



Our History



Haverford Township, Delaware County, was first settled by Quakers from Wales, who arrived in 1682 with the dream of establishing a "Welsh Barony"

on land purchased from William Penn. The early economy was shaped by its geography—grist and saw mills, located along Cobbs and Darby Creeks dominated local industry. Farms prospered near the many streams and on its rich soil.

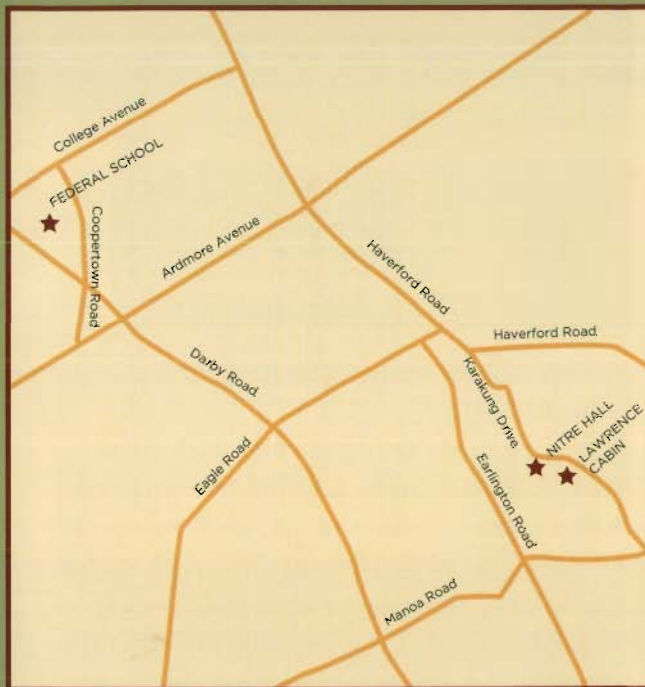
During the 19th and 20th centuries, Haverford Township's population grew as rail lines offered easy access to the city. Neighborhoods such as Llanerch, Beechwood, Penfield, Oakmont, Manoa and Brookline were soon developed.

Today Haverford Township stands out as one of Philadelphia's most historic suburbs.

Award-winning schools, scenic neighborhoods, numerous parks and community organizations, combine with a strong commitment to history to make the township a desirable place to live.

The Haverford Township Historical Society, an all-volunteer 501 (c)(3) non-profit, was founded in 1939 to honor this heritage.

THE MISSION OF THE HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS TO PROTECT, PRESERVE AND PROMOTE THE HISTORY OF OUR COMMUNITY AND TO SUSTAIN ITS CULTURAL HERITAGE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS THROUGH EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, ACCESSIBLE ARCHIVES AND SITE PRESERVATION.

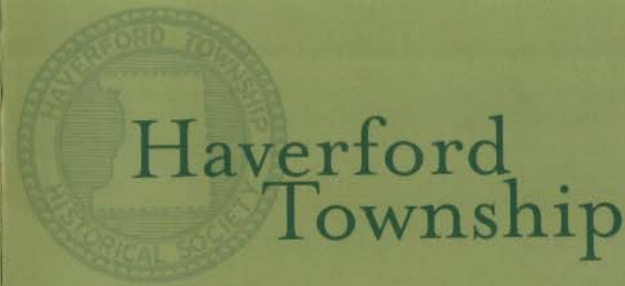


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HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Step into
History
with us...

Historic Sites



NITRE HALL, located along Cobbs Creek on Karakung Drive in Powder Mill Valley, was built c. 1810 as the home of the Powder Master. Now on the National Register of Historic Places, the mansion is the headquarters of the Historical Society and houses its library, collection of maps, photographs, quilts and artifacts.



THE FEDERAL SCHOOL, on Darby Road in the historic Coopertown neighborhood, was built in 1797 and is the oldest structure in the township dedicated specifically for educational purposes.

Educational Programs

LAWRENCE CABIN, originally located along Darby Creek, dates to 1710 and reflects its Swedish heritage. In 1961, through the efforts of the Society, the cabin was preserved and rebuilt at its present site adjacent to Nitre Hall in Powder Mill Valley.



AWARD-WINNING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Colonial Living

This living history program held each fall at Nitre Hall and Lawrence Cabin offers a hands-on learning experience to 5th-grade students in the township public schools. Costumed students spend a day performing chores traditionally assigned to children in the early 18th and 19th centuries. Activities include churning butter, sawing wood, dipping candles and preparing open-hearth or wood-stove meals.

Federal School

Each spring at the one room school, 4th grade students participate in a program designed to interpret a mid-19th century school day. Students cipher on slates, practice penmanship using nib pens, enjoy a story from McGuffey's Reader and end the day with a traditional spelling bee.



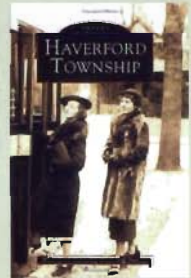
Join Us!

The Haverford Township Historical Society welcomes you to step into history with us. Visit historical sites, attend entertaining programs and events, walk the newly mapped Haverford Heritage Trail or attend an antique baseball game, played in period uniforms by The "A's"—Athletic Base Ball Club—while supporting the legacy and unique character of our community.

Join our efforts to promote and sustain Haverford Township's rich heritage...

Purchase a Book

Copies of *The History of Haverford Township* are available for \$19.99. To order, call or email the society.



Participate in Annual Events

- Heritage Festival – June
- Oktoberfest – October
- Holiday House Tour – December

Become a Member

Three meetings a year offer the opportunity to hear speakers of historic or regional interest, as well as the opportunity to meet and socialize with members and neighbors.

Yes! I'd like to become a member of the Haverford Township Historical Society.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Individual - \$10 Family - \$15

Tax-deductible contribution \$ _____ Make checks payable to

Haverford Township Historical Society