

Winters Heritage House Newsletter



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Canadian Visitor Linked to Elizabethtown's Earliest Settler

by Mary Karnes, genealogy librarian

In mid-October, a man from Alberta, Canada, who descended from our very first settler, Thomas Harris, honored Elizabethtown with a visit. Thomas Harris came around 1727 and built the Sign of the Bear Tavern, which stands today as the Elizabethtown Insurance Company. Evan Dorward is the descendant who visited the Seibert Library and other historically significant sites linked to his ancestor during a recent trip to the area.

He tells us that every generation of his family has persons with either the Harris name or Anderson. Another ancestor was Reverend James A. Anderson, the first pastor of Donegal Presbyterian Church, 1727 to 1740.

Evan was an intensely interested visitor and took mega-pictures of everything related, even going to the town of Academia, Juniata County, to visit the grave of Thomas Harris, which is marked by a large monument. Thomas was born in 1695 and lived until 1801, prompting an article by our town historian Richard K. MacMaster entitled "The Man who lived in Three Centuries."

While in town, Evan also visited Elizabethtown Insurance Company, the building constructed by Harris in the mid-1700's, which, since 1915, has been much renovated. There, Evan was given a complete tour, shown the 1745 date stone, and given one of the building stones from the attic area as a memento.

Two of the Harris sons, born here as part of a settler family, quite amazingly attended Princeton College, founded in 1746 as College of New Jersey, and became medical doctors. One of the sons named Matthew, along with some other family members, migrated to Nova Scotia. They amassed many acres of land, and later, some of the family spread westward into Canada.

Evan kindly donated two books to the Seibert Library collection: Colonel George Steuart and His Wife Marga-



Canadian Evan Dorward, descendant of Thomas Harris, chats with Mary Karnes in the Log Room at Winters Heritage House Museum on October 14.

ret Harris (1907) by Robert Stewart and Ancestors and Descendants of Robert Harris, Sr. (1967) by Mary Harris Stratton.

All who met Evan appreciated his great interest in his ancestral home of two branches of his family. We look forward to many return visits, some of which may include his three children, all presently in college.

The Sign of the Bear Tavern is depicted on the cover of Elizabethtown: The First Three Centuries written by MacMaster and published by the Elizabethtown Historical Society. This book is available for sale at \$15 in the museum store.

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News and Notables

In September, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to approve Phil Clark to fill the unexpired term of Michael Worman as President of Elizabethtown Preservation Associates, Inc. An Elizabethtown native, Phil has worked as the Facilities Manager for Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, East High Street, for 40 years. Phil also serves on the Board of GEARS and is President of Elizabethtown Borough Council. Phil and his wife, Beverly, have three children, Joshua, Jessica, and Christopher, and the family is active in church activities. Phil is an avid sports fan and local historian.



J. Robert "Bob" Hollinger has been Treasurer of Elizabethtown Preservation Associates, Inc. since 1999. More than a dedicated Board Officer, Bob is a community volunteer who tirelessly commits himself year-round to museum projects, often property maintenance, in service to the museum's mission of preservation. Most recently, Bob has been a fixture at 33 East High Street, scraping, painting, and glazing. Thank you, Bob!

Thank you to Cindy Rothrock from the Institute for Learning in Retirement at Elizabethtown College for inviting Winters Heritage House Museum to participate as a classroom location this fall. On-site instructors included Nancy Landis, Pam Potts, Gail Frey, and Lori B. Donofrio-Galley.



The Museum staff welcomes Angela Payne, leader, and Lori Schlegel, assistant leader, and members of Elizabethtown's new Daisy Troop #70043 to hold weekly meetings at the museum starting in November.

During the 2010 Elizabethtown Fair, the museum hosted a booth in AG Hall. A raffle was held for a Longaberger Basket filled with the ingredients for an Italian Dinner for Two. Cora Gingrich of Mount Joy was the lucky winner!

