and had 8 children. At the suggestion of Supreme Court justice Noah Haynes Swayne he was appointed to the United States Treasury Department by President Lincoln. Swayne did several sculptures of Lincoln including a bust of the President while he posed for him and recited poetry to visitors. Lincoln said of the sculpture, "I have sat for several to model my likeness, but I like yours best. It was donated to the Smithsonian Institution in 1940 by Swayne's heirs.

Nathan Simms (1851-1934) - the Slave Boy at the Assassination of Lincoln The Slave boy who helped Booth escape the night of Lincoln's assassination told the Union soldiers the next day the direction Booth took, thus aiding in his capture. Nathan lived at the home of Mary Surratt near Washington, DC in 1865 and he later moved to Marshallton, Pennsylvania. There is a historical maker at his gravesite in Bradford Cemetery, Marshallton, that site in one of the stops on the 2016 Day tour.

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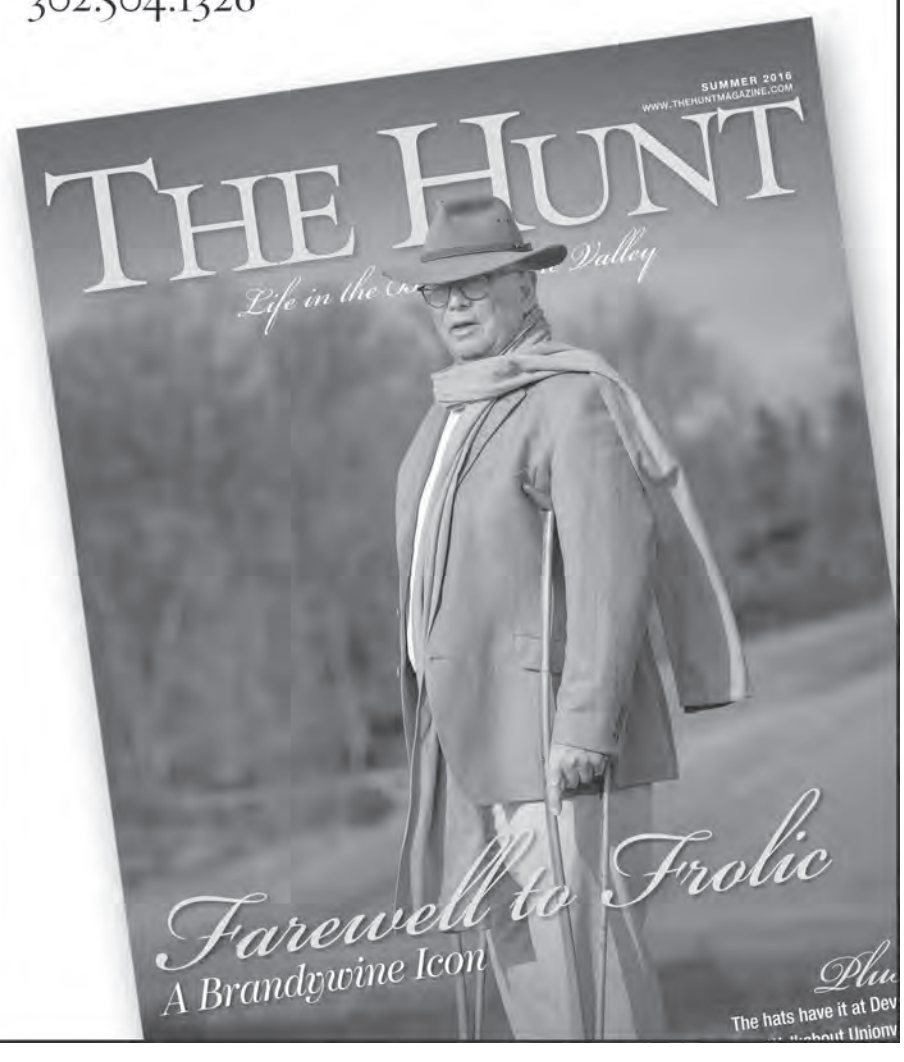


Fact, Fiction or a Bit of Both

Marshallton resident Nathan Simms, buried at Bradford Cemetery, holds a place in the Lincoln assassination legend

By Gail O. Guterl

Every legend hinges on a thin thread of truth, even if, as time passes, it is impossible to discern what that truth is. That is the case of a long-ago Marshallton resident, Nathaniel "Nathan" L. Simms, and his connection or lack thereof to events surrounding the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln.

Depending on which account you read, Simms, a freed slave (or was he born free?) is purported to have held John Wilkes Booth's horse at Mary Surratt's hotel in Maryland after Lincoln's assassination. Or some reports claim he held Booth's horse at Ford's Theater in Washington, DC? See what I mean?

Accounts of Simms' actions after President Lincoln's assassination of April 14, 1865, are riddles wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma, with one report stating one thing and another stating something else. However, for an event that many question even happened, there are certainly plenty of accounts and reports of it from sources like the archive of the Friends of the Lincoln Financial Collection in Indiana, to local contemporary newspaper reports, many from papers that no longer publish.

What seems consistent is that in 1865, Simms was a "waiter boy" at Mary Surratt's boarding house in Surrattsville, MD, about seven miles from Washington, DC. Some accounts say he was 14 years old, others say 18. In his own words in an undated Washington Star article Simms said he was bound out to Mrs. Surratt when he was 14 "there being seven other colored boys on the place."

Simms stated in the article: "John Wilkes Booth was a frequent visitor at the house, he being very intimate with my mistress' son, John Surratt. Booth, a kind of helpless fellow, required a good deal of waiting on, and from him I received my first money I could say was mine."

As Simms recounted many times after the assassination, Booth frequently visited the hotel in the two months preceding Lincoln's assassination. "A few days before the shooting of the president, Mrs. Surratt and I went into Washington and she bought nine or 12 pistols at a gunsmith's. They were put in a little coffin, which the undertaker hauled in his hearse across the eastern branch bridge. … Mrs. Surratt, after reaching home, hung the pistols on the walls of her room. On the night of the assassination Booth and John Surratt ate supper together and left the house. About midnight Booth returned and I heard Mrs. Surratt clap her hands and exclaim: 'I'm glad the old rebel is dead', meaning our noble Lincoln. That same night I helped Booth into the saddle and he shot down the pike as if demons were after him. On opening the house next morning, I was surprised to see the piazza and yard full of soldiers. One of them asked if Booth had been at the house during the night and I replied that he had. In a short time my mistress and all hands about the place were taken into Washington."

Even with Simms' own words to confirm his story, several newspapers of the era reported Simms held Booth's horse at Ford's Theater. In Edward Steers Jr.'s 2007 book, Lincoln Legends: Myths, Hoaxes and Confabulations Associated with Our Greatest President, he proposes that it was Peanut John Burroughs, a stable boy at Ford's Theater, who held Booth's horse that night.

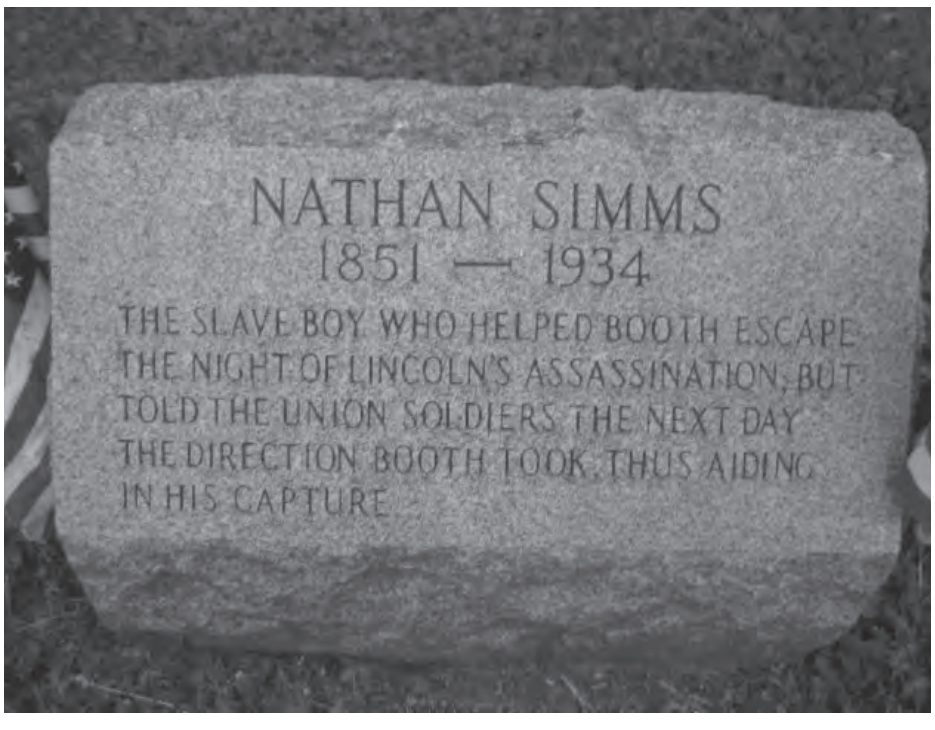
Very little is known about Nathaniel L. Simms, called "Uncle Nate" by Marshallton residents. Some of what is written confuses the story further. Most accounts say he migrated north to Marshallton around age 19. A 1934 article in the Daily Local News reports he was born May 4, 1839. However, that would have made Simms 31 years old when he held Booth's horse and 91 when he died. Most accounts put his age at death at 82 or 84.

Several regional newspapers report two marriages for Simms, one in 1883 to Julia Coulson of Kennett Square, and the second to Sarah Ann Thomas of Oxford in 1894. He was a widower at the time of his death. Simms worked for farmer John Hoopes of East Nottingham Township during the 1880s and lived in a house in Northbrook for a time. He did odd jobs around the community and appeared to be hardy into his 80s. As late as 1932, when he was 81, a Feb. 12, 1932 Philadelphia Ledger article reported that he still cut corn for local farmers and chopped his own firewood.

While we know some details of Simm's life, his resting place in death is unclear. According to a January 19, 1934 Philadelphia Ledger article and an article in the Coatesville Record the same day, Simms "died this week and was buried yesterday… He was buried in potter's field of the Chester County Home for the Poor at Embreeville", which became the Embreeville State Hospital. However, a Daily Local News article that same day in 1934, and an Oxford Press article Jan. 25, states Simms was buried in Bradford Cemetery in Marshallton. (That potter's field, according to Asylum Projects (http://www.asylumprojects.org, keyword Embreeville State Hospital), is now part of the Cheslen Preserve outside the now-closed Embreeville State Hospital grounds. A sign at the field encompassing all those buried in the cemetery which has 240 remaining stone grave markers, states "Known but to God, respected by us.") The Coatesville Record article stated: "News of Sims [sic] demise did not become generally known and when no person claimed the body it was consigned to the Potters Field…. His wife died a few years ago, leaving him alone."

