

The regular meeting of the Cheltenham Township Historical Commission was held tonight.

Members present were: Barbara Bartlett, Louise Cohen, Herschel Elias, David Harrower, Lois Hirsch, James McCann, Dorothy Spruill, John Washington, Jr., Mary Washington, Joyce Werkman and Tom Wieckowski. Guests present: Ed Landau, Darlene Melton, Ray Burg and Mitchell Kramer. Staff present was: John Hoover, Director of Parks and Recreation (See attached attendance list).

1. *Call to Order* – Chairman Harrower called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M. and introduced John Hoover, Director of Parks and Recreation who will be the Staff Liaison for the Historical Commission. Each member introduced themselves to the guests. Mr. Burg stated he recently moved back to Cheltenham and Mr. McCann invited him to attend. Mr. Kramer, a Cheltenham Township resident, noted that he is a historical interpreter for the National Park Service, and has worked with the Fairmount Park Commission and was invited to attend by Ms. Cohen.

2. *Acceptance of Minutes* – Mr. Harrower asked for a motion to accept the June 21, 2012 meeting minutes. Ms. Cohen made a motion to accept the minutes; seconded by Mr. McCann and unanimously approved.

3. *Committee Reports*

A. Education Committee – Ms. Cohen asked for suggestions for speakers for Black History Month and announced that Dr. William Pickens will present a lecture for National Historical Preservation Month in May 9, 2013. Ms. Cohen also noted that volunteers are needed for the docent schedule and she distributed a sign-up sheet.

B. Preservation Committee Report – Mr. Harrower discussed the draft Historic Resource Overlay Ordinance which will be presented at a community meeting on September 20, 2012 at Curtis Hall at 7:00 p.m. to explain the impact this proposed ordinance could have on your property if it is being considered for designation as a local landmark. Mr. Harrower noted the

203 properties documented on the Cultural Resource Surveys were included in the draft Ordinance. Discussion ensued regarding notices in the Times Chronicle and Suburban Realtors Alliance; seller's disclosure; demolition; etc.

C. Museum Committee Report – Mr. Harrower thanked Misses Spruill, Werkman, Cohen and Breen for putting together a terrific exhibit which was ready for Market Day.

Mr. Harrower noted that there has been a problem with the internet service since June and asked Mr. Wieckowski to look at the computer.

Mr. Harrower will make a contact at Cheltenham High School regarding student docents.

Mr. Harrower spoke with a member of the Old York Road Garden Club regarding maintenance of the Herb Garden; however, another entity has expressed interest in maintaining the Herb Garden and harvesting surplus for two local food banks.

4. Chairman's Report –

A. Mr. Harrower extended thanks to all those who contributed (Historical Commission members, family, friends, and Township Staff) to the success of Market Day. Mr. Harrower commented that the weather was good and thirty-four (34) vendors participated. A new food vendor, musicians and performers, which included performances by an Arcadia Staff member and Cheltenham High School choral groups, were on hand. The Historical Commission was grateful to the many local businesses who generously contributed donations for the 50/50 raffle: Penny's Flowers, Velvet Sky Bakery, Darryl's Bakery, Acme Markets (Flourtown), Marco Polo Ristorante, Lil' Rizzo's Pizza, The Malt House (Mt. Airy) and contributions from Nolan Painting and Earth Bio-Tech. Mr. Harrower will acknowledge their contribution. Mr. Harrower also noted that supply of the History of Cheltenham books were sold out. He asked if the Township had more books and could they replenish the supply at the Wall House. Revenue and expenses were reviewed at the meeting for this year's Market Day.

It was suggested that if Market Day is scheduled next year, that outreach to vendors should begin earlier as they set their dates in March and April. Mr. McCann suggested advertising on Craig's List. There was also a suggestion for making Wall Park Drive one-way on the day of the event.

B. Mr. Harrower mentioned several upcoming events: Titanic Lecture by underwater archaeologist Jim Sinclair at Haverford College on Sunday September 16, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. Also, Mr. McCann noted that Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association is hosting Old Fashion Mill Days Open House at the Evans Mumbower Mill on September 16, 2012. Mr. Harrower noted that he attended an event presented by the Northeast Philadelphia History Network on Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at Delaware Valley Historical Society which discussed Frank Furness, Architect.

Mr. Harrower noted that two office chairs were recently donated to the Richard Wall Museum for the Carriage House.

C. Mr. Harrower asked that bulbs be replaced in two exit signs in the Museum and one in the Carriage House. Mr. Hoover will follow-up with the property supervisor.

5. Staff Report –

A. Richard Wall House Water Infiltration Project - Mr. Hoover noted that the roofing work around the chimneys and repairs to several windows had been completed at the Richard Wall House. The walls around the interior chimney on the third floor have been plastered. The walls are currently being painted.

