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Spring Garden Fest 2011.

Mrs. Weddle to host first garden party fund-raiser.

ANTIETAM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION should soon benefit from the generosity of one of its charter fellows. Mrs. Darlene Shockey Weddle, of Waynesboro, has graciously donated the use of her beautiful gardens for the first AHA Spring Garden Fest fund-raising event.

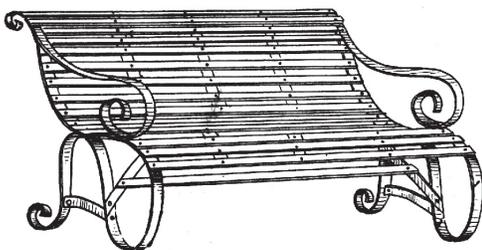
Spring Garden Fest 2011 will be held rain or shine on Saturday, May 21, 2011, between the hours of one and four o'clock in the afternoon at Mrs. Weddle's residence located at 524 Green Street, Waynesboro, Pennsylvania.

The cost of admission is \$10.00 per person. Tickets are available directly from AHA or at these business locations:

- TG Designs, 19231 Longmeadow Road (Paramount), Hagerstown, Md.
- Green Arbor Flower & Shrubbery Center, 11401 Buchanan Trail East (Rouzerville), Waynesboro, Pa.

Limited tickets will also be available at the gate. AHA members are encouraged to invite friends to join them in attending.

For more information or to purchase tickets directly from AHA, please telephone (717) 658-6789 or email events@antietamhistory.org.



Delightful Surprises Lie Beyond A Modest Facade.

As the accompanying photograph suggests, Mrs. Weddle prefers an informal garden. The garden paths meander under dawn redwood, magnolia, copper beech, and flowering crabapple trees. They lead to sunny beds where sweet woodruff, bleeding heart, lily-of-the-valley, larkspur, sea pink, columbine, coral bells, bearded iris, Shasta daisy, love-in-a-mist, white trillium, deutzia, dwarf fothergilla, Japanese kerria, spicebush, viburnum, and numerous other plant varieties bloom.

Three experienced gardeners will act as docents. Mesdames Terry King and William Kolb (the latter a Master Gardener) will assist Mrs. Weddle in answering questions regarding the wide variety of plant-life on her property.

Music, Refreshments, and More Nature!

The focal point of the property is the gazebo, with adjoining fishpond, where guests at Spring Garden Fest may sample teas brewed using several plants grown in the Weddle gardens—and perhaps be serenaded by a bullfrog.

Other beverages and teatime refreshments will be served from the patio. In this part of the yard grow bee



SCENE IN MRS. WEDDLE'S GARDEN.
Photographed circa 2004.

balm, ajuga, day lilies, burning bush, and Harry Lauder walking stick.

Mrs. Weddle describes her creation as a "cottage garden." She encourages visitors to peek into the potting shed and old-fashioned "privy." Her aim was to create a space similar to what her grandparents might have had, "a pleasing place to wander and forget all your cares." 🌿

The second annual Kentucky Derby Party has been cancelled. The boards of directors of both the sponsoring organizations deemed it inadvisable to attempt such a fund-raiser in the current economic climate. Maybe next year!

The following is a continuation—from THE RIVULET, Number 2, Page 3— of an article about the headwaters on South Mountain in Adams county, Pa. The correspondent known as "Aitch" contributed the piece to the July 10, 1879, edition of the Gettysburg (Pa.) Compiler. It has been presented here in its entirety, as an interesting piece of regional natural history, even though some parts of it transcend the history of the Antietam country.

HEADS OF STREAMS IN THE SOUTH MOUNTAIN.

Near the Shippensburg road, on the west side of Green Ridge, or Piney Hill, as it is here called, on a flat, are two ponds produced by springs issuing from the earth. The ponds are only about one hundred yards apart in a northeasterly direction. The one towards the south is the source of the north branch of the East fork of the Conococheague previously referred to. It flows southward along the foot of the western slope of Piney Hill and Green Ridge to Caledonia furnace. It is augmented by the waters of Birch run, which approaches it from the northwest. The other is the source of Mountain Creek. It flows into Cumberland county by way of Pinegrove furnace and discharges its waters into the Yellow Breeches, thus contributing to Cumberland county's most important stream. The Conodogwinet is a wider and more placid stream, being more sluggish in its movement, but the Yellow Breeches carries a larger volume of water, being more rapid



South Mountain Headwaters of Antietam Creek.

in its flow, and furnishes more water power. Besides, upon investigation it will be found, I think, that an affluent of the Conodogwinet has some fibrous rootlets in Adams county.

