



# Pennsylvania Questers

*Birthplace of Questers  
and a Nation*

## Ps & Qs—The Pennsylvania Questers Newsletter

### President's Message



Natalie Macy

Welcome Friends! I hope this finds you well and ready to enjoy new Questers adventures in 2023. Spring is around the corner. It's a time of renewal and new beginnings. Today we will be renewing the leadership roles for two of our current State Board Officers who have graciously agreed to continue to serve all of us for two more years. **Barbara Weaver**, Lancaster Red Rose #1470, our State Recording Secretary, and **Irene Dickinson**, Heritage #1, our State Treasurer will be installed today. Please take a moment to thank them for their service! I am most grateful to them, and all our Board Members, for their continuing support and leadership!

Questers is a wonderful organization with a special mission of preserving the past for future generations. We all share a love of history, and antiques, and gathering with chapter friends. That said, it takes "a village" of volunteers to keep Questers moving forward and I am humbly asking, on behalf

of your State Board, for you to consider stepping up to serve. We have an amazing team, and we would love to have you join us! We welcome co-chairing of positions, which means you can share the responsibilities with a friend... What could be better? And, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you are making a big difference in preserving the future of Pennsylvania Questers!

Please enjoy today's two intriguing seminars on the mysteries surrounding the tombs of King Tut and President Lincoln! Be sure to stop by our Opportunity Drawing table to purchase tickets which support P&R; check out the beautiful raffle baskets and catch a sneak peek and shop all the fun finds at the Treasure Tables, all while enjoying this special day of good food and fellowship!

On behalf of your Board, I thank you for your continued support of our wonderful Organization. Please check the Dates to Remember and mark your calendars for upcoming events and deadlines. Take good care and Happy Questing!

Natalie

### Dates to Remember: 2023–2024

**Wednesday, April 5, 2023**  
Spring Conference: 8:00 A.M. Board  
Arrival, 8:30  
Registration & Coffee  
Presidential Caterers

**May 11-13, 2023**  
Questers International Convention  
Holiday Inn, Sioux Falls, SD

**Thursday, June 1, 2023**  
Full Board EOY Meeting & Luncheon  
Spring House Tavern  
10:00 Arrival

**Friday, June 30, 2023**  
Deadline for Fall P's & Q's  
(More details to follow)

**Thursday, August 3, 2023**  
Executive Board Meeting  
\*\*\*Items due for Fall Packet  
10:00 A.M. - Zoom

**Thursday, September 7, 2023**  
\*\*Full Board Meeting: 10:00 A.M.  
WG Giant

**Thursday, September 28, 2023**  
Fall Council Meeting: 9:30 A.M.  
Wm. Penn Inn

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**Submission to Ps & Qs**

1. Please submit your article by the deadline via email, if possible. Please send articles as attachments. If you do not have access to email, please type article. When sending Chapter News via email, include "Ps & Qs" and your chapter name in the subject line.
2. Please send articles as Word document attachments. Email pictures as attachments (jpeg format), not in the body of the email. Include captions describing pictures regardless of how they are submitted.
3. Include your phone number in case we have a question.
4. If you have an idea for an article, please feel free to call.
5. We will also be very happy to receive "letters to the editor" with your questions and/or comments.

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*The deadline for the Fall Issue  
is August 1, 2023.*

**Fall Council Meeting**



*From left: Lois Bell, Natalie Macy, Alisa Dupay and Mary Jane Woll*

**Life On The Titanic**

*Submitted by Marge Eberz*

At the Fall Council meeting on September 29, 2022, we enjoyed an informative talk by Alisa Dupay who portrayed a fictional survivor of the Titanic. Dressed in the finery of a woman travelling in the First-Class section, she told of the perils of the passengers that fateful day, April 15, 1912. We learned how different life on this vessel was for people in each class.

To illustrate this point further, we were provided with a copy of one of the elegant First-Class Dinner menus with its many courses to illustrate how well these people were treated on this voyage. In contrast, we learned how different this menu was from the second and third-class passengers. Alisa's presentation of life on the Titanic gave us a deeper understanding of travelling on an ocean liner in 1912.