So where is Simms buried? In 1966, the Marshallton Boy Scout Troop #52 believed Simms was buried at Bradford Cemetery off Northbrook Road, right around the corner from Marshallton Village, and worked to have a monument placed on his grave. That marker states "Nathan Simms, 1851-1934, The slave boy who helped Booth escape the night of Lincoln's assassination but told the Union soldiers the next day the direction Booth took, thus aiding in his capture." Additionally, in 1975 the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, a Philadelphia-based group made up of descendants of Civil War soldiers, laid a wreath on Simms grave saying the group planned to mark the grave each April 14 in years to come.

The grave marker is located in the far southeast corner of Bradford Cemetery at the tree line at 39° 56.852' N, 75° 40.709'W.



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Mary Ann Shadd Cary

By Robyn Young

Mary Ann Shadd (1823-1893)

Mary Ann Shadd (1823-1893), born a free African-American in Wilmington, Delaware, moved with her family to West Chester in 1833 when she was ten years old. Although the Shadd family were free blacks, Mary Ann's father Abraham Shadd (1801-1881) and her mother, Harriet Parnell Shadd, lived in fear of their family being kidnapped and sold into slavery, a common occurrence in the years before the Civil War. Abraham Shadd was an early abolitionist on the Underground Railroad in Wilmington, Delaware and West Chester, Pennsylvania, transporting former slaves to freedom through Chester County. Abraham's trade was as a shoemaker and once he was settled in West Chester, he opened a shop on the northwestern corner of High and Barnard Streets. The house is no longer there and has been replaced by a 3-story brick building with Italianate trim. Mary Ann and her siblings were educated by Quaker teachers in West Chester. After graduating from her high school studies, Mary Ann taught school locally and in New Jersey. After the passage of the Fugitive Slave Act in 1850, Mary Ann moved to Windsor, Canada to start an integrated school. The school was unsuccessful because the local community resisted integration. From 1853 to 1858, Mary Ann published and edited the Provincial Freeman, an anti-slavery newspaper. Her motto at the newspaper became "Self-reliance is the fine road to independence." In 1856, Mary Ann Shadd married Thomas Cary of Toronto. After her husband's early death in 1960, Mary Ann returned to West Chester during the Civil War. Mary Ann soon headed west to recruit black soldiers for the Union Army. After the war, Shadd Cary taught school in Washington, DC. She eventually became the school's principal. In 1869, Shadd Cary became the first woman to enter Howard University's Law School. She maintained a law practice until her death in 1893. Shadd Cary advocated for women's suffrage and testified before the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives for the right to vote. She was the first black woman publisher of a newspaper in North America. In 1998, Mary Ann Shadd Cary was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame. There are state historical markers for Mary Ann Shadd Cary in Wilmington, Delaware, and Windsor, Canada. Her former home in Washington, DC has been designated a National Historic Landmark. She was survived by her children, Sarah and Linton.

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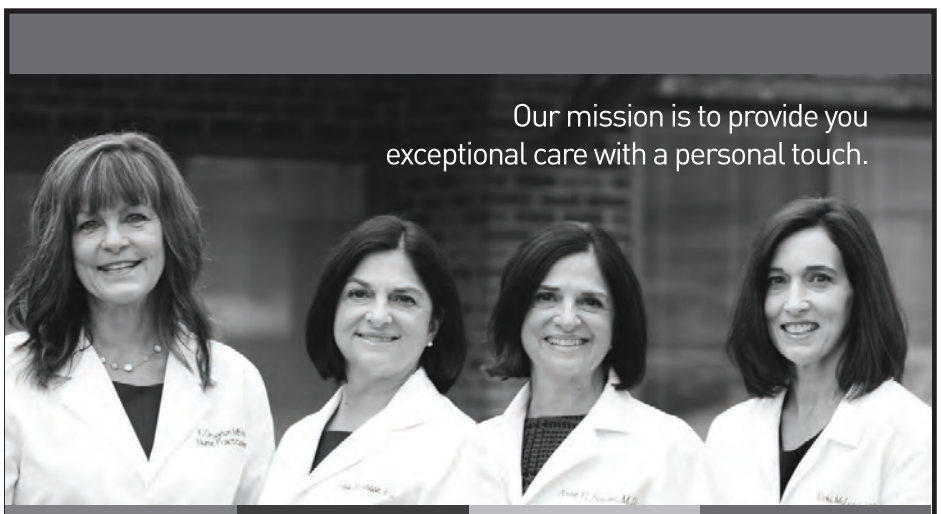

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One of Chester County's oldest, continuing taverns had a rough start getting established

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From the 1760s until the 1880s, the village of Marshallton in West Bradford Township provided several examples on how a tavern's location and neighborly support determined whether or not a tavern received its license from the court.

One of Chester County's longest battles to obtain a license was the result of a conflict between two competing businesses, Joseph Martin's Centre House and what would became the Marshallton Inn, owned by Abraham Martin.

The story of the Marshallton Inn – known as the General Wayne from 1850 to 1858 – is a tale of perseverance. It took seven petitions and eight years of trying before Abraham Martin was granted a license. The two Martins were not related, but one intriguing bit of rejection came from Joseph Woodward, Abraham's father-in-law.

The Marshallton Inn as depicted by H. E. Cann

Years before, around 1793, Woodward built the stone structure overlooking the Strasburg Road and sold it to Abraham in 1802. Abraham was said to have originally opened a general store in the building, but after Marshallton became a district-voting center, he applied for a tavern license.

Perhaps Abraham's change in occupation was the bone of contention, because at one point in the petition process, Woodward was joined in his objections by several family members including his wife (Abraham's mother-in-law). There may have been other letters to the court, but only one survives and it outlines how Abraham had violated an earlier agreement.

Reading between the lines today, it's easy to assume that the Woodward's, as well as other protesters, were not only staunch , non-drinking Quakers, they did not want two taverns in Marshallton. The small hamlet then revolved around the peaceful activities of the Bradford Friends Meeting House but had lately "suffered," to use the language of the day, a great increase of traffic on the Strasburg.

Men on foot known as drovers could be seen nearly on a daily basis, driving animals such as cattle and turkeys in a dusty wake. Perhaps worse were the so-called waggoneers, the Mac truck drivers of their day, who maneuvered huge Conestoga wagons on the unpaved Strasburg, some wagons hooked together like unyielding train cars.

In their letter, the Woodward's also did not mention Marshallton's other community landmark, Martin's Tavern. The former tavern site – now a public park protected by The Friends of Martin's Tavern – opened in 1764, a year before the meeting house was established and thus was not part of a law that prevented a tavern from opening within a certain range of a church or meeting.

Instead, the Woodward's stressed the location of the proposed tavern, noting that "the lot that Abraham Marshall is about erecting, stabling, etc. for the use of his intended house of Entertainment," was under the "express agreement and understanding" that "he should not apply or keep a tavern at that place."

A short summary of Abraham's various attempts to open a tavern are as follows. In 1814, Abraham applied for his first license, stating on his petition, signed by 75 supporters, that he spent $1,500 (an almost unheard of sum at that time) in converting the store into a tavern that could accommodate overnight guests.

His application turned down (with no explanation from the court), Abraham re-applied the following year, this time stating that a total of $2,000 had been spent. Aside from his great cash outlay, Abraham pointed out that there had been an increase in the number of travelers through Marshallton and that the village had been lately designated as a place to hold elections.

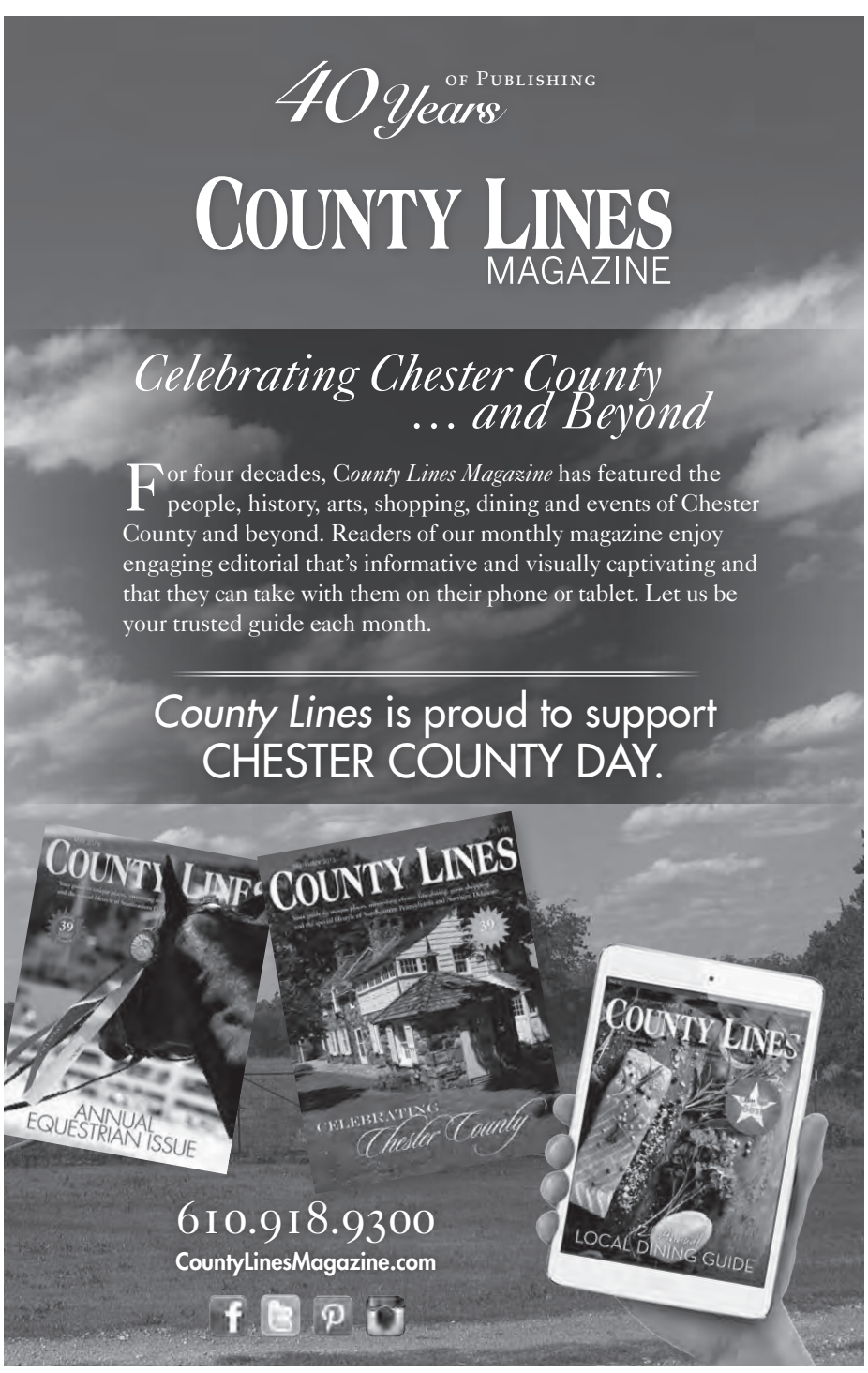
This time his petition boasted 95 signatures. Turned down again, Abraham tried another tactic in 1818, explaining that his tavern would have broad appeal. Noting that he had "fitted" up his house "in the most accommodating manner for the reception of the traveler and waggoneer," he pointed to its particular location. The site was described on the petition as "being high and handsome," perhaps to make it seem that it stood alone on a well-traveled thoroughfare.

