



The Pencader Press

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Pencader welcomed summer visitors, including one family reunion, with numerous new and revamped displays. Our curator and historian work many



hours to make the museum welcoming! It's especially heartwarming to us when someone says, "I just love this place, it's so interesting!" A youngster saying that makes the effort even more worthwhile. Bring your young ones for a visit and give them a little history lesson while they have fun.

New educational signs "The Hundreds of Delaware" have been installed in Glasgow Park at the main entrance and at our flag plaza on

Delaware Hundreds

Dayett Mill Road. Delaware’s use of the term “hundreds” is probably the only place in the country which still uses that old English term. It is thought to go back to medieval England where it indicated an area large enough to supply a hundred men to the king’s army. In our colonies, it would have referred to men available to serve in the militia. Today, every property deed in Delaware will include the relevant hundred in the property description. Before “one man, one vote” legislation, every hundred had its representation in the state legislature, taxes were collected and roads maintained in the individual hundreds. Visit one of the new sign sites and learn more about hundreds.



Keith Jackson, a Pencader board member is pictured here with a Mason-Dixon marker on the Delaware-Maryland state line. Photograph by Josh Shannon of the *Newark Post*.

Within the next few weeks, our newest educational sign “Mason-Dixon Markers” will be installed. Speaking of Mason and Dixon, some progress has been made in protecting the most fragile of these historical treasures in

Pencader. It is on westbound Route 40 at the Delaware-Maryland state line and in eminent danger of destruction, but coordinating all the bi-state agencies involved to restore and protect it is cumbersome.

We have 32 educational signs distributed in five sites as we endeavor to fulfill our mission of educating our citizens about the wonderful history and heritage in Pencader Hundred. Please take advantage of this opportunity to better appreciate the treasures around us. It is especially important to teach children how far we have come since Pencader was first settled.



Our annual September Memorial Service was well-attended and as moving as always. Each year during this program, we focus on remembering over twenty colonial soldiers who gave their lives at Cooch's Bridge during the Revolutionary War, with thousands elsewhere, that we might be a free nation. Had the Revolution failed, our leaders would have been hung as traitors and we might still be British subjects.

The Delaware Valley Finnish-Americans (DVFA) have donated a new public address system to Pencader, replacing one that was not always adequate. In the past, they donated a large framed map of the Delaware Valley showing Finnish settlement in the region. The DVFA group, formed in 1976, meets regularly at the museum. Anyone interested in learning more about the Finnish culture and history in the Delaware Valley is invited to contact Roy Palo @ www.Palompaa@aol.com



Finns first came to America in 1638 with the Swedes. In the early 1930s a Finnish settlement was established on Iron Hill in Pencader Hundred, where a lot of them operated poultry and egg businesses and other farming endeavors.

A 1938 U.S. postage stamp commemorating the founding of Wilmington, Delaware.

Our Facebook page is producing a lot of interest. We have a rare, antique redware bedpan posted. The potter apparently felt a perfectly round shape was a universal fit for patients in need of a bedpan. The unique brown decoration is attributed to manganese which was brushed on before glazing. While outdated invalid equipment, especially bedpans, is not a popular conversation subject, they did serve a purpose.



Scroll through our Facebook pages for a close-up look at other displays and past museum events. Please click on *like* and *share* for anything that strikes your interest: <https://www.facebook.com/PencaderHeritageMuseum/>

Look for *Out of the Past* on our website for a fun glimpse at watching Newark grow since 1866. This is a series of excerpts from old Newark Town Minutes published weekly in the *Newark Post* courtesy of Pencader. It's interesting (and depressing) to see the years pass by with most of the same problems remaining.



WHAT IS IT?

This curious wooden object which is on display in the museum made a milkmaid's life easier. A milkmaid or farmer would

position the yoke across their shoulders, to evenly distribute the weight of heavy buckets. This period engraving features several milk-maids with their yokes, on market day.



Painting by Sir George Scharf

Happy Halloween

From time to time, we have posted one of these hand-painted amusing envelopes which were sent to Charles Allen of Cedars, Marshallton, Delaware. They date from the late 1930s and taper off during WWII. Allen was an artist and exchanged one-of-a-kind envelopes with several friends who were also talented artists. The museum has over 50 envelopes (of more than 200 in the collection) always on display.



Dates to remember...



We will host a Military Vehicle display on **Saturday, November 5, 2016**, (weather permitting) on the museum grounds. The display includes military vehicles and equipment. Reenactors of several wars will also participate. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the fall weather while learning about our military history from people who take their hobby seriously. They enjoy sharing their knowledge with others. Stop in the museum to view our permanent military artifacts and all the other interesting items we have to share. Bring the family and make it a full day! We offer lots of free parking and free admission starting 10 a.m. The military event runs until 3 p.m. and the museum is open until 4 p.m.



Pencader will honor those who died on Cooch's Bridge Battlefield, and all deceased American veterans, on **Saturday, Dec. 17, 2016**, at the museum. Pencader's ceremony coincides with the National Wreaths Across America

service held each December at Arlington National Cemetery. Volunteers lay fresh evergreen wreaths on the graves of American service men and women at 1,100 locations in the U.S. and around the world. **Our ceremony starts promptly at 10 a.m.** The event and museum are free and open to the public.

To read about the history of Wreaths Across America, or for information on how to donate or volunteer: <http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/#join-us>

The response to our Life Membership drive has been excellent. Attached is a form if you would consider joining or renewing a regular or, family membership. A life membership would help insure the future of Pencader.

Thank you.

PENCADER MEMBERSHIP

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New_____

Renewal_____

\$10.00 per person_____

\$25.00 family_____

\$100.00 Lifetime membership_____

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