



The Pencader Press

Pencader Heritage Area Association Newsletter

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Who are we? Volunteers interested in promoting Pencader Heritage through active participation.

How do we do that? ~ Outreach programs ~ Educational Sign Program ~ Video Library ~ Local Oral Histories ~ Preservation of Pencader History.

PHAA Museum 2029 Sunset Lake Rd. Newark, DE. 19702 phone # 302-737-5792

Open: 1st & 3rd Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free Admission!

Want more information? Visit our web site @PencaderHeritage.org.
or @ Facebook.com/Pencader Heritage Museum

The Museum Picnic Grove



Finally, winter seems to be giving way to spring. As you can see from the photo, we have a lovely picnic grove and it's available for rent. Contact us through the website for more information.

At Pencader, we're looking forward to our 2016 activities. See Coming Events at the end of newsletter and mark your calendar.



Lt. David R. Eastburn

taken from a wartime
photograph before his promotion

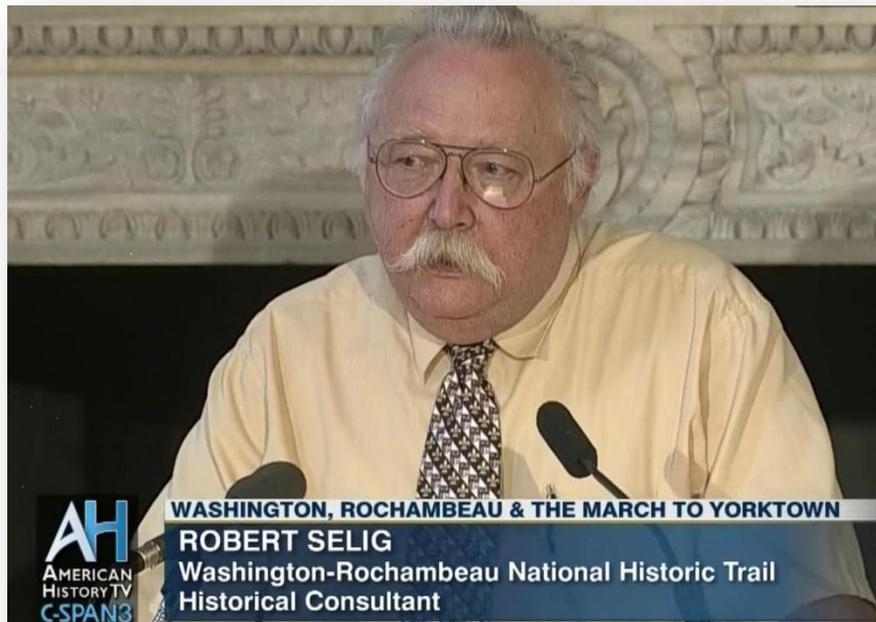
As mentioned in the last Pencader Press, the museum is showing the wonderful collection of WW II aerial photographs by Lt. Col. David R. Eastburn. With the aid of retired DE Air National Guard Brig. Gen.

Kennard Wiggins, a member of our Advisory Board, we have submitted Lt. Col. Eastburn's name for admission to The Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame. Along with the photographs, Lt. Col. Eastburn's daughter donated 10 rolls of 16mm film which needs to be converted to digital format. Given its age, the film may prove to be fragile so this will be an expensive and delicate process. We would welcome suggestions as to sources we can approach for advice. Donations toward the cost would also be appreciated.

☞ Utility bills are our biggest expense. In order to trim cost of electricity we recently installed energy efficient LED bulbs at the museum. Alpha Projects, Inc. did the conversion for cost of materials, donating the labor.

