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PHLF BIENNIAL REPORT- 1974-1975

THE OLD POST OFFICE GROWS . . .

At a grand reception we opened the Artifact Garden and Performing Arts Court, four years in the making.

Bronze plaques and cast iron eagles from the Manchester Bridge surrounded by Hemlock, White Pine and Rhododendron, have been placed along side the public walkway across from the Old Post Office entrance to create an artifact walkway called Landmarks Square.

Five lavish Victorian room displays now line the main gallery and a collection of Prints of Old Pittsburgh has been assembled.

New acquisitions include the Bower Boat Collection, funded by Allegheny Foundation, as well as hundreds of individual items donated by the public.

Thirty exhibitions prepared by individuals and organizations from throughout Allegheny County have been on display.

Extensive audio-visual equipment has been acquired from the Buhl Foundation. It is used for automated shows.

Over 30,000 individuals have toured the Museum and enjoyed its varied offerings.

We presented the 19th Century melodrama "He Ain't Done Right By Nell" and a variety of performing arts and lectures.



in museum. Mrs. Jane Rovensky Grace, donor of the house added a further gift, the adjoining farm house.

On Jane Street, Southside, the neighborhood organized a clean-up program.

In the Mexican War Streets the exteriors of 601-607 Taylor and 1219 Buena Vista were restored and the facades of 1224 and 1233 Resaca Street received a new coat of paint. 607 Taylor was restored completely, and rented to a moderate income Black family.

The restoration of 1329 Liverpool St. in Manchester was completed. This is the first house in Manchester to be restored under our program there.

Working with the Landscape Design Society, we helped to form the Rachel Carson Homestead Association, acquired Rachel Carson's birthplace, secured a grant for educational programs from the Defenders of Wildlife and transferred ownership of the house to the new group.

In Sewickley, community residents and PHLF members joined together to help raise funds to acquire and restore the Flatiron Building. The building has recently been completed; the first floor is occupied by the Sewickley Herald, and the second and third floors contain two apartments.

WE ACQUIRED 2 NEW HISTORIC PROPERTIES AND CONTINUED TO IMPROVE OUR PROPERTIES . . .

The great Presley Neville House (1785) near Bridgeville and the Gothic Revival Henderson-Metz House high on the Fineview hilltop overlooking the city are now under PHLF ownership.

Work began and is nearing completion to adapt the Walker-Ewing Log House into a vacation live-

INNOVATIVE NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAMS CONTINUED . . .

A one-year Neighborhood Exhibits/Self-Planning Program conducted in Central Northside, Allegheny West, Mexican War Streets, Allentown and Glenfield resulted in the publication of a major book, Allegheny, a special exhibit and publication about Allentown, and a pamphlet and exhibit about Glenfield.

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In Southside's Old Birmingham, a grant from the Hillman Foundation and a financial commitment from the Southside Chamber of Commerce enabled PHLF and the Chamber to draw up plans and specs and receive bids for the restoration of every storefront along Carson Street.

In the Mexican War Streets, PHLF assisted in the development of West Park Court, a highrise for the elderly slated to be built on the corner of Buena Vista and North Avenue.

In Manchester, PHLF began work on a new restoration plan with the URA and the Citizen's Project Area Committee.

On a city wide basis we helped with the formation of low-interest loan funds for the restoration of houses and small commercial buildings through the Community Development Block grant program available from the Federal Government to the City of Pittsburgh.

PHLF WORKED ON MANY FRONTS TO SECURE THREATENED AND ARCHITECTURALLY VALUABLE BUILDINGS . . .

A survey of all the buildings in downtown Pittsburgh predating 1930 was completed for the Allegheny Conference on Community Development. Included in the survey were recommendations for historic preservation planning and legislation. The study fills six volumes.

A year long feasibility study on the reuse of the Braddock Library resulted in a plan for restoring the building as a Library and Community Center and a funding plan for the restoration.

Adaptive use studies of the P&LE and Penn Central Railroad Terminal were initiated.