B. FY 2013 Budget - Mr. Hoover inquired about recommendations for the 2013 Budget. Mrs. Spruill stated that she and Ms. Breen have some requests and will e-mail those to the Township Administration. Mr. Harrower stated that he plans to meet with Mr. Galdo in the near future.

6. Old Business

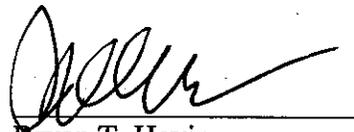
A. Kerlin Farm Development Application – Mr. Landau gave a brief update on the status of the house and the history of the property and recent development plans. Mr. Harrower noted that the Kerlin Farms Zoning Appeal will be heard at the next Zoning Hearing Board on October 15, 2012. Mr. Landau is preparing a presentation for that meeting.

7. New Business – Ms. Werkman informed the Commission members of the Citizens for the Restoration of Historical La Mott's (CROHL) plans to celebrate Historical La Mott and Honor the United States Colored Troops 150th Anniversary and the founding of Camp William Penn. The date is September 21, 2013 and volunteers are needed. Parade, lectures, films, music, self-guided tours, exhibits and encampment are planned. (See attached.)

8. Other Business – Mr. McCann noted John Lutz, who was a member of the former Cheltenham United Methodist Church, dropped off two boxes of minute books from the church dating back to the 1860's. Mr. McCann asked if the Historical Commission would be interested in having the books for the archives. Mrs. Spruill stated she would accept them as a donation.

9. Moments in History – Mrs. Washington shared the following articles: 1) The Times Chronicle, Saturday, September 1, 1923; Times Chronicle, Thursday September 17, 1931; Times Chronicle, September 13, 1934. (See attached.). Mrs. Washington also mentioned that John Washington, Jr's birthday was September 13th.

10. Adjournment - There being no further business, upon motion of John Washington, Jr., seconded by Mr. Wieckowski and approved by the Historical Commission, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.



Bryan T. Havir
Acting Township Manager

Submitted by: Kathryn McDevitt



MEETING ATTENDANCE LIST

Historical Commission Regular Meeting @ 7:30 P.M.

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Carriage House

One Wall Park Drive, Elkins Park, PA 19027

(Please Print Clearly)

Print Name	Mailing Address (only if different)	Telephone Number (only if different)	E-mail Address (only if different)
<i>Stanley Dunphy</i>			
<i>John Washington Jr</i>			
<i>Joyce Werkman</i>			
<i>RAY BURG</i>	<i>618 woodland ave Chelt. PA 19027</i>	<i>379-2003</i>	<i>RAY.DAVE416@AOL .com</i>
<i>JAMES J. McANN JR</i>			
<i>Mitchell Kramer</i>	<i>863 Rock Lane ELKINS PARK</i>	<i>215-287- 3506</i>	<i>MitchellKramer@ yahoo.com</i>
<i>Louise Cohen</i>			
<i>Barbara Bartlett</i>			
<i>Mary Washington</i>			
<i>John Wickham</i>			
<i>ED LANAU</i>	<i>1829 Chelsea Rd LAWMOTT PA 19027</i>		

*DARIONE MELTON
Lois H. Wilson*

*HERSCHEL ELIAS
Dave Harrower*

CROHL Preliminary Event Bulletin

Save the Date
Sept. 21, 2013



You are invited to help
Celebrate Historical La Mott and
Honor the United States Colored Troops 150th Anniversary
and the founding of Camp William Penn*

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM in Historical La Mott

Parade
Lectures
Films
Music
Guided and self-guided walking tours
Exhibits
Encampment

Regimental USCT Re-enactors
Impersonators of Civil War Figures

Rain or Shine
Events will take place inside and outside
Visit www.usct.org for information as the program is developed
Phone: 215 885-2258

Presented by: Citizens for the Restoration of Historical La Mott and
The Camp William Penn Museum with support of
The 3rd Regiment USCT Re-enactors and
The 6th Regiment USCT Re-enactors

*Camp William Penn, which was located in what is now modern day La Mott, was the first and largest Federal training site for colored soldiers during the Civil War.

