



The Half Moon

The Newsletter of the Newtown Historic Association

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Welcome

The Newtown Historic Association presents this newsletter to the Newtown community with the goal of providing news and information on related historic and preservation events and activities in our area. We welcome any suggestions for future articles.

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Upcoming Calendar

February:

- 2/4: **Appreciation Dinner** from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Temperance House
- 2/20: **General Meeting** at 7:30 p.m., Newtown Theatre

March:

- 3/24: **General Meeting** at 2:00 p.m., Old Presbyterian Church

April:

- 4/15: **Annual Business & General Meeting** at 7:30 p.m., Court Inn
- 4/27: **Annual Spring Cleanup** at 8:30 a.m., Court Inn

For further details, visit www.newtownhistoric.org.

November General Meeting

The November general meeting of the NHA was held on Monday, November 20th, 2023. Christine Applegate, Educator from the [Museum of Indian Culture](http://www.museumofindianculture.org), was the speaker. The topic was "The People of the Northeastern Woodlands."



In her presentation, Christine described the culture of the people of our area, the Lenape, before and after the arrival of the European colonists. Living in our area for a minimum of 15,000 years (they say they've been here since the beginning), the Lenape took advantage of the natural resources and seasonal changes to build their society. They developed unique styles in housing, clothing, cuisine, and social structure. With the advent of the Fur Trade, new products became available and the relationships among neighboring tribes and the natural world changed.

Christine Applegate



The presentation was very interesting, and the event was well attended by approximately 40 people.

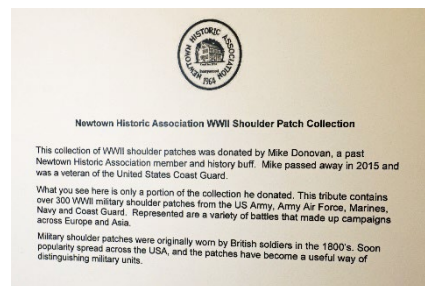


NHA Participates in "Skull Sessions"

Photos: Neale Messina

The NHA participated in the "Skull Sessions" group art exhibition at the Hicks Art Center of Bucks County Community College from November 20, 2023, through January 6, 2024.

The artworks in the "Skull Sessions" exhibition represented a current survey of the range of genres in which 20 artists amongst their art group peers (from Upper Bucks County to South Philly) are currently practicing. The NHA exhibit showcased our collection of WWII shoulder patches donated by Mike Donovan, a past NHA member and history buff.



Annual Holiday Open House Tour

Photos: Neale Messina

The Holiday Open House Tour is held on the first Saturday in December—rain or shine. On December 2nd, 2023, the rain held off and the sun peeked through the clouds by the afternoon. This year was our 60th tour—a milestone for the NHA.

The Holiday Open House Tour gives visitors the opportunity to peek into several of Newtown's unique private residences, all dressed for the holidays. This year, five private homes and seven public buildings were open for visitors. Many ticket holders showed up and enjoyed their day. The winners of the framed historic Newtown reprint were Suzanne and Robert Zlotnick of Huntington Valley, PA.



We hope to see you again later this year at our next Holiday Open House Tour. In the meantime, please enjoy these photos of the 2023 event. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the day a tremendous success!





Historical Notes About the Holiday Open House Tour

The original Open House Tour was sponsored by the Newtown Civic and Historic Association and was called "Christmas in Colonial Newtown." It was held on Saturday December 14, 1963, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and the price per person was only \$1.50.

Seven distinctive homes in Newtown were featured, including the Homestead (1800) at 127 South Sycamore Street; a colonial residence (1740) on South State Street; the Quintin House (1801) at 149 North State Street; the Bird in Hand (1690) at 111 South State Street; the Georgian House (1830) at 111 Court Street; the Schofield House (1837) at 113 Court Street; and a Victorian house (1860) at 219 Washington Avenue. Other buildings included on the tour were the Newtown Presbyterian Church, St. Luke's Episcopal Church and Christmas Alley of the Hanging Lamp on North State Street.