A Citizen's Committee, the City of Pittsburgh and PHLF launched the Phipps Conservatory campaign. We will raise \$250,000 and the City will provide \$350,000 for this work.

PHLF completed the restoration of the Massey Shoe Building on Fifth Avenue, our first complete restoration of a downtown building. As the result of a city-wide contest, a striking wall mural was painted on the side of the building.

On Liberty Avenue, we tried to save the facades of 917-919 after the buildings were burned, but could not find a feasible solution in spite of many months work!

We provided schematic restoration plans and budget for the Burtner Stone House.

We began exterior restoration work on the Stinson House in Manchester for URA.

We continued to participate in Market Square replanning.

We reviewed federally funded projects for the State Historic Preservation offices totalling more than 200 city, county, state, and federal projects.

We redesigned portions of the Chartiers Creek Flood Control project in the vicinity of the Neville House.

WHEN BUILDINGS COULD NOT BE SAVED WE RESCUED ARTIFACTS . . .

From the lobby of the downtown Post Office.

Industrial artifacts from the A. M. Byers Co.

The last wooden caboose from the P&LE Railroad.

Architectural artifacts from houses.

We continued to retrieve along East Street under contract to Penn Dot.

We negotiated an agreement with the school board to retrieve from schools that are to be remodeled or demolished.

WE PROVIDED COUNSEL TO MORE THAN 60 CITIES AROUND THE UNITED STATES ON THEIR HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROBLEMS . . .

Locally we:

Provided consulting and supervision of preliminary roof work for Tapawingo Log House.

Provided consulting services to community committees to save St. Luke's Church in Woodville and the Fulton Log House in Upper St. Clair.

Consulted with private owners and non-profit organizations of more than 30 buildings on restoration and reuse planning.

Were named consultant to the Sewickley Planning Commission.

IN PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INFORMATION . . .

We conducted walking tours and bus tours of Bellefield, Downtown Buildings, Orthodox and Uniate churches, PHLF properties, Troy Hill, Southside, and the Washington County Covered Bridge Festival.

Conducted four special tours for members to Boston, New York City, London and Chautauqua, NY.

Published: Allegheny
"The Gothic Revival in Pittsburgh"
"Walker-Ewing Log House"

Staff members published articles on Pittsburgh history and architecture, historic preservation, housing problems and neighborhood renewal in more than 15 local and national journals.

Mr. Ziegler's The Use of Revolving Funds in Historic Preservation was published.

Landmark Architecture of Palm Beach, written and with photos by our Vice President, Barbara D. Hoffstot, was published.

We held fifteen lectures on Historic Preservation, and four in our series of "Distinguished Lectures in Historic Preservation". Messrs. Ziegler, Schmidlapp and Schweitzer continued to teach a course in "How to Restore an old House".

David Lewis, a trustee, and Mr. Ziegler taught a course in "How to Look at Your Neighborhood" to the fifth graders at Liberty School.

We began a reprint series of Pittsburgh engravings through Herbick & Held printers and WQED's Pittsburgh magazine.

Began work on a book The Architecture of Sewickley.

Helped found Preservation Action, a national lobby group for historic preservation.

Participated in Allegheny Tourism Advisory Board, Allegheny County Bicentennial Commission, Southwest Regional Bicentennial Commission, Pittsburgh Housing Relocation Agency, Neighborhood Housing Services, Finance Committee of the National Trust, Historic Resources Commission of the President's National Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Society for Preservation of Duquesne Incline, Meadowcroft Village, and the Historic Preservation Committee of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

Mr. Ziegler chaired and several of the members were appointed to Mayor Pete Flaherty's Pittsburgh Bicentennial Commission.

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Dedicated the Bicentennial Trolley for PAT.

Issued our Landmark China Limited Edition Series.

