The Annual Report of the Newtown Historic Association

April 1, 2014 - March 31, 2015

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Newtown Historic Association ~ Annual Report 2013-2014 Report of the President

The Newtown Historic Association had another very successful year as we continued to host, coordinate and participate in many Newtown community activities and special projects.

You will have detailed reports of the different Events and Committee Chairmen's reports following so I will not duplicate their information.

As spring rolled around, the Countryside Gardeners were very busy in the backyard of the Half Moon Inn, planting annuals and perennials of the period in the flowerbeds. The entire community appreciates these gardens as they are a showplace in the summer.

In the Boone Garden across the street from the Half Moon Inn, Karen Groff and her helpers increased the perennials planted there and rearranged quite a few bushes and plants. This garden has been enhanced and beautified over the past few years greatly by her efforts.

In April we had our ever popular Spring Cocktail Party at the Half Moon Inn. This is a much looked forward social event for members and guests to socialize and see the Inn. The decorations were spring flowers by Lorraine Pentz and Jeanette Rogers which always lend a festive air to the party.

During the year, two separate walking tours were coordinated that again spanned three centuries of progress in Newtown. The first was in June where Jeff Marshall led a group of over 70 people on an historic walking tour featuring the Half-Moon Inn and various streets within the borough.

Also in June, the Newtown Historic Association presented, through the efforts of Peg Walker- the Fifth Grade Walking Tour which enabled over 550 local school children the opportunity to visit 10 historic sites. The schools participating were Goodnoe Elementary, Newtown Elementary and St. Andrews Elementary.

January 25th 2015, we hosted our "Volunteer Recognition Dinner" to recognize the Open House Tour Homeowners. The dinner was held at the Brick Hotel with around 60 people attending. We had two volunteers of the year this year - Lorraine Pentz and Terri Keane. Both to contribute greatly to the success of our organization. It was very nice to enjoy the company of our members and friends.

March 14th we had Clean Up Day at the Half Moon Inn where members and other volunteers helped to shine the brass, wash the windows, polish the silver and just give the Half Moon Inn a much needed clean up.

Our research facility continues to grow and serves as a valuable resource used by many members of the Newtown community. Over the past year, lots of work has continued with the reorganizing and re-boxing of the historic artifacts and collections as part of the state preservation grant. The research center is open to the public on Tuesdays during the day and on Thursday evenings, and also by appointment. Please see Harriet Beckert's report for more details.

Once again, we are indebted to all the members and friends who have given their time and energies toward making this past year extremely successful. We strive to uphold our mission of stimulating interest in, preserving, celebrating and sharing the history of Newtown.

I am stepping down as President as of April 2015 and am going to be replaced by Paul Gouza who has been a very active board member of the organization for years and has also been President from 2000 to 2004. I know he will do an excellent job in his new position and I will be on hand to assist in any way I can. I have thoroughly enjoyed my years as President and foresee great things in the future of the Newtown Historic Association.

Respectfully submitted, David Callahan, President

Newtown Historic Association ~ Annual Report 2014-2015 Holiday Open House Tour Report

REPORT OF HEAD HOSTESS CHAIR - LORRAINE PENTZ

<u>Homeowner</u> <u>Head Hostess</u>

Charles & Stacey Bancroft Janet Beasley

35 Court Street

Arleigh & Jennifer Closser Maryalice Hagan

204 E. Washington Avenue

Adam & Colleen Curtin Johanna Hager

231 S. Chancellor Street

Marti Farsje Keyna Crawford

113 Greene Street

Thomas K. Fisher Wendy Lion

4 Durham Lane

Kevin & Missy McCormick Heather Lewis

257 S. State Street

We had a good group of head hostesses. They had an unexpected challenge due to the rain that was light in the morning, but became heavy in the afternoon. Plastic runners were provided for the interior of the house. In addition, a box of plastic bags was placed inside the front entrance. Guests were asked to place their wet umbrellas in the bag (a bag could accommodate approximately 6 without becoming too heavy) and a person in the party was asked to carry the bag through the house and upon exiting individual umbrellas could be retrieved. A bucket was provided to hold the used bags. A box of 180 bags was approximately \$12.00. On Sunday we collected the plastic runners, the boxes of unused bags and the buckets. It seemed to work well. Ticket sales suffered from the inclement weather with approximately 450 sold.

