



The Historic Haldeman Mansion, Locust Grove, Bainbridge

## Haldeman Society plans Strawberry Festival

The Annual Strawberry Festival sponsored by the Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society will be held on the grounds of historic Haldeman Mansion, birthplace of Professor Samuel Steman Haldeman, on Sunday, June 22, from 2 to 7 pm, rain or shine. Featured menu items are local strawberries picked by society members, home baked shortcake and ice cream. Also available are light supper foods. Tickets are priced at \$1.50 for a child's portion and \$2.00 for adults.

Entertainment will be provided by "The Banjo Boys," a banjo group led by Mr. Paul Hay of Maytown. Other members are from Camp Hill and Harrisburg. Other program interests are free guided tours of the mansion house and the recently restored summer kitchen and smoke house.

### Linda Ross showing at Gallery 31, Marietta

Gallery 31, 31 W. Market St., Marietta, announces the opening of a new exhibit by Linda Mylin Ross of Marietta. Consisting of collages, drawings, and other non-paintings, the exhibit will

This outbuilding features a walk-in fireplace and a reconstructed squirrel-trail oven.

On display in the mansion will be a collection of Indian artifacts, shells, minerals, fossils and rocks, gathered by Professor Haldeman from local surroundings. The collection is on loan from Linden Hall School for Girls, Lititz. Haldeman taught there in the 1800's.

Proceeds from the festival benefit the society's ongoing restoration of the historical site, located just off Route 441, south of Bainbridge. Look for directional signs.

#### A History of Haldeman Mansion

The land along the Susquehanna River which is now known as East Donegal and Conoy townships was first settled by the early

Presbyterians from Ireland, when Lancaster County was still a part of Chester County. In this year of Lancaster County's 250th birthday is gratifying to know that Locust Grove is being preserved. The area tells the story of early Indian occupation, early Indian traders who came before the settlers and of the first Galbreath Family who appear on the tax lists of Chester County from 1718 through the 1720's. The Haldman Mansion as it appears today had its beginning somewhere in this earlier time period. The actual plantation of 440 acres was granted to John Galbreath, Jr. by warrant from the Penn Brothers on October 28, 1738. The area was surveyed July 24, 1744, after which the patent was granted July 30, 1744. John's brother Andrew came to the area by then known as Donegal in 1721 as a minister.

In 1756 John and his wife Dorcus sold 54 acres of the 440 acres off the southeastern corner of the tract. The following year he sold the remaining acreage to his uncle James Galbreath in trust for his daughter Jannet, who was still a minor. In 1769 Jannet married Patrick Work and a few days after their marriage Uncle James sold the property to them for the same amount of money he had paid for it; 1200 pounds, which was a large sum of money for the time. Patrick Work put a large mortgage on the property soon after he got it and by 1767 it was taken by the sheriff of

Lancaster County, John Barr, and sold by public vendue. The Deed of Partition, which was recently found, states that there were three dwelling houses, two barns, two orchards, thirteen acres of meadow, 227 acres of arable land and 150 acres of woodland. Some of the buildings on the land have been added to at different time periods.

#### A Biographical Sketch of Samuel S. Haldeman

Samuel Steman Haldeman was born at the mansion on August 12, 1812, at Locust Grove, Bainbridge. He was the oldest of seven children of Henry Haldeman (1787 to 1849) and his wife Frances Steman (1794 to 1826). His father appreciated culture and endeavored to foster a love of learning in his children. His mother, an accomplished musician, died when Samuel was fourteen years of age.

He was educated in the public school, and afterward at the classical academy in Harrisburg and at Dickinson College, Carlisle. He found college routine irksome and left after two years at the age of eighteen saying, "I cannot learn from others, I must see for myself."

Thereafter, he educated himself. In 1833 and 1834 he attended lectures at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, and had already made recorded observations of bird habits, learned to stuff birds and mammals from a travelling Methodist minister, made large collections of specimens in natural history and had also collected a scientific and linguistic library.

After his marriage in 1835 to Mary A. Hough of Bainbridge, he moved to a new residence at the base of Chickies Rock, Marietta. Not only did he design the stately home built by his father, but also laid the grounds with native specimens of trees and shrubs gathered from the surrounding woods, and some foreign varieties, all of which were planted with his own hands.

Not having a particular fondness for business, he continued his studies of nature, but did assist his father in a saw mill and later became a silent partner in the iron business of his brothers. He wrote articles on anthracite furnaces for *Silliman's Journal* and contributed sound and practical suggestions for improvements to both the mill business and construction of the blast furnace.

## Legal action taken by the SVA

As *The Susquehanna Times* goes to press Susquehanna Valley Alliance is filing in Federal Court in Harrisburg an amended and expanded legal action for guarantee that radioactive waste from Three Mile Island is not discharged into the Susquehanna River, source of drinking water for 100,000 people in Lancaster County.

Last fall Judge Sylvia Rambo tossed SVA out of court saying the organization had not exhausted its administrative efforts before the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. SVA appealed her decision to the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals, and in March, 1980, the Appellate Court handed down a landmark decision saying that environmental and constitutional issues having to do with nuclear power must be heard in the courts; the decisions are not to be made by the NRC.

Beverly Hess, Columbia RD1, is a representative for SVA pushing for this legal action.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The Marietta Recreation Association would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank so many people, business and local organizations. To begin with the letters sent out in April soliciting for financial donations was very successful. All those contributor's names appeared on a billboard mounted on a truck which was driven in the parade and placed at the Park during the Fair. Sometimes **THANK-YOU** just doesn't seem like enough when we have had the support as we did this year.

We would also like to thank all the parents that helped their children to participate. Please encourage your children to participate in our Summer Play Ground Program this year, since that is our main objective for having an "ANNUAL CHILDREN'S DAY FAIR" in Marietta.

Maybe next year some more parents will set aside some time in their schedule to help plan for 1981 Summer Play Ground Program—we could use everyone's help.

Thank you Marietta!  
Sincerely,  
The Marietta Recreation Association

## Marietta Fire Company selling smoke detectors

Members of the Marietta Pioneer Fire Company are selling smoke detectors as a project at \$10 each. Contact

any fireman for the purchase of a smoke detector, which may save your property or your life.



Birthplace of Professor Samuel Steman Haldeman (1812-1880)