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“Anticipation” is the “Key” Word for the Two Major Autumn Events

On October 18, 2014, Bristol will celebrate Historic Bristol Day for the 38th time which is provided by BCHF. The second event will be the Annual Meeting and Program on Wednesday, November 19th, 2014. Election of Board Members and a program on archaeology by Bristol archaeologist, Jesse Walker will be presented. Be sure to reserve the date for both of the above activities. The November program is at 7:30 pm and Historic Bristol Day is held between the hours of 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. The drawing for the Sagolla Watercolor will be held at the conclusion of Historic Bristol Day.

A note from Ways & Means . . .

We’ve been busy! June was full of events. Sue and Bill Watkins coordinated our booth at the Canal Festival along the lagoon. That same day we sponsored a very enjoyable trip to Winterthur in Delaware. The home and Downton Abbey costumes were amazing. A week later, BCHF participated in Celtic Day along the wharf.

We were “off” in July, but many of our members were still busy getting ready for Historic Bristol Day. An extremely hard-working Ways & Means member, Debbie Pinney was planning our annual Peach Social which is held each August. Debbie’s organizational skill, as well as she and her committee’s tireless effort made the social a huge success. A shout out, also, goes to longtime member Regina Vassey who scouts out the best peaches Jersey has to offer and this year she delivered ones that were sweet and juicy.

As many of you know, the Peach Social funds our scholarship awards to Bristol High School graduates for their achievement in history, art, music and literature. Not only did BCHF host refreshments and a bake sale, but this year the Grundy Museum Home was opened to welcome visitors and walking tour brochures were provided and used by many of our peach enthusiasts. We’re happy to be partnering and coordinating activities with other Bristol organizations.

BCHF members, along with others from the community, were off to Cape Cod for a fall getaway in September. Check the BCHF website for upcoming trips and events at the headquarters. It’s a great way to get to know us.

Now for the sales pitch!

WE NEED OUR BCHF MEMBERS TO SUPPORT OUR VOLUNTEER NEEDS.

We especially need some of our members with a truck to help with transporting our saleable items to events and back. This October, we need help transporting to the corner of Mulberry and Radcliffe on Historic Bristol Day. This would be around 9 am and then again at 4 pm at the end of the event. This is from and to BCHF on Cedar St. on Sat., the 18th.

Another need we have is for our bake sale table on HBD. If you are willing to bake an item, please call Mary Kehoe at 215 788-5918. Mary will fill you in on the kinds of items that folks like to buy that day - Oct. 8th.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR HISTORIC BRISTOL DAY

Ways and Means mans a salable table along Radcliffe Street. This year HBD will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18th from 10 - 4. Along with our salable items, we sell raffle tickets for Bristol artist Joseph Sagolla’s watercolor that is raffled as a Ways and Means fundraiser. Volunteer needs are for the following shifts: 9 - 11:30, 11:30 - 2 and 2 - 4 on Historic Bristol Day. Experienced volunteers and item price lists will be there to help you. Please consider helping that day.

Contact Kathy Barniskis at 215 943-0258 to volunteer your time for bake sale, house sitting, or salable table. We promise a good time and you’ll get to know some wonderful fellow BCHF members.

For a complete listing of HBD events and times, please go to our website: www.bristolhistory.org

Ways and Means meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at the BCHF headquarters on Cedar St. at 7:30 - except December and July. Please come to a meeting and see if we’re a good fit for you!

BCHF Calendar of Events for 2014 - 2015

OCTOBER - Sat., 10/18, 10 am to 4 pm. 38th Historic Bristol Day. Fee for House Tour & Tea. For details, visit the BCHF website given below.

NOVEMBER - Wed., 11/19, 7:30 p.m. BCHF’s annual business meeting, incl. election of Board members, followed by program on local archeology by Bristol resident Jesse Walker. Refreshments. BCHF headquarters. Free. Call 215 781-9895 for info.

DECEMBER - Wed., 12/10. “Harrisburg Christmas 2014” bus trip. Visit the Governor’s Mansion decorated for the holidays, PA Capitol building and PA State Museum. Lunch at Raspberries Hilton Hotel. \$85 for BCHF members; \$88 for non-members. Call 215 788-4138 for info/reservations.

JANUARY 2015 - Sun., 1/25, 2 PM. One-Man Show by Neil Hartley, entitled “Sherlock Holmes and the Speckled Band.” Light refreshment. \$4 pp. BCHF Headquarters. Call 215 788-9408 for info.