**Pennsylvania Chapter Anniversaries  
Spring Conference April 5, 2023**

Chapter Name	Anniversary
Como #81	65
Penn's Manor #84	65
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**In Memoriam**

**Mary Gemmill**  
Damian House #754

**Marilyn Robbins**  
Lancaster Red Rose #1470

**Marge Wollard**  
Penn's Manor #84

**Almira Sharp**  
Spring House #1399

**Molly (Mary Ann) Gribb**  
Mercer Mile #854

**Donna Caddick**  
Salt Cellar #329

**Jackie Bice**  
John Augustus Roebling #1422

**Peggy Hill**  
Conestoga #63

**Georgette Koehler**  
Gaudy Dutch #270

**Come Join the Team!  
Volunteers Needed**

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**Co-Chairs Welcome!**  
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## Doylestown Combined Luncheon

On a beautiful day last November, Lingohocken Chapter #495 hosted the 50<sup>th</sup> luncheon of the Doylestown Combined Chapters. Featherbed Hill, Fonthill, Kings Path, Mercer Mile, Round Meadow Run and Ye Olde Almshouse joined Lingohocken at the Cock 'N Bull Restaurant in Lahaska for a delicious lunch seated at pretty tables with decorated white pumpkins. Our Chapter had planned a program about "The Roaring Twenties" but due to illness, our presenter had to decline. What fun that it did not hinder our chapter president and a few other ladies from wearing their Roaring Twenties outfits anyway! Luckily, Ben Franklin (Robert DeVitis) came and saved the day with his presentation of historical trivia about his life and lifetime.

It was good to see friends and greet new ones after a two-year absence from our annual luncheon.

Robert DeVitis, Pa State President **Natalie Macy**, and Lingohocken President **Vicki Szilagy** >



## Did You Know?

*Submitted by Pam Lahr*

"In 1898, Queen Victoria was on the throne. William McKinley was president, and the United States was at war with Spain. At the beginning of that summer season, Teddy Roosevelt had yet to ride up San Juan Hill; Henry Ford had yet to make a Model T, and there was no Panama Canal. Ocean City was hardly more than a sandbar—yet Shriver's was there."

"Shriver's is the oldest business on the boardwalk in Ocean City, NJ. In 1898, William Shriver founded Shriver's as a restaurant, ice cream, and candy store. In 1959, Shriver's was purchased by four brothers who owned Dairy Maid Confectionery Company: a retail candy and ice cream shop chain throughout Philadelphia.

Today, it is owned and operated, three generations later, by the same family. The legacy of Shriver's famous Saltwater Taffy, Fudge, and other fine confections still remains over 100 years. No one else on the Ocean City Boardwalk can boast the rare combination of a factory and retail store where you can "come and see our delicious Saltwater Taffy and other confections being made."

Our most frequent question—Why is it called Salt Water Taffy? It started in Atlantic City, New Jersey, (we in Ocean City just made it better) with a man named Bradley. He had a taffy stand on the boardwalk back in the 1890s and one night the ocean decided to pay his taffy stand a little visit. We don't know how much damage was done, but it was enough to put Mr. Bradley in a bad mood the next morning. So, when a little girl asked for some taffy, he sarcastically called it "salt water taffy". Luckily for Mr. Bradley, some female relations overheard his remark and recognized a catchy phrase when they heard one. Soon thereafter Mr. Bradley's taffy became "Salt Water Taffy", even though there was no salt in the salt water taffy. And that is how it all began.

**Lodwarrick #344**  
**What's in a Name**  
**55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

In the German language Lodwarrick means apple butter which is a highly concentrated form of applesauce produced by cooking down apples in cider, sugar and spices to the point of caramelizing the apples. The concentration of sugar gives apple butter longer shelf life.

Making apple butter originated in Belgium, Netherlands and the Rhineland. The production of apple butter was popular in Colonial America. From West Virginia down to Kentucky, the mountain tradition of making apple butter in the fall dates back at least to the late eighteenth century, when the condiment was prepared out of doors in large black iron kettles.

The process of making it was a community event. Everyone took turns stirring the mixture with large paddles to keep it from burning until it reached the right consistency to be preserved.

**Spring House #1399**  
**What's in a Name**  
**Submitted by Chris Hartung**

When the Welsh Quakers came to America in 1698, they settled in a place that reminded them of their home in Northern Wales. They settled on land that was purchased from William Penn who had been granted the land in Pennsylvania by Charles II, King of England.