Without mentioning Martin's Tavern, Abraham deemed his request as very reasonable, noting that "it was a necessity" that more accommodations were needed. For that, Abraham inspired a response from the Woodward's and dozens of other residents who demanded that the court come to its senses. In their words, they "hoped [that] the repeated refusals you have given his petition would have laid this matter to rest."

They also cited Abraham's inability to come up with any new reason to have a tavern and that his "string of recommendations" were from the same people, most of whom lived out of the neighborhood. Finally, they claimed that Abraham "put up buildings" without venturing directly to "discover" that a tavern already had been established.

The Centre House, they stated, (referring to the historic site now known as Martin's Tavern), was only four hundred yard away. At least, they did not accuse Abraham of lying about the existence of a competing tavern – a common ploy in those days.

They even conceded that the Centre House was not in the best shape, having been in business for considerable years, but they stressed that Abraham was wrong about Marshalton's increase in traffic. Summing up, they noted that they "felt particularly anxious that a tavern not be allowed." The signers including many of West Bradford's best known residents including Humphrey Marshall (a botanist), Joel Baily (a clockmaker) and Mordecai Hayes (a local quarry owner).



Before the ink was even dry on Abraham's next petition, the objectors submitted a "remonstration against" on May 3rd, 1819. In respective tones, they reminded the court that Abraham had made the same request "for the sixth time" even though they had observed a "decrease of traveling on Said road." Numerous residents signed the tavern petition including two men, James Chamberlain and Joshua Marshall, who would go on to manage their own taverns.

A response in favor of Abraham Martin, filed February 1st, 1819 – and "held under advisement," as the court clerk wrote on the back of the document – took the man-of-good-repute approach. Noting that they believed Martin "to be sober, orderly and a regular man," the signers again underscored the "necessity" of "more accommodations on the roads near Marshallton."

One interesting letter of support came from a group of patrons calling themselves "travellers [sic] and Waggoners." Filed on May 3rd, 1819, the full-page letter stressed the need for accommodating ordinary folk and working men with their animals: "We have frequently slept with Abraham Martin and have always been well accommodated; there being no lack off provisions for ourselves or horses."

Again, including their animals, they stressed the necessity for the house that was "well calculated for our comfort and stabling and yards for our horses ease." They concluded with the lines "we wish not to be lengthy in our petition. But sincere in our request." About 24 signatures filled two pages, none with "Xs." (the customary signature for the illiterate). An awkward line noted that the signers were almost all wagoners, or "signers nearly all Pittsburg [Pittsburgh] Waggoneers." The names were predominately English (rather than usual German or Pennsylvania Dutch) and included Samuel Guy, Edward Gregory, John Chamberlin, David Hunt, and George and David Worrall.

In a confusing turn, Abraham did not submit an application in 1820 and 1821, but petitions were submitted by a man named Eli Woodward for the same location. The 1820 petition was even signed by Isaac Carpenter, who didn't own but was tavern-keeper at the Centre House. The 1820 petition also included references to other taverns that are far away even by today's standards, one in "Dilworth Town."

In Abraham's final petition, in 1822, he not only added addition details, such as a dignified-sounding name for his proposed tavern, "The Sign of the General Wayne," he included a hand-drawn map. Neatly rendered and submitted in a letter now preserved in the Chester County Archives, the map is a fascinating document especially for historians of early taverns

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It is not known if Abraham was deliberately misleading, but a map includes a rendering of no less than five roads but only three other structures besides those owned by Abraham. Most curious is that the Bradford Friends Meeting is shown to be located, not near the Strasburg, but on "the road leading to Wilmington."

As for the Centre House, it is identified not as Carpenter's establishment but "Chamberlain's House" and it's shown to be located a "fair" distance from Abraham's property, which is rendered with Monopoly-style structures such as a large stable, "store," and "house." A little bit of persuasion and brand marketing, it seems, went a long way" Abraham was granted a tavern license although unfortunately, he lived only another four years and his business was continued for generations by other owners. Indeed, the Marshallton Inn is now considered the oldest continuing tavern in the region.

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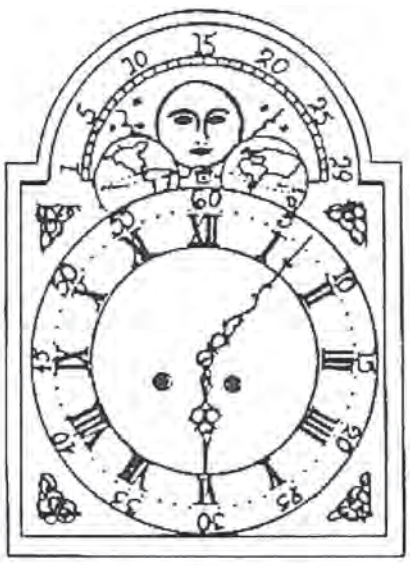
Quaker Clockmaking Country

By Eric Chandlee Wilson

South of the CHESTER LIMESTONE VALLEY and west of the Brandywine Watershed, the land of Chester County becomes gentler, more rolling and evens out west and southward into the gently rolling hills of the Red and White Clay Valleys and the Octorara Watershed. The rocky sharpness of the hills in the northern part of the county with its deep valleys, give way to a gentleness in the south.

Even the names of the townships became gentler in the south. Vincent and Uwchlan and Pikeland give way to gentle Quaker place names like New London, Nottingham, London Grove, and Marlborough. This part of Chester County is the most intimately associated with early Quakerism, and it is the part of the county where the earliest Quaker clockmaking artisans lived and worked. You could truly call it Quaker clockmaking country.



Chester County is well known for its clockmaking activity in the pre-industrial era. Between approximately 1712 and 1840 some twenty-five makers working in all parts of the county produced a total of about two hundred fifty tall case clocks. What makes the southern Quaker area so unique is that all of the makers working there were either Quakers themselves or directly influenced in their clockmaking endeavors by Quaker artisans. Of great significance is the fact that all the makers living in this area worked well within the pre-Revolutionary period or tradition, which is to say they manufactured clocks with brass dials (or faces) rather than the later painted faces.

The division between the brass dial and white painted dial is the most natural one in the history of American clockmaking. In the brass dial period, the dials were chiefly a product of the clockmaker himself. These dials, usually called applied brass dials, consist of a dial baseplate, which was hammered or plainished by hand; spandrels, which are casting mounted in the corners of the dial; an applied chapter ring displaying the hour and minute numerals; and sometime subsidiary seconds and moon phase dials.

About 1772, manufacturers in the great English ironmaking centers of Birmingham and Liverpool began producing painted clock dials. These were made of iron and had a distinct advantage over the brass dials in that the clock hands (and thus the time) against this white background could be really observed and noted.

These dials represented one of the many inroads that the industrial age was making on hand production. They became widely popular throughout England and America, but the conservative Quaker makers of Chester County continued in the brass dial tradition long after these dials were abandoned by others.

Their use of the brass face demonstrates a resistance to change and a reverence for hand artisanship. The local version of the brass dial was itself unique. Rather than creating their dials with a solid baseplate (in the English manner) they would cut away the center portion and use this precious brass for other projects. They would then attach a small dial center using four strips of iron riveted to the two sections of the brass dial.

There were actually seven clockmakers working in the southern part of the county, who worked well within the brass dial tradition. These were Benjamin Chandlee, Sr., and his son Benjamin Chandlee Jr., both of Nottingham; Isaac Jackson of London Grove and New Garden; George Jackson and John Jackson (Isaac's cousins) of East Marlborough; William Gillespie of New London; and Joel Baily of Bradford.

The earliest maker working in this region was Benjamin Chandlee, Sr. Trained in Philadelphia by his father-in-law, he settled in Nottingham and made clocks between 1712 and 1741, by which time his son, Benjamin Jr., had established himself in the family trade. This family not only made clocks, but like many artisans of the time continued a diversity of occupations. The Chandlees were farmers and clockmakers, but they also repaired farm implements, made cow bells, surveyor's compasses, and even surgical instruments.

Isaac Jackson, of London Grove and later New Garden, was one of

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the most accomplished and prolific of the Quaker clockmakers. Born in 1734, Jackson was active at his trade through the middle and last third of the eighteenth century. It is not known definitely where he learned the clockmaking trade, but early in his career he moved to Nottingham, and it is believed that he either apprenticed or worked as a journeyman under Benjamin Chandlee, Jr.

Jackson's clocks are highly prized possessions of many Chester County homes today. They are unique in that the brass dials often contain quaint rhyming inscriptions such as "Improve time/ Without delay/ For it passeth/ Swiftly away," or more simply, "Time Passeth Swiftly Away." One of Jackson's more elaborate eight-day clocks reveals an entire Biblical inscription on an engraved plate in the dial arch; "In ye fear of ye Lord is strong confidence; and his children shall have a place of refuge." Prov. XIV 26.

Isaac Jackson very likely trained his cousins John and George, as their work resembles (but no way equals) that of their older and able cousin. Surviving examples of John and George's work are few. One very primitive thirty-hour clock by John Jackson repeats the rhyme "Time Passeth Swiftly Away" engraved on four small bosses in the dial corners, and has only one hand (essentially a minute hand) for telling the minute and hour simultaneously.

Very little is known of William Gillespie, the New London clockmaker. At the time Dr. James wrote his *Chester County Clocks and their Makers*, in 1947, Gillespie was unknown. Shortly thereafter one of his clocks surfaced, and subsequent research revealed that he was engaged in clockmaking in New London in the 1760's. The engraving on Gillespie's dial is well executed, and includes an engraved primitive moon feature, which is rare. This clock is quite similar to the work of Benjamin Chandlee, JR. – right down to the details of a unique striking system devised by the Chandlee's – and it is safe to assume that Gillespie received his training there. The dial of this clock is signed, "Wm. Gillespie, New London."