FEBRUARY 2015 - Sun., 2/8, 3-5PM Annual Tea. Theme “Tea at Sea”. \$20 per person. BCHF headquarters. Reservations accepted at 215 788-9408 beginning 9 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 10.

MARCH 2015 - Sun., 3/22, 2 PM. 1st person presentation by Linda Kenyon, entitled “Julia Says, ‘Bon Appetit!’” Light refreshment. \$4 pp. BCHF headquarters. Call 215 788-9408 for info.

APRIL 2015 - Wed., 4/22. “Philadelphia Culture & Culinary” bus trip. Tour and lunch at Culinary of Arts, followed by self-guided tour of the Barnes Museum with digital audio guide. \$87 for BCHF mem-

bers; \$90 for non-members, Reservation deadline is Jan. 17 as space allows. Call 215 788-4138 for info/reservations

AUGUST 2015 - Sun. 8/2 Annual Peach Social. Angel food cake topped with fresh peaches and ice cream, plus beverage. Takeouts available with own container. Baked goods table. \$5/adult, \$3 under age 12. BCHF air-conditioned headquarters. BENEFITS BCHF AWARDS TO BRISTOL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES.

SEPTEMBER 2015 - Fri., 9/18. Bus trip to National September 11 Memorial and Museum, followed by free time and lunch-on-your-own at the annual San Gennaro Festival in “Little Italy.” \$71 for BCHF members; \$76 for non-members. Reservation info will be announced in April 2015.

OCTOBER, 2015 - Sat., 10/17, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 39th Historic Bristol Day, Fee for House Tour & Tea. For details, visit the BCHF website given below.

NOVEMBER, 2015 - Wed., 11/18, 7:30 p.m. BCHF’s annual business meeting, incl. election of Board members. Program and refreshments follow. Free. BCHF headquarters. Call 215 781-9895 for info.

DECEMBER, 2015 - Wed. - Fri., 12/2-4. “Newport Mansions at the Holidays” bus trip, featuring The Breakers, Marble House and The Elms. Price and reservation details not yet determined

- BCHF Headquarters are at 321 Cedar Street, Bristol
- For current information about activities and events, check out our web site at www.bristolhistory.org.

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Bristol Riverside Theater - 2014 Season

“39 Steps” - September 30 to October 26, 2014

Phone 215 785-0100 for tickets, dates and additional information.

Travel Talk

As of this writing, space was still available on our trip to **Harrisburg, Wednesday, December 10**. Cost is \$85 for BCHF members and \$88 for non-members, which includes a guided tour of the Capitol Building, a self-guided tour of the Governor’s Mansion, decorated for the holidays, lunch at Raspberries Hilton Hotel, and a self-guided tour of the PA State Museum.

The current State Capitol, dedicated in 1906, is often referred to as a “palace of art” because of its many sculptures, murals and stained-glass windows, most of which use Pennsylvania themes or were made by Pennsylvanians. The building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977. It was designated a National Historic Landmark in 2006.

The Pennsylvania Governor’s Mansion was built from 1966 to 1968. It is located adjacent to the Susquehanna River. During our visit, it will be splendidly decorated for the holiday season.

The State Museum covers all aspects of Pennsylvania history and holds significant collections that relate to some of America’s well-known events.

For reservations, contact Ellanna Delaney at 215 788-4138.

“Philadelphia Culture & Culinary” bus trip, Wednesday, April 22, 2015. The all-inclusive cost is \$87 for BCHF members and \$90 for non-members. The itinerary includes: a brief tour of the Culinary of Arts followed by a four-course luncheon in their “Petite Passion” restaurant, and a self-guided tour of the Barnes Museum at its new location on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

The Culinary school is part of the Art Institute of Philadelphia and is located at 2300 Market Street. It teaches everything from basic cuts to managing a menu. The “Petite Passion” restaurant is operated by students

First Ladies Challenge . . . Continued

Various countries of the world have had women become the Chief Executive (President). In the United States, this writer believes that eventually this could happen here. The news media often seems to mention that it will happen in the present century. What name would be given to the husband of a female President? What duties would he be given to help? One of the usual duties of the First Ladies has been to oversee the planning of social events involving food. It would be difficult to imagine a female President trying to plan dinners and parties and host social events plus trying to serve as the executive of the government. This is a question that cannot be answered now but eventually it will need to be addressed.