Note: Volunteers needed for help in all aspects of this event; some starting now and some the day of the event. Ideas and suggestions are also welcome. If you are able to help or participate, please contact:

Citizens for the Restoration of Historical La Mott
1618 Willow Avenue
La Mott, PA 19027
Phone: 215 885-2258
Email: pt@usct.org

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

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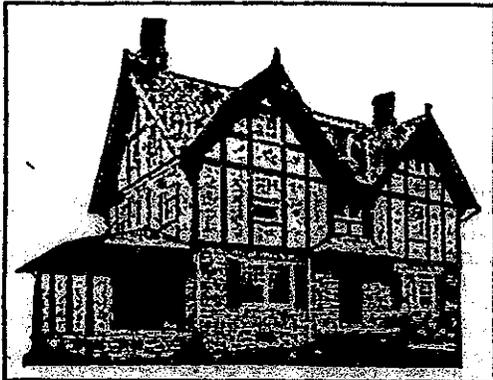
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Suburban Property

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ELKINS PARK



The beautiful Cadwalader Estates at Elkins Park have been made even more beautiful by the erection of some wonderfully attractive homes in the styles of Colonial, English and Italian architecture. Mr. Horace Trumbauer is the architect, Mr. Milton W. Young the builder, which means that nothing has been overlooked that conduces to beauty or to comfort. Prices not only alluring, but terms that will suit you—easy, convenient.

Situated within five minutes' walk of Elkins Park Station, on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad. Within five minutes' walk of Old York road and trolleys. Houses now open for inspection.

Elkins Park Land Co.
ELKINS PARK, PA.

The Philadelphia Inquirer, September 1, 1912

THOUSANDS OBSERVE MOVING WHOLE HOUSE

Special to The Inquirer.

OGONTZ, Pa., Sept. 7.—Thousands of people traveling over the Old York road, just north of City Lane, have watched with interest the work of moving, bodily, a three-story stone residence from its foundations on Melrose avenue to another location at least 300 feet distant. The house, weighing possibly 400 tons, is owned by St. John's Lutheran Church congregation of Ogontz, and because the contract has been awarded for the erection of two new handsome church buildings at the corner of Melrose avenue and Old York road plans were developed for the removal of the residence property to another site owned by the congregation and located 300 feet eastwardly on Melrose avenue.

The removal work is in charge of Christian Derr, of Frankford. When the first "slide" was made the house was moved eight feet in twenty minutes. The second "slide" of eight feet required twenty-two minutes. Under the system so far used not a single break or crack in the building has developed. It will require ten days, possibly two weeks, to place the house on the new foundations.

The contracts for the new St. John's Church and for the new St. John's Sunday school building have been awarded to W. John Stevens, of Jenkintown. Excavation work for the cellars, contracted to Edward Ganley, of La Mott, is being done along with the removal of the residence property. It is planned to push the construction work so that the edifice can be dedicated at Easter in 1913. The new church will be of Gothic architecture, rural design, 100 by 50 feet in size, of McKinley stone, and with a seating capacity of 500.

The Philadelphia Inquirer, September 9, 1912

PHILA. ELOPER IS FREED ON BAIL

Delaware Courts to Decide 'If Harry C. Dryden Misrep- resented Bride's Age

Father of Youthful Wife Tells of Stormy Scenes When He Op- posed the Marriage

BRIDEGROOM DRYDEN IS STILL A PRISONER

Special to The Inquirer.

OGONTZ, Pa., Aug. 31.—Harry C. Dryden, of 1602 Jackson street, Philadelphia, is still a prisoner at the Ogontz police station awaiting action on the perjury charges which, it is declared, will be prosecuted against him in the State of Delaware, as the outcome of the sensational elopement and marriage of young Dryden and Miss Marion C. Taylor, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Taylor, of the Melrose Park section.

Although young Dryden was remanded on Friday night, August 24, by Magistrate Haines, of the Ogontz station, to await the arrival of extradition papers from Delaware, none have yet reached Ogontz. Chief of Police Robert Lindsay commenting on this phase of the case, said today:

"It seems to me there is an unwarrantable delay in this matter and something will have to be done pretty quickly. I don't purpose holding this man a prisoner in Cheltenham township for an indefinite period."

It is declared Dryden eloped to Wilmington with young Miss Taylor and married her, securing a license on the allegation that the girl was 18 years of age, whereas her mother declares she is but a year more than 14. It is on this allegation that the perjury proceedings developed.

According to the Cheltenham authorities, the young girl-wife does not visit her husband at the Ogontz station. It is said she is not at home with her parents and that she intends to stick to her husband, no matter what the legal developments may be.

Special to The Inquirer.

WILMINGTON, Del., Sept. 4.—Harry C. Dryden, the Philadelphian who on July 1 eloped with Marion Taylor, of Melrose Park, Pa., and was arrested on the charge of perjury in misrepresenting the age of his bride on applying for a marriage license, faced his father-in-law, Richard E. Taylor, today at the hearing. He was held under \$500 bail for trial in the New Castle Court.

It is alleged Dryden represented that the girl was 18 years old, the legal marrying age, while her parents assert that she is not and that Dryden knew she was not.

After being locked up at Ogontz, Pa., for nearly three weeks, Dryden was brought here yesterday by Detective McCoy, but was bailed out last night by J. C. O'Neal, a local man. When he appeared at the hearing today his wife was not present.

