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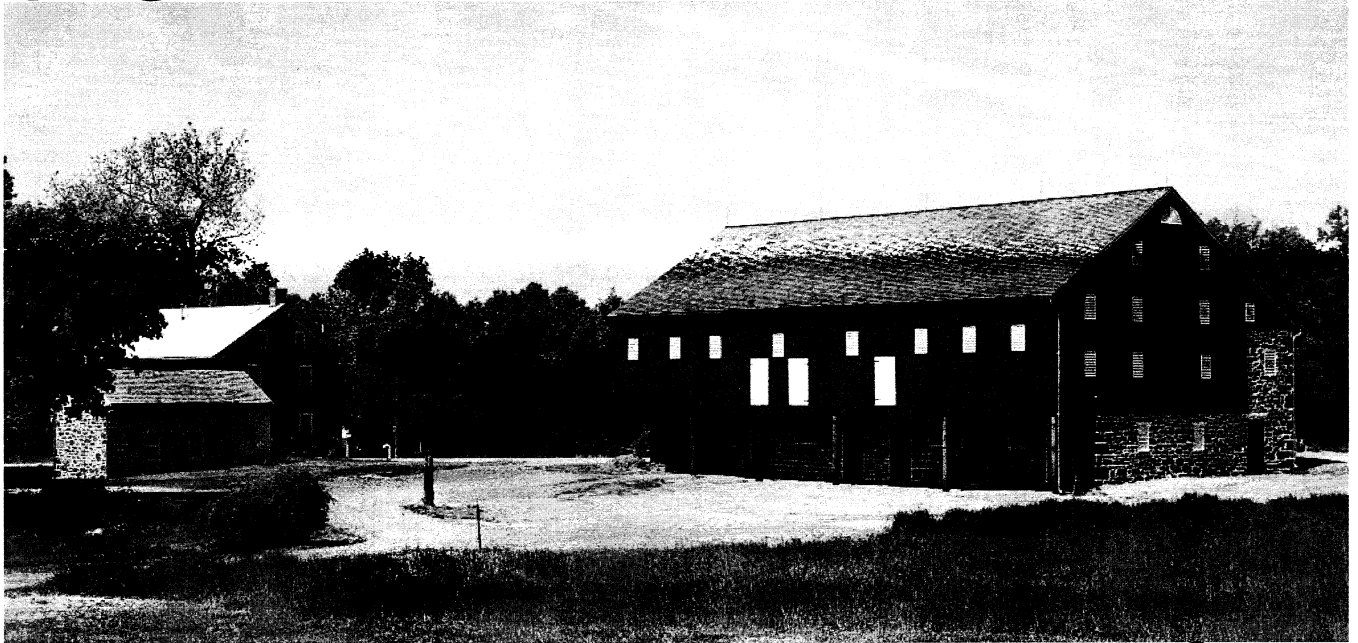
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HGAC'S SUMMER AT SPANGLER IS BACK!

Readers may remember that in 2019 HGAC had forged a partnership with the Gettysburg Foundation on a number of initiatives scheduled in 2020. Of course, the pandemic prevented these programs from happening. But we are pleased to announce that this valuable partnership is back in action and our "Summer at Spangler" program will participate in the Foundation's Spangler Farm summer schedule in 2021!

The Foundation opens the Farm to the public every June through August on weekends. Every weekend features different reenactors or living historians depicting various facets of the times: military units; medical services; civilian life during the period, etc. The Foundation docents also address many aspects of the Farm from family history to life on a 19th Century farm to the impact of the battle on this critically placed farm. Of course, the barn, winner of the HGAC Barn Preservation Award in 2017, is the centerpiece of the farm and various presentations take place in it. But the overwhelming focus of the presentations is on the role of the barn and property in the weeks before and after the battle, especially its role as the 11th Corps Field Hospital.