The last clockmaker working in this vicinity was Joel Baily, of Bradford. Baily was born in 1732 and was active throughout the century in many occupations, including gunsmith, yeoman, astronomer, surveyor, and, of course, clockmaker. Baily's single surviving clock is signed, "Joel Baily, Bradford." Both movement and dial are more in the English, rather than the local tradition, suggesting that Baily learned clockmaking under English tutelage. His dial is very heavy and built upon a solid baseplate, suggesting that Baily simply ordered and purchased this dial from England, with his name placed upon it.

Most of the cases housing southern Chester County Quaker clocks are constructed of native walnut wood and are executed in the subdued (and often austere) Queen Anne style. Like the brass dial clocks they housed, this case style was used long after the Queen Anne style flourished elsewhere. Some of these clocks were produced in the 1780's and 90's, when the rest of the world had already passed through the Chippendale style and was entering the transition into the Hepplewhite period style.

There is a persistent belief that local clockmakers imported their works from England. The truth is that all of these pre-Revolutionary local makers were not only in possession of the tools and materials essential for clockmaking, in many cases they actually founded and cast their own metals and made their own tools.

Each of these makers created an individual style of expression as they plied their skill in brass and iron and wood. These individual expressions of craftsmanship mark their works today. In their time, these makers were proud of their accomplishments, wrought from their own particular piece of the wilderness that was eighteenth century Chester County.

The placing of name and place of residence so prominently on the clock is truly a statement of achievement and pride. It was the Quaker clockmaker's expression of control over a threatening environment and uncertain life. He wanted the world to note and remember that an Isaac Jackson of London Grove or a William Gillespie of New London or a John Jackson of East Marlborough had actually succeeded in wresting from the wilderness a functional article demanding and furnishing as much precision as a clock.

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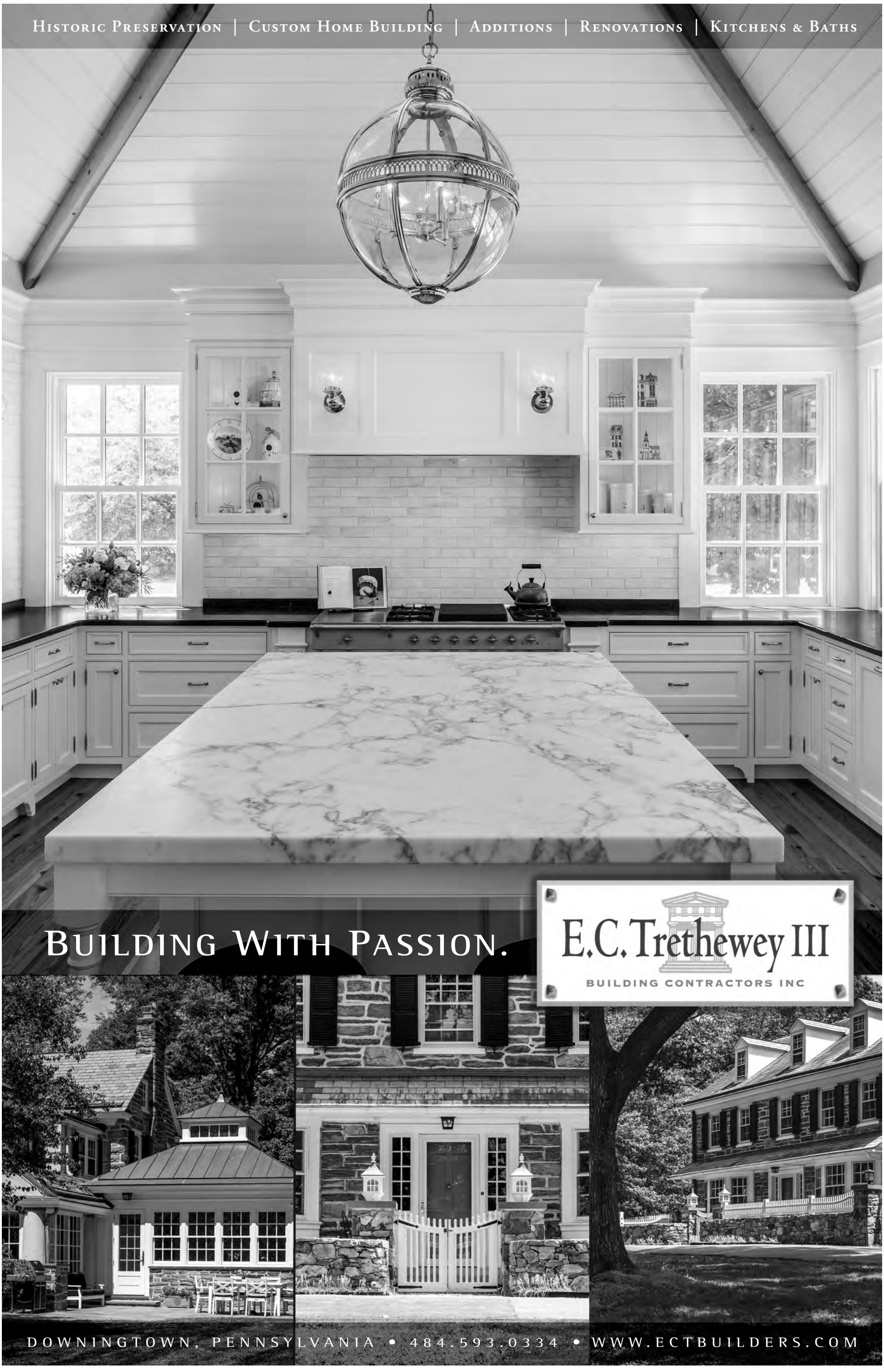
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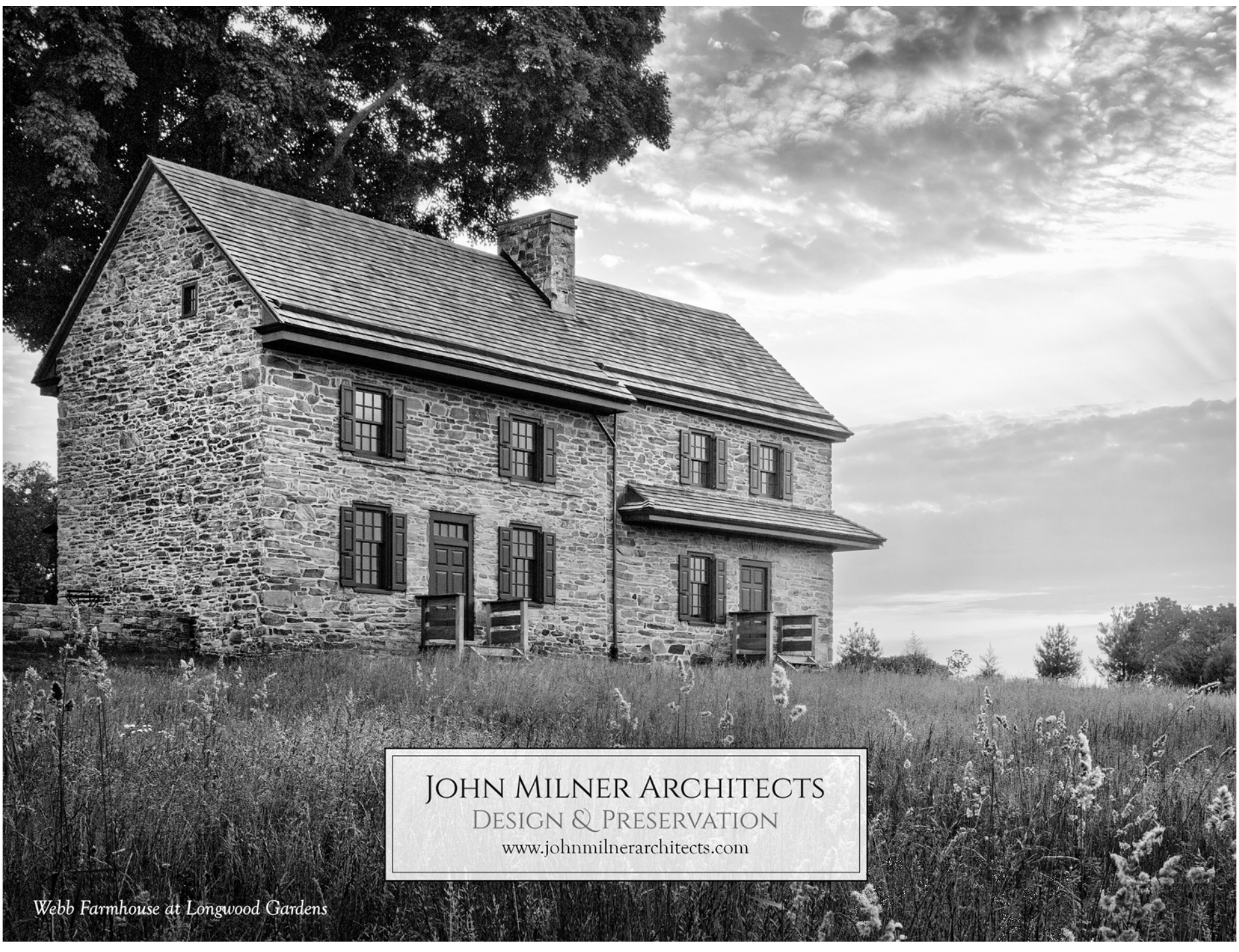

Ann Preston, M.D.

Pioneer in Medical Education and Woman's Rights

By Susannah Brody

Born in West Grove, Chester County, Pennsylvania on December 1, 1813, Ann Preston was the second of ten children born to Quakers Amos and Margaret Smith Preston. The only daughter to live to maturity, Ann was quite young when she began to help with household chores and to care for her six brothers. The social issues of the day were often the focus of energetic discussions in the Preston home and Ann was encouraged to read and participate in the lively debate. The entire Preston family enjoyed the full use of the Farmers Library of Londongrove, located at the home of neighbor John Jackson.

For most of her childhood, a small neighborhood Quaker school provided a modest education for Ann. As a teenager, Ann's years of community school were especially rewarding because her teacher was Hannah Monaghan. Hannah provided Ann with a strong foundation in writing skills that would serve her well later in her life. Ann's literary strengths included descriptive language, poetry and debate. Years later, Hannah remembered Ann Preston as one of her best students, always at the head of her class and a challenge to her teachers because of her inquiring mind and excellent memory. In the fall of 1830, sixteen year old Ann enrolled in the West Chester Boarding School for Girls, operated by Philip Price. The boarding school offered the classic education that Ann's parents sought for their extremely intelligent daughter. Unfortunately, Ann was called home during the spring term due to illness in the family. Ann was not yet eighteen when she assumed the responsibilities as the primary housekeeper for the Preston family and caregiver for her chronically ill mother. In autumn, 1831 Ann began teaching in a school she established on the Preston farm in London Grove. Later, she taught in Cochranville and New Garden.

