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## Local Archeologist To Present Program At Annual Meeting Wednesday, November 19th at 7:30 pm

With Historic Bristol Day now in the past, it is time to focus on our annual election of members of the Board of Directors and a special program presented by a local Bristol professional archeologist. The title of Jesse Walker's program is "Archeology of Bristol and Beyond". Mr. Walker has invited attendees to bring one local artifact. Most people, when thinking about an organization that has history as one of its "missions", usually think of history in terms of how and when our community was founded, people that play a role in its day to day activities and how they were involved in preparing for the posterity of the town and region. This program will be different in that it could involve not decades but perhaps thousands of years. This writer once had a graduate course in archeology that involved carefully digging for Native American artifacts. One of the first things learned was the mapping of the marked area being examined and then recording the exact location of any item exposed. For this course it involved things such as a pottery shard, a kernel of corn that had been in a fire pit and even the coloring of soil where a piece of wood had rotted. The easier findings were the usual arrow heads but to recognize a piece of stone that had been used as a tool for pounding required much more examination. Please come and enjoy this presentation and refreshments that follow.

For the brief period of the election, only those who have paid their annual dues will be permitted to vote for the Members of the Board of Directors.

### BCHF Calendar of Events for 2014 - 2015

**NOVEMBER** - Wed., 11/19, 7:30 p.m. BCHF's annual business meeting, incl. election of Board members, followed by "Archeology of Bristol and Beyond" presentation by local resident Jesse Walker. Refreshments. BCHF headquarters. Free. Call 215 781-9895 for info.

**DECEMBER** - Wed., 12/10. "Harrisburg Christmas 2014" bus trip. Visit the Governor's Mansion decorated for the holidays, PA Capitol building and PA State Museum. Lunch at Raspberries Hilton Hotel. \$85 for BCHF members; \$88 for non-members. Deadline is Nov 5, space permitting, Call 215 788-4138.

**JANUARY 2015** - Sun., 1/25, 2 PM. One-Man Show by Neil Hartley, entitled "Sherlock Holmes and the Speckled Band." Light refreshment. \$4 pp. BCHF Headquarters. Call 215 788-9408 for info.

**FEBRUARY 2015** - Sun., 2/8, 3-5 PM Annual Tea. Theme "Tea at Sea at Three". \$20 per person. BCHF headquarters. Reservations accepted at 215 788-9408 beginning 9 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 10.

**MARCH 2015** - Sun., 3/22, 2 PM. 1st person presentation by Linda Kenyon, entitled "Julia Says, 'Bon Appetit!'" Light refreshment. \$4 pp. BCHF headquarters. Call 215 788-9408 for info.

**APRIL 2015** - Wed., 4/22. "Philadelphia Culture & Culinary" bus trip. Tour and lunch at Culinary of Arts, followed by self-guided tour of the Barnes Museum with digital audio guide. \$87 for BCHF members; \$90 for non-members. Reservation deadline is Jan. 17 as space

allows. Call 215 788-4138 for info/reservations

**AUGUST 2015** - Sun. 8/2 Annual Peach Social. Angel food cake topped with fresh peaches and ice cream, plus beverage. Takeouts available with own container. Baked goods table. \$5/adult, \$3 under age 12. BCHF air-conditioned headquarters. BENEFITS BCHF AWARDS TO BRISTOL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES.

**SEPTEMBER 2015** - Fri., 9/18. Bus trip to National September 11 Memorial and Museum, followed by free time and lunch-on-your-own at the annual San Gennaro Festival in "Little Italy." \$71 for BCHF members; \$76 for non-members. Reservation info will be announced in April 2015.

**OCTOBER, 2015** - Sat., 10/17, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 39th Historic Bristol Day, Fee for House Tour & Tea. For details, visit the BCHF website given below.