Placed Landmark Plaques on the following buildings:

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| Alder Court | Hays Mansion |
| Bridgeville Public Library | Lebanon Presbyterian Church |
| Church of the Ascension | McClelland House |
| City-County Building | Morrow Barn |
| Cross Keys Hotel | Old Crossroads Presbyterian Church |
| Ewing-Glass Log House | St. Boniface Roman Catholic Church |
| First United Methodist Church | St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church |
| Frick Building | St. Peter's Evangelical & Reformed Church |
| Glenshaw Railroad Station | Union Trust-Lawyer's Title Building |
| Harbaugh-Grafflin House | Westinghouse Airbrake Company |

Volunteers and staff delivered more than 210 slide lectures and Museum tours to school and community groups.

Staff appeared on 15 radio and television shows on Pittsburgh history.

Responded to over 4,000 telephone and letter inquiries about Pittsburgh history, architecture and building restoration.

OUR MEMBERSHIP HAS INCREASED . . .

We are grateful to our more than 2700 members whose support over the past two years has totalled over \$67,000.

MANY THANKS . . .

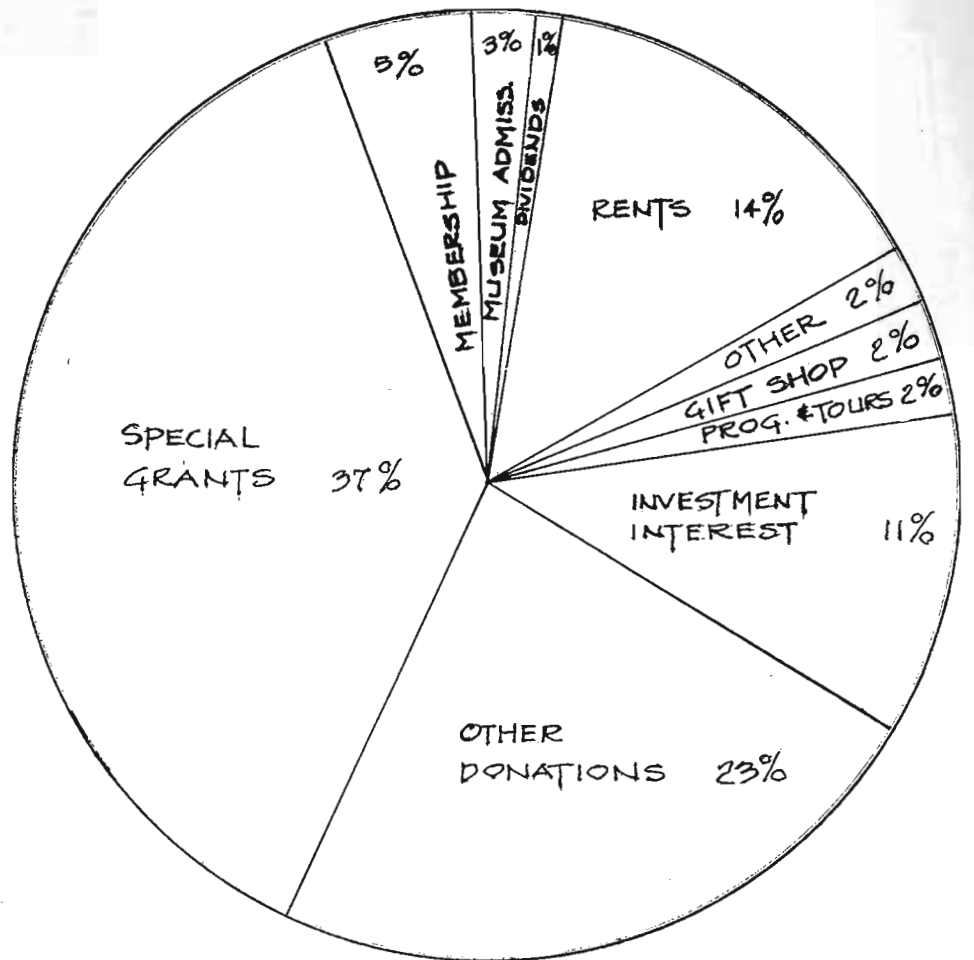
Over 200 volunteers have given untold hours helping PHLF in the gift shop, conducting Museum Tours and local Walking Tours, presenting slide lectures, assisting in office work, cataloguing slides, photographs, and books, accessioning artifacts, doing research, assisting with events, programs and exhibits, handling tourist activities and an infinity of other work