1. The Rose Garden is often mentioned in the news when the President makes announcements to the news media from that location. Who was the First Lady responsible for planting the Rose Garden? She also

studying culinary arts at The International Culinary School. Each student spends eleven weeks in this restaurant, either preparing the meals or in the dining room as a server.

The Barnes Foundation owns more than 2,500 objects, including 800 paintings estimated to be worth about \$25 billion. These are primarily works by Impressionist and Modernist masters, but the collection includes many other paintings by leading European and American artists, as well as ancient works from other cultures.

Because of the Barnes Foundation’s cancellation policy, reservations for this trip must be received **no later than Saturday, January 17**. Reservations are being taken by Ellanna Delaney at 215 788-4138.

“Memorable Moments in Manhattan, Friday, September 18, 2015. The policy of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum is to confirm a visitation reservation six months prior to the requested date, which means we should receive our confirmation in mid-March. Our plan is to take phone reservations starting at 9 a.m., Saturday, June 6, with full payment due by June 27. Definite information will be provided in THE GAZETTE after we receive confirmation. Cost will be \$71 for BCHF members and \$76 for non-members. The day will consist of approximately three hours at the 9/11 Memorial and recently opened Museum, followed by free time and lunch-on-your-own in the “Little Italy” section of Manhattan where the week-long, annual San Gennaro Festival will be taking place.

JUST BOOKED!! The Mansions at Newport,” December 2-4, 2015. The glitter of gold and the sparkle of silver will dazzle you as you tour three magnificent mansions decked out in Yuletide finery! Watch for details in a future issue of THE GAZETTE.

redecorated the mansion’s private quarters with hand-crafts made by Appalachian women. She lived in Bryn Mawr College and Princeton University when her husband was president of those schools.

2. This First Lady married at the age of 18, visited Madam de Lafayette in prison in Paris and probably saved her life by this act. Her daughter was the first to be married in the White House. She ordered the first official set of White House China (1817).

3. She wrote letters to her husband during long separations. She described her work as “managing the farm and raising children”. She was the 1st First Lady to live in the Presidential mansion in Washington, D.C.

Answers: 1. Ellen Wilson, first wife of President Woodrow Wilson (1913-1914) (She died in the White House). 2. Elizabeth Monroe (1817-1825). 3. Abigail Adams (1797-1801).

Out Of The Past

The following items were excerpted from **OCTOBER 1924** issues of THE BRISTOL COURIER

10/1 - - HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO PUBLISH PAPER. Not many people in Bristol are aware that the High School publishes a school paper. The paper was started late in the season of last year and, as there was so much else to attract the attention at the time, it was not brought before the public. “The Bolt” is the name of that paper. The editor-in-chief is Henry H. Bisbee.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS ENTERTAIN TEACHERS AT SOCIAL AFFAIR. Last evening in the auditorium of the Wood Street public school building, the Board of School Directors tendered a reception to the teachers employed in the Bristol schools. The object of the reception was to afford the teachers and directors an opportunity to get acquainted and also to develop and encourage a spirit of cooperation.

“COLONIAL THEATRE, Wood St. near Penn . . . Under New Management. Two Shows - 7 and 9 P.M. Adults 10¢. Children 5¢. Remember our policy: Live and Let Live. Down with High Prices.”

“Oysters, Clams Served Any Style and Any Quantity. Spaghetti - Italian Style. ROYAL RESTAURANT. 134 Mill Street.”

“Opening! George Corn announces the opening of his shop for ladies’ and children’s wearing apparel at 115 Mill Street.”

10/2 - REPUBLICAN WOMEN HERE BECOME ACTIVE. The Bucks County Council of Republican Women, Bristol Branch, is now waging an intensive campaign to get new members as well as to re-enlist those who have been members but have not as yet paid their annual dues of fifty cents. Pledges to vote for Coolidge are to be obtained throughout Bucks County by a group of women who have been organized under the name of the Coolidge Club of Bucks County.

LOUIS LITTO TO OPEN THE HOTEL CLOSSON. Louis Litto is going to reopen The Hotel Closson, Bath and Otter Streets. Mr. Litto proposes to conduct this hotel as a first class house. It is ideally situated, being close to the new State Highway, at the terminus of the trolley and bus lines, and close to the business district.

“The Shingle is here to stay! Any coiffure but the shingle is passé, for closely cropped hair may be arranged in a variety of ways. BRISTOL BEAUTY PARLOR, Gallagher Building, Mill at Cedar.”