**NOVEMBER, 2015** - Wed., 11/18, 7:30 p.m. BCHF's annual business meeting, incl. election of Board members. Program and refreshments follow. Free. BCHF headquarters. Call 215 781-9895 for info.

**DECEMBER, 2015** - Wed. - Fri., 12/2-4. "Newport Mansions at the Holidays" bus trip, featuring The Breakers, Marble House and The Elms. Price and reservation details not yet determined

- BCHF Headquarters are at 321 Cedar Street, Bristol
- For current information about activities and events, check out our web site at [www.bristolhistory.org](http://www.bristolhistory.org).

### Tea At Sea At Three

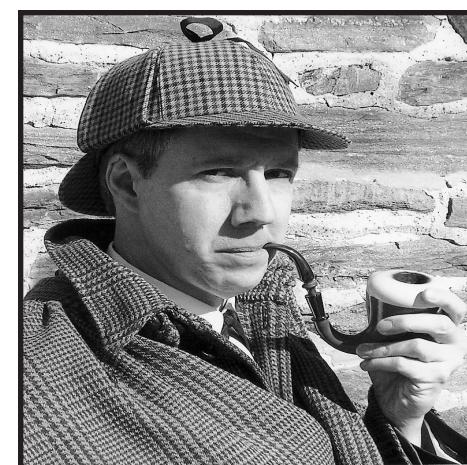
On Sunday, February 8th the annual BCHF tea will be held. "Passengers" will "set sail" from our building at 321 Cedar Street, Bristol, PA. "Boarding" will begin at 2:30 p.m. This year we will "sail" to some exotic islands such as Tahiti, Santorini, Okinawa, Madagascar, Seychelles, Rhodes, Malta, Aruba, Galapagos, etc. "Passengers" are encouraged to dress in nautical/tropical style. (It may be winter outside when we "sail" but for a few hours, we will be warm).

We will enjoy endless cups of tea, a buffet of scrumptious sandwiches, delightful scones, and delicious desserts. There will be door prizes and favors and you will learn some fascinating facts about the islands we'll be vicariously visiting. The "passage" fare will be the same as it was last year - - \$20 per person. To secure your reservation (we can only take 64), please call 215 788-9408 beginning on Jan. 10th at 9 a.m. Tickets will be issued when reservation money is received. We hope to see you at our TEA AT SEA AT THREE event.

### We Couldn't Have Done It Without You!

A big THANK YOU to Liz Fisher who chaired 2014 Historic Bristol Day, the HBD Committee and volunteers, and all those whose involvement brought this year's event to fruition.

### One-Man Show



Circle Sunday afternoon, January 25, on your calendar, to be entertained by Neill Hartley's first-person presentation in "Sherlock Holmes and the Speckled Band." The program will begin at 2:00 p.m. in BCHF's headquarters at 321 Cedar St. Admission is \$4 per person. Light refreshment will be served. No reservations needed.

Photo: Neill Hartley as Sherlock Holmes

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**Bristol Riverside Theater - 2014 Season**  
"Lost in Yonkers" - November 11 to November 30, 2014  
"Winter Musicale" - December 11 to December 21, 2014  
Phone 215 785-0100 for tickets, dates and additional information.

## Special Letter From 1906 Donated to BCHF

Palmyra, NJ resident Greg Schrier donated a signed letter from Joseph R. Grundy, President of the Jefferson Land Association dated July 16, 1906. Mr. Grundy was also the President of the William H. Grundy & Co. Worsted Spinners of Bristol. That factory was located at Jefferson Avenue and Canal Street.

The Jefferson Land Association was erecting thirty houses on Chestnut Street and wanted to provide running water in the kitchen of each house. According to the letter which Mr. Grundy signed, they were asking Mr. A.K. Joyce, Superintendent of the Bristol Water Co. to have a water main placed on Chestnut Street for this purpose.