THANKS TO OUR MANY FRIENDS WHO MADE DONATIONS OF \$100 AND OVER IN 1975:

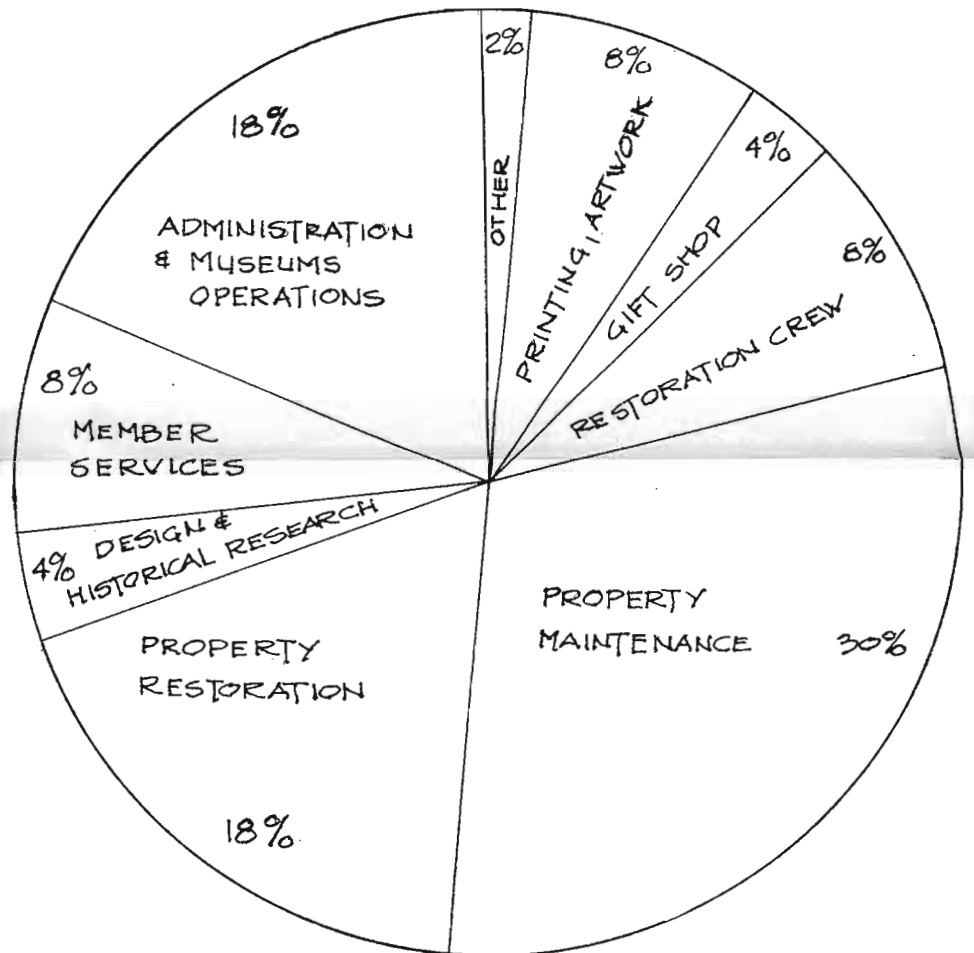
This list does not include membership donations or contributions to special funds such as Phipps.

