

# Sidelights



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of Pennsylvania

## Supporting History and Heritage Organizations



To support the hundreds of small history and heritage organizations in Southeastern Pennsylvania, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania recently created the History Affiliates program. This initiative, funded by the Barra Foundation, provides services to small and mid-sized history organizations through a monthly newsletter, access to a mentoring program, and professional development workshops. This fall, History Affiliates will launch a robust new portal on HSP's website with a member directory. On October 19, History Affiliates will hold its first annual awards luncheon—with guest speaker Pennsylvania First Lady Susan Corbett—to recognize excellence and innovation in museums, archives, and other heritage sites. We invite you all to attend.

The Historical Society of Pennsylvania is also working closely with the history community through the Hidden Collections Initiative for Pennsylvania Small Archival Repositories. During the initial phase of this project, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, project staff surveyed and assessed the archival collections of more than 50 small historical repositories in Philadelphia and Montgomery counties. A directory of these repositories and descriptive information on their holdings have been posted online, making their collections better known and more accessible. In this era of increased demands and shrinking funding, it is more crucial than ever that history and heritage organizations communicate and coordinate efforts. We believe that through History Affiliates and projects like the Pennsylvania Small Archival Repositories, HSP can work together with peer institutions to strengthen the entire history and heritage sector of the Greater Philadelphia area.

— Kim Sajet, President and CEO



Above (clockwise from left): Pennsbury Manor; photograph from Chestnut Hill Historical Society; fraktur from Goschenhoppen Historians. Left: Mummery Museum.





## Archival Prints Now For Sale

Digital scans of items in the Historical Society’s collection are now available for sale as high-quality archival prints. There are more than 50,000 historic images to choose from in the Society’s online Digital Library. To view the images available for sale, visit [digitallibrary.hsp.org](http://digitallibrary.hsp.org).



The Digital Library includes watercolors by Philadelphia artist David J. Kennedy, stunning posters from the Works Progress Administration, an extensive collection of Civil War-related graphics and manuscripts, and documents related to diverse ethnic groups. The database increases every day as HSP staff scan and post additional historical documents, graphics, and photographs from the collection.

Prints of historic artwork and manuscripts are perfect for exhibitions, gifts, personal display, and research. The prints are available in various sizes, ranging from 8x10 inches to 24x36 inches. Matte or glossy archival prints are produced in-house at the Historical Society’s Digital Lab on a high-quality Epson color printer. In addition to physical prints, it is possible to purchase electronic images and licensing services suitable for using in a publication or exhibit.



Visitors to the Digital Library are asked to create a free online account, through which they can create image galleries, send and receive messages from the Historical Society’s Rights and Reproductions staff, and purchase digital images and archival prints. You can make a payment and download images online. **HSP members receive 10 percent off archival print purchases.**

The Digital Library was made possible through generous support from The Barra Foundation, the late Robert L. McNeil Jr., Collin Farquhar McNeil, The McLean Contributionship, The Raab Collection, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Richard Lounsbery Foundation, and John and Carol Asher.

Images for sale in HSP’s Digital Library include photographs from the *Philadelphia Record* photograph collection (above) and posters from the Works Progress Administration (right). HSP staff (left) print and prepare archival prints in-house.

## Preserving the Records of America's First Bank



Certificate of stock for the Bank of North America, dated 1860.

During the next three years, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania will conserve the records of the Bank of North America, our nation's first bank. This preservation project is supported by a large grant from Wells Fargo, which traces its lineage back to this important institution proposed by Robert Morris and Alexander Hamilton and chartered by the Second Continental Congress in 1781.

The records date from the bank's founding until its merger with the Commercial Trust Company in 1923 and include more than 650 volumes as well as photographs, correspondence, minute books, and financial records. The collection provides

unique and invaluable documentation related to the Revolutionary War, the early Republic, and the origins and development of the banking system in the United States. It also significantly documents the careers of important early financiers including Thomas Willing and John Nixon and records Philadelphia's role as a major commercial and industrial center in the later decades.



The Historical Society cares for the records of the Bank of North America, shown here circa 1900.