It is this bounded view of the barn that belies its importance as a premier example of the Standard Pennsylvania Barn. It stood there for years prior to the battle and continues to lend its majesty to the farm. That is why representatives from HGAC and the Preservation Committee will be at the Spangler Farm every Sunday starting June 11th through Sunday, August 13th. We will also be there for the season-opening Spangler Farm Family Day on Saturday, May 29th. We will be addressing the barn not so much in its medical role but rather as a notable example of regional vernacular architecture in its own right. Centered on an exhibit space under the forebay, HGAC docents will address topics such as its construction and its place in the life of a farm. Also, tours of the barn will be conducted.

Be assured, your docents will be ready to represent HGAC to a large and diverse audience, enthraling visitors with their knowledge of our iconic Pennsylvania Barn. They will also help cement this emerging partnership between HGAC and the Foundation with its important promise of future possibilities. Questions can be directed to Greg Kaufmann at gregkauf15@gmail.com or 931-217-0269.

Remembering...



Six years ago, I stepped into the meeting room of the G.A.R. Hall (Grand Army of the Republic) for the very first time. I had agreed to become a Board Member for HGAC. I was struck by the unique qualities of our Hall. All four walls in the main meeting room are painted in the stylings of itinerant painter, Virginia McLaughlin. I didn't know anything about Virginia, her background, her style of painting or even why HGAC has her paintings on our walls and their significance. I took it upon myself to find out. I was excited to find out Virginia's connection to HGAC and how greatly accomplished Virginia was. The paintings were done in 1977 when her husband Donald McLaughlin was President of HGAC. Virginia was asked to paint 16 murals in all. The largest job that Virginia had ever been commissioned for, Virginia was concerned. When Donald offered to bring Virginia lunch every day, she agreed. My appreciation for her and the beautiful murals on the walls of the Hall expanded greatly. Her murals don't glorify the battles of the Civil war, "they celebrate life around the area after the war." I wrote to Virginia a couple of times, hoping to meet this incredible woman. During one of our board meetings, I asked all of our board members to view the on-line video about her life accomplishments. Virginia was in her early nineties at the time.

A year later, I was stunned to receive a phone call.....from Virginia McLaughlin! I was invited to join Virginia and her family at a book signing in Frederick, Maryland. Her newly published book "Itinerant Painter, Virginia McLaughlin, A Lifelong Bush with History", showcased, on several pages, the murals that Virginia had painted in the G.A.R. Hall.

Virginia and her family are exceptional people, kind, gracious, she was a friend and after all these years, still supporting HGAC. Virginia passed away, December 5th, 2020. She was 98.

HGAC is proud to own and operate the G.A.R. Hall and proud to showcase the great work of the late Itinerant Artist, Virginia McLaughlin.

While we are remembering..... this letter from the President will be my last. My terms are complete. I am so pleased and excited about the direction that HGAC is taking! Take a look at what is coming up in the future for us, in the pages of this newsletter. Our growth and our standing as a thriving non-profit in the Adams County community, is a testament to the hard work of our board members, committee members, member volunteers and supporters, and all those in the community who have supported HGAC throughout the years. I am also excited about the capable hands that will be guiding HGAC into the future.

Thank you for this exceptional experience and for your continued friendships!

Anne S. Zabawa
HGAC President

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Rebooting the HGAC Investing in Youth Initiative

With spring upon us, we are stepping out to reboot the Investing in Youth Initiative.

We are:

1. Renewing our partnership with the Gettysburg Foundation.
2. Hosting the Adams County Technical Institute Building Trades students in early May at the Spangler Farm for an all-day experience learning about restorations and building a barn bent model.
3. Finalizing plans to offer a paid internship—maybe even this summer!
4. Finishing requirements for an HGAC youth membership category.
5. Exploring plans for scholarships for students in the historic preservation building trades

The next newsletter will provide reports of these activities. We are grateful that Bob Gough, a previous donor, is investing in youth through a second gift.



HGAC is in need of a Treasurer for the upcoming fiscal year.

Do you have a knowledge in quick books and bookkeeping?