- Alcoa Foundation
- Allegheny Foundation
- Allegheny Conference on Community Development
- Bessie F. Anathan Fdn.
- Anonymous
- Babcock Charitable Trust
- Bergstrom Foundation
- H.M. Bitner Charitable Trust
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- Sarah Scaife Foundation, Inc.
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- School of Landscape Design
- Lucy K. Schoonmaker Fdn.
- W. P. Snyder Charitable Fund
- The Walden Trust

PHLF INCOME 1975



PHLF EXPENDITURES 1975



FUNDING GOALS, 1976-1977

General Operations.....	\$80,000.00
Old Post Office Museum.....	60,000.00
Revolving Restoration Fund for Mexican War Streets, Birmingham, Manchester, Fineview.....	300,000.00
Neville House	
Acquisition.....	13,000.00
Restoration.....	45,000.00
Landscaping.....	5,000.00
Walker-Ewing Log House	
Interior restoration, installation of heating, plumbing, electric...	8,000.00
Development of road & parking....	2,000.00
Re-planting orchard and various pine trees, and wild life food bushes and trees.....	4,500.00
Historic Landmark Plaque Fund.....	1,500.00
Bicentennial Program Fund.....	5,000.00
Famous Pittsburghers Lecture Series.	10,000.00
Preparation of monograph on history of bridges at Sixth Street.....	400.00
Publication of book on Allegheny County Court House.....	5,000.00
Total.....	\$539,400.00



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Sunday, July 4

Gateway Center & Point Park

2⁰⁰ til 10⁰⁰

PHLF has joined with the City of Pittsburgh, the Pittsburgh Bicentennial Commission, and the Golden Triangle Association to plan the Pittsburgh Fourth of July Festival. PHLF is organizing a Sidewalk Art Show, building replicas of Victorian buildings to add to the festive atmosphere of the day, providing slide lectures on Pittsburgh history, setting up exhibits, and selling books and artifacts from booths.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Kindly fill out the blank below, and mail to:

Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation
Old Post Office Museum
One Landmarks Square
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15212

ATTN: Pittsburgh Fourth of July Festival

I would like to participate in the PHLF activities on Sunday, July 4.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

I am interested in:

1. Dressing in Victorian or Colonial garb to help at the PHLF membership booth.
2. Dressing in costume to tell stories in our Children's area.
3. Selling artifacts and books in our booths.
4. Helping with the Sidewalk Art Show.
5. Other _____

NEVILLE HOUSE REPORT

The Neville House Auxiliary is off to a spirited start. On April 21 the newly formed auxiliary met in the Neville House to formulate its programs to raise funds to restore the house and put it into service as a museum and community center.

The meeting room set for only about thirty people, was quickly filled and over flowing with the more than sixty people who came.

A tour of the house was held, our president Mr. Ziegler, gave a brief history of PHLF involvement with the house, and Mrs. Betsey Martin showed a slide program on the house prepared by PHLF. Under the leadership of Mrs. Pat Tallon the meeting was one of enthusiasm for the bazaar planned for September on the grounds. Volunteers are being sought to make small crafts, Christmas ornaments, donate white elephants, and assist generally for the September 11-12 week-end event.

Remember that everyone is welcome to join the Neville House auxiliary, it costs only \$5 to join; contributions may be sent to PHLF offices.

We are pleased to announce that two major contributions have already been made, \$300 from Mrs. Richard D. Edwards, and \$12,500 from the Department of the Interior, National Park Service, through the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission. Our goal is \$50,000.