The person who was posted on the inside of the front door was responsible for opening the door and allowing in the decided upon number of visitors in a group. The responsibility of the person on the porch was to talk to the visitors waiting to enter. He or she did not regulate the traffic into the house. This procedure has worked very well to improve the traffic flow.

I attended meetings at the six houses held by the head hostesses just prior to the tour. Printed instructions were handed out to the hosts/hostesses in attendance. Anyone not able to attend the meeting was sent the instructions by email by the head hostess. I wrote thank you notes to the head hostesses.

Terri Keane, who has provided the house tour publicity for several years, did her usual excellent job.

We offered complimentary tickets to the homeowners and workers who said they planned to go on the tour. All of the homeowners hosted a party in the evening. I heard many complimentary remarks from the head hostesses and the workers about how much they enjoy being a part of the tour. Heather Lewis said she would like to be a head hostess next year.

It was a pleasure working with everyone involved in the tour. The homeowners were very gracious and their efforts were evident in their lovely and welcoming homes. The head hostesses' responsibilities require that they provide staff for the tour hours, arrange to meet at the home and acquaint them with the details they need to point out to the visitors. It is always a pleasure working with our members who do a suburb job in keeping the tour and all its responsibilities running smoothly.

Report of the Head Hostess Chair Lorraine Pentz

Newtown Historic Association ~ Annual Report 2014-2015 Building and Grounds Committee

The Building and Grounds Committee continued to be pro-active this past year, recognizing and addressing any maintenance issue of the Association's building and grounds.

A new fire alarm system was installed in the Thornton-Hicks House and the north exterior stone was re-pointed.

A split rail fence was installed at the back property of the Half Moon Inn by a local boy scout troop.

A revised Facility Use Agreement was passed by the Board this year.

In March we had our annual Clean Up Day and it drew many volunteers. Special thanks to JoAnne Nardo, Nancy Freudenthal, Marilyn and Len Franckowiak, Phil Wynn, Barry Fleck and his grandson Brenda, Lorraine Pentz, Jeanette Rogers, Sheryl Rubin-Pitel, Mary and Dave Callahan. The Half Moon Inn looks great.

Respectfully Submitted, Paul Gouza, Dave Callahan, Barry Fleck, Dave Walton and Geno Peruzzi

Newtown Historic Association ~ Annual Report 2014-2015 Treasurer's Report

DATE OF REPORT: 04/01/15 PERIOD ENDING: 03/31/15

BALANCE ON HAND: 04/01/14 \$23,636.24

RECEIPTS

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Cemetery Tour	251.00	Open House Dinner (Jan.)	1,920.00
Cocktail Party	1,579.00	Newtown Past and Present Book	919.89
Cocktail Table Raffle	208.00	Photo's	30.00
Donations	5,249.11	Plaques	1,104.50
Grant - Website	4,000.00	Postcards 97.54	5.25
Historic Newtown Book	22.00	Research	449.25
Insurance Refund	66.00	Sales Tax	74.22
IN/Out	3,370.00	` Sampler – Donation	2,125.00
Maps	650.00	Shipping & Handling	10.00
Market Day 2014	7,255.00	Tavern Night 2015	3,270.00
Market Day 2015	200.00	Tavern Night Auction	837.00
Market Day Raffle	2,068.00	Tee Shirts	50.00
Market Day 50/50	35.00	Walking Tour	271.00
Mayer Book	25.00	Ways and Means	128.92
Membership-Corporate	1,350.00	•	
Membership	6,160.00	TOTAL RECEIPTS	
Membership – Life	0.00	\$56,378.97	
Miscellaneous	.83		
Mugs	45.00	RECEIPTS &	
Open House Tickets	11,450.00	BEGINNING BALANCE	\$80,015.21
Open House Ads & Sponsors	1,200.00		

DISBURSEMENTS:			
LAUER PROPERTY:		Charitable Org Reg. 10	00.00
Interest	6,472.56	Cemetery Tour	60.07
Gutter Cleaning	55.00	Cocktail Party 17	78.16
Lawn Maintenance	1,085.50	Computer	73.34
Snow Removal	525.00	Countryside Gardeners 3'	75.00
Maintenance	474.14	Donation – Fire Co.	00.00
Taxes	5,068.15	Fence – Split Rail	30.86
	\$13,680.35	Insurance 12,08	82.58
		IN/Out 3,3°	70.00
OPERATING EXPENSE		Map Restorations 3,6°	79.70
Acquisition - Sampler	2,125.00	Market Day 2,85	55.00
Audit	2,200.00	Market Day Raffle 60	69.60
Boone Garden	53.31	Membership 29	99.00
	Page 6	Miscellaneous 19	98.91
		Museum Shop 46	68.75

