



The Historical Society of Trappe Pennsylvania

For the preservation of the history, ancient buildings and land marks
of the Trappe area.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members and Friends:

I trust you all had a Joyous Holiday Season. As we look ahead, we can not over look the world and its problems; but we do not look for that to be carried on through the Historical Society and the goals we have set.

I shall do my best as your president to keep the Historical Society moving at a pace that has been set before us by our previous leadership. As we move along, we look to obstacles as milestones which become rewarding in the end.

Any suggestions pertaining to the betterment of the Society would be greatly accepted. Let me know if you have any suggestions and we shall see if they are workable.

Sincerely,

Elmer R. Funder

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT -

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FROM THE NEW RESIDENTS OF THE DEWEES TAVERN -

Greetings:

It is indeed a pleasure to thank the Historical Society of Trappe and its members for extending to me and my family the opportunity of sharing in a piece of history. For those of you who don't know us, I would like to introduce ourselves to you. My name is Mark Bullard, my wife is Linda and our brand new son is Joshua. Linda is currently on maternity leave but when she isn't, she's a Librarian for the Cope-Kulp Elementary School in Schwenksville. She has been teaching for the past nine years. Joshua on the other

hand is currently five months old and not much into the act of employment, he's more into management, that is he seems to do quite well managing all of our time. As for me, I am currently a Credit Specialist for the Hewlett-Packard Company in King of Prussia. We have been members of the Society for three years, however, due to the fact that we were expecting a child, last year we were not as active as we had hoped to be. Well, we're planning on changing all that. We would like all members and friends to consider our home your home. We intend on having the residence open to the membership and public at all times if possible. The only request we have is that you call before coming. Our phone number is not listed in the phone directory because my wife is a teacher. However our number is 489-1797. Please feel free to give us a call and stop in for tea or coffee.

As you can imagine being a small family, we were not prepared for such a large residence. We would like to issue a plea to the membership. Since it is our intent to have open house year round we would really like to make the Society and Residence a Showplace for the community. In doing this, we need your help. Since many of you are antique collectors or memorabilia collectors we would like to display these items in the Society and the residence. If anyone would like to loan any article for a week, month, etc., we would be more than happy to display the piece for the public. Rest assured we shall treat it as if it were our own. If you have an item you would like to lend, please contact Linda at the number previously listed.

Again many thanks for all your cooperation and help.

In Fellowship,

*The Bullards -
Mark, Linda & Joshua*

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN -

As those of you who attended our Fall Dinner Meeting know, we have acquired a woven coverlet with the following inscription woven in two corners: SAMUEL GILBERT, TRAPPE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, 1853, SAMUEL POLEY. Samuel Gilbert was a weaver who first appeared on the Tax Records for Upper Providence Township in 1836 as a single man. He was first listed as a weaver in 1844. On the 1850 Census he is listed Samuel Gilbert, aged 43, however, Mary Ann, aged 37, Sophie, aged 14, B. Franklin, aged 10, David, aged 8 and Louisa, aged 5. Next listed on the same census record and presumably living next door is John Poley, aged 30, carpenter, Ellen, aged 28, Samuel, aged 3 and Lavina, aged 3 months. Since this is the only Samuel Poley listed he is probably the one for whom the coverlet was made. The Checklist of American Coverlet Weavers of the Abby Aldrick Rockefeller Fold Art Center lists 9 coverlets by Samuel Gilbert, Trappe, dated between 1843 and 1860.

Don't forget our projected exhibit of Trappe artifacts next fall. If you have any type of article made by a Trappe or Upper Providence resident which you would care to lend for this exhibit please call me (539-9065) or Linda Bullard who has offered to take calls at the Tavern (489-1797). The items do not have to be only extremely old ones, anything unusual, even up to the present day will be considered, such as our own quilt made by our members.

Esther Keller

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE TRAPPE
CURTOR'S REPORT
FEB 22,1980

1. Stabilization grants.
 - a. 1979. We are still waiting for approval of our plans from Washington. After this is received, we can obtain a bill and present it to hopeful reimbursement.
 - b. 1980. An application was submitted, without drawings, in the amount of \$7700.00 Minimum was 7000.00 Work to be done is chemical cleaning of remaining stuccoed walls, install plumbing to first floor kitchen area, rewire all electrical systems and extend to third floor of museum; repair and repoint wall at roof line; repair cellar window and window well at east end.
Next Monday our achitect, ^Mr. Frantz, will meet with me to draw up and submit the plans for the work.
2. Newspaper series. Has begun in the Independent. I have written an additional three articles for submission, which makes about eight on hand for publication.
3. Second Hundred Years. I attended the meeting for authoms, and am well into the collection of data. Deadline for our chapter is May 1. There are two things I would like to do yet.
 - a. Interview two or three of our older residents for reminiscences.
 - b. Interview representtaives of all of the boroughs institutions and businesses (The tube company, DQ, churches, grange.
Any names youcan give me will be appreciated.
4. Film series. An initial contact with Ursinus has not produced anthing dëfinite.
5. School educational projects. No progress.
6. Archaeology project. No progress.
7. Museum. Next week I will be attending the George Washington University Seminar on Museum Cataloguing, in Hampton Va., as approved last fall. The registration fee of 45\$ is needed; also meals for three days, and mileage (ca. 500 miles split in two). I am taking care of lodging.
8. Library. Some additional books havebeen purchased/
9. Publicity. A booth was set up at Plymouth Meeting Mall Feb.14-16 with artifacts, gift shop items, membership cards, etc. to acquaint more people withbour work.