TOURS

BUS TOUR TO LONGWOOD GARDENS

AUGUST 7 - 8

We are in the process of planning a two day tour to Longwood Gardens and Winterthur, both of which were originally parts of the DuPont estates. We will also make stops at Brandywine Museum and historic spots in that vicinity. We think this will be a very interesting trip! Hold the date and look for reservation forms in the June PHLF NEWS.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May	22	Allegheny West Spring Fest
May	25	Lecture "Trolley Cars and Traffic-Free Pedestrian Zones-A European Survey" 8:00 p.m. Old Post Office Museum
June	6	Elizabeth Boro Walking Tour 2:30 p.m. Meet at Marraccini's Parking Lot on 3rd Street PHLF Members \$1.00 Non-Mem. \$2.00
June	13	Mexican War Streets House Tour Noon to 8:00 p.m. See details on back page of PHLF NEWS
June	19	Dedication of Landmark Plaque at Burtner House at 12:30 p.m.
July 3, 10, 17		Craft Festival at the Old Post Office Museum 1-4:30 p.m. Working exhibits and craft sales
July	4	Dedication of Landmark Plaque East Liberty Presbyterian Church 12:30 p.m.
July	4	4th of July Festival Downtown Pittsburgh 2:00 - 10:00 p.m.
July	24	Walker-Ewing Log House Old-Fashioned Picnic
August	1	Walking Tour of East Liberty 2:30 p.m. Meet at East Liberty Presbyterian Church
August	7-8	Bus Tour to Longwood Gardens and Winterthur Museum
September	11-12	Neville House Bazaar

IN THE NEWS

Since last October, Mr. Van Trump has been conducting with Al Julius of KDKA-TV, a weekly program devoted to aspects of local history and preservation in Western Pennsylvania. These programs are aired every Friday evening at 7:00 on Channel Two's evening news.

So far several important historical structures such as the Singer House, Wilksburg; St. Anthony's Shrine on Troy Hill; the Brady Street Bridge; the remaining Ridge Avenue Mansions, North Side, and the U.S. Allegheny Arsenal, Lawrenceville, as well as city neighborhoods like Polish Hill, Squirrel Hill, and Mt. Lebanon have been the objects of their exploration. Towns like Brownsville, McKees Rocks and Boston (Pa.) have also been featured.

The programs are becoming well known to the viewing public and many further Van Trump-Julius explorations are planned.

Since September 1975, Mr. Van Trump has also had a weekly radio program of commentary which is broadcast every week on Friday at 9:45 a.m. on WQED-FM. Mr. Van Trump speaks on a variety of subjects - poetry, preservation, history, and architecture.

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 1976
 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Donation: \$4.00

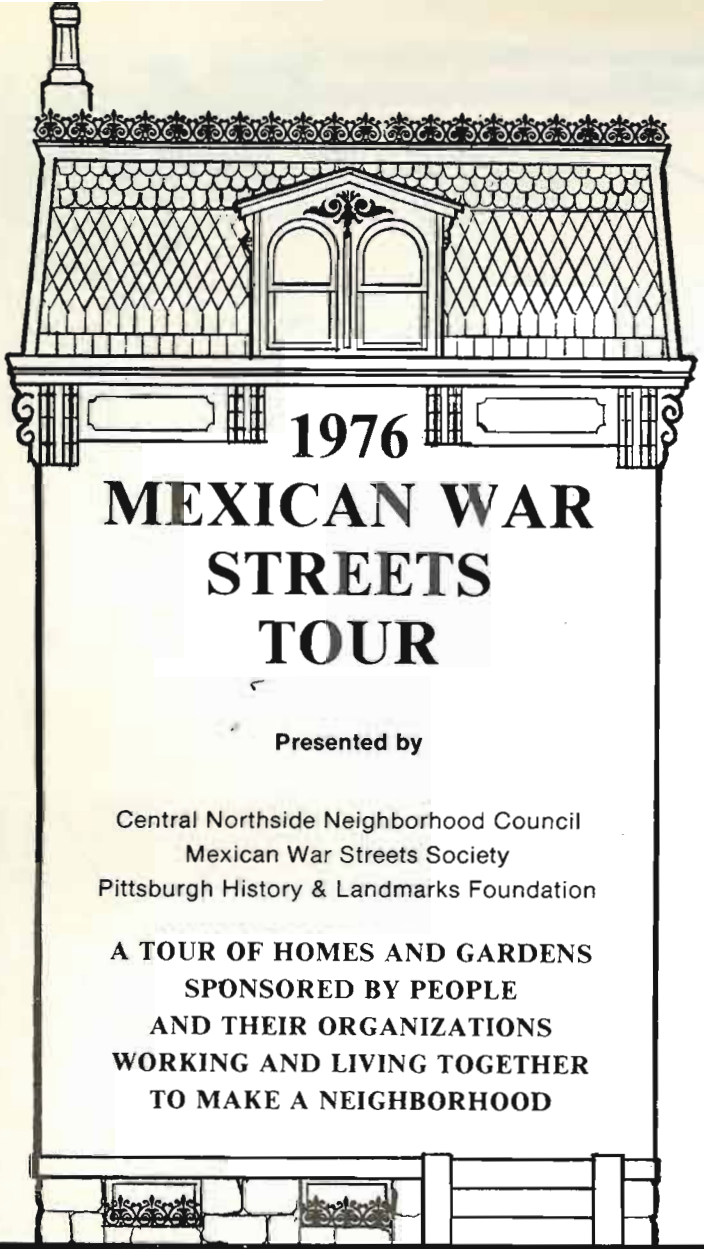
Restored Victorian townhouses and gardens will be open to the public during the Mexican War Streets House Tour, Sunday, June 13 between 12:00 and 8:00 p.m.