They called the place, Gwynedd or Fair Land. From the time of an Indian Trail connecting their villages from the mouth of the Delaware River to the Hudson Valley, to the present, Spring House has played an important role in the history of Gwynedd. Because of several springs in the area this spot became a resting place for travelers.

In the mid 1700's the Spring House Tavern, named for the small stone building that housed a spring, was established. It was a crossroads, a stage coach stop between Philadelphia and Bethlehem.

Spring House did not escape the Revolutionary War. Both British and Continental troops are recorded. The Gwynedd Meeting House was used as a hospital. Major Wright of the Pennsylvania Militia was captured by the British in the Spring House Tavern. The original tavern was destroyed by fire in 1888. In 1881, Gwynedd was divided forming Upper & Lower Gwynedd townships. Lower Gwynedd, as area of about nine square miles, consists of four villages: Gwynedd, Gwynedd Valley, Pennlyn and Spring House.

**Brittany Belles #1405**  
**Antique Ice Tool Museum**  
**Submitted by Martha Foote**

In October, the Brittany Belles Questers traveled to West Chester, PA, to the Antique Ice Tool Museum, which was founded in 2012. Peter J. Stack, owner and founder, gave us a wonderful two-hour tour beginning with a video on the history of this industry. Peter Stack's father had been in the ice delivery business. Mr. Stack's three daughters are very involved with all aspects of running the museum. So, this is truly a family business.

The 1834 Chester County bank-barn which houses the museum was renovated from 2009 to 2012 to the present 3-story building complete with modern restrooms and elevator. This barn had previously been home to a girls' school for a time. A beautiful renovated insulated metal railroad car sits on the property.

This beautiful stone barn houses the largest collection of ice industry artifacts in the country. The antiques include ice industry tools, wagons and trucks dating from 1820 to 1940. We learned how, in 1806, Frederick Tudor (a.k.a. The Ice King), founder of "North American Natural Ice Trade" commercially harvested and shipped ice as a luxury good from Boston to Martinique. In 1820, Nathaniel Wyeth working with Tudor, developed a more efficient way to harvest ice using a horse-pulled plow which scored the ice into large "floats" and tripled the amount harvested. Tudor then loaded a ship bound for India with 180 tons. Four months and 16,000 miles later the shipment of ice arrived and weighed over 100 tons. In the 1840's the Ice Industry shifted from exporting ice around the world to expansion within the United States.

By the 1920's, the ice industry employed 160,000 people that harvested 40 million tons of ice. Most people had an icebox in their kitchen requiring ice. In the 1930's, the Natural Ice Trade was in decline due to the modern development of electricity. By the 1940's, five million electric refrigerators and freezers had been sold bringing an end to the Natural Ice Trade.

Our group all agreed that we learned about an industry that we didn't know existed until now and it was really fascinating. We would highly recommend it as a travel destination.



**Penn's Manor #84**  
**What's in a Name**  
**65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

On the first map of Pennsylvania in 1682, Springfield appears as, "Gulielma Maria Penn's Manor Springfield. In 1682 a treaty was made between the Unami tribe of the Leni-Lenape Indians and William Penn, making him "Proprietor Governor of Ye Province of Pennsylvania."

William Penn retained tracts of land of approximately 10,000 acres out of every 100,000 acres opened up for development. These tracts were known as "tenths" or "manors." Springfield was one of the original six manors retained by Penn when he first planned the settlement of the province.

Gulielma Maria Springett, for whom the manor was named, and William Penn were married in England in 1672. They were a devoted couple who parted reluctantly when Penn sailed on his great adventure, "The Holy Experiment," to the new world.

Gulielma died at Hoddesden in 1694 and never saw the land named in her honor. Portions of Penn's Manor were held by the Penn family until after the Revolution, when a final settlement was made for all the remaining land in Pennsylvania.

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## Fonthill #254

### Chapter Activities

*Submitted by Joan Frame*

Starting our 2022-2023 year, the group traveled to Chanticleer Garden in Wayne. The estate encompasses a 50-acre public garden, begun in the 1800's and consists of seven distinct areas. After a short meeting, our ladies enjoyed a delicious lunch of tea sandwiches, scones, and special teas at the Taste of Britain Tea Room. During our tea, we were notified that Queen Elizabeth had just passed. The owners promptly produced a complimentary sparkling cider with us all toasting the Queen, so admired and appreciated for her long, well-lived life and great service to the country.