A carol and candlelight parade in costume was featured on Friday night starting at Washington and Chancellor Streets, and street caroling on Sunday beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Bird in Hand. It was noted in the program that the Newtown Civic and Historic Association desired to acquire a historic building and if necessary restore it as a headquarters. The monies derived from the celebration of "Christmas in

Colonial Newtown" were to be used toward this goal.

Annual Recognition Dinner

The NHA annual recognition dinner to honor those homeowners and public building stewards who participated in the 2023 Holiday Open House Tour will be held on **Sunday, February 4th, 2024, at the Temperance House.** Cash bar begins at 6:00 p.m. and the dinner begins at 7:00 p.m.



During this event, the NHA will be recognizing five homeowners and four public building stewards for their participation in the house tour. In addition, there will be a slideshow playing photos taken by Neale Messina on the day before and day of the tour.

The cost is \$55 per person. Tickets include a salad, plated dinner, and dessert, and are available on the NHA website at <https://www.newtownhistoric.org> or call Keyna Crawford at (267) 679-9287.

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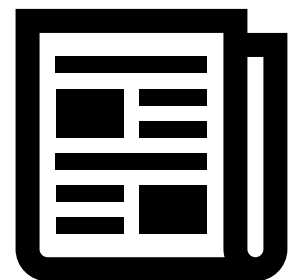
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<https://www.newtownhistoric.org/about-us/newsletters/>.



February General Meeting

Our February general meeting will be held in the **Newtown Theatre on Tuesday, February 20th, at 7:30p.m.** The presentation title is "Portraying George Washington: An Evening with John Godzieba." The event is being presented by the Friends of Washington Crossing Park and the NHA.

John Godzieba



This year marks George Washington's 291st birthday. Godzieba has portrayed George Washington since 2009 and serves in this role at Washington Crossing Historic Park. During this presentation and Q&A, Godzieba will discuss Washington's time in Bucks County, little known facts about the general's life and character, how Washington's birthday was celebrated through the years, the research that goes into Godzieba's portrayal and uniform, and his personal experience portraying Washington at the park's annual crossing reenactments and many other occasions.

Tickets for this event are \$15 for the public and \$10 for members of the Friends, the Historic Association, and the theatre. Proceeds will benefit all three non-profit organizations.

The theatre is located at 120 N. State Street in Newtown Borough. For more information and tickets, visit www.TheNewtownTheatre.com/events.

March General Meeting

Our March general meeting will be held at the historic **Old Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 24th, at 2:00 p.m.** The leaders will be Phil Winn, Brent Wiggins, and Pam Allen. The topic will be the "Restoration of the Old Presbyterian Church Graveyard."

In this tour, Phil, Brent, and Pam (The Gravediggers, self-named) will talk about the restoration and preservation history of the church graveyard.

For the past six years, a small cadre of volunteers has met weekly from early spring until late fall to identify, clean, straighten, repair, refabricate, and reset headstones and footstones in the graveyard.



This project followed a 4-day workshop course conducted by Andy deGruchy, owner of LimeWorks.US and the Craftwork Training Center, entitled "Basics of Cleaning & Repairing Historic Grave Markers" for interested church members. The course contained both lecture and hands-on sessions. Mr. deGruchy had previously professionally repaired a number of headstones funded by grants and contributions.

The Old Presbyterian Church is located at 76 N. Sycamore Street in Newtown. Parking is available in the grassy field behind the church on South Eagle Road across from the Newtown Farmers Market. We invite you to hear about this rewarding and ongoing project. We hope to see you there!

Annual Business Meeting and April General Meeting

The NHA Annual Business Meeting and April general meeting will be held in the **Court Inn on Monday, April 15th, starting at 7:30 p.m.**

The Annual Business Meeting will be conducted first. It will include the election of Directors and Officers for a new term. Also, there will be a review of the organization's events over the past year.

The Annual Business Meeting will be followed by the general meeting, which will be presented by Board members Mary Jo Garner and Keyna Crawford. The presentation topic is "Treasures in the Attic."