This year's tour will feature twenty-three townhouses and include the former home of W.W. Wilcock, one of the early J & L Board members, and one of the oldest houses in the area that has been rescued from modernization and returned to its original architectural character.

Dating from 1850-1895 the houses on the Mexican War Streets are excellent examples of Victorian townhouse architecture. The houses have been restored both as apartments and single family houses making use of the elegant architecture to create modern living spaces. Visitors to the tour will enjoy seeing houses in the process of restoration and revisiting several houses from the 1975 tour that are now completed.

A variety of entertainment will be provided during tour day including a Ragtime band, strolling banjo players, a recorder group, the Greek dancers, and the City of Pittsburgh Park Players. On hand for children will be the Lovelace Marionettes and a clown. An antique horse drawn carriage will be available for rides through the neighborhood. Ethnic food will also be available for lunches and dinners.

Tickets are \$4.00 and will be available after May 17 at Horne's, Kaufmann's, the Old Post Office Museum on the North Side and the day of the tour at the corner of North Avenue and Resaca Place in the Mexican War Streets. For information, call 322-1204.



FOLLOW THE CROWDS
 TO:



THE WALKER-EWING
 LOG HOUSE
 JULY 24, 1976
 for an
 OLD-FASHIONED PICNIC

PHLF needs to raise money to continue to "KEEP UP THE GOOD WORKS". So, we're planning events that will be fun and raise money.

Save July 24 for an old-fashioned picnic at the Walker-Ewing Log House. We're planning lots of old-fashioned fun at PHLF's newly acquired and restored log house, including a special dessert auction! Begin thinking about the old-fashioned picnic supper that you will pack for you and your family.

Most important, begin planning your spectacular dessert for the dessert auction. Maybe it will be your famous cherry pie, your German chocolate layer cake, or those delicious apple dumplings; whatever it is you can be sure that there will be lots of enthusiastic PHLF members bidding for the treat and you'll be helping PHLF too.

All proceeds from the picnic will help support PHLF's restoration and Museum programs.



ORDER FORM FOR MEXICAN WAR STREETS HOUSE TOUR

Please send _____ tickets @ \$4.00 each for the Mexican War Streets House Tour for Sunday, June 13, 1976, 12:00 - 8:00 p.m.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

No tickets will be mailed unless order is accompanied by check and \$.25 for handling and postage. Mail to PHLF, 1 Landmarks Square, Pittsburgh, Penna. 15212.

NEEDED...

Volunteers to help with the Mexican War Streets House Tour

If interested please fill in the form provided, and mail to Carolyn Emerick (Mrs. Jack) at the Old Post Office, 1 Landmark Square, Pgh. 15212.

 _____ I would like to help with the Mexican War Streets House Tour on Sunday, June 13, from 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m.

_____ I would like to help with the Mexican War Streets House Tour on Sunday, June 13, from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ BUSINESS PHONE _____