Following her belief that women should be treated by women doctors, Ann Preston was instrumental in the 1861 opening of Woman's Hospital of Philadelphia.

In the 1830's, Ann devoted spare energies to social reform. For years the Preston farm served as a station on the Underground Railroad. When Ann was about twenty, a fugitive arrived while Ann's parents were at a Quaker meeting out of the area. Soon after Ann hid the woman, one of her neighbors came riding in to warn that slave catchers were searching his farm and would soon be coming to the Preston property. Ann dressed the woman in her mother's clothes, including a wide-brimmed Quaker bonnet and veil, and drove the wagon in the direction of the Jackson farm. Ann crossed paths with the slave catchers who presumed that the two women were both Quakers on their way to meeting. Ann delivered the woman to the farm that had already been searched where she was hidden until the slave catchers had left the area. Ann's commitment to the underground railroad activities lasted well into the 1840's when she and friend Elizabeth Coates assisted some fugitives. With the slaves hidden under blankets in the back of a dearborn, the two women boldly drove in broad daylight to the home of James Taylor in Marlborough.

Ann joined the Clarkson Antislavery Society and the Philadelphia Female Anti-Slavery Society. In May, 1838, the Female Antislavery Society organized the "Anti-Slavery Convention of American Women held in Philadelphia" located at the newly built Pennsylvania Hall. As a major port city, Philadelphia enjoyed close connections to the south's (slave supported) plantation economy. On May 17, a pro-slavery mob set Pennsylvania Hall on fire, destroying everything but the stonewalls. As a delegate from Chester County, Ann witnessed the conflagration. Inspired by the "spectacle" Ann wrote a poem about the fire, which was published in a History of Pennsylvania Hall.

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The 1840's were a time of change for Ann. In her late twenties and unmarried, she still lived at home on the farm and at times taught school. Her household responsibilities decreased as her brothers became adults. She was devoted to her sister Rebecca whose death in 1842 brought much sorrow to the Preston family, especially to Ann. Her sadness was eloquently recorded in poetic form in "To a Departed Sister."

In 1848, Ann and her friend Hannah were actively recruiting members for a new organization, the Women's Temperance Convention of Chester County, which met at Marlborough Friends' Meeting. Ann joined the efforts to make the purchase of alcoholic beverages illegal. She personally traveled to Harrisburg to present the organization's petition to the Pennsylvania State legislature. It was also at this time that she wrote a book for children Cousin Ann's Stories for Children. The stories and poems all sent a message on behavior, encouraging high moral conduct.

Simultaneous to her writing and temperance efforts, Ann was pursuing another interest, medicine. For years she had been the family nurse, learning healing skills in the traditional way, from other women. Her natural talents in science were discovered as a schoolgirl and encouraged by her teacher and friends. Her interest in medicine and prevention were influenced by society's restrictions on women, as well as her mother's poor health and the early deaths of both sisters. Her interest in science and healing led to her decision to study medicine. When the Female Medical College Of Pennsylvania opened in 1850, Ann became one of its first students. Ann embraced the cause of medical education for women and thoroughly enjoyed returning to academics.

At the age of thirty-eight, Ann Preston became one of the first woman doctors to graduate from a regular medical college. Along with acquiring medical knowledge, Ann had increased her confidence and independence. She honed her skills in writing and public speaking. As a mature independent woman with a medical degree, Ann wasted no time in pursuing employment on the women's lecture tour. She offered lectures on "Physiology and the Laws of Life and Health" in Philadelphia and Chester County. 1852 was one of the busiest years of Ann's life. She traveled and lectured, earned considerable income, attended Pennsylvania's first Woman's Rights convention, began an office practice in Philadelphia and returned to college for the fall lecture series. Her lifelong friend Hannah Monaghan Darlington was organizing Pennsylvania's first Woman's Rights Convention to be held in June in West Chester, Pennsylvania and asked Ann to give the keynote speech at the gathering. In her address Ann discussed some important rights that women were lacking in the middle of the nineteenth century, including: equality before the law, enactment of inheritance laws to protect widows and children, free access to vocations of profit and honor, equal pay for equal service, and more complete physical, intellectual and moral education as a means of strengthening and beautifying her own nature.

In 1853, the Medical College invited Ann to fill the position of Professor of Physiology. As a college professor, she had ample opportunity to demonstrate her writing and speaking talents. Along with other professors, Dr. Preston took her turn in presenting welcoming speeches and graduation addresses to the students of the medical college. These early speeches provided her students with a foundation of her beliefs in Women's rights to study medicine and become physicians. She usually began with a brief history of the cause, continued to explain how the college came to be, warned about the difficulties they would face, and finished with encouraging remarks designed to welcome students and uplift their spirits.

Even as her life became busier with college responsibilities and private practice, Ann continued to offer public lectures on physiology and hygiene throughout the 1850's. Women attended in great numbers programs in Philadelphia, as well as nearby communities in Bucks and Chester Counties and in New Jersey. In nearly ten years of existence, the Female Medical College of Pennsylvania had graduated several women physicians. Although they acquired the medical knowledge equal to or in some cases greater than the all male medical schools, their opportunities for gaining practical clinical experience were limited to the dispensary associated with

the college. In 1856, Dr. Ann Preston contacted several hospitals seeking access to lectures and clinics. When the hospitals refused admission to women students, Dr. Preston urged the opening of a hospital directly connected to the medical college. Following her firm belief that women should be treated by women doctors, Ann was instrumental in the 1861 opening of Woman's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Although the hospital opening brought promise, these times were difficult for Ann and for the rest of the country. The nation had gone to war. Businesses were closing. The future of the Female Medical College was in doubt. The college was continually struggling for financial support as well as acceptance. The Board of Corporators decided to close the college for the 1861-62 session. In the spring of 1861, Margaret Preston suffered a debilitating stroke, leaving her paralyzed. Ann returned to West Grove to care for her mother. Too many burdens affected Ann physically as well as emotionally. In late spring 1862, Ann herself needed complete bedrest. She suffered an extremely serious attack of acute articular rheumatism as well as complete exhaustion. During her medical leave, the college relocated its facilities to Woman's Hospital and resumed classes. In December 1862, a healthy Ann returned to work at the college and the hospital.

When Dr. Edwin Fussell resigned as the college's dean in 1865, the board of corporators appointed Dr. Ann Preston as its first woman dean. Once she became dean, Ann actively pursued public recognition for women physicians. One of her early efforts as dean involved changing the name of the college from "Female" to Woman's Medical College, honoring the dignity of women. Through the inspiration and direction of their woman dean, Woman's Medical College became a leader in innovative approaches to medical education. She initiated a new course of study that served as a model of medical education of the future.

Dean Ann Preston gained respect and honor not only from the institution for which she had dedicated her life, but also in the wider community. Even some of the physicians who steadfastly opposed women in medicine respected and admired her skills and accomplishments. Ann witnessed the college's growth and stability. In 1871, after nearly ten years of relatively good health. she suffered through another severe bout with rheumatism, this time affecting not only her joints, but also her heart. Chronic health problems forced her to realize that her management of the college was coming to an end. She was only fifty-eight years old when she died on April 18, 1872, but she had enjoyed a busy, productive life. Ann Preston M.D. became a lasting inspiration to the students of the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania. She had left an earlier family life to become a pioneer in medical education for women. She raised funds and support for the establishment of Woman's Hospital of Philadelphia, an institution for treatment of diseases of Women and children, as well as a teaching hospital to provide clinical experience for women medical students. As Dean she was instrumental in expanding opportunities for women in medicine. She faced chronic illness with courage. In a remarkable career, she lived to see women accepted as physicians, the treatment of women patients improve, nursing programs begun and women's access to clinics increase. Her courage and determination provided a model for women to follow as they struggled for equality. She showed honesty and patience in her devotion to family, her dedication to the early social reform causes and her efforts in education. She faced life courageously as she fought prejudice in medicine and battled chronic illness. Her determination to stand up for beliefs and never give up offered a strong example to others. Ann Preston M.D. became a lasting inspiration to the students of the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania. As a former student remarked in 1900, "Ann Preston was the College; the College was Ann Preston."

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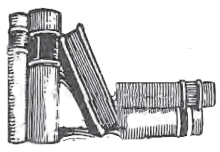

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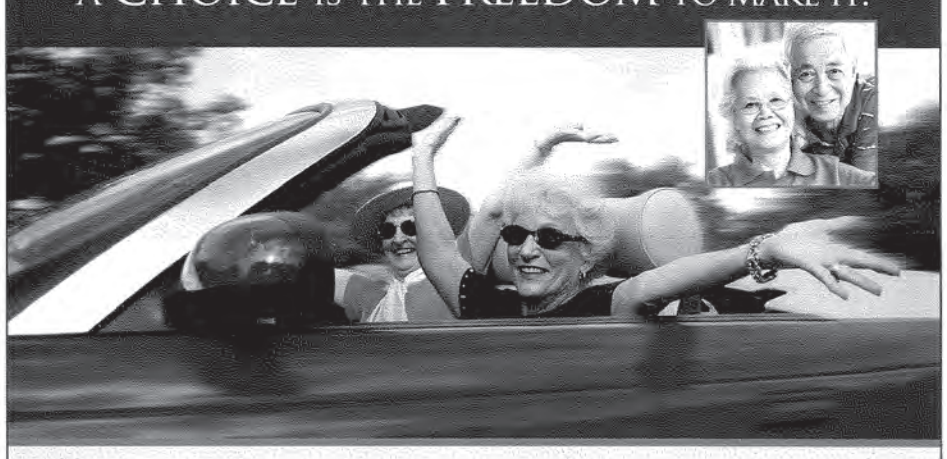

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The Village of Marshallton

West Bradford, Chester County Pennsylvania

By: Erica Young and Trudi Sdchmidhousler

What do botany, religion, agriculture, tax avoidance, and the Brandywine have to do with the history of the village of Marshallton? They all contributed to the foundation and development of Marshallton's history, architecture, and current everyday life. When Edward Clayton, Thomas Arnold, and George Martin received their Penn land grants in 1713-1716, they found that they had been awarded an area of very fertile land in a strategic location now known as "Between the Brandywines." They quickly began their settlement in the region aided in the early years by the farming and hunting information that the Delaware, the original inhabitants of the Marshallton area, shared with the European settlers.

Early photo of Marshallton Village.

