

Super-Luminary



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FROM THE PRESIDENT		GENEALOGY	
<p>Dear Members,</p> <p>I have enjoyed serving as your President for the past six years, and I appreciate the support that has been given me, however, it is now time to turn the reins over to Jim Bowden, I feel sure he will do a good job and it is my hope you will show him the same kind of support and encouragement. I am not going anywhere, I plan to still be around to help in anyway I can. May you all have a Happy New Year!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Wes Jones</i></p>		<p>We shall be forever grateful to Inez Best Ruark for her dedicated time and efforts to gather and assemble the information regarding the descendants of Nutter D. Marvel. She has donated the booklet and the family tree information to the museum. She used to baby-sit all of his grandchildren.</p>	
		BRACELET RAFFLE	
		<p>Winner of the bracelet that was raffled off for the Craft Show/House Tour was Faye Statler of Georgetown.</p>	

NEW MEMBERS	NEW ADDRESS
<p>Denise Matz of Georgetown</p> <p>Ed & Rosemary Dawicki of Georgetown</p>	<p>New address for Jane Roach is now 22906 Argo's Corner Rd, Milford, De 19963 phone number (302) 430-0390. I am sure she would love to get some mail, or better yet, some phone calls.</p>
OTHER DONATIONS	RIFLE RAFFLE
<p>Special Thanks to the Nelson Swain Family for their most generous donations of the old Post Office Doors with brass trim, and new floor covering for the dining/kitchen area. After fifty-two years in the same spot Nelson has decided to retire. May you have the best of luck, and the best of health to enjoy your retirement years.</p> <p>Thanks to Janice Owens for her donations of memorabilia items to the museum.</p>	<p>Raffle tickets for the #6 of 12 Collector's Grade Henry "Big Boy" rifle are now available at \$10.00 each, and they are going fast. The rifle is a 325th Special Anniversary Edition for those Collectors who cherish both our History and beautiful art, and comes in a French-fitted carrying case. This family heir-loom is a tribute to the history and people of Sussex County. Call (302) 855-9660 for tickets.</p>
BOARD MEETING	DUES
<p>Next Board Meeting will be held on Monday, January 28th at 7PM in the Lynch Building.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$ 20.00 Individual ○ \$ 25.00 Family ○ \$ 35.00 Patron ○ \$ 50.00 Business Associate ○ \$ 200.00 Life Membership
WINNER OF TICKETS FOR 2008 HOUSE TOUR	WEBSITE
<p>And the winner is.....Mary Beth Pepper of Georgetown</p>	<p>Please visit our Webpage at www.marvelmuseum.com</p>

DELAWARE NATIONAL BANK**From Crossroads to County Seat**

We are finally able to report that the second edition of the book that has been in the making for a few years is now available. Of course we are talking about the "Crossroads to County Seat" book that was printed in 1991 for the Bi-Centennial. They arrived just in time for the book-signing on Monday, December 3rd at the Georgetown branch of the Delaware National Bank. This project would not have been completed if the bank had not agreed to be our sponsor. **THANK YOU, THANK YOU!**

Present to participate in the signing was Iva Booth, and Martha Hudson, two of the Co-Chairpersons of the original book.

Be sure to get your copy now before the supply is depleted again. They are now available at the Museum Gift Shop for \$39.95, or a very limited supply of the Leather bound ones in a leather case for \$75.00

They are also available at Delaware National Bank for the same price at the Georgetown Branch located on 113 and Edward Street.

We added the following items on the pages that were blank in the original printing back in 1991 for the Bi-Centennial:

Tom Thumb Wedding of April, 1991. (It was held at the High School and directed by Mrs. Joyce Marvel assisted by Mrs. Violet (West) Stout.) There were 99 local children in the wedding all portraying local adults of the Community.

