

# Celebrate Harvest Time in the 1820's



## Heckler Plains Farmstead October 22 & 23, 2011

Presented by the Historical Interpretive Branch of the W.S. Hancock Society

### 1) Program Narration and objectives

Harvest time in Rural Pennsylvania will be the focus of this two day program presented by the Historical Interpretive Branch of the W,S, Hancock Society at the Heckler Plains Farmstead located near Harleysville, Pennsylvania. This program will take visitors back to an earlier time and allow them to experience what Harvest Time in the 1820's was like by visiting a local Inn and Tavern.

Through interpretive presentations, visitors will learn about life in rural Pennsylvania in the 1820's and see how the people of the past would utilize the local Inn as a gathering point for the community to celebrate the year's harvest.

### 2) Ongoing interpretation and activities throughout both days of the weekend

During their visit the visitors will be able to;

- Discover how Inns served as rest stops for those traveling the roads in Montgomery County as well as gathering places for the residents of Lower Salford Township.
- Take part in some good cheer and discussions, at the Inn, about the year's harvest, local gossip, politics of the day, and talk to travelers to find out what it was like to travel in the 1820's.
- Learn about cooking, baking, and preparing a meal for the guest of the Inn.
- Converse with local Farmers to learn about farming in the 1820's along with what it took to harvest the fields.
- Learn about the trade of a tobacconist and discover how pipe tobacco and cigars were made.
- Talk with the village minister to learn about religion and worship of the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, then participate in a Sunday Church Service of the time..

### 3) Program Times

- Friday – Setup starting after 12:00 Noon
- Saturday – 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
- Sunday – 10:00 to 4:00 P.M.

**Special interpretive presentations during the weekend.** (other presentations may be added )

#### Saturday

**7:00 P.M. – Evening Bonfire Program "Folklore and Stories from the Past"**

Come to the bonfire and spend the evening hearing stories of the unusual from the past and the Pennsylvania Dutch cultural.

#### Sunday

**12:15 P.M. – “The Lord is Our Shepherd”**

Attend a early church service and learn about worship in the 1820's and experience an 1820's Church Service, giving thanks for the year's harvest at the Minister's Tent.

**4) Locations of interpretive presentations and buildings to be staffed  
by the Living History Unit of the W.S. Hancock Society;**

#### Interpretation/Topic

#### Location/building

Inn & Tavern	House
Baking/food preparation	Bakeoven & Cooking fire
Farming & Harvest	Herb Garden
Village Minister/Religion	Grounds
Tobacconist	House
Travelers	House & Grounds
Music - Banjo Player	House & Grounds ( <i>tentative</i> )

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