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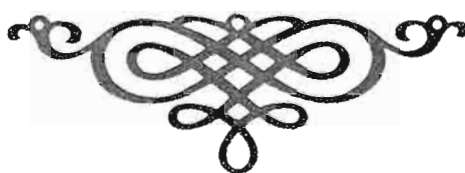
STATION SQUARE

Summer Artifact, Antique & Collectable Sale

Featuring artifacts from the
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Noon - 5:00 pm



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St. Luke's Church News



Old St. Luke's Church, Woodville, was the scene of the May wedding of Faye Lucchesi of Castle Shannon and G. Richard Evans of Pleasant Hills. Father Garvey and Rev. Hurlbert performed the ceremony.

The couple was the first to be married in the church for over fifty years. Several other weddings are planned for June.

Old St. Luke's, an auxiliary of Pittsburgh History & Landmarks, has recently been renovated with new plaster walls and a new roof. The interior has been painted, and lighting fixtures added. The restoration committee is headed by Rev. Victor Zuck. The church seats 100 comfortably, there is an organ and there is free parking. For more information call Maude McDowell at 531-7036.

We are pleased to announce that through a charitable bequest by Earl Knudsen transferring the bulk of his estate to the Earl Knudsen Charitable Foundation, a gift of \$2,000 has been made to the restoration of Old St. Luke's Church.

Neville House News

On Wednesday, June 17th, members and friends of the Neville House Auxiliary enjoyed their second historical bus trip. They toured Le Moyne and Bradford House in Washington County. From there, they travelled to Scenery Hill for lunch at the Century Inn.

The Neville House Auxiliary is planning a Lavender and Old Lace luncheon to be held at the Grand Concourse on Saturday, September 19. Fall fashions will be presented by the Freight House Shops. For information call Eleanor Fatigati at 231-4446.

Burtner House News

The Strawberry Festival, the Burtner House restoration group's greatest event of the year will be held on Saturday, June 20, 1981. Volunteers will be ready at 12 noon to serve traditional strawberry shortcake, berries, icecream, and soft drink until 7 p.m. Other foods will be available and a bake sale will furnish homemade goodies to take home. The house will be open for tours and the showcases will proudly display many items used by the Burtner family before 1830, and later. The original old deed to the property will be in prominence as well as the Negley Family Tree, numerous photographs, prized quilts and original dishes. The large tool case will house many home-crafted tools used in the early days at the house, a donation from James Burtner of Richmond, Indiana. Loyd Norris will show and explain early guns, including one that Philip Burtner is said to have used many times when wolves threatened his cattle, his oxen, horse, sheep and swine. The wool wheel, flax spinning wheel and reel will be by the fireplace where it stood in 1830 and Sample Rangers will return to demonstrate life of the rangers in the Allegheny Valley before 1800. Their tepees and other shelters will be set up in the meadow across Little Bull Creek from the house, where a complete scene of pioneer prowess will be enacted. There will be a photographic exhibit of early activities and people, face-painting for the children. Chances will be sold for the popular Strawberry Shortcake Doll. The doll booth will be managed by Mrs. Chester Grove, who has designed this doll, standing 18" with handmade clothes of calico, muslin and lace.

PHLF thanks members of the Burtner House committee who served punch and cookies for the Open House held at the restored Penn Salt Houses in Natrona.

Mexican War Streets Building Restorations

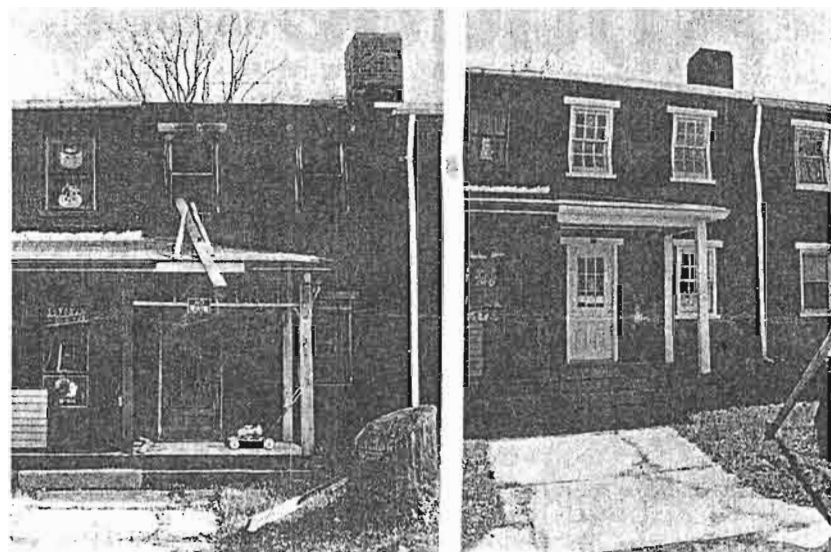
PHLF has recently begun the exterior restoration of seven houses in the Mexican War Streets. The project has fifty percent funding by the U S Dept of the Interior through the Office of Historic Preservation of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. The remainder comes from our revolving fund.