HSP's conservation team will work to re-bind books, mend tears, remove mold, clean documents, and re-house the collection in acid-free folders and boxes. The repairs will ensure that generations of researchers and scholars will have access to the records for years to come. The Historical Society is grateful to Wells Fargo for its ongoing dedication to historical preservation and education.

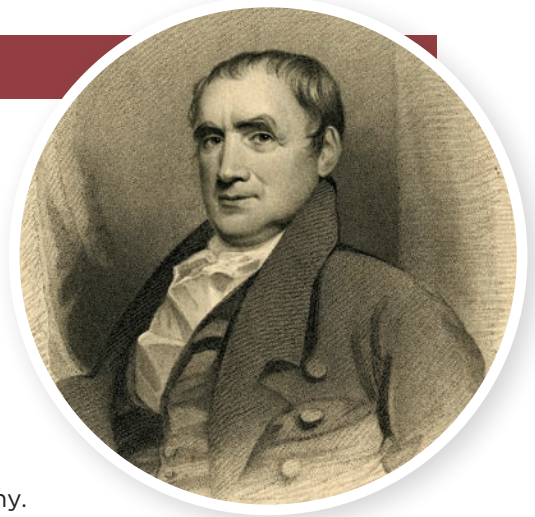
## New Acquisition: Carey Family Collections

The Historical Society of Pennsylvania recently acquired two new collections, including diaries of Philadelphia publisher Mathew Carey dating from 1828-1836 and more than 300 letters from Carey's son, Henry Charles Carey. The acquisition is one of the most significant additions to the Historical Society's archives in the past decade.

Mathew Carey was an Irish immigrant who founded and operated America's most successful publishing house and helped establish many charitable institutions. His son was a partner in the printing and publishing business, and later became one of the most influential American economists of the 19th century, serving as economic advisor to President Lincoln. He also co-founded the Franklin Fire Insurance Company.

The collections contain two volumes of diaries belonging to Mathew Carey, with a total of 353 written pages. The diaries include lengthy descriptions of Carey's daily activities and document his relationships with local newspaper editors, his complex and shifting views on economics, his activities on behalf of poor and marginalized groups, religious activities, and family life. The collections also include correspondence from Henry Charles Carey dating from 1846-1848 addressed to industrialists, politicians, publishers, scientists, cultural figures, and members of Carey's extended family.

The newly acquired Carey collections will complement the Historical Society's already rich holdings of Carey family manuscript materials. These new collections will be of interest to those studying the history of 19th-century publishing, economics, industrial development, and Philadelphia's business class. On November 15, the Historical Society will host a special event for its Treasures Society members where James N. Green, librarian at the Library Company of Philadelphia, will discuss the Carey family and these newly acquired collections (see page 5 for more information).



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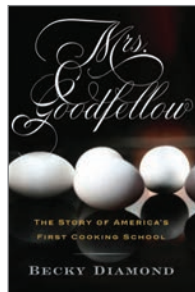
# Calendar

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## September

### 300 Years of Philadelphia Beekeeping Saturday, September 8

HSP staff will discuss the history of beekeeping in Philadelphia and the early beekeeping records from the Society's collection, including those of Francis Daniel Pastorius, the founder of Germantown. This event, held at the Wyck Historic House and Garden, is part of the Philadelphia Honey Festival. For more information about the festival, visit [phillyhoneyfest.com](http://phillyhoneyfest.com).



### Mrs. Goodfellow: The Story of America's First Cooking School ✨ Thursday, September 13 / 6 p.m.

Mrs. Goodfellow was a cook and confectioner who conducted cooking classes in her pastry shop in early 19th-century Philadelphia.