Open House	4,071.00
Open House Dinner (Jan)	2,026.00
Photo's	148.00
Plaque	880.80
Postage & P. O. Box	570.00
Programs	259.98
Research	736.77
Safety Deposit Box	25.00
Sales Tax	69.50
Sunday Socials	77.34
Tavern Night	2,530.68
Visa charge	130.71
Walking Tour	251.67
	\$40,796.84

OUTSIDE SERVICES

Alarm	300.00
Cleaning Service	338.00
Copier Maintenance	381.96
Electric	3,892.12
Electric – Boone Garden	286.11
Fire Ext. Inspection	368.00
Fuel Oil	4,282.64
Gutter Cleaning	315.00
Lawn Maintenance	720.00
Maintenance	499.53
Sewer	294.16
Snow Removal	550.00
Supplies –Office	384.89
Supplies-Building	191.62
Telephone & Internet	1,880.94
Water	138.09
	\$14,823.06

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$ 69,300.25

ENDING BALANCE \$10,714.96

THORNTON/HICKS ACCOUNT

DATE OF REPORT: 04/01/15 PERIOD ENDING: 03/31/15

BALANCE ON HAND: 04/01/2014 \$154,418.50

RECEIPTS:

Interest 221.53 Verizon Dividend 756.00

Frontier Dividend 33.60 \$1,011.13

RECEIPTS AND BEGINNING BALANCE \$155,429.63

DISBURSEMENTS:

Pannella Security Systems 1,850.00 Lucas Ltd 221.46 Country Stoneworks Inc. 9,500.00

Daniel Palmer – Carpentry 220.00 \$11,791.46

ENDING BALANCE \$143,638.17

SAVING ACCOUNT

DATE OF REPORT: 04/01/15 PERIOD ENDING: 03/31/15

BALANCE ON HAND: 04/01/14 \$3,528.97

RECEIPTS:

Interest 6.01 CD 16,153.51

RECEIPTS AND BEGINNING BALANCE \$19,688.49

DISBURSEMENTS:

None

ENDING BALANCE \$19,688.49

Respectfully submitted Marge Torongo, Treasurer

Newtown Historic Association ~ Annual Report **2014-2015 Education Committee Report**

The Newtown Historic Association coordinated the following educational lectures and special educational events this year:

- April 21, 2014 "Treasures from the Attic: Selected Items from the NHA Archives" by David Callahan (Annual Meeting)
- June 4, 2014 Fifth Grade Walking Tour of Newtown coordinated by Peg Walker
- June 20, 2014 Historic Walking Tour of Court St., Penn St., Chancellor St., and Centre Ave. led by Jeff Marshall
- October 21, 2014 Walking Tour of the Newtown Cemetery featuring Distinctive Monuments (General Membership Meeting) organized by Susan Thompson
- November 17, 2014 "Taverns of New Jersey" by Dennis Bertland (General Membership Meeting)
- December 20, 2014 Joulupkki Santa Claus from Finland made an appearance at the Half Moon Inn to the delight of many young guests and their families. Portrayed by Dan McAuliffe and Mrs. Claus by his wife Charie McAuliffe. Organized by Susan Thompson
- February 16, 2015 "Fabric Art" by David Dunkelberger (General Membership Meeting)
- March 16, 2015 "A Country Worth Fighting For" by Paula Gidjunis (General Membership Meeting

Some highlights from the year's activities included the annual Fifth Grade Walking Tour which was held on Wed. June 4th. Over 500 students participated from three local area schools: Goodnoe Elementary, Newtown Elementary, and St. Andrew's Grade School. The Half Moon Inn and ten other historic sites were visited on the tour.

The General Membership Meeting topical lecture series was very informative and well attended.

On October 11th our Market Day craft fair again had Candle Making led by Bill Mahler. Braving the rainy weather, many children and their parents participated in this fun educational craft.