Littleton's Grocery Store on the corner of East Pine and Railroad Ave

Georgetown-The Button Capital of Delaware and the Georgetown Button Industry

Swain's Rexall Store and F.H. Holtz Store 1924-1948

Grace Church Parsonage: Year and People unknown

Central Office Telephone Company employees at the switchboard & supervisors in the center of floor

Telephone Company employees at 1960 Return Day in Business Office

First Load of Chickens to leave by rail from Georgetown Train Station

Scenes from the front of T.R. Purnell Hardware Store

S&H Green Store grand opening on East Market Street near the Little League Field

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

Francis Short first person to put mail into the newly installed, drop-in mailbox on the Circle April 28, 1961

Korean & Viet Nam Monuments and names, rank and hometown

Photo of Sky Brady and song "Don't Tear It Down, The Brick Hotel," all about the fight to save the Hotel from destruction 1999

History of Georgetown

Georgetown High Undefeated Wrestling Team and coach, Herman Bastianelli 1962-63

GET WELL WISHES

Martin Isaacs
 Room 1
 Harrison Senior Living
 110 West North Street
 Georgetown, DE 19947

James & Anne Marvel
 1001 Middleford Road
 Seaford, DE 19973

Edwin Pepper
 110 West North Street
 Georgetown, DE 19947

Debbie Jones
 22922 East Trap Pond Road
 Georgetown, DE 19947

Rusty Warrington
 24675 Kruger Road
 Georgetown, DE 19947

Elaine Frey
 26 Fairway Ave
 Country Club Village
 Georgetown, DE 19947

Penny Paine
 14 Mulberry Street
 Cinderberry
 Georgetown, DE 19947

Richard Calhoun
 20847 Camp Road
 Bridgeville, DE 19933

Trolley News

Mickey and Margaret used their decorating talents to have the trolley ready for the Georgetown Christmas Parade. After the parade, the trolley has been placed out front of the museum where the festive lights have attracted a lot of attention. In the Spring, when the weather breaks restoration will resume.

We are very grateful to Wayne & Frances Baker for their donation of the trolley to the Marvel Carriage Museum.

A special thanks goes out to the Cheerful Notes Glee Club for making the spirit of Christmas come alive throughout the whole parade.

Christmas Donation Box

Thank you to all of those who once again supported our Christmas donation box. The supplies are much needed by the museum and are greatly appreciated.

NEW FLAGS AND FLAG POLE

The original flagpole that had been destroyed by a recent storm has been graciously replaced by the Memorial Funds received in George Couch's memory. A stone marker, a new American flag and a Sussex County flag are now in place. Thanks to all who donated on his behalf.

A Note from the Vice President:

As 2007 comes to a close we are entering into phase one of a capital improvement campaign. The first order of business is to re-roof the Workman Barn, Car Wash and the Gas Station. We have borrowed \$30,000 to accomplish this first task. We now need YOU to help us defray the cost of this much needed endeavor. We have kicked off a Capital Campaign and we thank the Workman families for the first contributions towards this very expensive project. When we did a survey this year many of you indicated that you would like to contribute funds towards projects that would make a difference at our Museum. Now is the time for you to make a difference! Call Rosalie at 855-9660 or me at 856-6907 if you have questions or want to contribute.

You will see in this newsletter that one of our newest members has been selected as Sussex County Employee of the year. Sarah Swafford has already made an impact on our organization as well. Congratulations Sarah!

Our own Rosalie Walls was selected as Georgetown Volunteer of the year and contributes so much to our Historical Society and Museum. Thanks for all you do Rosie!

We have two retiring board members, Joe Forester and Donna Koskey who have contributed so much to the well being of our society. They will be missed!

Wes Jones is stepping down as President but will stay on as Vice-President. Wes has done much to keep this organization on track and moving forward during his tenure. Thanks Wes!

We have lost some valued long-time members this past year and have more than our share of members that have been sick and have encountered long-term illness. We need to keep them and their families in our thoughts and prayers.

You will soon see that we will have another membership drive and I encourage you to enlist people to join. We have one the finest museums in the county and yet I'm always hearing from local people that they had "no idea" what a hidden gem it is! Lets share the joy we have for our museum!