The lecture by author Becky Diamond will be accompanied by a document display and will be held at the Library Company of Philadelphia. FREE

### Constitution Day Display Tuesday, September 18 / 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

This September marks the 225th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution. HSP will display six original versions of the Constitution, including the earliest surviving

draft handwritten by Constitutional Convention delegate James Wilson and the first newspaper printing by *The Pennsylvania Packet*. FREE

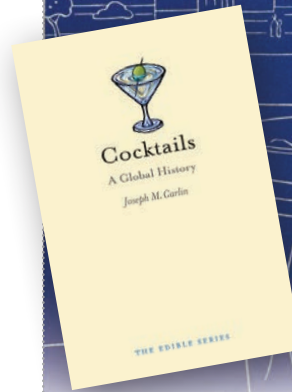


### President's Reception Sunday, September 23 / 4-6 p.m.

TREASURES SOCIETY EVENT / Treasures Society and 1824 Legacy Society members and their guests are invited to a cocktail reception at the Chestnut Hill home of HSP President Kim Sajet. By invitation only.



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### A Shaken and Stirred Evening: How the American Cocktail Went Global Thursday, September 27 / 6-8 p.m.

YOUNG FRIENDS EVENT / Joseph Carlin, author of *Cocktails: A Global History* will educate you on everything from liquor to mixers to ice, including how to make a classic punch. We will have some of our best libation-related documents out on display, and Spiga restaurant will provide an assortment of hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. \$10 for members, \$15 for nonmembers.

## October

### National History Day Philly Kick-Off ✨ Monday, October 1 / 4:30-7 p.m.

TEACHER WORKSHOP / Learn about the National History Day program, how to introduce it into your classroom, and NHD resources available in Philadelphia. Refreshments will be served. The Historical Society is grateful to Beneficial Bank for sponsoring this kick-off event. FREE

### Unlocking the Door to Lineage Societies Wednesday, October 3 / 6-7 p.m.

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP / Ever wondered how to get into the Daughters of the American Revolution? Or more obscure groups such as the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick? Genealogist James M. Beidler will discuss the qualifications for various groups and the types of documentary proof needed to complete applications. FREE for members, \$15 for nonmembers.

### Finding Landless Ancestors ✨ Wednesday, October 10 / 6-7 p.m.

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP / Trying to track down ancestors who didn't own land or leave much of a historical record? Genealogist Gerald Smith will teach you how to use city directories, military records, and more obscure sources. FREE for members, \$15 for nonmembers.

## Philadelphia Chinatown's Fight for Survival: A Study of Movements for Social Justice \*

Monday, October 15 / 4:30-6:30 p.m.

TEACHER WORKSHOP / Philadelphia's Chinatown offers lessons to understand the role of community organizing in social change. This teacher workshop will be taught by Debbie Wei, the director of the Office of Multilingual Curriculum and Programs in the School District of Philadelphia. Attendees will receive a copy of *Pennsylvania Legacies*. FREE

## Researching Your Civil War Ancestors \*

Wednesday, October 17 / 6-7 p.m.

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP / Learn how to identify and research Civil War soldiers (Union and Confederate) using records available online and at various repositories. Genealogist Laura H. Congleton will discuss how to use federal, state, and family records, and how to avoid common pitfalls. FREE for members, \$15 for nonmembers.

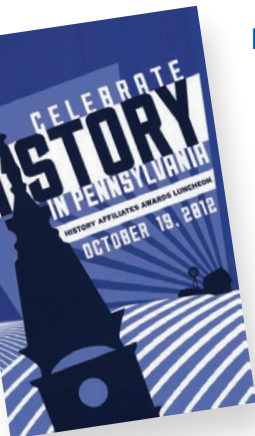


## History Affiliates Award Luncheon

Friday, October 19 / 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Celebrate the achievements of small and mid-sized history and heritage organizations at the first annual History in Pennsylvania "HIP" Awards luncheon. The event, which will be held at the Union League of Philadelphia, will honor innovative history programs in Southeastern Pennsylvania. The program will feature guest speaker Pennsylvania First

Lady Susan Corbett and a film produced by History Making Productions. Coordinated by HSP's History Affiliates Program and co-sponsored by the Barra Foundation, the Union League of Philadelphia, and Tabula Creative Communications. \$45



# November

## HSP Resources for National History Day \*

Thursday, November 1 / 5-7 p.m.