In October, the chapter experienced an informative tour and talk by curator Joel Alderfer at the Mennonite Heritage Center in Harleysville. After a 25 minute video about the history of the Mennonites, stemming back to 1519 in Zurich, Switzerland, to present day with their arrival in PA in the early 1700's, Joel showed us the current display of Frakturs used to announce births and baptisms as well as a fine collection of donated quilts.

December took our group to the Neshaminy-Warwick Presbyterian Church in Warminster. We had an outstanding presentation by Wendy Wirsch, long time member of the church and President of the William Tennent House Association. William Tennent, born and educated in Scotland, was the first Presbyterian minister of Neshaminy-Warwick. He and his family traveled to Pennsylvania in 1718, establishing Log Colleges for the education of children and local men in addition to a meetinghouse on the grounds, currently the cemetery, in 1727-1728. He served as the minister until retiring at the age of 70 in 1743. Princeton University has been regarded as one of the successors of William Tennent's Log Colleges. A total of sixty-three such colleges were established.

The Cemetery Chapel was built in 1872 featuring a dove of peace stained glass window donated by John Wanamaker. Hanging on the wall of the multi-purpose building, are two large beautiful needle point tapestries, coordinated under the direction of Helen Gemmill and done by the women of the Church. The seasonal tapestries, depict Neshaminy in the spring, William Tennent on his black gelding, the church as it was in 1743, the Cemetery Chapel and a Pewter Communion set brought from England by Pastor Beatty. The fall tapestry features the Log College, George Washington and his troops who used the church as a field hospital and headquarters during the Revolutionary War, Moland House, and Lenape Indians.

Our group of nineteen adjourned for lunch and a meeting at Mike's York Street Bar and Grill in Warminster, originally the Warminster Hotel established in 1730.

We continue to be amazed and are thankful for all the wonderful historical heritage in our area. How great that caring communities and individuals have taken the time to preserve them for our enjoyment and education.





## John Craig's Tavern #1390

### 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Submitted by Pat Vizza

On September 13<sup>th</sup>, John Craig's Tavern, started the 2022-23 Program Year with a fascinating presentation by Edward Hino, a 22-year veteran of the FBI, followed by a celebration of our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Ed served in this dangerous law enforcement field for many years living in Georgia, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania. The qualifications for becoming an FBI agent include, but are not limited to, a college degree, the passing of a panel of various tests, a physical exam, and 6-8 weeks of training in Quantico, Virginia. A man or woman applying for admission to the FBI had to have the height of 5'7". One woman applicant sued the organization over this rule and won her lawsuit. Now, women are permitted to be shorter. When the FBI is called about an incident, the main office will call the branch office where the incident occurred. Then, the FBI usually will work with local police enforcement officers from that area. He also talked about the leadership of the FBI with J. Edgar Hoover holding the position of Director for 48 years. Today, an FBI Director is permitted to hold a 10-year appointment. Ed recounted several intriguing and gripping stories of his long career as an FBI agent. He was very gracious to answer the many questions that our members presented to him.

Following this interesting program, our members were given a brief history of the formation of John Craig's Tavern Questers by one of its founding members, **Trudi Kennedy**. Browns Folly Questers had fifteen members in 2002 and could not add any new members to their group. She and a few other women were advised to start their own Quester group. On April 25, 2002, John Craig's Tavern #1390 of Warrington was chartered with **Trudi Kennedy**, **Helen Castaldo**, and **Carolyn Cook** as our first president. **Marge Beck**, **Barbara Scarpello**, **Elaine Greenwald** and **Barbara Field** joined shortly thereafter, as well as current member **Kathy Everhart**. Their first meeting was in September of 2002 where they enjoyed a tour of the Bryn Athyn Cathedral. We were blessed to have many of these former members share in our celebration.

This memorable 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event was celebrated with party cake and many delicious treats. Our thanks to Ed Hino, coordinators Anne Marie Piergallini and Lorraine Garry, and hostesses **Barbara Martino** and **Carole Skorpinski** for an exceptional program.



John Craig's Tavern Questers celebrate 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a Reunion Party.

## COMO #81

### 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Thirteen miles north of Philadelphia, initials C.O.M.O. are imbedded into the cornerstone of an old house on Bethlehem Pike. Revolutionary soldiers often passed this house during the Revolutionary war.