There remains but one more important stream to be mentioned in this paper, the Conowago [*sic*]. The spring from which it takes its rise is in the southern end of the romantic Buchanan Valley, on the property of Mr. William Shepherd. It flows to the northeast through the Valley, then turns to the southeast, making its way out of the mountains through Bell's Gap, west of Arendtsville. Its general course thence is eastward, until it reaches a point where the borders of Reading, Mountpleasant and Hamilton townships meet and where it is joined by the Little Conowago, when it courses to the northeast, enters York county at East Berlin, and, flowing through it, pours its waters into the Susquehanna below York Haven.

The principal tributary of the Conowago is Opossum creek, which likewise has its origin in the South Mountain, (Broad Valley.) One of its leading springs is on the north side of the Bear Mountain, near the summit, on the farm of Mr. J. Hoffman; the other is near Wenksville, on the property of Mr. Amos Schlosser. The two branches meet a little to the west of Pine mill, from which point the course of the stream is eastward, sweeping around Bendersville southward and emptying into the Conowago below Jacobs's grist mill.

The Conowago is the largest stream of Adams county, and, while I would not detract from the beauty and importance of the staid old Codorus, I

nevertheless think that, as to amount of water, breadth, graceful winding and majestic movement, it is the latter's peer, if not superior. It waters a large district of country. Indeed this seems to be the special object of its tortuous course towards the big river. Its weed-waters are the home of the delectable brook trout, while throughout its course, from the mountain to the river, it abounds with sucker, pike, fall-fish, eels and snapping turtle, while the black bass planted in it a few years ago are becoming quite numerous and are working their way up the stream, some having been seen at "Spruce Bank." Many persons, therefore, find it a source of profit as well as enjoyment to frequent its mossy banks and cast the deceptive bait upon its waters.

Of course all these streams are augmented by innumerable rills and brooks flowing from constant springs issuing here, there and everywhere, from clefts of the rocks in the mountain side.

The Bermudian and Latimore, well-known creeks in the northeastern portion of this county, do not rise within its borders. Their head-springs are in the South Mountain just beyond the line. Their affluents, however, are entirely on Adams county soil. Latimore creek flows into the Bermudian at Wilt's mill, (formerly Woford's,) and the latter joins the Conowago at Emig's dam, near Davidsburg, in York county.

I have tried to be brief. My only, and, I trust, sufficient apology for the length of this article is the interest I take in the subject.—AITCH.

THE END.

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Hereditary Societies of Waynesboro.



ANTIETAM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION has inaugurated “The Hereditary Societies of Waynesboro” by inducting Dr. A. Kathryn Oller, Waynesboro, into the Alexander Mack Society. Membership in The Hereditary Societies is based on direct descent by blood from various historical figures whose lives or families have helped shape history in the Antietam country of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Oller is a native of Waynesboro. She graduated from Waynesboro High School and Juniata College with a degree in Latin and English. She retired as associate dean and professor of Drexel University’s college of information science and technology. Following her retirement, she served as secretary and archivist of Waynesboro Historical Society for a number of years. Also a genealogist, she has traced her own lineage, including her direct descent from Alexander Mack (1679–1735).

Mack, a German miller, is recognized as the founder of the religious denomination now known in America as the Church of the Brethren as well as various other denominations deriving from that sect. In August 1708 at Schwarzenau, Germany, eight persons, including their leader Alexander Mack, entered into “a covenant of good conscience with God” and were baptized by immersion in the river Eder. They became the first congregation of German Baptists.

After fleeing from Germany to Holland, Mack eventually settled in Pennsylvania and lies buried in the churchyard at Germantown. Many of his descendants have been prominent in the vicinity of Waynesboro. The house built by Mack’s grandson Jacob Mack stands along the south side of Amsterdam Road, east of Waynesboro.

AHA selected Alexander Mack as



the first subject of the hereditary project because of his major impact on world religion and the large number of his local descendants. “He helped establish an important American denomination, and we want to recognize that,” says AHA President Rock.

Membership in The Hereditary Societies of Waynesboro is by application. Supporting documentation and a \$25 fee must needs accompany each application. For purposes of the Mack Society, AHA accepts lineages back to an ancestor mentioned in Freeman Ankrum’s *Alexander Mack the Tunker*.

AHA hopes to achieve several goals with the hereditary project. First, it will allow living persons to celebrate their historical ancestors in a material way. Second, it will in turn recognize the successful applicants as offspring of important contributors to history. And, finally, the completed applications will strengthen the information base which AHA maintains to assist present and future researchers. In short, it can be fun, educational, and inspiring.