New houses were being constructed on several streets within walking distance of the factory so that workers could walk to their place of employment. This was a time when people were coming to Bristol seeking employment and was especially true of immigrants from Italy. (Note that St. Ann Church was founded in 1906 to accommodate the Italian immigrants and have religious leaders who were familiar with the Italian language.

The Board of Directors directed Mary McIlvain, corresponding secretary of BCHF to send a letter of thanks to the Mr. Schrier and also inform him that BCHF Board Member, Harold Mitchener, would be taking the donation to the history office of the Margaret R. Grundy Memorial Library where it would be registered and catalogued in the history collection. The framed letter would then be preserved for future research and exhibits.

At the BCHF Board Meeting, Anna Bono Larrisey, treasurer of BCHF commented that her family owned one of the houses which was on a corner at 427 Jefferson Ave. and they operated a grocery store there. The family-owned business was at that location for 67 years when it closed in 1986. The interesting statement from Anna was that the houses were at first all rented and then the people living there were given an opportunity to purchase the house. On the deeds of these dwellings, the Jefferson Land Association name appears.

## With Sincere Gratitude

The Bristol Cultural and Historical Foundation, Inc., gratefully acknowledges a \$3,000 Tourism Grant awarded by the **Bucks County Conference and Visitors Bureau** to fund signage for our "River in Time" themed Historic Bristol Day. BCHF is grateful to Jan Ruano and Robin Simmers-Butrey for designing attractive, effective posters, signs, flags, etc., which directed attention to the event and its major attractions. We also extend sincere thanks to the following financial

supporters whose contributions arrived after the October GAZETTE deadline:

**BUSINESS BENEFACTOR**  
Michael DiChristoforo., CPA

**BCHF MEMBERS**  
Luke & Mary Antonelli  
Lillian Mitchener Bauserman  
Charles & Dolores Sampsel

## First Ladies Challenge . . . Continued

In the past several issues, we have highlighted some of the women who have been in the position to serve as "First Lady" of the United States.

It would seem strange for a wife or, as a matter of fact, any female who had attained the age for suffrage not to be able to cast a ballot for her husband or son or any other person running for U.S. President.

Abigail Adams had both a husband and son who were elected U.S. President but according to the law, she could not vote in an election. This law was in place until 1920. Florence Harding became the first woman to vote for her husband in a presidential election. Warren G. Harding became our 29th President in 1921.

1. This First Lady married a recent widower and it became the first wedding of a sitting President in the White House. She had modeled for a clothing ad prior to becoming First Lady. With her husband's first wife deceased, she and his first wife were mothers to his fifteen children. After the Civil War, she persuaded congress to grant her a Presidential widow's pension of \$1,200 a month.

2. This lady, who was a daughter-in-law of a widowed president, served as "official hostess" for her father-in-law until he remarried. Her home had been on Radcliffe Street in Bristol.

3. This First Lady created a role for herself as a political wife and advisor. She said that if her husband were to be elected President, she would "neither keep house nor make butter." She was the first to use the Presidential shield and national motto in design (E pluribus unum - one out of many).

4. This First Lady was graduated from Stanford University with a degree in geology. She served as president of the Girl Scouts while First Lady. She was the first First Lady to speak on the radio.

Answers: 1. Julia Gardiner Tyler, John Tyler's second wife. Married in 1844 and served for 8 months until the end of his term in 1845.

2. Priscilla Cooper Tyler (1842, daughter-in-law of the President. She served as official hostess when First Lady Letitia Tyler died.

3. Sarah Polk (1845 - 1849)
4. Lou Hoover (1929 - 1933)

## Out Of The Past

The following items were excerpted from **NOVEMBER 1934** issues of THE BRISTOL COURIER. Price 2¢ a copy; 6¢ a week.

11/1 - - VOTERS JAM ST. MARK'S SCHOOL HALL TO HEAR SPEAKERS DISCUSS THE ISSUES OF THE PRESENT CAMPAIGN AT OLD-FASHIONED REPUBLICAN RALLY. State Treasurer Charles A. Waters came to the native town of his father, Daniel Waters, last night and delivered a stirring political address on behalf of the Republican candidates.