Located on a ridge in West Bradford Township, between West Chester and Downingtown, surrounded by the east and west branches of the Brandywine and strategically located between Lancaster and Philadelphia, the village of Marshallton is a charming National Register Historic District that rose from a few farms and families. The early settlers were Quakers. Most notably among them the Marshall family was instrumental in establishing the Bradford Meeting in 1726. The current meetinghouse, which is from 1765, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and its wood stove still warms the thriving Quaker meeting community today. The Methodists arrived in 1813 and built their church in 1829. The Marshallton United Methodist Church is a vibrant and thriving congregation and the bell still tolls on Sundays for worship.

The most notable member of the Marshall family was Humphry Marshall (1722-1801). Humphry Marshall is known as the "Father of American Dendrology" as he published the first inventory of American trees and shrubs called Arbustum Americanum: The American Grove. (Dendrology is the study of trees and other woody plants.) Marshall supplied plants and seeds to Europeans who were curious about new species and the new America. Humphry Marshall built his home in 1773 in Marshallton and established his arboretum and astrological observatory. His fine stonework is of the highest quality and the property, because of its significance, is on the NRHP. In 2014, the PA Historical and Museum Commission approved a historical marker for Humphry Marshall, as submitted by the Marshallton Conservation Trust (MCT).

Strasburg Road was an alternative route to the markets in Philadelphia and was very popular with drovers. The "head tax" charged on Route 30 Lancaster Pike could be avoided by travelling through Marshallton. Taverns and inns arose to support the drovers and their livestock such as Centre House, now a restored ruins park called Martin's Tavern and maintained by The Friends of Martins Tavern. The outstanding 1814 double-door Georgian architecture and owner preservation efforts earned the Marshalton Inn a NRHP designation in 1977. The Marshalton Inn and Four Dogs Tavern (the old drover's barn) are lively food and drink destinations in the countryside still in operation today.

In order to support the thriving commercial traffic and growing village there were over 30 trades and cottage industries established in the village. Some of these included hatters, scythe makers, tinsmiths, pump makers, cigar manufacturers (Made in Marshallton Cigars), cabinet masters, clock makers, and a blacksmith shop. Today the blacksmith shop from the mid-18th century stands in the village center much as it was when in operation including the second story carriage entrance. Of course, additionally, there were many choices for obtaining groceries, oysters, and other goods. Eventually in the 1800s, Marshallton's popula-

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The Marshallton Inn in an early 20th Century photograph

tion grew and the school and town hall were built. Several disastrous fires impacted many commercial and public operations over the years. Today the Goddard School occupies one of the schoolhouses and the Merchant of Menace occupies one of the town halls.

In 1988, the core 67 buildings of historical and architectural interest in the Marshallton Village were listed as a National Register Historic District. This designation affirms that the whole is more than the sum of its parts. Together all the homes, commercial buildings, and religious centers provide a sense of historical place and provide visitors the feel of Marshallton's history, scale and beauty. The 2009 Streetscapes improvement project restored the original brick patterned sidewalks, planted trees and corrected roadway and drainage issues to further enhance historical accuracy and place in time.

The Marshallton Conservation Trust (MCT) provides a continued stewardship of this very special village. Our Mission is to promote the preservation and improvement of the Marshallton community. We accomplish this through initiatives focused on maintaining and improving Marshallton's livability, along with its distinctive character. As you drive through the surrounding countryside of Marshallton and slowly wander the historic paths in our village, we hope you feel you have stepped back in time in this "working man's village". The MCT strives to maintain the bucolic charm and historical integrity of Marshallton. We welcome you to our village. Enjoy your visit!

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Travelling Abroad in Style

By: M Baillie

Steam whistles were heard for blocks as the time for departure was at hand. Last minute travelers, holding onto their hats, carried their "grip" or suitcases on board. Whether it was by land or by sea, travelling held some form of adventure for early travelers just as it does for us. Travel for vacation or education was always exciting while those travelling for health or in promises of a new job hoped for the best at their destination.

Many carried a trunk or a fiber case, which had been made in Chester County. The Fibre Specialty Company of Kennett Square was granted a charter by the State of Pennsylvania for business in June of 1898 to start the production of "vulcanite fibre", cotton fiber, paper and vegetable parchment, and the manufacture of trunks, cases and other ware. Vulcanite, or vulcanized fiber, was a combination of cellulose paper material into a laminate which had been patented in England in 1859 by Thomas Taylor. It had plastic-like characteristics.

Production began immediately, and as soon as February, 1899, FSC was shipping goods to numerous foreign ports around the world. State side trade was so good that plans for a new factory were announced as soon as April 1899. The end of the year Commonwealth Report of Pennsylvania reported FSC's capital stock was $50,000.

The Company was struck with tragedy at one a.m. on February 2, 1902, when a fire occurred. High gale winds blew causing sparks to be spread, and when the firefighters found they could not save the Fibre building, they made sure neighboring dwellings were safe. By 2 a.m. they turned their attention back to the Fibre building and commenced with an exterior attack on the fire. At a nearby lumberyard, the owner had promised $500 to the firefighters if they would save his wood and they did, but the check was returned to him with thanks along with thanks to the women who kept them supplied with coffee and meals during the fire. Since FBC had insurance of $23,000 on their works, they had plans to begin reconstruction of the factory building immediately. It is not clear when it happened as discussion was still taking place as late as July as to what caused the fire and whether or not they should rebuild. Regardless, it was rebuilt and the new four-story 50 x 120' building was made of stone.

The company, with its stockholders, grew and in1904 the company had its third contract with the US government, this time making telescope packing cases for the army. Along with its myriads of orders for its other products, FSC also had an office in Chicago and many salesmen. It became one of Kennett's foremost industries as business continued to grow. However, in 1913, the Secretary-Treasurer of FSC was placed under arrest when shortages were found in the accounting books. Jere W. Brainard was charged with embezzlement and issuing false statements by T. Elwood Marshall and Charles, Gawthrop, receivers. In December 1913, a receivers' sale was held and in March 1914, the reorganized company returned to production as a subsidiary of National Vulcanized Fibre Company headquartered in Yorklyn, Delaware. Additional products were added to the Kennett line of trucks, boxes and trays for industries, and special containers were made for bakers, laundries and textile mills.

FBC was selected by National to make laminated bakelite, a new insulation material which utilized plant fibers. In 1925, as business progressed, a small building was located on the north side of the complex and production started with ten employees. The new product was called Phenolite. Phenolite initially had three grades, but by the 1930s it had been developed to have 12 basic grades with over 100 variations. It was used in many things from household products to electrical components and glass high speed ball bearings. It is a sister to Bakelite of the bracelet fame.

Business continued to prosper and by 1954, the company employed over four hundred people with a payroll of $1.5 million. Among the many items it was manufacturing was a new copper-clad product which was used in circuit boards which assured its forward momentum in the space era economy.

The company thrived, but as needs change, so does industry and in 2005 the Kennett plant was closed. Redevelopment of the 26 acre site in Kennett Square is in the planning stages now, and Kennett residents now look forward to seeing what will be there. So take a drive down Union Street and hang a right on Lafayette to view the location and the old NVF water tower may still greet your arrival.

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Chester County Day North Carolina Style

By: Michael Pillagalli

We hear stories and talk about The Day and how widely spread it is in our realm. One would be pleasantly pleased to know that the newspaper gets posted to 35 different states and Canada, so Chester County Day is widely known after 75 successful years and the 30,000 copies of this paper each year get widely distributed. The son of our beloved Mrs. William Ball asked for a small pile of papers to send to his friends who could not get back to make The Day and here is the telling story of one community of homes and friends near and dear to Chester County and its Day.

October was approaching and all of our friends who hail from Chester County, PA, or its surrounding areas were looking forward to the 75th Chester County Day. The only problem was that the group lived in Cypress Landing, Chocowinity, North Carolina!! Not to worry a former Chester County Day Tour participant said, "We'll have our own celebration and so they did on Friday "Preview "night.

Living in a rather small community of 450 plus homes, they were able to identify 10 couples with ties to Chester County, either having lived there or in nearby areas. The invites went out for a Chester County Day Preview Party that was to be held at a former Chester County family's home there. The "Committee" rounded up photos, books, the Day Newspaper, ordered wine from Chadd's Ford Winery and food reminiscent of the area. They shared fresh apples covered with butterscotch sauce to bring back Nussex Farms, Shrimp from Hill's and Goff's, mini hot dogs from Jimmy John's and of course stuffed mushrooms from Phillips. They dug out the Chester County Trivia game board for all to enjoy while gathering to enjoy the "local" foods and wine.

The new question they asked each other was, "Will our North Carolina celebration of Chester County Day become a new annual event??" Who knows as we approach The 76th Day. But, one thing is certain, the first one for them was a success.

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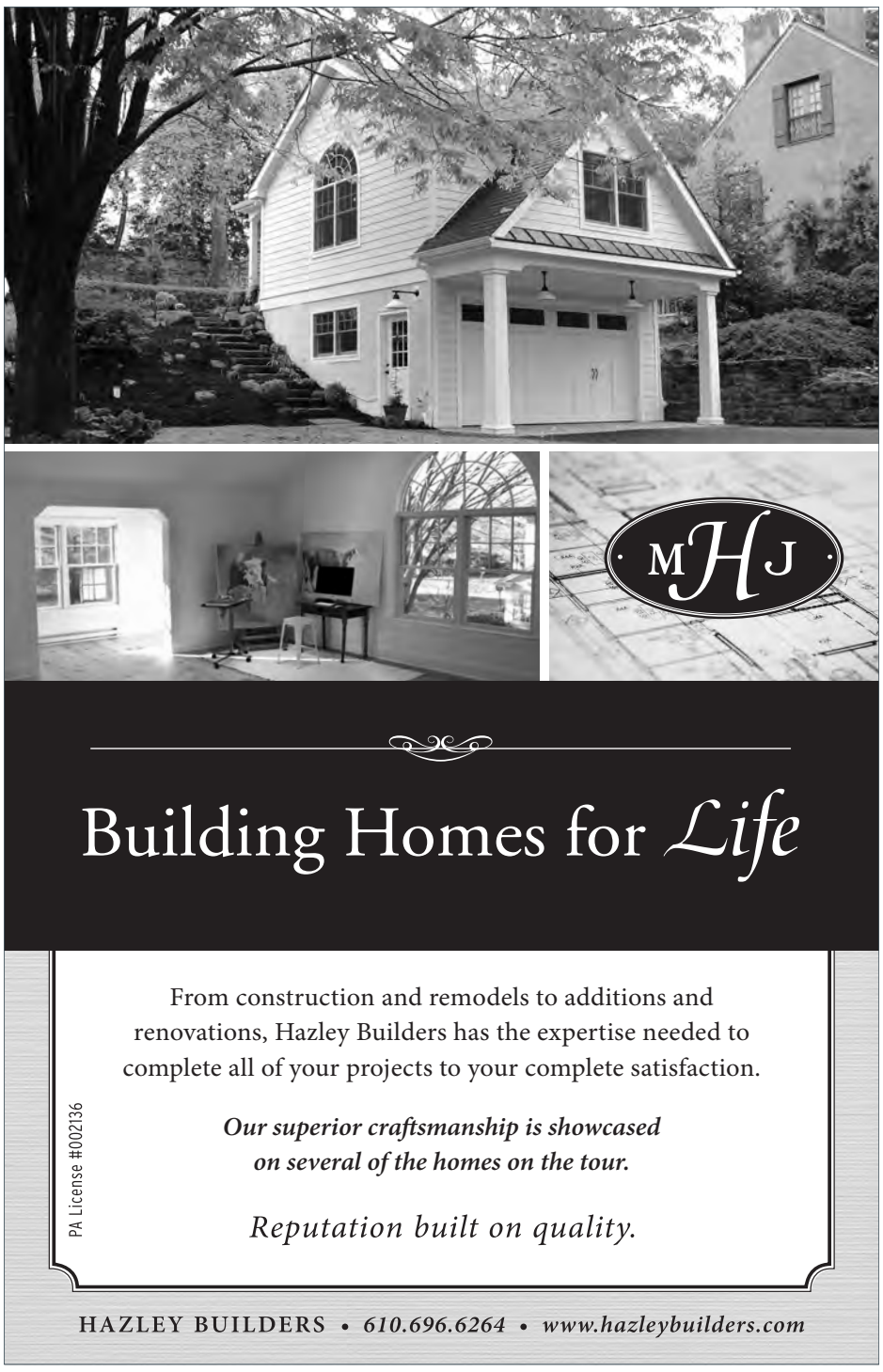