Consider adding your talents to HGAC's Board of Directors

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The Underground Railroad Tours Are Back !

Walking tours of Gettysburg's only Underground Railroad (UGRR) Site recognized by the National Park Service's Network to Freedom will begin on Saturday, May 1st at 11 AM and everyone is invited to attend. The McAllister's Mill UGRR Tours were cancelled last year due to the COVID pandemic, but all of the tour guides have received their COVID vaccinations and the tours will be conducted out of doors in the open air with social distancing being encouraged.

Curt Musselman, the McAllister's Mill Underground Railroad Tour Coordinator of the Historic Preservation Society of Gettysburg - Adams County (HGAC), announced today that one-hour tours will be given by professional guides every Saturday morning at 11 AM, from May through August. Tours leave from the historical marker at the south end of the former Mulligan MacDuffer Adventure Golf parking lot at 1360 Baltimore Pike in Gettysburg, PA. The parking lot is at the intersection of the Baltimore Pike and the McAllister Mill Road. It is not necessary to make a reservation for the tour. Just show up for the tour and enjoy an informative, enlightening walk in the woods.

The site, now a ruin with foundations and waterways still visible, was most probably one of the first stops made in Adams County by people seeking freedom on their flight north from slavery in the South. About two miles south of Gettysburg, PA and six miles north of the Mason-Dixon Line, McAllister's Mill provided shelter to hundreds of freedom seekers during the years leading up to the Civil War. After receiving assistance at the late 18th century grist mill, the formerly enslaved were guided north through Gettysburg into Upper Adams County to the homes of free African Americans and Quaker Abolitionists, forming critical links in one of the earliest regional networks of the Underground Railroad in the nation. The property now includes remnants of the mill building and related mill structures, all set amid large boulders that line Rock Creek in a densely wooded area where the mill once stood.

On July 4, 1836, McAllister's Mill was the site of an early and significant gathering of Abolitionists in Pennsylvania. Chaired by mill owner and farmer James McAllister, Jr., the group agreed to publish bold anti-slavery principles, which were reportedly ghostwritten by Gettysburg attorney and later U.S. Congressman Thaddeus Stevens. This meeting led to the formation of the Adams County Anti-Slavery Society.

In 2011, the McAllister's Mill site was accepted into the National Park Service National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom (UGRR NTF) which is a nationwide collection of sites that have a verifiable association to the Underground Railroad. For more information on the Network to Freedom, please consult the NPS website at www.nps.gov/history/ugrr/.

The first tours of the site were given by HGAC during the summer of 2011 and since then, hundreds of visitors have taken advantage of the unique opportunity to visit a rarely seen part of the battlefield. The walk to the mill from the historical marker at the parking lot is a somewhat strenuous, approximately one-half mile round trip. Suggested donations for the tour are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults. Everyone who comes on the tour will receive an NPS Underground Railroad brochure in addition to a souvenir brochure for the McAllister's Mill Site that was created exclusively for HGAC and that is generously illustrated with a map, photographs and the art of historical artist Bradley Schmehl. Junior Ranger booklets and badges are available for students who participate in the tour.

Donations made to HGAC will support HGAC's preservation activities including maintenance of the beautifully restored GAR Hall at 53 East Middle Street in Gettysburg. The McAllister's Mill site is privately owned and is not open to the public. However, persons interested in the story of the Underground Railroad at the site will be able to join these tours that are conducted as fund-raisers by HGAC. For more information about the weekly tours, or to make special arrangements, please call McAllister's Mill UGRR Tours at 717-659-8827. The attached image (UGRRmillPOI.jpeg) shows the Points of Interest on the UGRR Tour on an historical map of the McAllister's Mill vicinity.

Map of the McAllister's Mill Vicinity in 1863



This is a copy of the original U.S. Army Topographic Engineer's map of Gettysburg drawn in 1868 under the direction of General Gouverneur Warren to show the conditions in 1863.