Each year, efforts are made to develop special educational programs and coordinate outreach efforts aimed at promoting the history and culture of Newtown and the surrounding community.

Respectfully submitted,

Keyna Crawford, Education Chair

Newtown Historic Association ~ Annual Report 2014-2015 Tavern Night Report

On Saturday, March 7, 2015, the Annual Tavern Night fundraiser was held in the Half Moon Inn. Approximately 65 people enjoyed Food, Drink, Dancing, Music, a silent auction and Fun! Food was provided by Joe Garvey. Dancing was directed by John Krumm. Wine and Beer were available in the Tavern. The beer was from the Yard's Brewery in Philadelphia and came from their "Ales of the Revolution" line which features brewing recipes passed down from George Washington, Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson. Late night music and entertainment provided by Bill Dooley, Dennis O'Brien and other guests.

A very special thank you to Steve Lenihan, Barry Fleck and Janet Beasley for donating Items to the Auction. Also thanks to Marc Masso, owner, of La Stalla; Chef Pasquale, owner, from Vecchia Osteria; Nancy Pickering from Newtown Arts Company; and Bucks County Window Cleaning.

Additionally, Local Artist Judy LaTorre donated an original painting that she did of the Tavern Room. And a Special Thank you to Hank Crawford, Owner from Cold Spring Beverages in Wrightstown who ordered the Beer and Tap systems and donated items for the Silent Auction.

Financial Report:

Income:

	Ticket Sales	\$3,270.00
	Silent Auction	837.00
Expenses:		
Expenses.	Brillman Rental	246.00
	Wine	donated
	Beer	255.00
	Food	1 385 00

Beer	255.00
Food	1,385.00
John Krumm	475.00
(and Musicians)	
Bill Dooley	150.00
Miscellaneous	20.00

Net Profit: \$1,576.00

Respectfully Submitted by Bill Mahler, Chairman of Tavern Night Committee

Newtown Historic Association ~ Annual Report 2014-2015 Research Center Report

Edward R. Barnsley Room of Newtown History

The Edward R. Barnsley Room of Newtown History or Research Center continues to be open to the public on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. In the last year, almost 1,310 people called or visited the Court Inn and Research Center, primarily for tours. Over 45 people visited the Research Library to research Newtown history, genealogy and properties.

Our main emphasis continues to be updating our computer catalogue with information from new accessions and with data from items in the collection that have not been previously catalogued. From April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015, we processed 29 gifts and a total of over 445 new items were added to the collection. In addition, the computer entries of approximately 720 items already in the computer were updated to complete the entries. As of the end of March, our computer inventory included 15,357 photographs, 1,657 books, 3,412 objects and 16,209 archival items for a total of 37,233 items. This total reflects an increase of 1,165 items over last year.

In the past year, thirteen volunteers in the Research Center have worked over 1,816 hours. Our very able researchers, David Callahan, Mike Donovan and Jeffery Marshall have been busy helping the public. Mike also works on projects involving veterans. Bik Remmey continues to scan copies of the Advance into the computer so that they will be easily researched. Richard Mansley continues to be in charge of all accessions and processing archival items. Sarajane Dallas works to update the obituary file and to catalogue new additions to our textile collection. Heinz Heinemann, Rebecca Woodward and Ed Ohlers are working on new accessions to the photograph collection and on reorganizing the vertical files. Rebecca organized Edward Barnsley's notes and research this year. Gale Jefferson and David Callahan continue to work on reorganizing the attic and on cleaning, cataloging and storing the items found in the attic. Harriet Beckert accessions objects and deals with problem areas. We have four new volunteers. Richard Vitti and Barbara Tiberio are working on updating the vertical files, Ed Gerhard is inventorying objects and Rick Speranza is working on the photograph files. In addition, several other volunteers have helped on short term projects during the year.

Our librarian, Rik Booraem has moved to South Carolina and our photograph specialist, Heinz Heinemann has retired. Both of them will be greatly missed. Rik not only did a great job with cataloging books, but his knowledge of history was helpful in answering many research questions. Heinz did a monumental job in cataloging all of the photographs. Without his help, we would be cataloging photographs for the next ten years. We wish them both all the best in the future.

Respectfully submitted, Harriet Beckert Curator

Newtown Historic Association ~ Annual Report 2014-2015 Publication & Technology Committee Report

The Publications Committee is charged with maintaining and updating the Newtown Historic Association's print and electronic publications. The Publications Committee is pleased to report that several projects were undertaken this year.