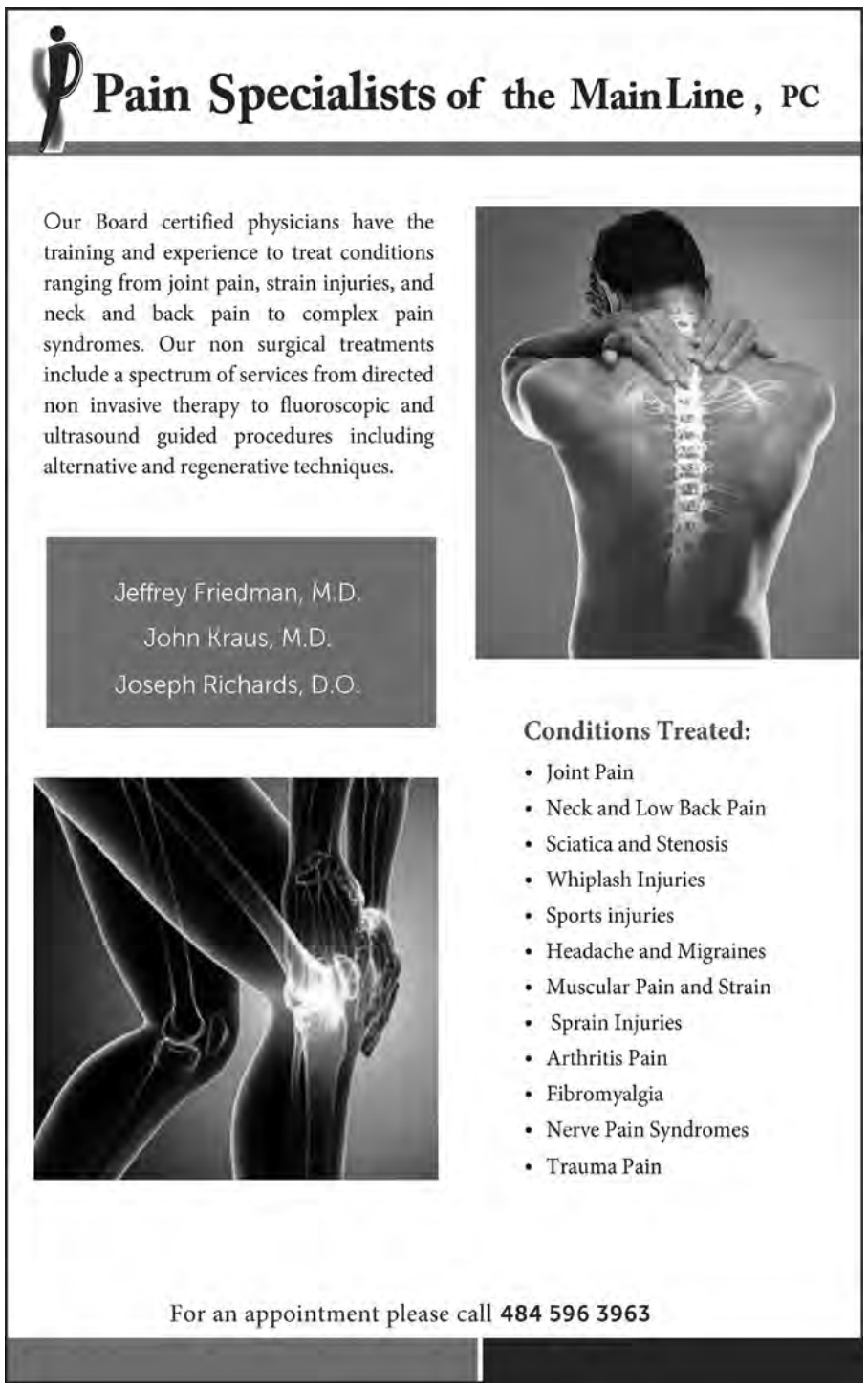

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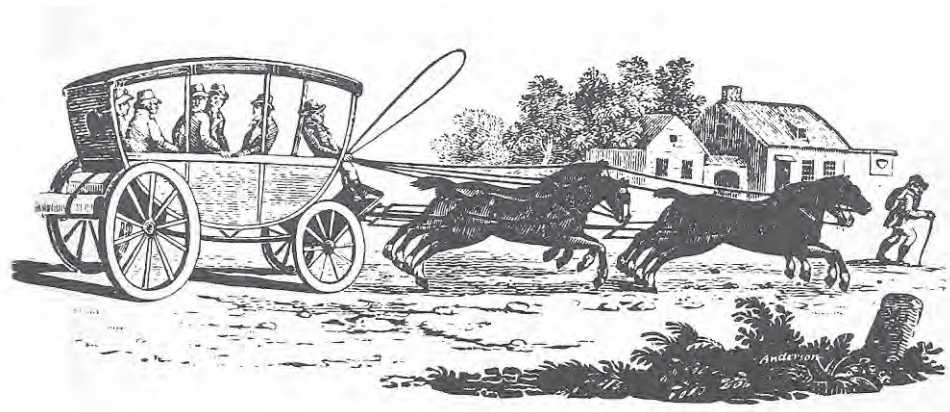
Across Chester County By Overland Stage Coach

By Eric Chandlee Wilson

When we think of the stage coach in America's past (if we think of it at all) images spring to mind of the Old West. The stage coach is almost always presented racing across a desert landscape in billows of dust, pursued by gangs of masked bandits. In reality, the American stage coach belongs much more to everyday life on the Eastern Seaboard than it does to our Old West heritage. This is borne out by the hundreds and hundreds of advertisements of the stage lines--appearing weekly in the newspapers of the day. Chester County Day visitors should be delighted to learn that many nineteenth century stage-coach lines operated for decades right here in Chester County, crisscrossing all parts of the county. These lines were a vital part of everyday life, in their day, yet are almost never explored and discussed in subsequent histories.



The most frequently reproduced view of early West Chester that has come down to us shows, in the near distance, the four-horse Philadelphia/West Chester stage drawn up in front of the Green Tree Inn.

One of the most frequently advertised and traveled lines was the Philadelphia/West Chester line, as might be expected. Typically, in the 1830-50 period, this line left the Green Tree Hotel at 7 o'clock every day of the week "Sunday excepted" arriving at the line's designated tavern in Philadelphia (the Cross Keys) at 1 to 2 o'clock p.m. "in good season for dinner."

These local West Chester/Philadelphia stages were usually designated "Accommodation" stages. This meant that these stages would take you a few miles further than the designated stop, if so desired. Had it occurred to them, they would have called it "door-to-door" service.

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An important cross country line was the Philadelphia/Baltimore stage. Again stopping at West Chester, this line went on to make stops at Marshallton, Chester County Poor House, Unionville, Doe Run, Cochranville, and finally stopping at Oxford to lodge on the first night out. The corresponding Baltimore/Philadelphia stage on the same line by prearrangement left Baltimore at 6:00 a.m., "breakfasted at Kingsville," made stops at Bel-Air and Conowingo, reaching Oxford and its sister stage for overnight lodging. Continuing for Philadelphia the next morning, the Philadelphia-bound stage made all of the above stops in reverse. Passengers would reach West Chester "in good season" for dinner, completing the journey to Philadelphia by early evening.

As if it were 2016 and not 1829, the company never failed to caution the public: "All baggage at the risk of its respective owners."

The fare for this overland journey (either direction) was $4.50, "and five cents per mile for short distances." This meant that the company was willing to carry passengers a few miles farther than their designated hotel. As one frequently published advertisement declared: "Passengers will be taken up and set down" in any part of West Chester or Philadelphia.

Lest the traveler might think the line's route tiresome, owners were careful to extol the virtues of their routes: "The region of country through which this line passes is beautiful, highly cultivated and interesting," they boasted. Also, since horror tales of stage mishaps were legion, they emphasized: "The company has provided good coaches, excellent teams and careful drivers," and to further reduce the risk of mishap they wanted the public to know that "all streams on this route are permanently bridged."

Several years ago, when we began to puzzle out these early stage routes, we discovered several roads that were, for example, important thorofares on the Baltimore line, but today are quiet, forgotten byways. One of these was little Chapel Road, running from Doe Run to Gum Tree. Coming in the opposite direction--from Baltimore--this stretch was a long, downhill run, finally wheeling around a sharp bend with Doe Run Hotel coming into view. This corner, of course, is called "Blow Horn Corner." Most moderns think this name is no older than the auto age, but actually it harks back to the stage coach era. When the Philadelphia-bound stage wheeled around this corner, with the Doe Run Tavern in view, the coach horn was soundly mightily to alert both the innkeeper and boarding passengers of the stage's imminent arrival.

Time was critical, since the stage coach lines existed on Federal government mail contracts. The line received $1000 per year to collect the mail from all along the line and deliver it to Philadelphia. If the mail was not delivered by 8 p.m., the stage company was fined $1000!