Annual Spring Cleanup

Our annual spring cleanup day at the Court Inn will be held on **Saturday, April 27th, beginning at 8:30 a.m.**



We are seeking volunteers to assist with the cleanup. No experience necessary. Please come help us and have some fun making the Court Inn shine again, especially those who are interested in helping with our buildings and grounds.

If you have any questions, please contact Paul Gouza at pgouza12@gmail.com.

New Accessions

- Council Rock High School basketball programs, in memory of Madeline Wiggins Kerns – Charyl Hills
- DVD video of farming on Tyler Estate and surrounding land that became Tyler State Park, in memory of Roland Porter – Marie Vollmer
- Many items related to Joseph Flum – Helen Murphy
- Many items related to the Richardson family – Barbara Richardson

Do You Have Historic Items to Donate?

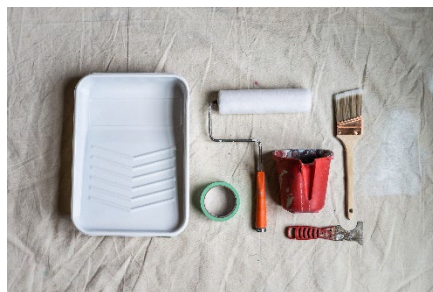
If you have historic items to donate to the NHA (pictures, letters, research on a property or family, furniture, etc.), please contact us at (215) 968-4004.

Court Inn Improvements

Each year prior to the Holiday Open House Tour, the Court Inn gutters are cleaned out. This year was no exception.

The second-floor bathroom faucet at the Court Inn was leaking, so it was repaired. This bathroom has not received any attention nor have any improvements been made in about 50 years, so renovations are planned for the spring (new toilet, shut off valves, and floor tiles).

You may remember that the Tavern Room was recently painted in time for the Holiday Open House Tour. It looks beautiful. Next on the list is the Innkeeper Room. This painting is planned for January.



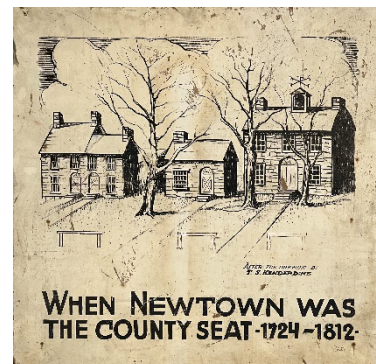
The Court Inn conserves and exhibits objects having historical and/or artistic importance for the purposes of education, study, and entertainment. At times, the NHA organizes programs and activities

for an audience of all age groups. Security of valuables and safety of visitors and staff is of prime importance to the NHA. As such, a new surveillance camera system was recently installed by MJ Electronic Solutions of Warminster, PA.

Vestiges of When Newtown was the County Seat

by Rick Speranza

Much has been written about the time when Newtown was the County Seat, a period that lasted from 1726 to 1813. During this period the town was bustling with activity centered around the Court, which drew people in from the far reaches of Bucks County. So far that the location would eventually be deemed inconvenient, and the courts moved to Doylestown. The development of the Court House grounds became the most important in Newtown history and promoted the growth of the village. However the memory of the County Seat in Newtown has mostly been lost to time. Although the seat of justice was removed 210 years ago, there are still remnants of these county buildings in Newtown today, if one knows where to look.



Vestiges of When Newtown was the County Seat (cont'd)

The Court House was a two-story stone building, 30' by 28', with double doors on the front side, and matching fireplaces at each end with stone chimneys. The front faced South, and it sat on an elevated location overlooking Centre Avenue (then King Street), with Court Street running to the East. It had a hip roof, with a cupola on top, "like a dog kennel", with a bell. To the rear of the building projected a semi-circular recess, or bay-window. It was in this recess that the judges sat on an elevated platform facing the front doors. The second story was finished with Jury Rooms. Records indicate that the Court House was heated with a ten-plate stove, a new one being furnished in 1790.

