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The Friends of Hope Lodge



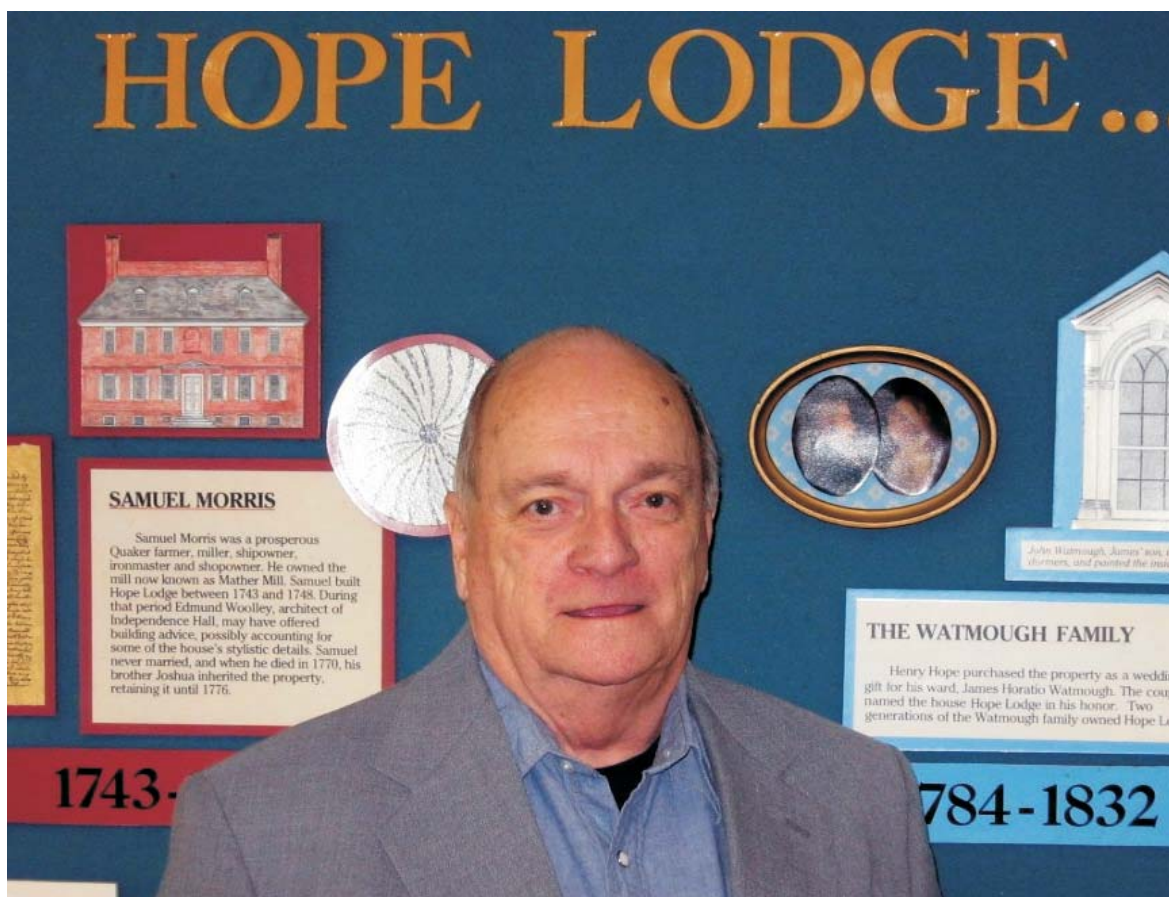
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The 2008 Volunteer of the Year for the Friends of Hope Lodge is **Bob Reese**, vice president of the Friends. Bob began volunteering at Hope Lodge in 2003 and he has been a committed and tireless worker and leader throughout the past six years. During 2008, Bob served at the visitors' center welcome desk regularly on Fridays and Sundays. For most of the visitors to Hope Lodge, Bob was the person who greeted them, the person who provided their basic site orientation, and the person who wished them well when they departed...always cheerfully and with encouragement to return.

Bob searches for, and often finds, historical items related to Hope Lodge. Recent finds include some old post cards at a flea market, and a 19th century Philadelphia deed noting the Watmough family (former Hope Lodge owners) that he purchased on eBay. Besides his work at Hope Lodge, Bob enjoys historical re-enacting. He has been a Revolutionary War and Civil War re-enactor for 30 years, often portraying a Civil War chaplain. Bob also collects Victorian funeral artifacts, and has given presentations on Victorian Funeral Traditions at many historic sites, including Hope Lodge. Bob loves history and he loves Hope Lodge. He is especially deserving of recognition as Volunteer of the Year.