“Essex Six Touring Car - \$1000, freight and tax extra. Balloon tires standard equipment. Hudson Super-Six Coach - \$1500. WRIGHT’S SERVICE GARAGE, Bristol.”

10/3 - - TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS ARE VERY CROWDED. Pays Borough Bill. The Bristol Township School Board held its regular meeting in the Laurel Bend school house last night. The bill for the final settlement between the Township and the school board of Bristol Borough was passed and a check drawn in favor of the Bristol Borough School Board. The amount has been due since the annexation of the Harriman district, whereby the borough took over the Green Lane school.

TO BROADCAST SCORES OF THE WORLD SERIES. Alfred Tomesani, for the benefit of the baseball fans of Bristol, is installing two large “public addressers” or horns outside his store at 112 Mill Street, so that the story of the World Series may be heard distinctly on any part of the street. Mr. Tomesani will use a Radiola, one of a large stock of radios received today.

“R. JOSEPH MARTINI, Violin Instructor, 324 Cedar St. Graduate of the Philadelphia Musical Academy.”

“Autumn Dance at St. Mark’s Auditorium Tonight! Auspices of the Daughters of Columbus. Music by Dixieland Serenaders of Trenton. Admission 50 cents.”

10/6 - - FIVE PRIZES OFFERED TO H.S. STUDENTS. Strenuous efforts are being made this year to encourage the boys and girls of Bristol to attend the local high school and to put forth their very best effort to achieve high marks in their studies. Keen interest in the work of the school is being manifested on the part of students and parents alike. Up to the present time there have been five prizes offered to high school students for achieving high averages. Four of these prizes are of actual cash, while the fifth is the Grundy medal.

“We have several fine residences here in Bristol that would make ideal homes. They are of the California type, on double lots, close to the P.R.R. Nine light, airy rooms with fine old Colonial fireplace in living room, tiled bath, hot water heating system, electricity, cement walks and garage in rear. One per cent of purchase price will buy them. ANGELO DI RENZO, builder of homes, Jefferson Ave. and Mansion St. Will be found at the above premises Sundays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.”

10/10 - - OFFER PRIZES TO FIRE COMPANIES FOR EFFICIENCY. Chief Gilkeson, William E. Doron and Howard I. James Create

Awards. Four Judgings Yearly. Beginning October 15, with a drill of the Bristol Fire Department, an effort will be started by Chief Franklin Gilkeson to increase the efficiency of the department to even a higher degree than it is at present. Inspection of the apparatus and buildings will take place four times a year. The Board of Inspectors will consist of the chief, the assistant chiefs of the department, and foreman of each company.

“You’ll Have to Hurry to Get a Bargain! Special Sale of Men’s and Youth’s Apparel. Men’s Overcoats - \$11.95 and up. Boys’ One and Two Pants Suits - \$6.95 and up. Men’s Corduroy Pants - \$2.59. Boys’ Dress and School Shoes - \$1.95 - \$2.50 and up. HARRIS BROS. Underselling branch store No. 19. 449 Mill Street at Canal.”

10/13 - - NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS ATTEND SCHOOL HERE. 66 Are in the High School. Tuition is paid either by the Township or parents.

“Cold Weather. Why not use a kerosene heater until real cold weather - and even then - to warm the cold corners? Special Price - \$5.95. SPECIAL PRODUCTS CO., 369 Taft Street.”

10/14 - - HOW WILL YOU VOTE? On Tuesday, November 4, the voters of Bristol will either approve or reject the \$80,000 municipal bond issue, as provided for in an ordinance unanimously adopted by Borough Council on September 29.

HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA TO PLAY AT SUPPER. As an added feature to the hot roast beef supper which is to be given on Thursday evening under the auspices of the Mothers Association of the Bristol High School, the high school orchestra, directed by William J. Lefferts, will play in concert in the school auditorium and thus entertain those waiting to be served.

10/16 - - MILL STREET MAY BE “BRIGHT WHITE WAY.” Mill Street may become the “bright white way” of Bristol if plans now in embryo are consummated. One of the ideas is to have 24 lamps of 400 candlepower each along the street.

SALVATION ARMY TO BEGIN ITS WORK HERE. After some months of preparation, the Salvation army will open its work in Bristol, October 18 and 19, holding the opening exercises in Trades Hall, Wood Street. Saturday night, an open air meeting will be conducted on Mill Street at 7:15

MEN’S TOURNAMENT COMES TO AN END. The Senior Tennis Tournament came to a close Saturday when “Dave” Landreth won from “Ruby” Gallagher.