TEACHER WORKSHOP / The Historical Society has a large collection of primary and secondary sources as well as lesson plans to help you incorporate National History Day into your classroom. Beneficial Bank generously supports the Historical Society of Pennsylvania's involvement in National History Day. FREE

## Philadelphia, China, and Chinatown \*

Thursday, November 8 / 6-7:30 p.m.

BALCH EVENT / The history of Philadelphia's long relationship with China and of the Chinese immigrants who have made this city their home is a significant chapter of our local and national story, one that speaks to larger issues of citizenship and rights, the meaning of community, and the diversity that enriches our cities and nation. This panel discussion will be held at the Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures Charter School, followed by a reception. Funded by a grant from the Connelly Foundation. FREE

## Annual General Meeting

Monday, November 12 / 3 p.m.

HSP Board members and executive staff will report on the past year's accomplishments and announce nominations for the Board of Councilors. This meeting is open to HSP members only.

## Documents and Drinks: Mathew Carey Papers

Thursday, November 15 / 6 p.m.

TREASURES SOCIETY EVENT / The Historical Society recently acquired 19th-century diaries of Philadelphia publisher Mathew Carey and more than 300 letters from Carey's son. James N. Green, librarian at the Library Company of Philadelphia, will discuss the Carey family and these collections, one of the most significant additions to the Society's archives in the past decade. Followed by a reception and document viewing.

# Coming in 2013

## Establishing a Maintenance Program for Your House Museum or Historic Site

Thursday, January 17 and

Thursday, February 21 / 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

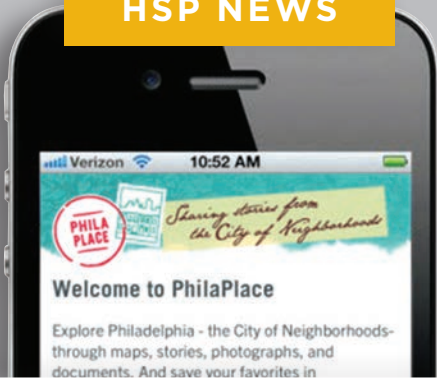
HISTORY AFFILIATES EVENT / This two-part workshop will outline the components of a maintenance program and provide you with the basic tools for preparing a maintenance plan for your house museum or historic site. These workshops will be held at the Chester County Historical Society in West Chester.

\* Attendance qualifies for Act 48 credit.

**RSVP** for all events online at [www.hsp.org](http://www.hsp.org) or call 215-732-6200 ext. 227 for more information.







### PhilaPlace Goes Mobile

PhilaPlace, the website that allows visitors to add stories, images, and videos on an interactive map of Philadelphia, is now accessible through mobile devices. This application, created by Night Kitchen Interactive, is designed to be viewed on a smaller screen and will automatically find places around your geographical location. You can also save your favorite stories and share them on Twitter and Facebook. Visit [PhilaPlace.org](http://PhilaPlace.org) from your smartphone.

### Genealogy Records Now Online

More than 250,000 additional records from HSP's collection have recently been added to Ancestry.com, the world's largest genealogical website. These records include indexes from the Oliver H. Bair Funeral Home and Pennsylvania Revolutionary War battalions and militia. All members of the Historical Society can access these records for free through the Members Only section of [hsp.org](http://hsp.org). These records join more than 7.5 million church and town records from HSP's collection already accessible on Ancestry.com and on the Members Only section of HSP's website.

### Family History Blog

HSP has launched a new blog called *Roots & Branches*, which features information for genealogists and family historians. Visit the blog to learn about genealogy-related events and resources at HSP, including published books, microfilm reels, and manuscript collections.

### Preserving Scotch-Irish Records

The Scotch-Irish Foundation, a Philadelphia-based nonprofit founded by members of the Scotch-Irish Society of America in 1949, recently bequeathed its endowment and library to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. HSP currently cares for the Scotch-Irish Foundation's records, including more than 400 books related to the history of the Scotch-Irish. Proceeds generated from the endowment will be used to care for the Foundation's collection, as well as to acquire and preserve additional Scotch-Irish material.