The houses, 1224 Resaca, 1233 Resaca, 408 Taylor, 1443, 45, 47 Monterey, 404 W. North, and 1219 Buena Vista, are undergoing complete exterior rehabilitation. Work includes window replacement, masonry repairs and cleaning, roofing, woodwork repairs, and painting.

We have also recently begun exterior renovations on the Henderson-Metz House in Fineview, under the same fifty percent Federal funding program. Contractor for all of the houses is R.D. Nolte Company Restoration Contractor. Construction is scheduled to be completed by the end of July.

Open House at Natrona “Penn Salt Houses”

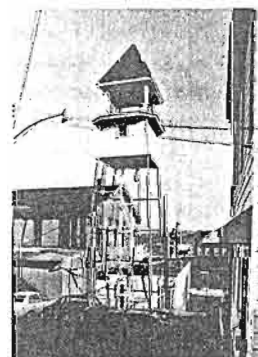


Two unique restored Workers' Houses were open for public viewing on Sunday, May 24 in Natrona. The above photos are before and after shots of one house. The restoration has just been completed by PHLF in its initial effort to restore the original workers' houses built by the Penn Salt Company in 1850. The project has been funded by the Allegheny County Commissioners Community Development Block funds, the Howard Heinz Endowment, and the Pittsburgh Foundation.

The houses are available for sale at a cost of \$21,000. PHLF will use the proceeds from the sale of these properties to continue its restoration program in Natrona.

SURVEY STUMPER

Have you seen this structure, towering above an Allegheny River Valley town?



The structure is the wood frame Etna Water tower of 1868.

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not get a tenant for the second floor in time. The College declined to utilize the building as office space, preferring to buy mansions further into the Allegheny West Historic Restoration Area. This we lament.

We had the cooperation of the North Side Civic Development Council, Allegheny West, and the realtor, Nathan Rogow, all of whom worked for the preservation of the house.

Ultimately, upon not locating sufficient tenants within the deadline established by the Medical Society, we appealed to the Society to let the house stand pending further analysis by the College because we feel that ultimately the College could make use of the property. The Society declined, and the house was razed in early May.



Tours—Tours—Tours

Have you discovered all the sights and treasures of our City? Pittsburgh is a delightful metropolitan area of:

- hillside houses
- spires and onion domes
- bridges and river boats
- Victorian town houses and mansions
- 19th century architecture and new skyscrapers
- magnificent public buildings
- urban parks
- ethnic neighborhoods
- historic districts

Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation has designed tours to meet your interest and time schedule.

For corporate meetings, newcomers and visitors, we offer a two-hour tour of the historic buildings and surrounding neighborhoods.