“AMERICAN STORE COMPANY, 217 Buckley St., 410 Mill St., 305 Washington St., Pond & Lincoln Ave . . . Gold Seal Family Flour - 12# Bag, 53¢. Asco Coffee - 38¢ Lb. Victor Bread - 5¢ Loaf. Asco Pork and Beans - 9¢ Can. Fresh Hamburg Steak - 20¢ Lb. Rump or Round Roast - 30¢ Lb.”

10/18 - - TO INSTALL NEW ZION PASTOR AT SERVICE TOMORROW EVE. The Rev. Paul R. Ronge will be installed as pastor of the Zion Lutheran Church.

TWO “COVERED WAGONS” FOR CHILDREN FREE. A unique contest is to be staged at the Forrest Theatre for the children who attend that theatre. Manager Edward Lynn announces that he will award two “covered wagons” to the two most popular children. The wagons will be brought to Bristol today and will be on exhibition this evening. The contest starts October 20 and runs through November 14. Upon entering the theatre, each child will be given a ballot on which to write the name and address of his or her favorite chum. A ballot box will be installed inside the theatre.

“Announcement! There will be dancing regularly every Saturday evening at VICTORY HALL, Farragut Avenue. Peacock Alley Five Orchestra.”

10/24 - - ELKS TO PARADE HERE NEXT MONDAY NIGHT. Occasion is Fraternal Visitation of Trenton Lodge and Guard of Honor.

JACOB WAGMAN BUYS NEW BUSINESS PROPERTY. In Business 15 Years. Joseph Wagman, now located at 422 Mill Street, has purchased the properties at 301 and 303 Mill Street from A.E. Baylies. Mr. Wagman will sell the property he now occupies. Mr. Wagman will, with his family, occupy the residence in the rear of the store and will rent the adjoining property.

BUCKS COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION OPENS 58th ANNUAL CONVENTION HERE. Delegates from All Sections of Bucks County Assemble in the Methodist Church Here Today.

“Fresh, Delicious Fruits. Halloween Goodies. Figs, Dates and Popcorn. MORRIS RUBIN, “Mill Street’s only fruit store,” 406 Mill Street.”

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Thank You Alexander Graham Bell

As more people and businesses installed telephones, more numbers were needed to keep up with the demands. Many people are aware that when the telephones were first used, an "operator" was reached when engaging the telephone and the operator would "plug in" or connect the line.

When it became possible to bypass the operator and dial directly (this was for use in local calls, not for out-of-town calls or long distance calls) the operator was still needed. In the later fifties when Dwight Eisenhower was

U.S. President, it became possible to dial directly from the university where this writer attended to Bristol. That call was from Chester County to Bucks County, Pennsylvania. At that time the cost on a pay phone was 25 cents for the first minute.

Presently there are 10 numbers needed to dial for most phones; this is including the cell phones. Before World War II c. 1930, the businesses in Bristol listed here had either three or four numbers.

Profy Radio Shop - Mill Street	552	Trolley and Bus Office	415
Grand Theater - Mill Street	2812	Philadelphia Electric Co. store	844 or 845
Hoffman Cut Rate - Mill Street	3123	Corn Store - 115 Mill Street	2517
Straus Store - Mill Street	9932 or 9933	Smith's Model Shop - 413 Mill Street	2862
C.H. Bunting Motor Express Co.	2011	Dyer's Dairy - 221 Lafayette Street	2416
Your Valet - 129 Radcliffe Street	2626	Fay's Dresse Shoppe - Pond & Dorrance Sts.	433
Bowen's Rexall Store - Radcliffe Street	9836	Wright's Service Garage - Otter Street	2221
Keystone Hotel - Bath & Otter Street	9818	Peirce & Williams - Canal Street	514
O'Donnell Brothers Coal - Bath Street	614	Pfeiffer's Music Shop - 727 Pond Street	2213
J.C. Schmidt Florist - Otter & Maple Sts.	3211	Spencer & Sons Furniture - Mill & Radcliffe	2515
B. Granoff Hardware - 303 Mill Street	3115	L.C. Wettling Jeweler - Mill Street	630
Moffo Shoe Store - Mill Street	513	B. Breier - 457 Mill Street	2436
Singer Shop - Mill Street	2316	Collier's Cars - Otter Street	2825
Wetherill Coal and Lumber	863	Ward's Bakery - Dorrance & Wood Streets	2322
Enterprise Garage - 800 Wood Street	2411		

Mr. Grundy's Road Roller

For twenty years Bristol Borough had a "Road Roller" in use for smoothing the roadways. The average citizen would not have known who actually owned the machine had the Borough Council not voted to spend \$4,500 for a new road roller, with the present "loaned machine" being traded in as part of the purchase price.