Magistrate Thomas H. Buckley produced a certificate showing that Dryden had sworn that the girl was 18 years of age, to the best of his knowledge and belief. The marriage license, giving the ages, was admitted in evidence. Richard E. Taylor, father of Mrs. Dryden, testified that his daughter was 14 on June 29 last. He said he knew Dryden knew his daughter's age, as on the occasion of her thirteenth birthday anniversary he brought her a present, as he was living at the Taylor house at the time. In August of last year, the witness said, Dryden spoke about desiring to marry the girl, and when the father objected, on account of her youth, he replied that "he would wait until she was 14, when the parents would have no control over her."

Dryden, on taking the stand, entered a general denial of statements attributed to him. He said he had known Miss Taylor eighteen months, that he thought she was 18, which had told him in the spring of 1911 that she would "soon be 18." He denied being told by any member of the family that the girl was 13. He also denied giving her a birthday present, as alleged, or speaking to her father about marrying her. He said he had spoken to her mother about it and the latter objected, stating that the girl was too young, but he alleged she did not say how old she was.

He said he courted the girl about a year before he married her.

Rev. George J. Wolfe, who married the couple, said the girl told him she was 18, and she looked to be that old. Charles B. Dawson testified that the couple had rooms for a short time at their house, 526 West Fourth street, and that the girl told him and his wife that she was 18.

Mr. Taylor, on being recalled, said he drove Dryden out of his house after he said he would marry his daughter after she became 14. He said Dryden later returned to the house intoxicated and wanted to see Mrs. Taylor, as he wanted to marry the girl. He said he ordered Dryden out. Dryden refused to go. They wrestled and Dryden, being the stronger, got the better of him, but Dryden left after witness had obtained a revolver and threatened to shoot.

Dryden's counsel pleaded hard for dismissal on the ground that Dryden believed the girl was 18, while Prosecuting Attorney Wolcott held that the State had shown that he knew she was not. The magistrate granted the request of the State that the case be sent to the county court.

WILL COMPLETE HER EDUCATION IN PARIS

Miss Ida Mae McFadden Sails To-
morrow With Her Mother for
the French Capital



IDA MAE McFADDEN

Special to The Inquirer.

GLENSIDE, Pa., Sept. 16.—To complete her education in music and languages, Miss Ida Mae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. McFadden, of Glenside, will sail from New York for Paris on Wednesday morning. She will be accompanied by her mother, who will visit her other daughter, Mrs. E. O. McVitty, in Paris, for several months.

The Philadelphia Inquirer, September 17, 1912

Widener Memorial Church Work

Special to The Inquirer.

OGONTZ, Pa., Sept. 16.—St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Cheltenham, located on the Old York road at Ogontz, the place of worship of many prominent Philadelphia families who have their country homes in the neighborhood, is being extensively remodeled and renovated as a memorial to George D. Widener and his son, Harry Elkins Widener, two of the victims of the Titanic disaster of April last. The work is being done under the personal direction of Mrs. George D. Widener, the widow of George D. Widener, and will involve the outlay of many thousands of dollars. George W. Elkins is also placing in the same church two handsome memorials in memory of his mother, Mrs. William L. Elkins.

The Philadelphia Inquirer, September 17, 1912

Cheltenham's Prospects Look Good

ELKINS PARK, Sept. 22 (Special).—The Cheltenham High School footballers were given eight practices during the last week, and the first team is fast rounding into shape for the opening of the season on Friday, September 27. The outlook for a successful season is very gratifying, as the team is showing up in great shape.

The Cheltenham High schedule, as filled to date, calls for these games: September 27—Bryn Athyn Academy, at Bryn Athyn; October 1—Ambler High School, at Elkias Park; October 4—Chester High School, at Chester; October 8—Hovestown High School, at Hovestown; October 14—Haddonfield High School, at Elkias Park; October 18—Lower Merion High School, at Elkias Park; October 25—Friends' Central School, at Philadelphia; November 5—Jenkintown High School, at Elkias Park; November 8—Palmyra High School, at Elkias Park; November 15—Media High School, at Media; November 22—Cheltenham High Alumni team, at Elkias Park.

The Philadelphia Inquirer, September 23, 1912

Tribal Day on Sunday

CHELTENHAM, Pa., Sept. 26.—Representative and tribal day will be celebrated on Sunday at the Red Men's Home. The exercises will begin at 3 o'clock, and will be in charge of a committee composed of Samuel A. Gentel, Past Sachem; Charles D. O'Neill, John J. Barnes, William J. Snyder and Edward Bernard. At the close of the services ground will be broken for an addition to the home, to accommodate twenty-four more inmates.

The Philadelphia Inquirer, September 27, 1912