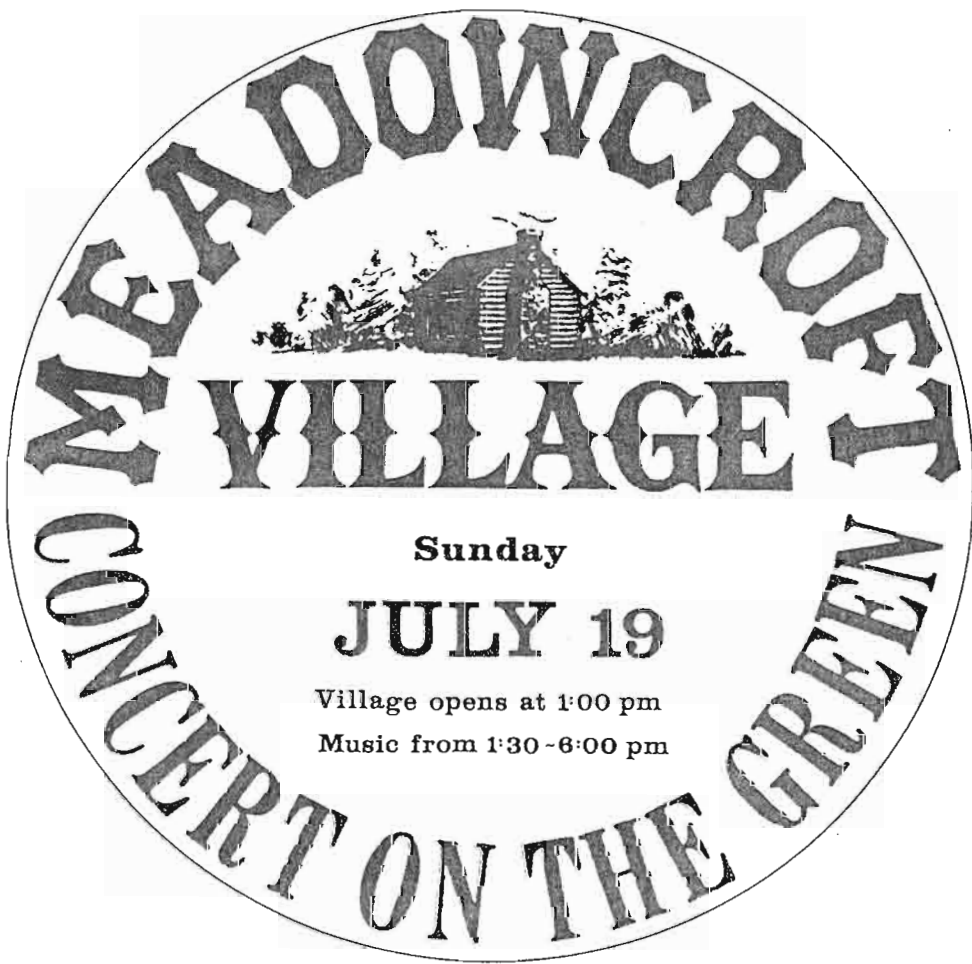
Our mini-tours include such special features as:

- * Architectural walking tours of various historic areas
- * Onion-domed ethnic churches and their "Old European" neighborhoods
- * Old Allegheny Tour of Pittsburgh's North Side
 - Old Post Office - museum of local artifacts in a building saved and restored by PHLF
 - 19th Century houses of the Victorian era
- * Ohio Valley Suburbs
 - Follow the Ohio River and discover the delights of Pittsburgh's old residential suburbs from Ben Avon to Sewickley
- * Other suburban areas and shopping excursions can be developed as you wish

Public tours of downtown will leave Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11 a.m. and return at 1 p.m. from Bessemer Court at Station Square beginning June 15 and continuing during the summer months.

Think PHLF when you want to show your city. We'll plan that private tour for your meeting and convention that will make even Californians think we are "someplace special".

Call Judy Kirkpatrick at 322-1204 for more details.



FEATURING

Deer Creek String Band
Coal Country Cloggers

A whole day of traditional American music, dancing, story-telling, hand clapping, toe tapping and fun.

Come and hear the music, tour the Village, and sample the good food from the Country Kitchen.

From Pittsburgh, take
Rt. 50 to Avella, turn left, follow signs;
from Wheeling, take
Rt. 2 to Rt. 27 East to Rt. 844 to Independence, then
follow signs.