Decades after the hayday of staging, several drivers reminisced about their driving days. John Cummings proudly remembered carrying General Winfield S. Scott as a passenger on many occasions. General Scott,

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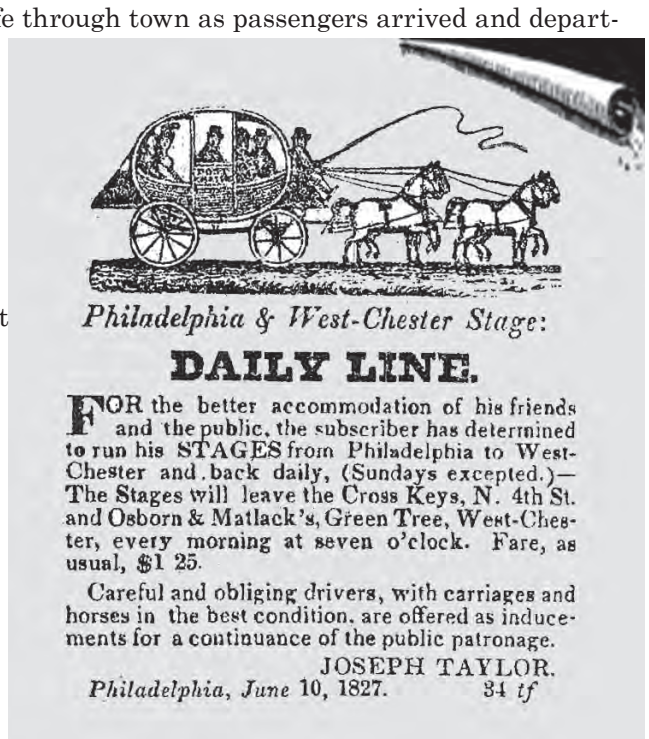
of course, was one of the most prominent generals in nineteenth century America, from the War of 1812 until his demise in the Civil War. Cummings also carried many homebound congressmen each spring when their annual congressional terms were completed.

Travel by stage coach, by all accounts, was an experience that was often exhilarating for travelers. But it must also have been a source of continued excitement for residents of towns like West Chester, who daily witnessed the parade of life through town as passengers arrived and departed. Just think of the stories and news and experiences that were brought to residents doorsteps! A traveler from the south might relate a dire drought not experienced in West Chester, or a blizzard or a flood.

The stage coaches of early America opened windows to our past not afforded by that of other means of travel like the canal and railroad. Our great regret about this article is that it is just a hint of what waits to be discovered.



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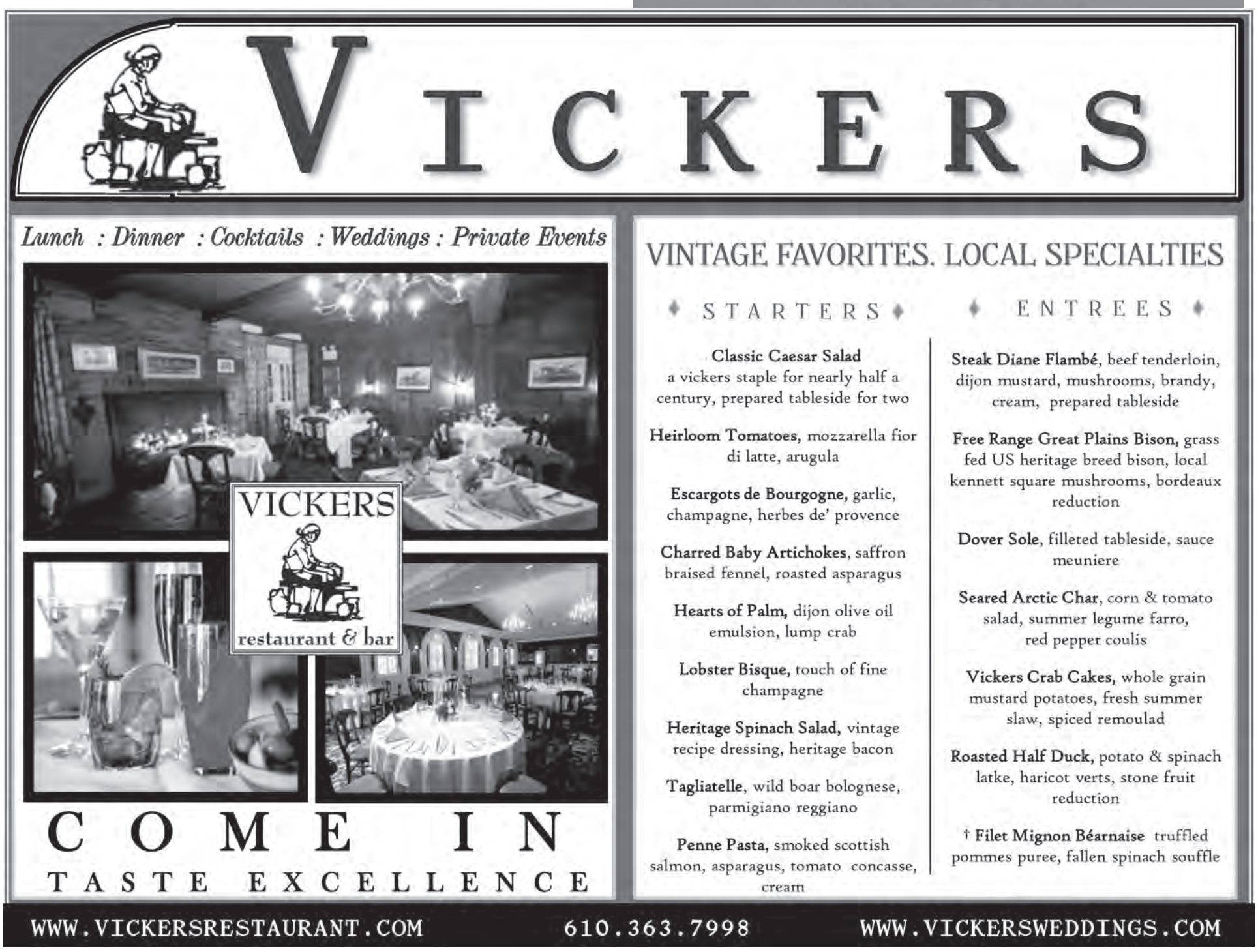

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Dressing for the Day

By Michael Pillagalli

In 1936, there were 23 homes open for the first Chester County Day and tickets to the event were $1.00 per person. The homes were spread throughout the West Chester area and the event was called West Chester Day. The event was chaired by Mrs. William A. Limberger and Mrs. A. William Ball. Two hundred tickets were sold for the first "Day" tour and, my oh my, how the times have changed!

Many of the original ticket holders were chauffeured around the route; Mrs. Ball being one who rode in a vintage Rolls Royce. The plan was to be delivered to Green Ledge Farm, the home of Dr. and Mrs. William A. Limberger, after 3 p.m. as she was serving tea to any of the 200 ticket holders who stopped there in the final two hours. Not only were many shuttled around in style, but all were dressed accordingly and that would have included hats and gloves for women and coat and tie for the men. All women would have worn a suit with their hat and gloves and the men would have been attired in a suit or tweed blazer with a tie with their hat in their hands as soon as they entered one of the open houses. It was the special event of the season and the ball was rolling to continue with great old Chester County dwellings that showcased lovely antiques, many of local interest, and splendid gardens. The houses and thee guests were both dressed to the nines, as we would say in those days.

Over the years we have changed many things about the "Day" including the number of tickets sold, as well as the geographical area of the open homes has been localized to save on driving time and distances. The tour of the homes, historic buildings and this newspaper have been established to enhance the history of the Chester County area. One thing that hasn't changed is that we still rely on those generous homeowners who open their private homes and gardens for you to enjoy exactly like on the very first open house tour.

One should still feel a sense of style to do the day as best as one can and try to dress the part. The gardens are weeded and planted with an abundance of fall color. The houses are dressed in their best and the homeowners have been painting, cleaning, and polishing for weeks and so we should do the same to show how much we appreciate all the work undertaken to get everything ready for an important social occasion.

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10th Annual Chester County Day

Newspaper Historical Treasure Hunt

By Eric Chandlee Wilson

Although it is yet August and yet Summer, our Chester County Day Newspaper – heralding Autumn – has been published and printed! Chester County Day is already in sight!

Therefore, in 2016 we present six (6) weekly contests for each of the six weeks leading up to the grandest Chester County Day ever!

Treasure Hunter calls will be taken by the Editor Emeritus at 610-383.-5597 on the last day of each "Treasure Hunt" week, between Noon and 4:00 P.M. Please read our instructions carefully. If you need clarification at any time during the contest please call us at 610-383-5597.

The final week's winner will receive *two* complimentary Chester County Day tickets!

Week 1: Week of August 21 through August 27, 2016:

*** Old Marshallton's most spontaneous and raucous celebration – bonfire and all – was held between 5 and 7 a.m. on a November morning almost 100 years ago. What was the occasion? Why was a Parade held at 5:00 a.m.?

Week 2: Week of August 28 through September 3, 2016:

Cope's Bridge, a three-arch stone masterwork, crosses the Eastern Brandywine just two miles west of West Chester. This bridge is one of Chester County's unheralded treasures, and truly worth visiting. When was Cope's Bridge built? Exact year please!

Week 3: Week of September 4 through September 10, 2016:

***One of West Chester's great treasures – now obliterated – was the Chestnut Street Friends Meeting House. When was it publicly announced that the Borough of West Chester would demolish it for a parking lot?

Week 4: Week of September 11 through September 17, 2016:

Old-timers, who were living and working during World War II in this year's tour area, still remember what a help it was to be guided by the series of three reflector dots affixed vertically about 10 – 15feet up on telephone poles. Some of these WW II survivors can still be found on older utility poles.

What were they for?

Week 5: Week of September 18 through September 24, 2016:

***2016 Chester County Day tour goers will have an extra treat this year. In the Northbrook – Wawast vicinity there are at least seven historical markers. Most of them refer to local Leni Lenape Indian sites – burial grounds boundaries etc. One marker doesn't refer to Indians at all. Where and what does this marker commemorate?

Week 6: September 25 through Wednesday, September 28, 2016:

Alas! One of the last remaining, sere unpaved, public Chester County roads has evidently been usurped by new resident pressure and is closed to the public. This road is Bridge Hill Road in Newlin Township ranging high above the West Brandywine; this road offers unforgettable views of the Brandywine and the surrounding countryside. In one direction you can see Old Marshallton. In another direction, you can glimpse West Chester! No more. These views are now restricted to the handful of residents who have built homes here!

Question – Why was Bridge Hill Road so named?

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