When the courts were moved to Doylestown in 1813, the Court House was repurposed. Newtown Friends, local Quakers led by famed preacher and artist Edward Hicks, first met in the disused building prior to the erection of their Meeting House on the opposite end of Court Street. From 1818 to 1824 it was used as a repository for the Newtown Library Company's books, with their meetings being held in the Grand Jury room. In 1823 it became the arsenal for State muskets. The Newtown Academy started its life in the Court House under the direction of Reverend James Boyd. Early exhibitions of the Bucks County Agricultural Society were held in the Court House yard. Even after the removal of the county seat, the Court House remained the polling place for local elections. The building was put to good use in the following years until it's demolition.

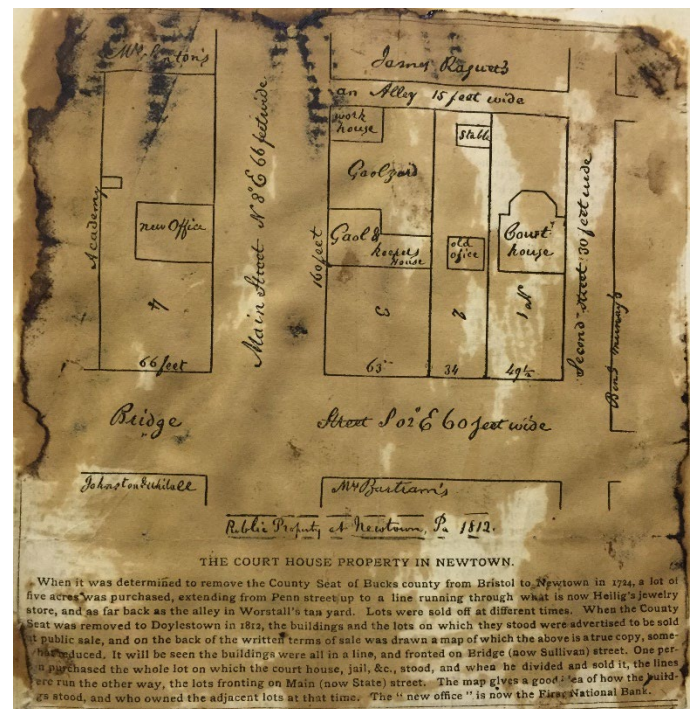
Exactly when and why the Court House was demolished was not recorded. The latest activity we hear about takes place in 1827 when Samuel D. Ingham delivered an address in the Court House during the Agricultural Exhibition. Local historians Thaddeus S. Kenderdine and Josiah B. Smith don't offer any insight as to the time frame of demolition. Kenderdine indicates that the time is not known. An article in the August 30, 1830, Bucks County Intelligencer helps to narrow it down:

"Newtown: The seat of justice after it was removed from Bristol, continued at Newtown until the year 1810, when it was removed to Doylestown. The public buildings have

been, within the past year, pulled down and two or three large mansion houses erected in their stead."

There are inaccuracies, such as the 1810 date and the fact that large mansion houses were not erected on the location of the former county buildings; however, it's the only source of information as to when the buildings were demolished. In an Original Records Reviewed article from 1938, 20th century local historian Edward R. Barnsley writes it was not until the spring or summer of 1830 that the old Court House was town down. It is likely that the source of Barnsley's information was the Intelligencer article. Beyond that, we find no mentions of the date of demolition.

The Court House property in Newtown, 1813



As to why the building was demolished, we have only one clue. An article in the April 26, 1873, Newtown Enterprise says:

"It is stated that a similar accident occurred near the same spot about 60 years ago. It was contemplated to use the old Court House as a manufactory of some kind, and efforts were made to excavate a cellar under it. In doing this the foundation was undermined, and a man named Benjamin Jolly was crushed. He lived about three

Vestiges of When Newtown was the County Seat (cont'd)

weeks after the accident. After that the old Court House was torn down, and the frame house now owned and occupied by James Moore removed on its site."

No further information could be found on Benjamin Jolly, and the accident couldn't have been 60 years prior, as the Court House was still standing in 1813. It is curious that many sources say that up until the 1921 renovations, one could see the heavy arch that supported the east chimney in the basement. If that were the case, a cellar always existed under the Court House. It wasn't first excavated when Benjamin Jolly got crushed. Further research may shed light on this. The dimensions of the building standing today match the description of the size of the Court House precisely.

