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From the Editors

With all due apologies for the long interval since the last issue, we are glad to be back with a new one. For this issue, our format departs from the recent trend of showcasing longer feature articles by presenting a greater assortment of shorter articles covering a wide variety of subjects.

Two are adaptations of presentations given by Dr. Clarissa Dillon at Society meetings in September 2017 ("Colonial or Colonial Revival?") and May 2018 ("Growing Old in the World Of William Penn"), and another is Bart Van Valkenburgh's article on the DiAntonio family's long history in the auto service business, adapted from a more extensive presentation that he made at the Society meeting in March 2018.

Society Archivist Cheryl Leibold's annual report on additions to the collection, in this case those received during the year 2017, is relatively brief this time, but also includes some supplementary material to complement Stephen Dittman's article about former members Robert and Frances Ligget, whose two-volume *Reminiscences* was included in the donations received. Another donation, actually received in 2018, was the scrapbook and photo album collection from the Old Eagle Garden Club, and we are thankful for their donation as well as their brief historical summary of this wonderful local group.

In past issues, we have reported on what has become a widely-enjoyed local tradition, and are pleased to include background information on the properties visited on the 14th Annual Historic House Tour courtesy of organizer Pattye Benson, along with photos taken during the tour in September 2018. We have also included an update on the Jones Log Barn reconstruction project, funded in part by the proceeds from the annual house tours.

We also note the recent dedication of historic markers in two important locations, the first recognizing prominent local artist Wharton Esherick, and the second recognizing the historic Paoli Inn. Both are welcome additions to our community.



The Paoli Inn historic marker was dedicated at a ceremony in May 2019.
Photo courtesy of © John O. Senior

Trash or Treasure?

It is not uncommon for us to hear from or about people who are in possession of some items that they may be uncertain how to value, but for which they would like to find a new home.

If you (or people you know) have photographs, drawings, maps, letters, documents, books, or other items of possible (or definite) historic interest that might be donated to the Society, please visit the Archives page of our website (<http://www.tehistory.org/archives.html>) and review our Collecting Policy, or contact us directly for more information. Email: archives@tehistory.org

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Cover Descriptions

- Front Cover: (CLOCKWISE FROM UPPER LEFT) The former Samuel Bittle Store, c.1816; Diamond Rock Hill Octagonal Schoolhouse; Robert and Frances Ligget; Wharton Esherick; 2003 Flower Show Exhibit; Lord Stirling's Quarters in Valley Forge National Historical Park. *Ligget and Flower Show photos courtesy of TEHS Archive; Esherick photo courtesy of Wharton Esherick Museum; other 2019 building photos courtesy of © John O. Senior.*
- Back Cover: (UPPER) The almost complete log structure of the Jones Log Barn is covered with late winter snow (March 2019). (LOWER) The framing of the roof and front section takes shape in the spring (May 2019). (see page 14). *Photographs courtesy of © John O. Senior.*



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