LEVINSON'S ADDS NEW DEPARTMENT TO STORE. Levinson's United Cut Rate Drug Store, 125-127 Mill Street, has announced an innovation in modern pharmacy. With the engaging of a registered pharmacist, The Levinson Brothers have set up a new department where the customers can see their prescriptions compounded while they wait.

11/3 - - ST. ANN'S AND OPPONENTS FAIL TO SCORE IN GAME. On a gridiron drenched in rain, the St. Ann's A.A. Warriors and the Wissahickon Eagles splashed, skidded, slipped and rolled to a scoreless tie yesterday afternoon on the local field. The game was a benefit affair for the Harriman Hospital. Playing for the locals were: Tulio, Kornstedt, Niccols, Tunis, Angelo, M. Seneca, and Conti.

"ROLLER SKATING, Bristol's New Pastime, 1504 Farragut Avenue . . . Ladies 25¢, Men 35¢, Spectators 10¢. 8 p.m.- 11:15. Special instruction classes available."

11/7 - - THREE GENERATIONS IN BUSINESS FIFTY YEARS. A half century of business enterprise is being observed this year by S.B. Ardrey and Sons, machinists, whose plant on Pond Street has occupied the same location for the entire fifty year period.

"HOUSE FOR RENT, #220 Mulberry St. 8 rooms and bath, open stairway, garage. \$30 a month."

11/8 - - OVER 200 CONFIRMED AT ST. MARK'S CHURCH. Bishop O'Hara Gives Most Touching Address to Large Assemblage.

"A&P. Reduced Prices! 8 O'Clock Coffee - 19¢ Lb. Rins (washes clothes whiter) - 2 lg pkgs. - 39¢. Post Bran Flakes - 10¢ Pkg. Sylvan "A" Milk - 13¢ Qt. Crisp Iceberg Lettuce - 5¢ Head. Golden Ripe Bananas - 4 Lbs. 19¢."

11/9 - - LWD WORK GETS UNDERWAY HERE. Workmen are engaged in rebuilding the boat wharf at the foot of Mill Street and tree surgeons are engaged in trimming the trees of the borough as well as doctoring them where it is necessary.

"Win the Attendance Prize at the DORIS GRILLE, Washington and Pond Streets. Try Our Delicious Fried Oysters."

11/21 - - DEMOCRATS PARADE IN VICTORY CELEBRATION. Jubilant Democrats of Bristol and various other districts in Bucks County paraded through the streets here last night in a victory celebration. The paraders were afoot, on horseback and in motor cars. Red fire and transparencies with pithy slogans added color to

the line. The parade marched for two hours.

PIG ROAST SUPPER. In an effort to improve the service of Bristol's pig roast supper, there will be a number of changes in the management of the affair. A fine corps of trained waiters and waitresses has been secured. This is the principal event of the Bethel A.M.E. Church every year for the past 39 years.

11/22 - - PHARMACISTS FORM A COUNTY ASSOCIATION. Officers elected include Asa Fabian of Bristol, President, and Edward T. Finegan of Bristol, Secretary-Treasurer.

"Big Reduction! Fresh Meats. T. DiANGELO & SONS, 1426 Farragut Avenue. Free Delivery. Leg Lamb - 19¢. Lamb Chops - 24¢. Sirloin Steak - 18¢. Pork Loin Roast - 15¢. Fresh Pork Sausage - 23¢. Veal Cutlets - 19¢. Sliced Bacon - 1/2 Lb. 14¢."

11/23 - - "Free Soup Every Day at IDEAL CAFE, 1800 Farragut Avenue. Tonight - Clam Chowder. Saturday - Mock Turtle Soup."

