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FROM THE PRESIDENT		GENEALOGY	
<p>Dear Members,</p> <p>I am looking forward to the New 2008 year. We have several projects that need to be completed at the museum. Our major one right now is the three roofs that needed to be replaced. I am thankful that the Workman Barn has been finished, and the Gas Station was started before inclement weather has caused a slight delay. As Wes, the new Vice-President pointed out-----</p> <p>REMEMBER, YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO HELP OUT. JUST SHOW UP AND SAY, "WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?"</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Jim Bowden</i></p>		<p>If you visit our Web Site there is a list of the genealogy that we have available at the museum. Just call ahead to be sure someone is here to let you in to view the books available. Our Web Site is: www.marvelmuseum.com</p> <p>Thanks to our member Leslie Glenn she is updating the site quite often.</p>	
		NEW LIFE MEMBERS	
		<p>Welcome new Life Members Stella & Harley Hickman of Millsboro, and Nelson & Denise Warren, Jr of Georgetown.</p>	

GET WELL WISHES

The following members at the
Harrison Senior Living located at
110 west North Street
Georgetown, De 19947

Martin Isaacs
Edwin Pepper
Penny Paine

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James & Anne Marvel
1001 Middleford Road
Seaford, DE 19973

Ellery Parker
20859 Wilkins Lane
Georgetown, DE 19947

Debbie Jones
22922 East Trap Pond Road
Georgetown, DE 19947

Susan Messick
110 Carolyn Street
Georgetown, DE 19947

Ira Hitchens
22567 Wood Branch Road
Georgetown, De 19947

Richard Calhoun
20847 Camp Road
Bridgeville, De 19933

Mickey Scroggins
907 S.E. Third Street
Milford, De 19963

Joseph Messick
110 Carolyn Street
Georgetown, De 19947

Lola Rogers
513 South Bedford Street
Georgetown, De 19947

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Regular GHS meeting, Monday,
March 3, 2008 - 7:30 P.M.
Speaker, Ben Sirman of Seaford

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March 15, 2008 Annual Easter Egg
Hunt at Museum sponsored by
Georgetown Chamber of Commerce
11:00 a.m. until 1:00 P.M.

April 7, 2008, Membership covered
dish dinner, Lynch Building, 6:30
P.M. \$5:00 per person plus covered
dish, (main entrée, beverages, &
dessert provided, no speaker)

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May 17 & 18 Craft Show in Barrel
Barn, starting at 9:00 a.m. (rain or
shine)

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Fashion Show at Sussex Pines
Country Club, date, time & cost to be
announced in future newsletters



**FROM CROSSROADS TO
COUNTY SEAT ADDITIONS**

**From Crossroads to County Seat
Continued**

The second edition of the book "From Crossroads to County Seat" is still available for \$39.95 and is for sale both at the Marvel Carriage Museum Gift Shop, and the branch of the Delaware National Bank on Route 113 and Edward Street in Georgetown. The book makes an excellent gift, and NO, it is not the same as the original edition that came out in 1991, because we have added things on the pages that were blank in the original one as follows:

Pg. 14 Tom Thumb wedding of 1991 with 99 local children in the wedding all portraying local well-known adults of the community.

Pg 44A & 44B Georgetown-The Button Capital of Delaware and the Georgetown Button Industry.

Pg. 76 Swain's Rexall store and the F.H. Holtz Store 1924-1948.

Pg. 92 Central Office Telephone Operators at the switchboard with Chief Operator, Mary Townsend, and Supervisor, Esther Sammons standing behind them.

Pg. 92 Telephone Company employees at a 1960 Return Day all dressed in their period clothing.

Pg. 114 Photo of the first load of chickens to leave by rail from the Georgetown Train Station.

Pg. 114 Scenes from the front of the T.R. Purnell Hardware Store. Year unknown.

Pg. 144 Mayor W. Layton Johnson cutting the ribbon for the new S&H Green Stamp store on East Market Street by the Little League field.

Pg. 144 Charles B. Pepper shown with his ribbons and Suffolk lamb, the winner of the "Grand Champion in the Pen of Fat Lambs," held at the 1959 Kent-Sussex Fair.

Pg. 176 Photo of Francis Short, the first person to put mail into the newly installed, drop-in mailbox on The Circle.

Pg. 192 Photos of the monuments, and names of the soldiers who died in combat during the Korean, and Viet Nam wars.

Pg. 198 Photo of, and song written by "Sky Brady," to save The Brick Hotel in 1999 when it was facing demolition.