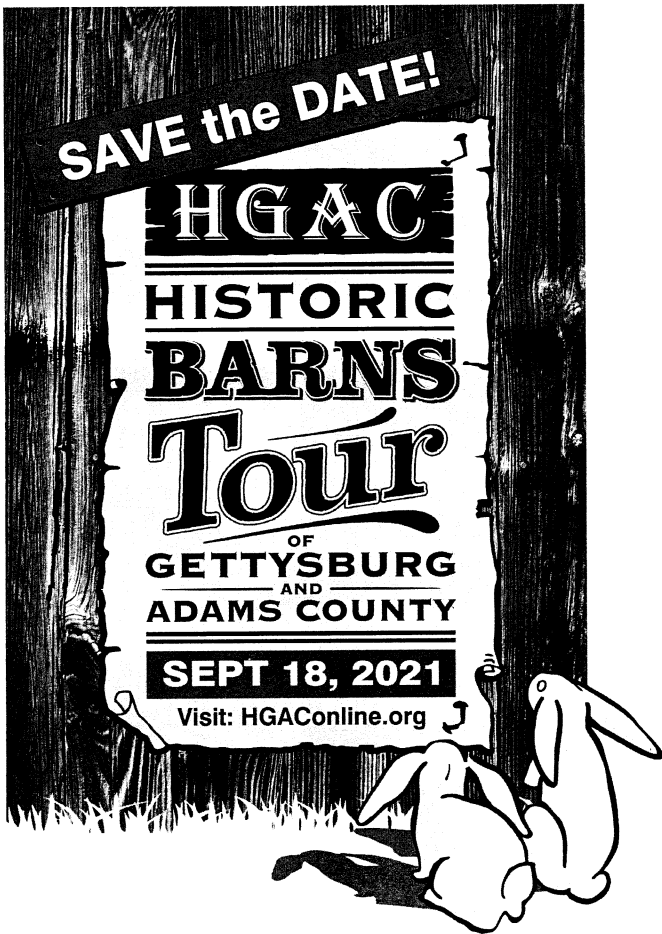
Points of Interest on the Tour of McAllister's Mill

- 1 Tour starts at the intersection of the Baltimore Pike and McAllister's Mill Road.
- 2 The McAllister's house and farmstead.
- 3 The McAllister's grist mill where freedom seekers were kept in hiding.
- 4 The ford and footbridge across Rock Creek to Wolf Hill on the east bank.
- 5 The mill race cut through the rock.
- 6 The side channel dam and mill pond that supplied water for the grist mill.
- 7 Monument to George Washington Sandoe, the first Union soldier killed in the fighting at Gettysburg.



Due to COVID-19 concerns, we will delay the opening of the HGAC Warehouse for the 2021 summer season until July 17, 2021.

Please Contact: Barry Towers @717-677-6400 or btowers1@comcast.net or the HGAC website for any updates or questions.



EDUCATIONAL SPEAKERS PROGRAMS

August 17, 2021 could be our first program of the 2021 season. Deb Novotny will be presenting "Fights For the Flag at Gettysburg."

September 21, 2021 Deb McCauslin introduces "Veterans of the U.S. Colored Troops from Gettysburg and Adams County."

October 19, 2021, Licensed Gettysburg Town Guide, Elaine Leslie introduces "Rosie the Riveter, Don't Mess with Harry the Neck and other Gettysburg Town Unknowns."

Please see our website for more information on our upcoming programs.

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A HOMESPUN Christmas in the Making!

Homespun Christmas is gearing up for a phenomenal Christmas Season 2021!

All of the Homespun committee elves are working hard to bring you homemade and semi homemade items to give to your friends, family, and others.

Our "baker elves" will be baking up a blizzard of yummy treats for everyone!

Let's not forget Mamie Eisenhower's amazing fudge that we will also be selling for gift-giving.

This year's Homespun Christmas is scheduled for Saturday, December 4th from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

We hope to see you all there!

Colleen Lingle
Chairperson



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