### Welcome New Councilors

The Historical Society of Pennsylvania welcomes three new members to its Board of Councilors. **Ahmad Corbitt**, Director of the New York Office of Public and International Affairs for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and **Sarah Coxe Lange**, Registered Representative for Cross Point Capital, LLC, joined the Board in March. **Nabila Sajid**, Wells Fargo's Senior Vice President, Business Banking Manager for Metro Philadelphia, was named an Ex Officio Councilor in May, replacing Councilor **James Malott**.

## New Resources for Teachers

The Historical Society of Pennsylvania continues to expand its resources for teachers and students, and recently welcomed two education fellows to support that work. The first fellow, David Reader, a teacher at Camden Catholic High School, is developing educational materials and a teacher workshop for the *Preserving American Freedom* project (see article below). He works with HSP staff to identify ways for teachers to use the project's primary sources and related interpretive materials in the classroom. HSP is grateful to the Bank of America for funding this education fellowship.

A second education fellow, Claire Frosch, is a teacher at The Promise Academy at Martin Luther King High School. Frosch is creating teacher resource guides and a teacher workshop related to National History Day (NHD), a history competition for middle and high school students. This fellowship was made possible by a grant from Beneficial Bank, who also funded scholarships to send six local students to the National History Day state finals this past spring. The Historical Society of Pennsylvania assisted more than 300 students with their National History Day projects this past season, and looks forward to continuing its popular Wednesday night mentoring program and free admission for students in grades 6-12.

## Preserving American Freedom



Several of the country's most significant documents will be given new life and increased visibility thanks to a joint effort between the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and Bank of America on a digital history project titled *Preserving American Freedom*. Project staff will transcribe and annotate historic documents, using Text Encoding Initiative markup (the latest practice in digital humanities) to allow for more sophisticated searching and analysis.

The original documents and their transcriptions will be accessible through a digital portal on HSP's website and be accompanied by resources for educators and linked to numerous other related documents, photographs, and collection materials that the Society is making available online for the first time. The new portal is expected to be available to the public in early 2013. The Historical Society thanks Bank of America for its generous support of this project.

## HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

A look at recent events and happenings at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania

### In Memory of Esther Ann McFarland:

Friends and family of Esther Ann McFarland gathered at the Historical Society June 26 to remember Mrs. McFarland, a longtime friend and supporter of HSP who passed away last year, and to celebrate the publication of *William Lewis, Esquire*. Mrs. McFarland spent more than 40 years researching the life of her great-great-great-grandfather William Lewis.



George McFarland (right), son of Esther Ann McFarland, with Rudolph Garcia, immediate-past chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association.



### National History Day:

In March, more than 800 students participated in National History Day Philly, a history competition for middle and high school students. HSP is a proud sponsor of National History Day and assisted hundreds of students with their research.



(From left) **Bruce K. Fenton**, chairman of the Board of Councilors; **Maria Trafton**, senior vice-president and regional managing director for the Pennsylvania and Delaware region, Wells Fargo; **Dorothy Mather Ix**, event chair; **David McCullough**, Founder's Award honoree; **Kim Sajet**, HSP president and CEO; and **Collin F. McNeil**, Heritage Award honoree. (Below) **Alice Lea Tasman** (right), honorary event co-chair, with **Dorrance Hamilton**.



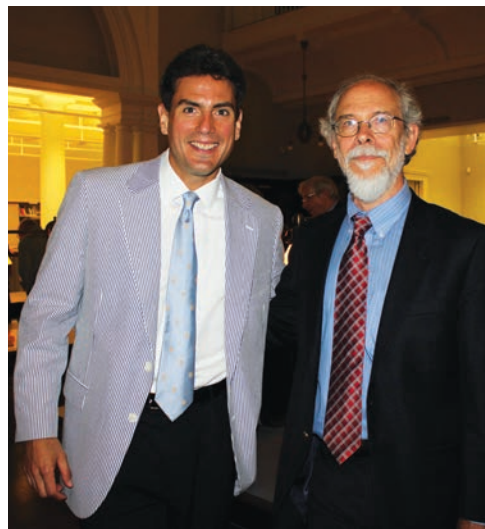
### Founder's Award Dinner:

The Historical Society of Pennsylvania held its annual Founder's Award dinner on May 17, honoring author and historian David McCullough and longtime Councilor Collin F. McNeil. The celebration was held at the National Museum of American Jewish History, and the lead sponsor was Wells Fargo. The event for 342 guests raised more than \$253,000 for the Society.