Web – The NHA website www.newtownhistoric.org continues to be updated on a regular basis and serves as a repository for information related to the NHA and events. We also now have internet service at the Court Inn installed by one of our NHA members, Brian Titus.

Newsletter – The "Half Moon" newsletter is published quarterly in the spring, summer, fall and winter. The newsletter typically highlights events sponsored by the NHA, as well as listing new members, corporate members, recent acquisitions by the archives, articles for sale, as well as feature articles of interest to the Newtown community. Ideas for future articles are always welcome.

Past & Present Book – The "Newtown: Past & Present" book continues to be a steady seller, with approximately 50 copies remaining of the initial pressrun of 2,000 copies. The book consists of 81 historic photos rephotographed and presented side-by-side to highlight the evolution of Newtown. Photographed and written by Brian Rounsavill, with contributing editors David Callahan and Paul Gouza, the book is 168 pages, with a hard-bound cover, in an oversized coffee table style format. The cover price is \$39.99, plus tax. To date, we have sold over 1,900 copies and have raised over \$76,000 through this project.

Newtown Heritage Walk – Although it is not a true publication, the Newtown Heritage Walk is a visual display of Newtown's history for the public to enjoy. The Newtown Heritage Walk is a self-guided walking tour consisting of thirty-four wayside panels in Newtown Borough and Newtown Township that integrates historically significant sites along State Street (Borough) and Sycamore Street (Township). An 18" x 24" wayside sign has been installed at each stop that consists of a blend of text and photos. Each stop has been selected because of its historical value to the Newtown community, featuring sites from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries. The Heritage Walk is modeled after similar programs in Gettysburg, Harrisburg, Carlisle, the Delaware Canal, and other historic locations in Pennsylvania. Last year, we officially launched the Newtown Heritage Walk waysides.

Limited Edition Postcard Series – In response to community demand, we produced a limited edition series of thirteen postcards. A mix of old and new photos were chosen from "Newtown: Past & Present" that represent the main attractions in town. Postcards were sold to individual businesses and are also for sale at the Half Moon Inn.

Respectfully Submitted, Brian Rounsavill, Chair

Newtown Historic Association ~ Annual Report 2014-2015 Museum Shop Report

The Museum Shop had available to the public for purchase embroidered apparel, pottery mugs, cards, and books throughout 2014 - 2015. Items purchased from Land's End are embroidered with our Half Moon Inn logo. These items include fleece vests, pullovers, sweatshirts, polo shirts, and tote bags. All items were available for sale at Market Day and the Holiday Open House Tour. In addition, these items are also included on the Historic Association's website, www.newtownhistoric.org, under the Museum Shop tab. Photos and prices are included.

In addition, the Museum Shop was approved by the Board of Directors last April to purchase approximately 75 T-shirts with the Half Moon Inn logo silk screened on the back from Newtown Printing. These T-shirts are now available for purchase at The Half Moon Inn and will also be on sale at this year's Market Day and Holiday Open House Tour.

Respectfully submitted, Geno Peruzzi, Museum Shop Chair

Newtown Historic Association ~ Annual Report 2014-2015 Market Day Report

Our 38th annual Market Day was held on Saturday, October 11th. The weather was rainy and cold and attendance was down significantly over previous years.

Once again, Market Day continued past traditions. Among the Highlights for 2014 were:

The Street layout continued with the new configuration of Crafters on only one side of the street. There were a record 80 crafters signed up. Given the weather, many crafters were unable to attend. Because we value our crafters, the NHA provided a credit for their spaces to be used in the future.

Children's activities were in the Boone Garden again and were well-attended despite the weather. The candle making tradition was continued. The Penn's Woods Puppeteers returned and performed, "Rummpelstiltskin" and had their "Play with me Puppet" Theater, where kids run the show.

The annual traditions of Craft Vendors, Colonial Artisans, Farmers with produce, Food from local eateries, the Re-enactors from the First Crossing Church were all continued. Music was provided by the Coyotes and also the Boys of County Bucks.

The Half Moon Inn was open for tours with the Full Moon musicians and the Out-of- Tuners providing the entertainment. Mercy Ingraham demonstrated Open Hearth Cooking in the Inn while many folks were busy making scarecrows in the Meeting Room. The NHA Welcome table was especially busy managing the many changes required for the day.