"Bowlers! Turkey Handicap Sweepstakes, Friday & Saturday Afternoon and Evening, November 23 and 24. Entrance Fee - 75¢, includes 3 games of bowling. 2 Turkeys, 2 Chickens as Prizes. BRISTOL BOWLING CENTRE, Farragut Avenue."

"SPENCER & SONS FURNITURE . . . Sensational Gift Offer! 9 x 12 Rug with Every Kroehler Suite Selected during This Event. Kroehler Daven-O Bed - \$49.50. 3-Piece Living Room Suite - \$39. Come In and See the Many Selections."

"Opening Notice! ROMA RESTAURANT, corner Wood and Mill Streets (second floor). Under New Management of Gene Dugan. Delicious Food. Schmidt's Beer. "Dancing."

11/23 - - BRISTOL TRUST COMPANY MAILED 1,200 CHECKS TO MEMBERS OF 1934 CHRISTMAS CLUB; CHECKS REPRESENT A TOTAL OF \$31,000. Range in Value from \$12.50 to \$250.

11/28 - - CHURCHES WILL UNITE IN SERVICE OF THANKS. A union service of Thanksgiving is to take place at the Bristol Presbyterian Church on Thursday at the hour of 9:30 a.m. The sermon is to be delivered by the Rev. George E. Boxwell, rector of St. James Episcopal Church, and the pastors of other Bristol churches will participate in the service.

"Thanksgiving Night at KARP'S BEER GARDEN. Dine and Dance to Bernie Layzack's Polish-American Orchestra."

"Eat Your Thanksgiving Dinner at COCORDAS' RESTAURANT, 129 Mill Street. Delicious, Full-Course Dinner - 75¢. Dining room for ladies."

11/29 - - BHS WINS OVER MORRISVILLE. Morrisville High School's unblemished record was smeared here yesterday when Bristol High's gridders notched a 13-7 victory over their traditional rivals. Playing for BHS were: Carnavale, Brambley, Orazi, McCarthy, Profy, Moran, Niccol, Sagolla, Spencer, Ross, and Conti.

## BCHF Members On “Old Cape Code” - September 14 - 18 Bus Trip

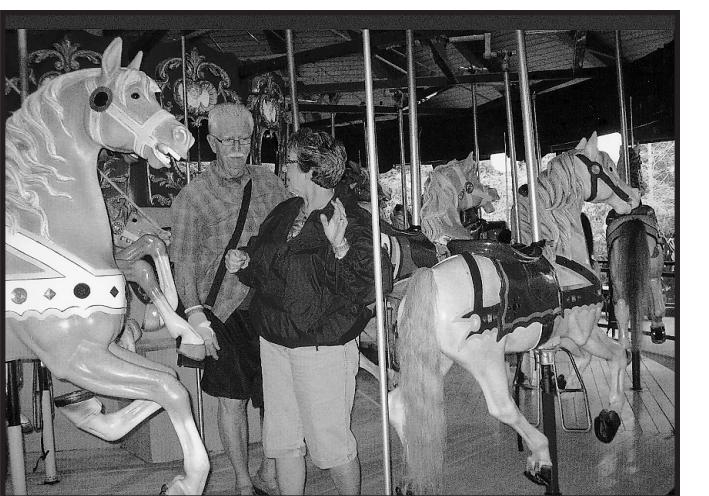


l-r: Ellanna Delaney, Donna Jenkinson and Carol Booz check the lunch menu in Nantucket for some authentic New England Clam Chowder and Lobster Rolls.



Jan Ruano (left) and her sister, Ceil Graff (right), flank the John F. Kennedy Memorial in Hyannisport.

l-r: Sue Watkins, Barbara Fordham and daughters Karen Weiss and Shawn Stillwell, and Marge Russo enjoy the Cape Cod air before boarding the Newhurst bus.



Tom and Natalina Mulholland disembark from their ride on the 1912 hand-carved carousel at the Heritage Museum & Gardens in Historic Sandwich.