There's also the question of who demolished the Court House. Silas Philips purchased the full tract of county buildings in 1829 with his wife Hannah. They sold the jail parcel in 1830 and the Court House parcel in 1832. The 1832 deed does not mention the county buildings. If the 1830 date is correct, Silas Philips was the owner of the buildings when they were torn down. An 1877 discovery that lends credence to this theory is that, when demolishing the Samuel Philips (relation to Silas unknown) barn which stood on Washington Ave, a piece of a direction stone was found in the wall that had originally stood at the jail wall in Newtown. The direction stone showed the distance to Philadelphia as 24 Miles and 64 Perches and was dated 1767. Years later, in 1891, the second half of the stone was found when tearing down an old carriage house on the Heston property down State Street. If Silas and Samuel Philips were related somehow, it would make sense that they used the materials from the demolition of the court and jail to build a barn.

Milestone from Jail wall



Frame house on foundations of old Court House circa 1912



After the demolition of the Court House, a frame building was moved onto its foundations, and it remains there today. Exactly where the frame building stood prior to this is unknown. A few sources indicate it could've been on the corner of Court and Centre, where the second library building, later the Stuckert Building, now stands. Prior to the move, it was used as a carriage shop by Charles Craven and John S. Cornell. Josiah B. Smith writes that it was built by Joseph Briggs as a workshop for his hands. The original location, blocking the Court House from Court Street, seems unlikely, as one of the advantages of the location of the county buildings is their imposing line up facing Court Street. One would think it a bad place to erect a frame workshop, especially when the Court House was still standing.

The frame house, often noted as standing on the original foundations of the Court House, had various uses. It was a furniture shop, carriage factory, and dwelling, and the Siloam Lodge, No. 256 I.O.O.F. was instituted upstairs in 1847. In 1921, local real estate broker Ada Reeder bought and converted the frame building into a side-by-side duplex. It was said that one could see the heavy arch in the basement that supported the east chimney of the old Court House. This chimney and any remnants of the arch were removed during Reeder's renovations. Today, nothing remains of the Court

Vestiges of When Newtown was the County Seat (cont'd)

House except the foundation walls and presumably the cellar. The old wooden sideboards of the frame building, which can be seen in a circa 1912 picture, are still extant under the asbestos siding of the current building. This is the only good existing picture of the house pre-1921 renovations. It can be seen in the background of some photographs of the second library building, which plainly show the east chimney.

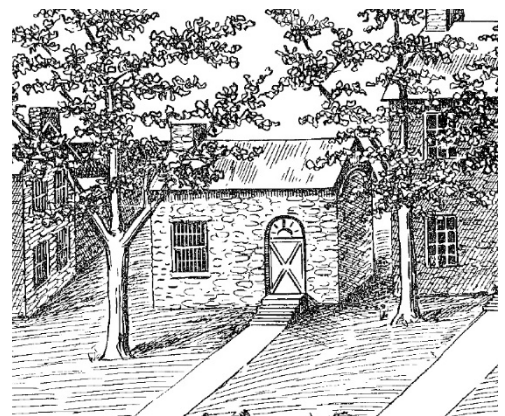
Heilig house, 2nd library building and frame house showing chimney circa 1912



Next to the Court House stood the Treasury Building, also known as "Old Fire-Proof." The Treasury was built per an Act of Assembly passed March 21, 1772: *"The Commissioners and Assessors with the approbation of the Justices and Grand Jury of the County of Bucks have at considerable expense lately erected in the town of Newtown, near the Court House, a strong commodious house, well secured from fire, accidents and evil minded persons, for the safe keeping and preserving the records and public papers of the county."* The building served as the office of the Prothonotary, Recorder & Register and the depository of the County records.