ADULTS \$3.00

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For information call 587-3412

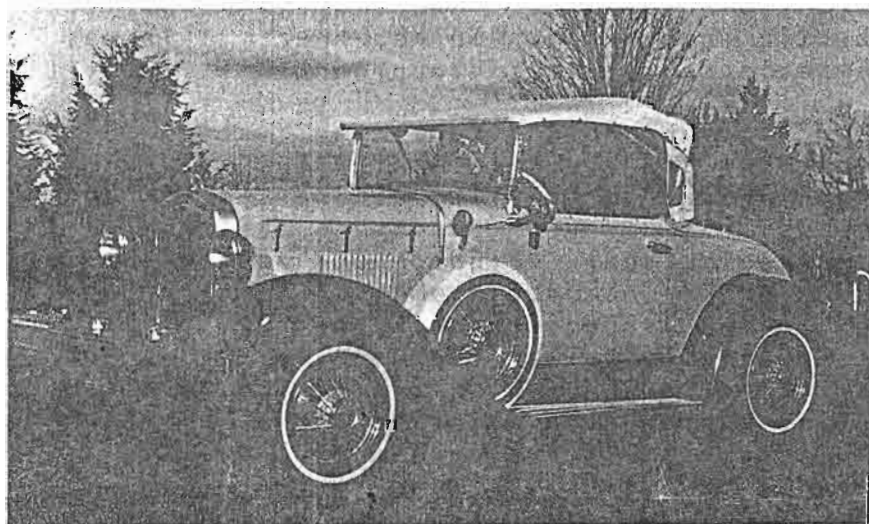
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- ☐ Active from \$25.00
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- ☐ Sustaining from \$100.00
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MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES

1. Free admission to the Old Post Office, the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Museum.
2. 5% discount on purchases at the Old Post Office Museum Gift Shop.
3. Subscription to "News for Members" and special publications on architecture and history.
4. Free admission or discount tickets for walking and bus tours.
5. Free admission to winter lecture series.
6. Notification of new exhibits at the Old Post Office.
7. Participation in an organization given national awards "for the vigor of its programs."

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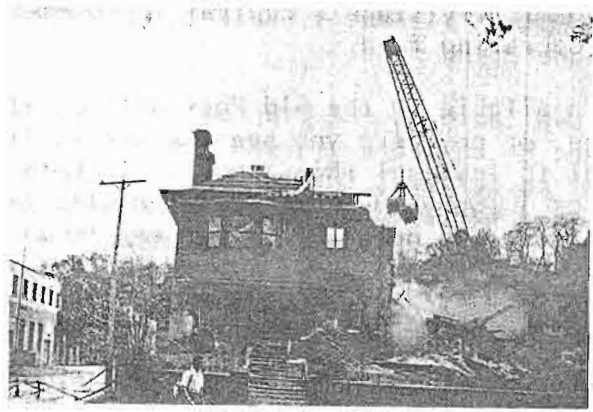
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 21	3 p.m. Old St. Luke's Annual Meeting & election of officers Refreshments
June 27-28	11 - 3 Exhibit of Doll Houses & Shadow Boxes in period of St. Luke's, at Old St. Luke's Church
July 19	1-6 p.m. Concert on the Green Meadowcroft Village
July 23	PHLF Bus Tour to Harrisburg leaves Old Post Office 8 a.m.
August 30	1-6 p.m. American Heritage Day Meadowcroft Village
September 12	PHLF tour of 2 historic homes & log house, Pgh. southern suburbs leaves Old Post Office 1 p.m.
September 13	1-6 p.m. Country Fair Meadowcroft Village
September 19	"Lavender & Old Lace" luncheon & fashion show, sponsored by Neville House Auxiliary
October 11	10-5 Corn Husk Festival Meadowcroft Village
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A Caribbean Summer Evening

A Caribbean Summer Evening will be held July 18th at 8:00 p.m. in the Garden and Lower Gallery of the Old Post Office Museum for PHLF members and friends.

The evening will be filled with dancing, music, food and beverage of the Caribbean Islands. Also featured will be an exhibit of the Caribbean arts, and a film of the Caribbean Festival, all provided by the Caribbean Association of Pittsburgh.

Come enjoy with us the flavor, color, and excitement of a Caribbean Summer Evening at the Old Post Office Museum.

Cost of tickets is \$10. each for PHLF members; \$15 for non-members. Beverage and hors d'oeuvres will be included in the ticket price. Other Island Cuisine will be available at an additional cost. Reservation deadline is July 10. Please use the coupon below.

Please make _____ reservations for the Caribbean Evening @\$10. f members, and _____ reservations for non-members @\$15 each.

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ MY CHECK IS ENCLOSED.

Special Sale for PHLF Members

June 29 to July 11 has been designated as PHLF Membership Days at the Cornerstone shop at Station Square. During these two weeks, PHLF members upon showing their membership cards will receive 15% discount on any merchandise purchased.