Above l-r: Rita and Helen Raymond, Irene Guille and Roberta Marino delight in the views from Seafood Shanty in Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard.



Also enjoying the views at Seafood Shanty is (l-r) Herb & Judy Duffy and Sally & Ray Yardley

## Collector’s Edition For Sale

Ways and Means chairperson announced that a new item is for sale. This lapel/hat pin mounted on a card which gives a brief history and a photograph of the Bristol Wharf at the end of Mill Street is for sale for \$7.00. The photograph was made by Jan Ruano, BCHF Vice President. This collector’s pin is a limited edition and will be first for sale on Historic Bristol Day.

## One Plus Three

BCHF has one more bus trip to offer for 2014 and three on next year’s docket. To check on current availability for the **Wednesday, December 10** excursion to our state capital - **Harrisburg** - contact Ellanna Delaney at 215 788-4138. Cost of the day’s outing is \$85 for BCHF members and \$88 for non-members, which includes a guided tour of the Capitol Building, a self-guided tour of the Governor’s Mansion -- decked out in holiday splendor, lunch at Raspberries Hilton Hotel, and a self-guided tour of the PA State Museum.

For 2015, we’re offering the following trips:

**“Philadelphia Culture & Culinary,” Wednesday, April 22,** featuring a brief tour of the Culinary of Arts followed by a four-course luncheon in their “Petite Passion” restaurant, and a self-guided tour of the Barnes Museum using digital audio guides. The all-inclusive price is \$87 for our members and \$90 for non-members. **Reservations (accompanied by full payment) must close on January 17** because of the Barnes Foundation’s cancellation policy.

## WHO AM I?

Yes, I am William Penn, Pennsylvania’s First Governor.

Pennsbury Manor was unattended and eventually rotted and collapsed. By 1938, it was felt that a replica of William Penn’s home should be built on the same location as the original Manor House. After extensive research, it was finally constructed, using letters from Penn and building methods that existed in his times.

1. I was born October 14, 1644.
2. My father was an admiral.
3. My family provided ample money for me.
4. I lived in Ireland where I was a lawyer.
5. I converted to a religion that was not approved by the government and was arrested for this action.
6. I was arrested for a second time and put in the “Tower” where I spent almost a year.
7. In 1670, I returned to Ireland and resumed my law practice.
8. On August 30, 1682 I set sail on an adventure in a ship called “Welcome”
9. My wife whom I had married in 1644 died after we had eight children. Her name was Gulielma Maria Posthumas Springette. The “Posthumas” portion of her name indicated that her father died before she was born.
10. I married a second time a few years later to a lady who was 27 years younger than I and we had seven children. In total, I was the father of 15.
11. Coming up the Delaware River in 1682, I established the capital city of my proprietary colony in the “City of Brotherly Love” and then continued north on the river to establish my “Country Estate” on 8,431 acres of land which became known as Pennsbury Manor.
12. I did return to England and was arrested several more times and finally put in debtor’s prison.

The next real problem occurred when trying to furnish the Manor House. Furniture and objects from the 17th century are not easily located at present day garage or estate sales. Fortunately in England a “dressing box listing Gulielma as the first owner was preserved at Jordans Quaker Meeting House in Buckinghamshire, England where William and his two wives and several children are interred.

The box eventually found its way to Pennsbury Manor and is on exhibit at that location.

Statistics about the box are as follows: It was made in England and is constructed of ebonized oak at the top and pine at the base. It is 18 x 15 1/4 x 9 inches. A compartment on the upper section can be accessed by a hinged lid. Two hinged doors on the front open to reveal a series of 10 drawers and a central hinged cabinet door. Mounted on the front panels of the drawers and on the hinged doors are delicate miniature pictures of allegorical scenes painted on the mother of pearl, or perhaps abalone.

Anyone interested in additional history of our Commonwealth, should pay a visit to Pennsbury Manor, Bucks County, PA.