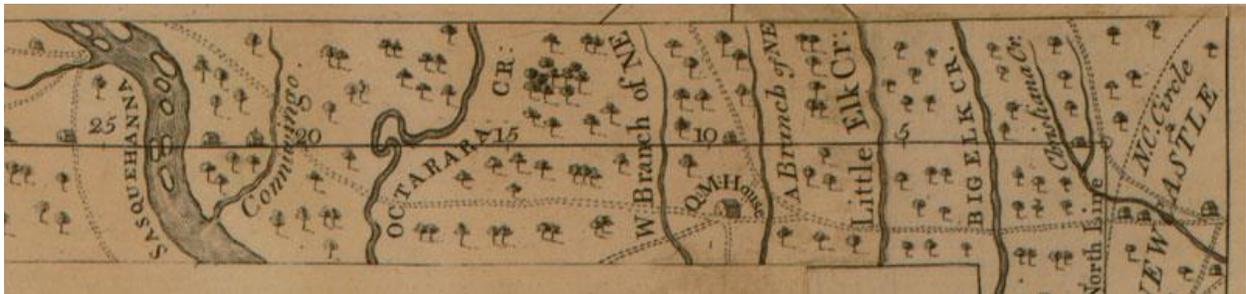
☞ Thanks to New Castle Councilman David Tackett, we have received a grant from Council to cover the cost of replacing the deteriorating framing of our educational signs in the Flag Plaza at Dayett Mill Road and Old Baltimore Pike. We are grateful to County Council for the help.

Dr. Robert A. Selig, PhD



Recent research has unearthed the fact that German soldiers accompanied the French in aiding our American Revolution. That German mercenaries aided the British against us is well-known. Dr. Robert Selig will give a presentation honoring the Germans who helped us, 3:00 p.m. April 30 at the German cultural club, Delaware Saengerbund, on Salem Church Road. Pencader deeply appreciates the support of Delaware Saengerbund, Wilmington Francaise Alliance and W3R in presenting this historical seminar. The presentation is free and open to the public, but a reservation to ensure seating would be appreciated. Call Bill Conley at 302-559-5738 for reservation.

☞ Linda Duffy, formally elected to our Board in December, has been appointed Curator at the museum. Linda comes to us with a degree in American History. She is well-versed in historic preservation and loves to organize.



Mason and Dixon Line

Detail from the Library of Congress Map collection: "A Plan of the West Line or Parallel of Latitude" by Charles Mason, 1768.

Presenting information about the Mason-Dixon markers is one of the displays at Pencader Heritage Museum and Pencader is very concerned about the badly damaged Mason-Dixon marker on Rt. 40 at the Maryland line. It is only a few inches above ground when it should be at least 24" high. We have asked the aid of Historical and Cultural Affairs in approaching the State of Maryland to formulate a joint plan of protection for this critical piece of our heritage. Pencader Press goes to numerous recipients in Maryland as well as Delaware. Please contact elected representatives in your state asking them to press forward on this imperative project.

The Cooch Family Display



We have recently revamped our Cooch family artifacts display. The majority of items are from the estate of Virginia Cooch-Hardwick. Virginia preserved important papers, books and photographs belonging to the Cooch family. As well as genealogies and memorabilia of those who married into the family line.

Also exhibited, are beautiful examples of silver and china which once adorned the Cooch-Hardwick family dining table. Stop into the museum and have a look. It might be the only place you will see a gold and silver plated soft-boiled egg cutter, shaped like a chicken!



Upcoming Events

All events are open to the public and are always free.

☞ Regular hours at the museum: The 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 10-4p.m.

☞ Saturday April 30th at 3:00p.m., Dr. Selig's lecture at the German cultural club, Delaware Saengerbund. See above for more information.

☞ Our annual military re-enactors encampment on Saturday, May 14th from 10-4p.m

Pencader Heritage Area Association membership

Pencader's offer of a Life Membership, at \$100, ensuring funding for long-term projects has been well received. Regular memberships (\$10.00) and donations go to operating expenses. See form at end of newsletter to join or donate to us.

To those of you who have renewed your membership for 2016 a grateful thank-you. To others, whom we hope will join us, this is your opportunity. Pencader is a 501c(3) organization, all donations are tax deductible. Your donations are our only source of income.

During 2015 we sponsored our annual military re-enactors encampment, *Wreaths Across America* program, annual memorial service, enlarged our educational signs program, refreshed and added to our exhibits and hosted over 800 visitors. These are just a few of the opportunities for reaching our goal of educating the public about the history and heritage here in Pencader Hundred. Your membership and contributions make these endeavors possible.

Please send this form with your check to:

Pencader Heritage Area Association

273 S. Dillwyn Rd. Newark DE 19711

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Renewal____

\$10.00 per person____

\$25.00 per family____

\$100.00 Lifetime membership____

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Our website is currently undergoing a major revision, so be sure to check it regularly@ pencaderheritage.org.

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