The land where the house was built in 1734 was part of a tract known as Penn's Manor and had been deeded to William Penn's wife in 1681. The word COMO combines the initials of Christopher Ottinger and his wife Maria.

Before the British seized Philadelphia in 1777, the Continental Congress fled Philadelphia. It was at this time that the Liberty Bell with the clapper tied, quietly passed this house at night to a hiding place in Allentown.

The old house witnessed the British attack by General Sullivan during the battle of the Whitemarsh encampment and three months later saw the defeated British hastily retreat to Philadelphia.

**Round Meadow Run #126**  
**Pockets and the Threads of Life**

*Submitted by Kathy Baker*

Once again Round Meadow Run Questers had the pleasure of sharing a gathering with Fonthill Questers at Doylestown Borough Hall for a most unique program. POCKETS! I think our group became fascinated with the history of pockets when we visited Peter Wentz farmstead for their presentation of clothing of the 1700's. But none as fascinated as **Jean Stevens**. Loving to sew and quilt, Jean has extensively researched the history of pockets, comparing pockets of men and women through centuries, their purpose, and unusual styles for women.

Traditionally, men's clothing has had more pockets, larger and deeper. Men have long had coats with pockets sewn in; women did not. From 1650-1930, women wore tie-on pockets—used mostly by rural families. These pockets were hidden, worn under skirts which were two-paneled with side slits for easy access to pockets that held all their daily necessities for farm life. Originally these pockets were made at home with scraps of fabric, usually cotton or linen. Women of fashion also wore pockets, some made of silk, and hidden in creative ways. As pockets for women evolved, tie-ons were beautifully decorated, worn inside or outside of clothing, and increased in number with the suffragette movement (following the ban of women's concealed pockets during the French Revolution when women wore chatelaines—belts and jewelry with pockets, or carried reticules—small drawstring handbags.) And as cycling became popular, pockets in clothing were needed.

We all may remember men's fob pockets, but perhaps not the beer pockets in jackets. Have you heard of "bosom buddies"—pockets attached to women's bras? Jean's detailed in-depth presentation was followed by curious questions, more stories of pockets, and a new appreciation for pockets we take for granted—pockets in workout leggings, pockets in cell phone cases, side pockets in cargo pants, pockets for passports, pockets for water bottles. Zippered pockets in socks were a most interesting one, and you can probably think of hundreds... all stemming from original pockets deep in our world's history. A highlight of the program was seeing all the gorgeous tie-on pockets Jean had created, with embroidered designs, applique, and patchwork boro.

Once again Jean fascinated her audience with her enthusiasm and knowledge of a functional "art form" that has survived the passage of time.



*Pocket Tie On*

**Rittenhouse #252**  
**Worcester Historical Society—**  
**Farmers' Union Hall**

*Submitted by Marge Eberz*

On June 1, 2022, the members of Rittenhouse #252 met at Worcester Historical Society's Farmers' Union Hall to present our Grant checks to Jim Thompson, President of Worcester Historical Society. Also in attendance were members **Diane Cram** and **Lisa Gregory**. The money will be used to purchase acid-free archival storage boxes for quilts and other archives the society wants to preserve. **Diane Cram** showed us an example of the archival box the society will be purchasing.

After presenting the Grant checks, Jim Thompson gave us a guided tour of the farm museum with all its old farming equipment. Everything in the museum has been procured from homes and farms in Worcester township.



*Presentation of Grant checks to Worcester Historical Society*

## I'm Proud to be a Quester

*Written by Fran Glica*

**Opening of the  
Quester Brittany Belles Season  
September 20, 2022**

I'm proud to be a Quester  
With a world to be explored  
Neglected treasures with good bones.  
Ripe to be restored.

Perhaps a roof, a uniform  
A long-lost artifact  
Will bring a story back to life  
To relate and re-enact.

And let's enjoy by video  
The lives of famous folk  
Their luxury and opulence  
Till Dame Fortune played a joke.

Questers are collectors  
Sharing provenance and lore  
Of their trove of antique tea sets  
Jewelry, costumes, toys and so much more.

So, board the magic Quester train  
And travel with the crew  
Lectures, field trips, videos  
That they have planned for you.

## Neshamini Creekers #1460 Bess Bardens Remembered

*Submitted by Phyllis Durr*

White gloves, hats, dresses from the 40's and our founder, Jessie Elizabeth "Bess" Bardens, who began the first chapter in 1944 right here in Pennsylvania all contributed to a fun, interesting and informative afternoon for Neshamini Creekers.