TOURS

PHLF Bus Tour to Fort Ligonier was a fantastic day! We had several last-minute cancellations because of illness, but the group who went really had an unforgettable excursion.

Two more bus tours are scheduled. On Thursday, July 23 we will have a VIP tour of the Governor's House in Harrisburg, tour the Capitol, and take a walking tour of the historic waterfront area. The bus will leave the Old Post Office Museum at 8:00 a.m. and return at 7:30 p.m. The price of this tour which includes lunch is \$35. for PHLF members, and \$37. for non-members.

On September 12 our tour will leave the Old Post Office at 1:00 p.m. and journey into the southern suburbs of Pittsburgh where we will tour two historic homes and a log house. The cost of this tour is \$10. for PHLF members; \$12 for non-members. Sign up early! Sign up early, we already have some reservations for these tours! Please use the coupon below.

Please make _____ reservations for me for the Harrisburg Trip on July 23, @35. (37 non-member) each. My check is enclosed.

Please make _____ reservations for me for the tour on September 12 of the Pittsburgh southern suburbs @\$10 (\$12 non-member) each. My check is enclosed.

NAMES _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ Please make checks payable to PHLF.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

A committee of friends of Peter Berndtson, through Pittsburgh History & Landmarks has published ORGANIC VISION, written by Donald Miller & Aaron Sheon. The book sets forth the ideas and the architecture of the late Peter Berndtson.



FAMOUS MEN AND WOMEN OF PITTSBURGH is the result of an outstanding and scholarly series of lectures given during the Bicentennial years of 1976-77. Sponsored by PHLF and the Pittsburgh Bicentennial Commission, the series covered some well known Pittsburghers and many others whose contributions are not well known; their accomplishments are significant to our city and to the nation. This publications celebrates their achievements in the fields of art, music, medicine, literature, industry, education and science.



Both of these books are available at the Gift Shop at the Old Post Office Museum and at the Cornerstone Shop at Station Square. You may also order by mail from PHLF, 1 Landmarks Square, Pittsburgh, PA 15212.

PLEASE SEND THE FOLLOWING:

FAMOUS MEN & WOMEN OF PITTSBURGH
____ Hardbound @16.95 + \$1.50 postage and handling.....\$ _____
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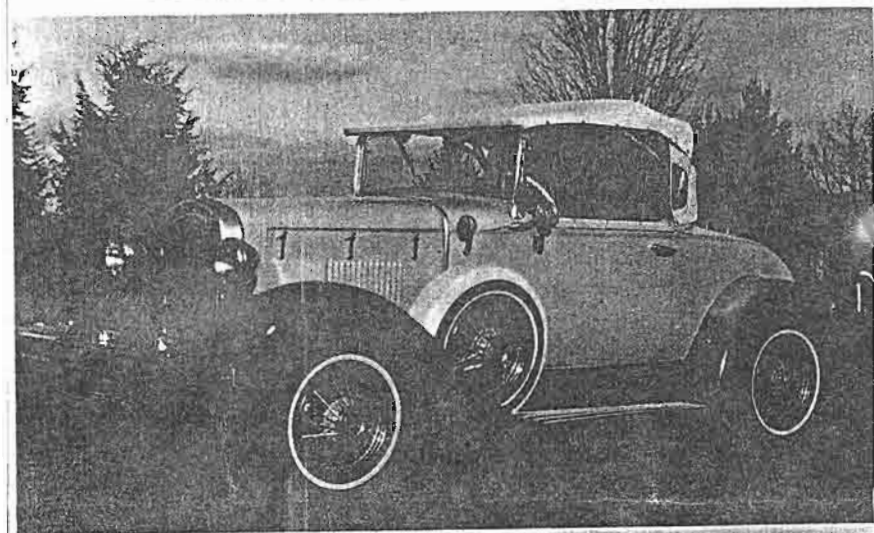
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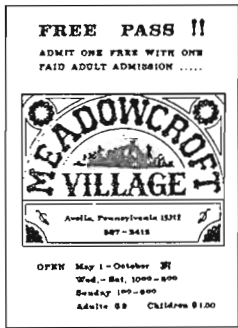
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