The Hereditary Societies will be phased in over a period of time. The next group opened to applications will be the Captain Thomas Wallace Society. Descendants of the men listed on Captain Wallace’s militia rolls for 1789 and 1790 will be eligible for membership.

Applications for The Hereditary Societies, as well as instructions, are available at www.antietamhistory.org or from AHA by mail. Prospective applicants may also request information by emailing AHA at—

hereditariesocieties@antietamhistory.org. 

Sidney E. Miller



AHA President Rock congratulates Dr. A. Kathryn Oller (centre) upon her induction as the first member of the Alexander Mack Society. AHA Genealogist T. A. Dorsett, who reviews Hereditary Societies applications, looks on.

IN MEMORIAM

PAULINE KAUFFMAN MAXWELL
WILLIAM HAROLD PAYNE

New Fellows.

The following persons have become fellows of AHA since the period for becoming charter fellows closed:

MARION P. GROVE FELLOWS.

Mr. Alex R. Margin, Jr.*

J. H. STONER FELLOWS.

Mrs. Jean Stoner Hockett,

Mrs. Susan M. Stoner Redwine.**

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Miss Sally T. Stanley,

Mr. Cecil F. Wells.

*Formerly a J. H. Stoner Fellow.

**In loving memory of George B. Stoner.

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The Hereditary Societies of Waynesboro.

The following persons are the first three applicants inducted into The Hereditary Societies of Waynesboro:

ALEXANDER MACK SOCIETY.

Mr. Michael R. Flohr,

Mrs. Raymond W. Ingraham,

Dr. A. Kathryn Oller.

Their lineages are as follows:

Anna Kathryn Oller was born at Waynesboro, Pa. She is the daughter of Daniel George Oller and Blanche

Ruthrauff, his wife, both deceased.

Daniel George Oller was the son of George Amos Oller and Anna Florence Hoffman, his wife.

George Amos Oller was the son of Daniel Oller and Ann Elizabeth Hykes, his second wife.

Daniel Oller was the son of Joseph Oller and Rebecca Stoner, his wife.

Rebecca Stoner was the daughter of David Stoner and Mary Mack, his wife.

Mary Mack was the daughter of Jacob Mack and Hannah Englehart, his wife.

Jacob Mack was the son of Johannes Mack and Anna Margaretha Schneider, his wife.

Johannes Mack was the son of Alexander Mack and Anna M. Klingden, his wife.

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Michael Richard Flohr was born at Waynesboro, Pa. He is the son of Donald Clifton Flohr and Beulah Madaline Minnick, his wife, both deceased.

Beulah Madaline Minnick was the daughter of Benjamin Franklin Minnick and Grace Maxwell Royer, his wife.

Grace Maxwell Royer was the daughter of Samuel Francis Royer and Nancy Catherine McGinley, his wife.

Samuel Francis Royer was the son of Daniel Royer and Eliza Maxwell, his wife.

Daniel Royer was the son of Samuel Royer and Susannah Mack, his wife.

Susannah Mack was the daughter of Jacob Mack and Hannah Englehart, his wife.

Jacob Mack was the son of Johannes Mack and Anna Margaretha Schneider, his wife.

Johannes Mack was the son of Alexander Mack and Anna M. Klingden, his wife.

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Carol Darlene Stinebaugh (Mrs. Raymond Walter Ingraham) was born at Waynesboro, Pa. She is the daughter of Russell C. Stinebaugh and Minta May Shank, his wife, both deceased.

Minta May Shank was the daughter

of Jacob Benedict Shank and Esther Viola Barnett, his wife.

Jacob Benedict Shank was the son of Henry S. Shank and Fannie B. Benedict, his wife.

Fannie B. Benedict was the daughter of Jacob Benedict and Susannah Wilt, his wife.

Jacob Benedict was the son of John Benedict and Nancy Mack, his wife.

Nancy Mack was the daughter of Jacob Mack and Hannah Englehart, his wife.

Jacob Mack was the son of Johannes Mack and Anna Margaretha Sneider, his wife.

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Our Logo.

A number of persons have inquired whether the AHA logo depicts a real scene along Antietam. It does not. Rather, the logo picture is a vignette from B. M. Nead's *Waynesboro* (1900), and is attributed to Nead's friend Julius Friedrich Sachse (1842-1919), of Philadelphia. Sachse was a manufacturer, artist, amateur photographer, and historian of the Pennsylvania Germans.

It is nevertheless pleasing to imagine that our logo captures some Nineteenth-century lad—perhaps a hopeful fisherman—lost in contemplation while gazing into the sparkling waters of Antietam from one of its picturesque stone arched bridges. 🌿

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