President's Message



Winter is the slow season at Hope Lodge, although we seem to have a few visitors almost every weekend. Most of the Friends' efforts have been devoted to planning our spring and summer events. We also have time to reflect.

When we take a visitor on a tour the mansion is cold. We can only imagine what winter life must have been like for Samuel Morris in the 1700s, even with all the fireplaces blazing. We can also appreciate the dedication of the Degns in the 1920s in restoring and preserving Hope Lodge much as it was originally, and building winter quarters above and beyond the summer kitchen instead of making major modifications to the mansion house.

For a good part of this winter the grounds have been covered with snow. The Wentz family came to Hope Lodge in the 1830s and they depended on the fields for almost ninety years as owners, and more as tenant farmers for the Degns. The stores in the cellars must have been especially important in those winters. But all farmers know that winter fields hold the promise of spring.

The promise of spring is still strong at Hope Lodge. Interesting and educational events are planned, including Charter Day, Colonial Cooking Workshops, Sheep Shearing, and a lecture on local history. Check our schedule of events and plan to attend, or just stop by some weekend for a tour of the mansion. We would like to see you!

 Jack Gumbrecht

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Did you know you can have up to 3% of your Genuardi's purchases donated to Hope Lodge electronically through their E-Scrip program? Sign up by going to Genuardi's service desk or to www.escrip.com. By simply designating the Friends of Hope Lodge and Mather Mill, Group ID number 149538543, Hope Lodge will benefit each and every time you use your Genuardi's club card. It's easy, it's fast, and it's a benefit that keeps giving each time you shop at Genuardi's!

HOPE LODGE



Hope Lodge was built between 1743 and 1748 for Samuel Morris, a prosperous Quaker farmer, shipowner, miller, ironmaster, shopowner, and owner of Farnar's Mill. Hope Lodge is an excellent example of early Georgian architecture. During the American Revolution, the surrounding fields were used for the six-week Whitemarsh Encampment prior to the Valley Forge winter. The house was used by George Washington's surgeon general, John Cochran. Ownership of the house was transferred to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1957. *Open Fri.-Sat. 10am-5pm; Sun. noon-5pm (last tour 4pm, 3pm after daylight savings time ends). Closed Mon.-Thurs. (except by special request for larger groups or schools). Admission charged. Hours may be subject to change.*

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SPRING 2009

Colonial Hearth Cooking

Join Dr. Clarissa Dillon at the Summer Kitchen of Hope Lodge to experience hearth cooking in authentic style. On March 7 we will do a late winter/early spring meal; April 18 we will be "setting curd" and on May 16, a mid-spring menu will be prepared. These workshops are hands-on, using authentic receipts and reproduction utensils as we prepare and cook the food, then enjoy the fruits of our labor, gathered around the table.

The workshops are offered on Saturday mornings from 9:30 am-2:30 pm.

To register, please call Dr. Dillon at 610-642-4269. Space is limited. There is a registration charge.

✍ Mary Washington



Hope Lodge Museum Shop

Silhouette Reverse Glass Paintings
Artist: Julie Phillips, Hockessin, Delaware
Priced from \$40.00 to \$55.00



*Friends of Hope Lodge and Mather Mill who present an active membership card will receive a 10% discount on all purchases.

FROM THE SITE ADMINISTRATOR



Winter is here and with the hard weather has come an even harder economic situation for the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and Hope Lodge. We've received word of new reductions in the amount of money that we have available to keep Hope Lodge operating and in good repair.

Already starting the new fiscal year with a smaller budget than in 2007-08, we have seen our funds for historic preservation projects slashed from the original allotment of \$45,000 for 2008-09 to \$5,000. Our budget for general site maintenance has been cut from \$25,000 to \$13,000. Staffing at Hope Lodge has been reduced, too, since our Custodial Guide moved on and the Commonwealth's hiring freeze has prevented us from filling his now-vacant position.