Pg. 207 History of the new seat of government for Sussex County called Georgetown, established in 1791.

Pg. 209 The Georgetown High Undefeated Wrestling Team of 1962-63 coached by Herman Bastianelli.

MARCH MEETING	DUES FOR 2008
<p>Regular March meeting will be held on Monday, March 3, 2008 at 7:30 P.M.. Speaker will be one of our members, Ben Sirman who will speak on Delaware Hall of Fame, and Sussex Sports.</p>	<p>Same rate for dues as last year are still in effect, however, they are now due. If you are in doubt if yours are paid or not please call, and we will check our records to see if they are due. If you are a life member then they are not due.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Joan Messick, Treasurer</i></p>
OTHER DONATIONS	TREE IN LYNCH BUILDING
<p>Special Thanks to Mr. Richard Beckstead of Liljenquist & Beckstead Jewelers of Ocean City, Maryland for the donation of beautiful Christmas decorations. Thanks also to our member, Stella Hickman for asking him for them. With her decorating talents I am sure she will have the place looking great next Christmas. We owe Stella and her staff for decorating this past year. She tells me that she and her Sister, Eva Wooten, Thelma & Ron Folke , and Dick & Loreta Workman did the decorating, and she and Mildred Jones, plus Ron Folke did the job of undecorating. Thanks gals & guys!!</p>	<p>Just so not any of you think we have lost it, you might wonder why there is still a decorated tree in the Music Room of the Lynch Building. It was suggested by Stella that we leave the tree and just decorate it for whichever Holiday we were currently celebrating. With a few exceptions we thought it was a great idea. So a few people volunteered, and now we especially would like to thank Ann Couch and Hilda Parker for their special designs, and talents of homemade Valentine decorations on the tree.</p>
BOARD MEETING	DUES
<p>Next Board Meeting will be held on Monday, February 25, 2008 at 7PM in the Lynch Building.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$ 20.00 Individual o \$ 25.00 Family o \$ 35.00 Patron o \$ 50.00 Business Associate o \$ 200.00 Life Membership
WINNER OF RIFLE????	WEBSITE
<p>Will you be the winner of the rifle? Tickets at \$10.00 each are still available, call 855-9660 now so you won't miss out on the opportunity to win. We now have the rifle #6 of 12.</p>	<p>Please visit our Web site at www.marvelmuseum.com</p>

Common Sayings and Terminology Associated With The Conestoga Wagon

1. **"Come home with your bells on."** — Teamsters would surrender some brass bells in exchange for assistance rendered away from home.
2. **"Mind your P's and Q's."** — Innkeepers kept a record of alcoholic beverages consumed by wagoners on a slate behind the bar in columns marked P for Pints and Q for Quarts.
3. **Driving on the right side of the road with the driver being on the left.** — American style versus European system.
4. **Turnpike.** — Turning the pike at a toll booth.
5. **Stogies.** — From boots worn by the teamsters; also short for Conetoga—a long thin cigar smoked by the teamsters.
6. **Brakeshoe.** — From an old shoe sole nailed to the braking mechanism in front of the rear wheels.
7. **Hub caps.** — Metal covers to prevent mud and dirt from getting into the axle.
8. **Buckskins.** — Common teamster attire gotten ^{from} deer.
9. **Lazy board.** — Board that is pulled out from under wagon bed. A driver using it is considered lazy.
10. **Jockey stick.** — Wooden rod extending from breast chain of leader to bit of off-side horse which saves a man or jockey from having to give direction to the horse.
11. **Jerk line.** — A long leather strap called a line, by which the teamster is using short jerks directed his lead horses of animals to the right. A long steady pull on the line indicated they were to turn left. The term reigns was not used with Conestoga teamsters.
12. **Stock Exchange.** — Selling stock at public auction for building Philadelphia-Lancaster Turnpike — 1792.
13. **"Piker."** — Probably from "shun-piker" originally meaning a person who used farm roads or other back roads to avoid paying toll.
14. **Passing on the left.** — Conestoga teamsters used work horses with the leader on the left. They passed other vehicles going in the same direction on the left. Henry Ford moved steering wheel to left side about 1909.
15. **"Sharpshooter."** — Usually farmers who put their teams on the road when freight rates were high or during slack seasons. Sharpshooters on the National Road would try to cover a distance of twenty miles a day. The "regulars" traveled from twelve to fifteen miles a day.
16. **"Stumped."** — Means the wagon was unable to proceed because the axle was caught on a tree stump.