**Pamela Todd**, currently Questers International President, portrayed Bess Bardens at the 2009 International Convention in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Our member, **Pat Hoey**, was responsible for a wonderful program. She was able to locate and present the video of Bess Bardens and the story of how Questers came to be when Elizabeth "Bess" Bardens showed her co-workers her latest find, "A Tea Caddy." Soon, they began to talk and share what they had or found as they wandered through antique stores and made purchases. Next, they were meeting in friends' homes and this small group began to take in more interested people. Its original objective was to stimulate an appreciation of antiques and the collection of them. Later they encouraged the preservation and restoration of existing historical buildings and landmarks locally, statewide and internationally. Plus, they were also encouraged to write and present papers about different areas pertaining to history.

After the video presentation, a certain pride came over everyone as former President **Sue Standen** conducted the installation of **Joann Somers** as a new member of our Chapter and presented her with a yellow rose. President **Kathy Pelosi** dressed in her 40's garb as members with their white gloves looked on. All enjoyed learning about Bess and how Questers originated. The meeting ended with a positive feeling about the purpose of Questers and the year ahead.

## Conestoga #63

### The Freedom Foundation

*By Robin Koslo-Stahl*

This fall the Conestoga Questers made a field trip to the Freedom Foundation, nestled in the small village of Valley Forge. Founded in 1949 by Dwight D. Eisenhower and other patriots, it was dedicated to helping students, teachers, and citizens gain a greater awareness and appreciation of the principles of a free and democratic society. The campus expands with more than 31 buildings and monuments including the nine-foot bronze statue of Washington sculpted by Donald DeLue, which refers to the story told by Isaac Potts that he once came upon General Washington praying in Valley Forge during the winter encampment. Also the Lincoln statue (our 16<sup>th</sup> President who was the founder of the Medal of Honor giving the famous Gettysburg Address) created by Stan Watts.

Although the rain hindered a full tour, we were able to appreciate the campus, the groves, the collection of monuments, and the story that reminds us of the great American experiment of our Founding Fathers. For more information, see [freedomfoundation.org](http://freedomfoundation.org).



*Conestoga Questers visit Freedom Foundation, Valley Forge*



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## Peaceable Kingdom #1440 The Joseph Ambler Inn

*Submitted by Carol Kuzela*

Thirteen members of Peaceable Kingdom #1440 of Holland visited the historic Joseph Ambler Inn in North Wales, PA, for their December program and holiday luncheon.

The group enjoyed a talk on the history of the property purchased from William Penn in 1682. Joseph Ambler purchased 90 acres of the land in 1723 and built a two-room, two-story farmhouse. This original part of the farmhouse was part of the tour.

Generations of the Ambler family lived on and farmed the property for 90 years. Thereafter, the property was owned by several families, and eventually the farmhouse added a small bed and breakfast. Over the years and after many renovations, the bed and breakfast transitioned to a 52-room luxury hotel and restaurant. The 12-acre estate includes a fieldstone house and a stone bank barn built in 1820 along with three other historic buildings. Each building houses several unique guestrooms. The group was given a tour of the farmhouse where guests may stay in the second floor original bedrooms furnished with antiques and artifacts of the home.

The ladies then enjoyed a wonderful luncheon in the cozy farmhouse with beautiful holiday decorations and the warmth of a working fireplace. The ambiance of the historic building, along with a light covering of snow, contributed to the holiday spirit and a memorable afternoon.



*Joseph Ambler Inn*

## Federal # 343 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

This name was chosen to reflect the Federal Period. Items like Federal Period Furniture refers to American Furniture produced in the Federal style period, which lasted from approximately 1789 to 1820. It also refers to the Federalist Era in American politics (ca. 1788 to 1800).

Symbols used to identify this Period Furniture include eagles, stars, swags, shields, trophylike urns and many other patriotic symbols to signify a new nation. Dark woods were popular at this time. In Europe, mahogany was the most popular, but many American furniture manufacturers also used cherry and walnut, which is just as beautiful.

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*The Quester Mission is to educate by research and study of antiques; to promote education in the fields of historic preservation and restoration of artifacts; to donate funds for the preservation and restoration of artifacts, existing memorials, historic buildings, and landmarks; to support The Quester International.*