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Members-Only Benefits for You and Your Family

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- Invitation to Annual Craft Show Preview Shopping Event
- Free Research/Consultation, Seibert Library*

Family - \$30

- Member Newsletter
- Invitation to Annual Craft Show Preview Shopping Event
- \$15 pp Heritage Camp Registration
- \$1 pp Story Hour Registration
- Free Research/Consultation, Seibert Library*

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- Invitation to Annual Craft Show Preview Shopping Event
- \$15 pp Heritage Camp Registration
- \$1 pp Story Hour Registration
- Interpretive Classes/Workshops (ONE FREE)
- Free Research/Consultation, Seibert Library*

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- Member Newsletter
- Invitation to Annual Craft Show Preview Shopping Event
- FREE Heritage Camp Registration
- FREE Story Hour Registration
- Interpretive Classes/Workshops (FOUR FREE)
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- Member Newsletter
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- FREE Heritage Camp Registration
- FREE Story Hour Registration
- FREE Interpretive Classes/Workshops (Unlimited)
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*Note: Research Fee for non-members is \$5 a day.

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All memberships are tax-deductible as defined by law. A copy of the official registration and financial information (of Elizabethtown Preservation Associates, Inc.) may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling within Pennsylvania 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

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20TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

**THIS COUPON GOOD FOR
\$1 Off Admission**

9 am to 7 pm, Friday, Dec. 4 ONLY

Over 30 local vendors, quality handcrafted gifts, holiday decorations, ticket auction, cookies and beverages.

Craft Show also runs Sat., Dec. 5, 9 am to noon.

Purple Orchid Cookies ❖ Nancy Jane's Jewelry ❖ Spring House Originals—Hand Stenciled Colonial Floor Cloths ❖ Shugified Natural Body Care Products ❖ Dodson's Nuts ❖ Photographs by Michael ❖ Country Ridge Crafts ❖ Lucy Francavilla Designs—Victorian Pillows ❖ Lubelu Designs—Children's Clothing ❖ Fay Groff—Floral Paper Sculpture ❖ Patty Kile—PA German Scherenschnitte ❖ Book Buddez Gifts ❖ Stan's Blacksmith Shop ❖ Polish Pottery ❖ Silver Bird Jewelry ❖ PGS—Fresh Holiday Greens ❖ Alpaca and Beyond ❖ Candle Scentsations by Lizz ❖ Jennifer Ruch Artwork and Jewelry ❖ Smith's Sterling and Gemstone Jewelry ❖ Stohler's Holiday Decorations ❖ Mata's Dreams and Visions—Handmade Beaded Jewelry ❖ Clare's Ceramic Hideaway ❖ American Art Traditions ❖ Fused Glass Jewelry by Laura Walters ❖ Wonders Birdhouses and Artwork ❖ Eastland Alpacas ❖ Handcrafted items from the Winters Heritage House Quilting and Herb Garden Committees.





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Since 1991

20TH ANNIVERSARY VOLUNTEER INTEREST SURVEY

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Best days and times to reach you _____

Have you ever volunteered at Winters Heritage House Museum? Y / N

In which activities or programs did you participate?

Other previous volunteer experience:

Hobbies, talents or skills: Check one or more below.

Volunteer Objectives:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Learn new skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Use existing skills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meet and work with people | <input type="checkbox"/> Work independently |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with site/grounds work | <input type="checkbox"/> Conduct tours and share history |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrate historic arts and crafts | <input type="checkbox"/> Work as part of a team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Share/teach technical skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Assist library researchers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Join the Board of Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Plan group tours or trips |

Interpreting our past through activities that build skills for the future...

Thinking of a visit?

Did you know that we:

- Customize log house, garden, and mural tours for civic, garden, and senior groups?
- Customize tours and history or library programs to satisfy scouting badge requirements?
- Organize winter tavern dinners for the public?
- Develop programs for preschoolers and kindergartners from area child care centers, pre-schools, and public and private schools?
- House the Seibert Genealogy Library with print, electronic, and audio resources available to researchers for a nominal fee or free to members?
- House a Friday Shop and Art Gallery with locally handmade artwork?
- Host a fall Art Show organized by the Heritage Artisans Guild
- Provide interpretive and educational outreach programs to area nursing homes and retirement facilities?

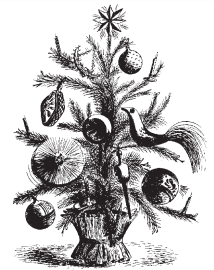
SAVE THE DATES
for details visit
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December

2—Sneak-Peek Shopping
& Holiday Reception
for Members

3 & 4 —20th Annual
Holiday Craft Show

11—Children's Colonial Christmas
Craft Workshop



March

8—Springtime in Paris—Philadelphia
Flower Show Trip

12—St. Patrick's Day Tavern Dinner

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