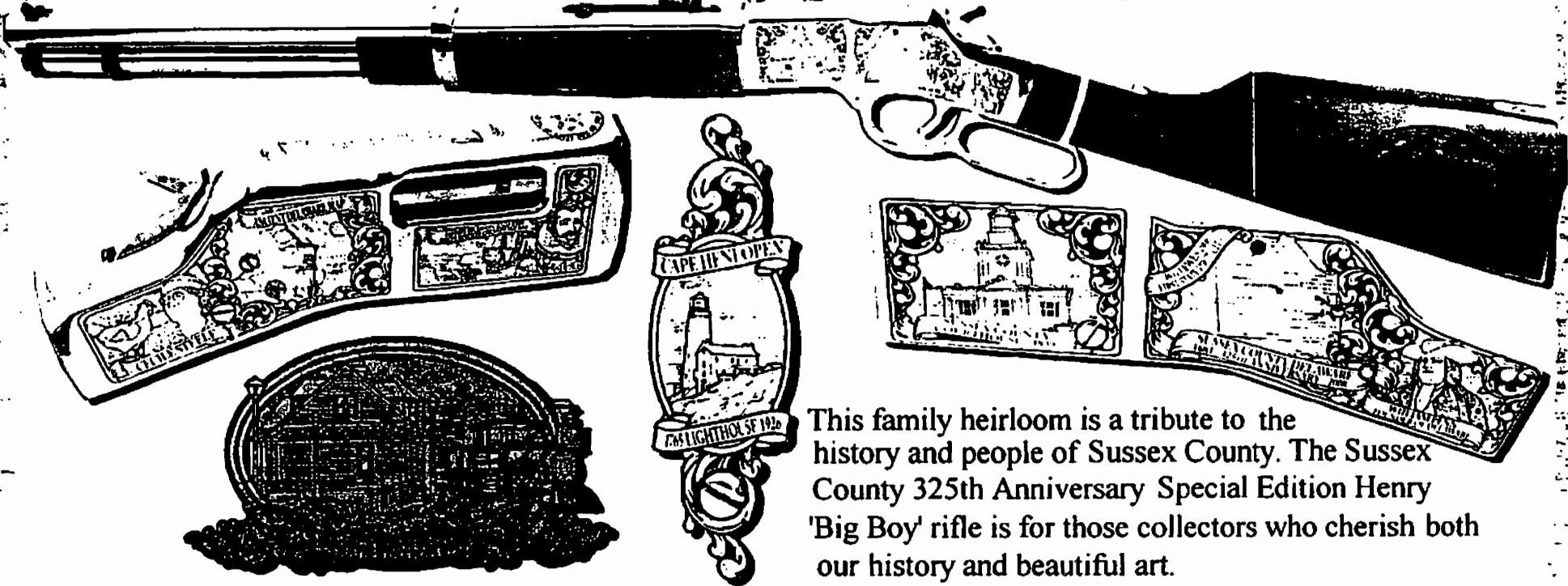
I would like to initiate a program in conjunction with the local schools to encourage students to write short stories on local history. We would need volunteers to mentor students on their projects. I have seen this work in other communities and it has laid a groundwork for students and their parents to appreciate our local history.

I look forward to this next year and working with each of you to make YOUR Historical Society the best that it can be.

Jim

Sussex County 325th Anniversary Special Edition

1683 325th Anniversary of Sussex County 2008



This family heirloom is a tribute to the history and people of Sussex County. The Sussex County 325th Anniversary Special Edition Henry 'Big Boy' rifle is for those collectors who cherish both our history and beautiful art.

The Sussex County 325th Anniversary Special Edition Rifle is a Collector's Grade Henry 'Big Boy' rifle in a .44 mag caliber, fully plated in 24-karat gold. The engraved artwork is defined with jewelry-grade nickel, a beautiful canvas for this work of art, and each comes in a French-fitted carrying case. Only 12 of these unique collectibles will ever be made and now the Georgetown Historical Society is giving YOU the chance of becoming the proud owner of one! As part of our annual fundraiser, we have obtained number 6 in this limited edition and will be raffling it off for only \$10.00 a ticket! All funds raised go to benefit the Georgetown Historical Society, a local non-profit dedicated to keeping our history alive. Remember -

Only 1000 tickets will be sold!!

**For tickets or additional information please call (302) 855-9660
or stop by our offices at 510 South Bedford Street**