Nancy and Frank Steigerwalt managed a very successful raffle. This year's winner of the "Bed and Breakfast in Cape May" gift certificate was won by NHA member, Donna Nicolazzo, of North Wales.

We want to thank those companies and businesses who helped to sponsor Market Day:

Gilbert, Wilson and Hunter Johnson, Kendall, Johnson The First National Bank of Newtown Breezy Point Day School and Camp Charlann Farm

And once more, we extend our thanks to the many volunteers, including our members, friends, and students, who helped with the planning, set-up, the day's activities and clean-up. Without your efforts we could not produce this event. Thank you for helping us to continue the Historic Market Day tradition.

Respectfully submitted, Bronwyn Jones and Susan Thompson

Newtown Historic Association ~ Annual Report 2014-2015 Membership & Events Committee

The lovely decorations provided by the Countryside Gardeners on the occasion of our Annual Holiday Open House Tour held on Saturday, December 6, 2014, provided the perfect opportunity to acknowledge many of our volunteers and the hosts and hostesses of the Half Moon Inn.

At the end of a long and successful tour day, our tour guides returned for refreshments and camaraderie. A light supper of baked ham, salad, dessert and beverages were enjoyed. It was a great way to say thank you for a job well done and how much it was appreciated.

We also had two "Sunday Social's" during the past year. On September 14, 2014 and February 8, 2015. This is an occasion where we invite possible new members, acknowledge volunteers, meet new people and offer opportunities to volunteer for ongoing and future projects. We have entertained over 60 guests at these two events and tours were given showing off our building and Research Center and refreshments were served. Many new connections were made between guests and members and plans are in place to hold another Sunday Social in early summer.

We continue to strive to tell more of our friends and neighbors about the Newtown Historic Association and to ensure its future through sharing its past.

We began the year with 233 members

Regular and Contributing Members – 207

Life Members – 14

Corporate Members – 12

We ended the year with 265 members

Regular and Contributing Members – 237

Life Members – 15

Corporate Members – 13

We are pleased to welcome our new members to the NHA and thank all of our members for their continued support. We continue to highlight the generous support of our Corporate Members on our website and in our Quarterly Newsletters.

We thank our members for their support and encourage them to invite friends and neighbors to join the Newtown Historic Association

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E. Thompson and Bronwyn Jones Membership Chairmen

Newtown Historic Association ~ Annual Report **2014 Cemetery Tour**

The Newtown Historic Association held its fourth annual cemetery tour at Newtown Cemetery located on Washington Avenue, Newtown PA on Sunday, October 26, 2014 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

The focus this year was on interesting headstones and individual histories.

Included was the gravesite of David and Margaret German. The grave marker is made of metal, a material thought to outlast the engravings of stone, dating from 1878. It includes a symbolic "century plant" or agave representing immorality.

The gravesite of Dr Cornelius Baker and his wife, Elizabeth, appears to be a bed and represents their eternal rest. It even includes an area for flowers in the "bed".

Several headstones included on the tour are in the shape of an obelisk. This is a symbol for the Sun and dates back to the Sun God, Ra of Egyptian times.

Amongst these is the headstone for the Watkins family. Andrew Watkins enlisted into the Army of the Republic at age 42. He was wounded and captured at the Battle of White Oak Swamp in Virginia and within a month died in Libby Prison.

The Leedom family, another long-time and well-known Newtown family, share an obelisk shaped stone. Several of their family also served in the Civil War.

Also included on the tour and some of whose members served in the Civil War were the Hutchinson and Lincoln families, members of the Wynkoop family. and Oliver Allen.

The gravesite of the Pidcock family was another included. Many generations of this family served the Newtown community in the vital role of blacksmith.

Jon Guy presented the fascinating life story of Morrell Smith whose headstone looks like a large boulder. He enlisted as a soldier and was tragically killed in World War One.

Local historian and board member, Jeff Marshall related the interesting history of the Newtown Cemetery and the unique architectural aspects of the Chapel.

Various Newtown Historic Association members presented the stories of these past residents of Newtown.

Apple cider and apple cider doughnuts were served as refreshments and donations received for the event will be used to help the Newtown Cemetery Association restore the stained glass windows of the chapel.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E Thompson, Tour Chair