Luckily, we still have the support of the Friends of Hope Lodge and we are working together to provide quality public programs and to make sure that the site remains open for visitors as usual. The PHMC staff and the Friends of Hope Lodge volunteers coordinate our schedules to give tours of the mansion and summer kitchen on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Hope Lodge volunteers keep our formal and herb gardens well-maintained. They work with PHMC staff to educate scout and school groups whenever needed. We look forward to opening Hope Lodge to the public for free to celebrate Charter Day on March 8th. We plan to present our annual Sheep Shearing program on Friday, April 24th. Our Colonial Cooking workshop series, a lecture and an evening concert on the lawn with the Ambler Symphony are also scheduled to take place this spring. My heartfelt appreciation goes out to the Friends of Hope Lodge who are working so hard to bring all of this about.

However, we are a small organization; to continue to serve the public in this time of dwindling resources, we need your help. If you would like to volunteer to give tours, work in the garden, help with programs, or contribute in other ways, please let us know. To learn more about what you can do to participate, please call the site at 215-646-1595 or contact us through our web site at www.ushistory.org/hope. We're hoping to hear from you.

 Joan D. Hauger

George Washington's Favorite Pumpkin Pie

- ¾ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ginger
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1½ cups pumpkin, steamed and strained
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1½ cups milk
- ½ cup cream
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted

Put the sugar into a large wooden mixing bowl and blend in the cinnamon, ginger and salt. Then stir in the pumpkin, beaten eggs, milk, cream and butter. Blend well and pour into a pastry lined pie pan. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) for 45 minutes. Allow to cool and then serve.



 Mary Greenberg


Ambler Flower Shop
Flowers & Gift Baskets Delivered Anywhere

The Ambler Flower Shop has kindly offered to donate a percentage of your purchase to Hope Lodge. Simply mention Hope Lodge (or if ordering online enter promotion code Hope) when ordering/making a purchase of your flowers. It's that easy! Please tell your friends, family, co-workers, etc. that they only need to mention Hope Lodge when ordering to help support this beautiful historic home.

Calling All Hope Lodge Members and Volunteers

Sneak away from home on a Saturday or Sunday for an hour, possibly more, because we have some small projects we need help to complete. We are in the process of organizing our precious belongings in the tenant house and need help wrapping, labeling, boxing and putting it all away. Preparation for Christmas, Tea Party, Charter Day, Encampment and all our other events take a lot of time and we need your help. We need help getting our displays ready for each and every upcoming event.

We welcome your ideas and your help. So don't forget about Hope Lodge when you are redecorating or changing your holiday decorations. We would be glad to add your treasures to our collections. With your help, we will be the envy of all the other historic sites.

Please leave your name and telephone number at the Visitors' Center's desk or contact me at home at 215-542-1275. Thanks for all your help.

 Diane Horan

Tour Guides Needed

Would you like to lead visitors through the Hope Lodge mansion?

The Friends are now staffing the visitors' center and conducting tours on Sundays. We are open to the public on Sundays from 12noon to 4pm, with the last tour usually at 3pm. Volunteers who can lead tours, or who would like to learn about giving tours, should contact Jack Gumbrecht at 215-646-2708 or email at jpgumbrecht@verizon.net.

Schedules will be developed based on the dates and times that volunteers can offer. Training sessions will also be arranged to fit your availability. Any amount of time you can give will be appreciated. Volunteers are also welcome for guiding tours on Friday or Saturday to support the PHMC site staff, but Sunday coverage is our greatest need at this time. Thank you for your consideration.

Garden Report

Spring is, hopefully, just around the corner. In my own garden, snowdrops and winter jasmine are in bloom with hellebores beginning to show buds.

In my garden, evergreens give structure and add some color to the drab winter landscape. That is one of several reasons the garden volunteers have planted eight more boxwood bushes

in Hope Lodge's garden. You may have noticed them in the corners of the two rectangular beds which contain many of our spring-flowering bulbs. In the summer of 2008 these two beds were renovated. All of the bulbs were dug up, saved, and replanted in the autumn. The two ornamental grasses, inappropriate for a Colonial Revival Garden, were removed. The beds were then cultivated.

The narcissus, tulip, and alliums bulbs had greatly multiplied over the years. Not all were replanted in those two beds. Some were redistributed throughout the garden. We hope to have a good spring display and two neater and more weed-free beds. Please be sure to visit them when weather permits.

 Nancy Straub Gingrich



*An upside-down Christmas Tree on display at Holidays at Hope Lodge.
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Samuel Morris Timeline

What was occurring in America during Samuel Morris' lifetime? Compiled by Heinz Heinemann (The Correspondent -July-September 1995). Reprinted with permission of Heinz Heinemann (2009). References to events in the Colonies are from Webster's Guide to American History, G.& C. Merriam Company, Publishers, Springfield, MA 1971.