The Treasury Building was built of stone, 12' by 16' on the inside, walls of well-dressed stone work, 2 feet thick. It was ceiled over with a brick arch, 12 inches thick. It was one story and covered with a wooden roof. The interior resembled a milk vault. It had three windows, with a very low doorway. The original door was made of iron, and the windows had iron gratings. The walls and arched roof inside were whitewashed, with no ornamentation. There was an

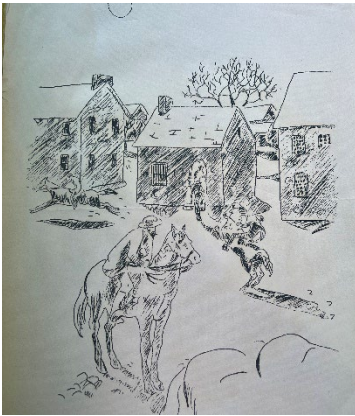
Old Fire-Proof



Vestiges of When Newtown was the County Seat (cont'd)

open fireplace in the west end. It contained two fireproof vaults on one side and two offices on the other side. Heavy bars of iron ran from side to side near the ceiling, where the county records were stored. Although it was touted as fire and burglar proof, the latter was proved wrong when the Treasury building was robbed by the infamous Doan gang on October 22, 1781.

Doans robbing the Treasury at Newtown



In 1796, the Treasury Building was deemed too small to adequately serve the county's needs, so a new, substantially larger, building was built across State Street, perfectly in line with the three other county buildings. This building still stands today, the most complete relic from the era. After its retirement, the old Treasury Building had multiple uses. It was a junk shop, town lockup, store room for rough goods such as iron and coal, dwelling house, the tailor shop of Benjamin Walton, work shop, horse stable, sheriff's office, and a warehouse. What a versatile little building it was.

In May of 1856, the Bucks County Intelligencer was given a tour of the Treasury Building by then owner Joshua Woolston. It noted, *"If the roof is renewed from time to time, this building will stand for centuries to come, the walls being as sound and firm as the day they were erected."* Less than 20 years later, a man would come to town and tear the old building down.

The third county building was the jail, of which there were two in Newtown. Up until 1745, the jail was located near the present day 27 S. State Street. It proved to be too small for the growing criminality of Bucks County, so a new jail and jailer's house was erected directly east of the Treasury Building, in a line with that and the Court House. The gable end was flush with the pavement of State Street. The original jail was kept as a work house for the prisoners. The new jail stood at the present 35 S. State Street and parts of it remain to this day.

35 S. State Street when much of the jail's wall was visible



In 1915 local historian Thaddeus S. Kenderdine noted that the walls of the jail and the jailer's house were practically intact, and that *"the principal part of this building was the prison and jailer's house and office."* Other historians made note of this as well. Josiah B. Smith wrote:

"Directly west of the treasury building was the jailer's house and jail or 'gaol,' as it is called on the ancient plan before me. The main part of the building having been used as the subsequent dwelling makes the matter of interest, the general impression being that they were demolished with the court house and treasurer's vault. Instead of this the east end of the present dwelling is as it was-then the jailer's office and a part of his rather contracted residence, next the jail, the two making an L 33x20 feet, extending east from the main building 33x33, abutting directly on the pavement. The east end shows plainly its 170 years of existence, while the cellar of the jail end has plain evidence of its uses for the more refractory of those who were 'cabined, cribbed, confined,' in the strenuous way of the times."

The east wing of the house was the jail office. In a paper read before the Bucks County Historical Society titled *"The Early Courthouses of Bucks County,"* Mary T. Hillborn notes:



Vestiges of When Newtown was the County Seat (cont'd)

"The kitchen of the house, on what is generally called the Heilig property, now owned by Horace G. Reeder, was the office and the barroom of the jail, where everybody in and out of confinement could get rum, if they had the money to pay for it. Under this room were several cells..."