### HSP Ancestry Day:

HSP partnered with Ancestry.com to host a genealogy conference at the Pennsylvania Convention Center on March 3. Nearly 1,000 people attended a series of workshops and learned how to research their family tree.



Map collector **Charles Keates** (left) with **Joseph Garver** of the Harvard Map Collection.

### Maps of Early America:

HSP's extensive map collection was on display at a special event June 14, with guest speaker Joseph Garver, librarian for research services of the Harvard Map Collection. This event was hosted by HSP's Treasures Society.



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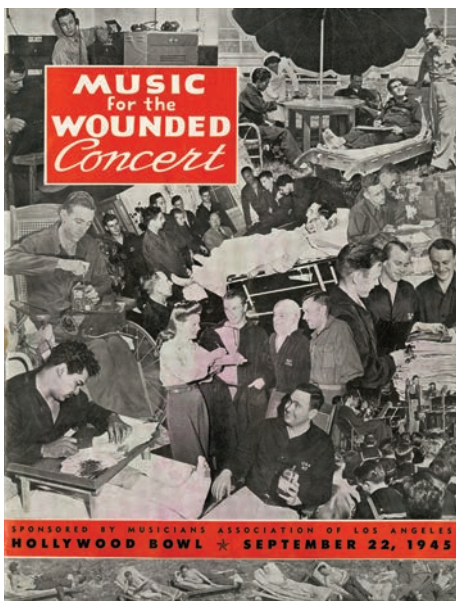
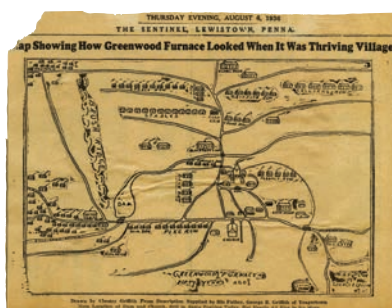
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## Adopt a Collection

Many collections at HSP are in need of your help. Your donation will enable us to preserve, organize, and catalog a collection so it is more easily accessible to researchers. Choose from the collections listed below or visit our website at [www.hsp.org](http://www.hsp.org).



(top left) Samuel T. Moore papers, (bottom left) Kistler family tannery records, (bottom center) DaVinci Art Alliance records, (right) Stiefel family papers

**THANK YOU** to the following individuals and organizations who adopted a collection between December 1, 2011, and June 30, 2012: **Abington Junior High School History Club, Bank of America, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lafayette Collins III, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel M. Dailey, Ms. Barbara Deas, Ms. Carol Ingald, Mr. and Mrs. Howard H. Lewis, Mr. George W. Martin, Dr. Randall M. Miller, Saunders House, and Wells Fargo.**

### Samuel T. Moore papers

Moore worked as a surveyor for the Pennsylvania Department of Forestry. This collection includes a narrative of his life and documents about the Greenwood Furnace in Huntingdon County, which Moore helped preserve. You can adopt this collection with a \$2,200 donation.

### Kistler family tannery records

This collection contains 19th-century tannery account books and day books from the Kistler family, including Stephen Kistler from Lehigh County and his son Charles E. Kistler, owner of the Hamilton Tannery in Monroe County. You can adopt this collection with a \$1,050 donation.

### DaVinci Art Alliance records

The DaVinci Art Alliance was originally an association of Italian-American artists. This collection, which spans 1933 to 1991, includes correspondence, membership records, programs, and photographs. You can adopt this collection with a \$1,000 donation.

### Stiefel family papers

The Stiefel family opened the Fairyland movie theater on Market Street in Philadelphia in 1903, and later went into the film distribution and show production business. This collection features photographs, scrapbooks, programs, and press materials. You can adopt this collection with a \$400 donation.