1708	Samuel Morris is born		George Whitefield acquires many followers in Georgia.	1755	General Edward Braddock and 2,000 British troops defeated in western Pennsylvania.
1711	Tuscarora Indians massacre 200 North Carolinian settlers in the Tuscarora War which lasted until 1713.	1740	Morris buys half interest in Edward Farnar's mill (now known as the Farnar/Mather mill).		British control Bay of Fundy area and exile 6,000 Acadians.
1712-1741	Various Negro uprisings in New York City and South Carolina resulted in multiple executions and fatalities. More than 100 Negroes are executed.	1741	Morris buys 2 ½ acres on east side of North Wales Road (now Bethlehem Pike). He is also part owner of a brigantine, The Anne and of The Carpenter.	1758	British are defeated at Fort Ticonderoga by the French. British take Louisbourg. Fort Frontenac on Lake Ontario falls to British. French evacuate Fort Duquesne.
1716	First theatre in the colonies is built at Williamsburg, Virginia.	1742	Benjamin Franklin invents the Franklin stove.	1759	British take Fort Niagara; French evacuate Fort Ticonderoga and Crown Point. Quebec surrenders to British General Wolfe.
1718	New Orleans, Louisiana, is founded.	1743	Morris begins building Hope Lodge.	1760	Entire province of Quebec surrendered to British.
1719	Colonists overthrow proprietary government in South Carolina.	1744	Moravians found music school in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.	1761	Morris sells interest in Chelsea Forge.
1721	Dr. Zabel Boylston of Massachusetts makes first inoculations against the smallpox.	1745	Morris buys half interest in docks on Delaware River with his brother, Morris, Jr. Virginia settlers move into Ohio country; Pennsylvania traders also. French settlers alarmed by this construct forts across Pennsylvania. Iroquois and Delaware Indians abrogate treaty that had ceded lands south of the Ohio River to Virginia and join French.	1763	Treaty of Paris ends French and Indian War. All Canada ceded to British as well as navigation rights on the Mississippi river. Pontiac's War takes place. Settlement west of the Appalachian Mountains forbidden.
1728	John Bartram establishes botanical garden in Philadelphia.	1746	Morris and his parents sell the Upper Mill to his brother Daniel. Morris buys other half of Farnar/Mather Mill and 150 acres of land. Presbyterian College of New Jersey, forerunner of Princeton University, founded.	1764	Sugar Act, first measure designed to raise money in the colonies for the crown, passed. In the colonies, James Otis raises issue of taxation without representation.
1729	North and South Carolina surrender their charters, formally becoming royal colonies.	1747	Benjamin Franklin begins experimenting with electricity.	1765	Stamp Act passed. Quartering Act, which requires colonial authorities to supply food, quarters and barracks, passed. Great deal of agitation throughout the colonies concerning various acts, including non-importation of British goods by colonists.
1730	Benjamin Franklin publishes, "Tunes in Praise and Love of God, "hymns of the German Baptists of Pennsylvania.	1748	Great Awakening movement reaches peak. Hope Lodge apparently completed.	1766	Stamp Act repealed and non-importation policy is repealed.
1731	Boston as first known colonial public concert.	1749	Morris tries to sell lots of land along North Wales Road, apparently unsuccessfully. He is appointed justice of the peace for Whitemarsh Township.	1767	Townshend Acts, which imposed duties on imports, passed
1732	Hat Act, protecting English industries, prohibits inter-colonial export Benjamin Franklin prints first issue of "Poor Richard's Almanack."	1750	Iron Act forbids production of finished iron products in colonies but encourages manufacture of pig and bar iron. First appearance of flatboat for inland navigation and the Conestoga wagon.	1768	Townshend Act denounced. General court in Massachusetts dissolved by governor. Great unrest throughout the country.
1733	Molasses Act lays a prohibitive duty on rum, molasses, and sugar imported from the West Indies. Georgia founded. Samuel Morris receives half of grist mill on Upper Darby/Whitemarsh Township Line (now known as the Upper Mill).	1751	Samuel Morris buys 1/3 interest in Chelsea Forge in New Jersey. Franklin's Academy later the University of Pennsylvania, is founded.	1769	Samuel Morris now owns 325 acres of land in Whitemarsh. Virginia Assembly dissolved. Non-importation policies adopted by various colonies.
1734	Sermons of Jonathan Edwards in Massachusetts lead Great Awakening movement on New England. Small farmers in western North Carolina withhold quitrents in protest against neglect by government. Similar protests occur in South Carolina, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.	1752	First general hospital in colonies is established in Philadelphia by Thomas bond.	1770	Samuel Morris dies. Townshend Acts repealed with exception of tea duty. Colonies abandon non-importation policies. Boston Massacre occurs.
1735	Peter Zenger tried for libel and is acquitted. Defense lawyer was Andrew Hamilton of Philadelphia. Case established basic doctrine underlying freedom of the press that truth is in an absolute defense in libel cases.	1753	Morris sells his interest in the docks.		
1736	Morris elected assessor for Philadelphia County; Re-elected through 1739.	1754	Plan of Union, proposed by Franklin, adopted by Albany Congress to win over the Iroquois Indians on eve of French and Indian War, rejected by colonial legislatures. King's College (Columbia University) founded.		
1737	Morris transfers membership from Abington Friends Meeting to Gwynedd Meeting.				
1738	Samuel Morris elected commissioner for Philadelphia County.				