Mary is undoubtedly speaking of the time of jailer Patrick "Paddy" Hunter, who kept a bar and sold rum while in office. This is supported by historian Josiah B. Smith. *"Paddy was a hard case, and while he was jailer it was as difficult to keep prisoners in jail at Newtown as it is now at Doylestown."*

Heilig house postcard



Daniel B. Heilig purchased 35 S. State Street in 1873 from the estate of Dr. M. P. Linton. Shortly afterward, he purchased the Treasury Building from James Moore, a blacksmith who lived in the house on the foundations of the old Court House. Heilig owned the property less than two months before he commenced tearing down the quaint old building. Old Fire-Proof had its revenge though, as Heilig's arm was badly crushed when trying to pry apart the heavy arch on his own. It is said that Heilig used the materials to build a one-story watch and jewelry shop. This is presumably 33 S. State Street, though the building is mostly brick, which is curious. He had intentions of demolishing this building for a larger structure, but he died before the project got underway. Heilig was a busy man about town in the decade he lived in Newtown, erecting several storefronts on State Street adjoining his residence. However, he removed an important part of Newtown's history for the sake of one squatty-looking store.

Heilig made many improvements to his properties during his tenure in town, which included the three lots to the north of his residence. Articles in the Newtown Enterprise mention him coming across the old prison well while digging a foundation, finding the foundation of the old prison wall, and finding rare old coins and an ancient cannon ball while excavating a cellar. When he tore down the Treasury building a stone with the name H. Rockhill carved in it was found in the south wall of the structure, noted the Bucks County Intelligencer in its coverage of the demolition. In 1800, he



Vestiges of When Newtown was the County Seat (cont'd)

discovered the cellar and foundation of the first jail, fourteen feet square, though no interesting relics were recovered in the process. The town was interested in these historical finds, as evidenced by the amount of newspaper coverage that they were given.

By 1873, little remained of the original county buildings. The western jail yard wall, parts of which still ran along State Street in front of Heilig's house, is still there today. A large portion of the Heilig house itself was formerly the jailer's house, and the basement was said to contain remnants of the cells that previously housed prisoners. At this point, the frame house on the Court House foundations still retained the heavy arch that had supported the east fireplace.

Today, there is nothing left of the Treasury Building, except the materials possibly used to build 33 S. State Street. Excavations at the site in 2023 uncovered traces of the foundation of the building, and metal detecting in the area has produced some colonial era items including bale seals, today's equivalent of a merchandise tag. A visit to the jailer's house showed signs of the original structure in the basement, though no obvious cells were evident as Josiah B. Smith had intimated. A visit to the cellar of 27 S. State Street, the location of the first jail, proved interesting in that there were odd small hollows cut out on opposing sides of the walls. Further investigation is warranted.

In 1920 William R. Stuckert owned the Heilig house and the frame house, and intended to demolish both structures to erect a moving picture gallery and garage. Luckily, this plan never materialized, or the center of town would look much different today.

New Treasury Building, 1796



More remains of the county buildings than people realize when they walk past the old jail wall in front of the Heilig house. More than two hundred years ago, the county's criminals were housed right next to where one shops for clothing today. Many stories have been told from within those walls, some of which luckily still exist. The 1796 Treasury Building is still standing directly across the street from the Heilig house.

The principal information in this article comes from a few sources. Historian Josiah B. Smith's scrapbooks at the Bucks County Historical Society provide insight into the situation with the county buildings during his lifetime. Thaddeus S. Kenderdine's 1915 pamphlet *When Newtown Was The County Seat* expands upon Josiah B. Smith's research. It delves further into the subject, giving a good glimpse of

the state of the buildings during that year, and taking a more lighthearted approach that borders on absurdism. The Newtown Enterprise, especially during the 1870s, often wrote about the old county buildings. These sources have proved very helpful in understanding the past and present configurations of the buildings. Edward R. Barnsley didn't seem particularly interested in the subject. His plans for a book about when Newtown was the county seat were uncovered, but it never materialized, and it doesn't appear as though the research was done.

(For the full list of sources, visit <https://buckshistory.blogspot.com/2023/11/vestiges-of-when-newtown-was-county-seat.html>)

Daniel B. Heilig's storefronts



Kathy Gonsalves and Susan Thompson



Newtown History on Tour

Photos: Gary Albaugh

The NHA took Newtown history on tour during a visit to Brookdale Senior Living Community in Richboro, PA on January 9th, 2024. Residents were informed about the NHA and our mission, and several artifacts of local history were shared and explored. The presenters were Board members Susan Thompson and Kathy Gonsalves. Approximately 20 residents were in attendance.

