



# 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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## FROM THE PRESIDENT :

Welcome to 1986. 1985 was a year that we can all reflect back on and say it was one of our best years ever. Attendance was the highest it has been since the Bi-Centennial years. Our exhibits and contributions from many local people made the Museum and Library a focal point of the community. We added several new members to our ranks and anticipate continued growth in 1986. See you all this summer.

## HISTORIANS REPORT :

I am happy to report that for the year 1985 we logged 41 acquisitions for our collection and library. Of these 41, 4 were purchases by the Society and the remaining 37 were gifts. Several were of more than one item so we have had a very profitable year. Don't forget to tell friends and neighbors as well as relatives to remember our museum and library when they are cleaning out homes or just cleaning!

Our latest acquisition is another Samuel Gilbert Coverlet. This one has the following woven information: SAMUEL GILBERT TRAPPE MONTGOMERY COUNTY 1843 FANNA KOLE. This brings the total number of Gilbert coverlets we own to 6. They range from half a coverlet in very poor condition to this latest and best one in literally unused condition. Dates range from 1843 to 1860. The Abbey Aldrich Rockefeller Checklist of American Coverlet Weavers lists only 9 ( information was collected from owners)

Ether O. Keller  
Historian

## QUILTERS REPORT :

The quilters are taking new orders for quilts and coverlets to be made of your choice. If you or someone you know wish that special "one-of-a-kind" quilt made especially for them, you or they may call 489-4872 for more information.

Anne Schrack  
Chairperson

EDITORIAL NOTE : If you have an article of interest you wish to share with the other members please feel free to forward it to the museum. I would love to include it in future publications

Linda Bullard

PROPERTY CHAIRMAN :

We have several ambitious projects planned for 1986. They include the following:

1. Repair and put a new inside to the museum cellar doors. This will help retain the heat in the building and keep the rodents out over the winter.
2. The outside painting will be finished as soon as warm weather arrives.
3. We will be working on the third floor of the building trying to put in electric and repairing the windows which are in bad shape.
4. We will attempt to finish removing the old plaster on the outside of the old kitchen in preparation of 1987 having it waterproofed and repointed.
5. We are also in process of installing outside lights so that we can have people see in the parking area.

FRED CONARD - Chairman

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON :

It's that time of the year again. DUES ARE DUE,,,,, Please fill out the form listed below and return with your check to me. I will issue your card as soon as your check is received. Don't forget a little donation to the Society over and above your annual dues is always appreciated and it can still be added to your income tax as a donation.

MEMBERSHIP FORM :

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
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RETURN TO:

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TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:

1. LIFETIME : \_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00
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