Holidays at Hope Lodge

The holidays were celebrated at Hope Lodge the weekend of December 12 -14. Over 3 evenings, guests were treated to the sounds, sights and tastes of the season while taking a self-guided candlelight tour. The mansion was decorated to represent the time periods that it was inhabited — the 1740's to the 1950's.

Thank you to all who made this event possible:

The Hope Lodge volunteers, who planned the event, decorated the mansion, baked delicious goodies, hosted and greeted our visitors: Erin Agnew, Lori Anselm, Sheya Astle, Eli Beck, Pat Bradley, Mary Butash, Rita Carrigan, Mary Eby, Betty Fields, MJ Fischer, Nancy Gingrich, Jack Gumbrecht, Diane Horan, Carolyn Moyer, Mary Ann Myers, Casey O'Connor, Susan Palenchar, Bob Rauch, Wanda Rauch, Bob Reese, Karin Stocking, Bruce Stocking, Joe Walker, Jack Washington, Lindsay Washington, Mary Washington, the Wissahickon High School Key Club. And to our Special Event Sponsors, who donated delicious food items and gave generously of their time: Food —Flourtown Bakery, Dreshertown Shop N' Bag; Entertainment — Upper Dublin High School orchestra members, Lower Moreland High School Honors Choir, the Ambler Symphony, Bakshi Baroque Players; Decorated Trees — Friends of the Fort Washington State Park, Ambler Symphony, Friends of Hope Lodge, W.S. Hancock Society, and Bob Reese.



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HOPE LODGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Colonial Cooking Classes

Join Doctor Clarissa Dillon, for a series of hands-on workshops where she will guide participants through the techniques of open hearth cooking, using replica implements to prepare authentic dishes of the 18th century. Classes will be held on:

- March 7, 2009, 9:30am-2:30 pm
- April 18, 2009, 9:30am-2:30 pm
- May 16, 2009, 9:30am-2:30 pm

Space is limited and reservations are required. To register please call 610-642-4269 (Registration charge)

Charter Day

📅 **March 8, 2008, noon-4pm**
(Free admission)

Hope Lodge celebrates Charter Day typically on the second Sunday in March. Tours of the Historic Hope Lodge Mansion are available and admission is free. For more information please contact us.

Sheep Shearing

📅 **April 24, 9:30am-3pm**
(Admission charged)

Wool was a common fabric of the 18th and 19th century, used for everything from clothing to household items. Producing it was a very labor intensive process that all started with the fleece from sheep. Come to Hope Lodge and see how wool was sheared from the sheep and learn how it was transformed into cloth along with a special display of clothing of the 18th and 19th century

Historical Lecture

📅 **May 20, 7-8:30pm**

(Free admission)

Local historian Roddy Davis will present his program, "Ambler: Keasby and Mattison," about the Ambler manufacturing company that purchased Hope Lodge and the surrounding grounds in 1921 intending to expand the lime quarry on the property.

Ambler Symphony

📅 **June 17, 7-8:30pm**

(Admission charged) rain date June 24, 2009

Bring your lawn chair and a picnic dinner as Hope Lodge presents the Ambler Symphony for a delightful and relaxing evening of music. For information on this year's program please contact us.

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