Borough residents had often been heard commenting "what will happen if Mr. Grundy ceases to make gifts to Bristol Borough?" This as in the years 1930.

Three years before, in 1927, Bristol Borough became the proud owner of the new Borough Hall (Municipal Building and Consolidated Fire Dept.) at Pond and Mulberry Streets. A one-dollar contribution was asked by Mr. Grundy for that generous gift.

An interesting example for the year 1930 was when the Council increased the tax rate three mills because there was not expectation of Mr. Grundy making up a

deficit of about \$17,000 as he had previously done. Taxpayers had been saved thousands of dollars by Mr. Grundy's willingness to make contributions.

Mr. Grundy and other wealthy men had helped to make up the needed finances; however, some believed that such giving made the public as a whole rather indifferent to community affairs since the feeling still prevailed, "Oh, Grundy will make up for any losses".

Looking around Bristol at the present time, one of the greatest things Mr. Grundy did by his "will" was to create the Grundy Foundation. Using the funds he placed in the care of the foundation, Bristol has a state-of-the-art library facility (Margaret R. Grundy Museum and Library) and this costs the Borough of Bristol no money to operate.

"If a man doesn't take pride in his home town, he isn't likely to give a rap for his country: - - Joseph R. Grundy.

Out of the Past . . . Continued from page 7

10/25 - - ST. ANN'S HOLY NAME CLUB HOUSE IS READY. The home of St. Ann's Holy Name Club will be open for inspection next week. The home is at 319 Dorrance Street and contains five rooms attractively furnished. The members are very active in athletics and are especially interested in football.

BRISTOL HIGH LOSES TO BURLINGTON TEAM. Toughest Game of the Season Goes to Rivals across the River. Final Score 12 to 6. Accompanied by over two hundred students and about one hundred others, including parents, alumni and friends, the Cardinal and Gray team boarded the good ship "William E. Doron" at 2:30 yesterday afternoon. Bristol's lineup: Townsend, Johns, Rago, J. Smoyer, Hardy, Conca, D. Moyer, Lombardo, Slatoff, Black, N. Moyer.

10/31 - - MILL STREET READY FOR BIG HALLOWE'EN PARADE TONIGHT. Thoroughfare Takes on Holiday Dress for the Occasion.

Expect Big Crowd. Two parades will be held, one starting at 7:15 for the children and at 8:45 for the adult division.

NO ROWDYISM TO BE TOLERATED HERE. By the orders of Chief Burgess Clifford L. Anderson and Chief of Police M.J. McCarthy, the public is hereby notified that the Police Department will not tolerate any rowdyism, drunkenness, the use of whackers, stretching of string across the sidewalks from house line to curb line, picking up confetti off the streets or pavements and throwing it at persons, or the throwing of corn.

HELP WANTED - MALE
Corn Huskers. Apply Eddington Farm
Boy to assist in Receiving Dept. Must be over 16. Opportunity for advancement. Rohm & Haas Company.

Bristol Celebrates The Delaware River

The Bristol Cultural and Historical Foundation, Inc., will present ANNUAL HISTORIC BRISTOL DAY on Saturday, October 18 (rain or shine), from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The theme of this year's event is "A River in Time," spotlighting the borough's riverfront connection.

The event will feature open houses, a riverfront tea, entertainment, car show, art show, sailboat regatta, children's corner, exhibits and lectures, vendors, crafters, food court, and several dedication ceremonies.

An HBD ticket is required for the house tour and tea. ADVANCE ticket price is \$10 per adult and \$5 for ages 6-12. Advance tickets may be purchased at the Bristol

Borough Tax Office, 250 Pond Street, Great IDs by Anne, 257 Radcliffe St., the Margaret R. Grundy Library, 680 Radcliffe St., Mignoni Jewelry Store, 200 Mill St., and the Mill Street Pharmacy, 416 Mill St. On the day of the event, the ticket price will increase to \$12 per adult and \$6 for ages 6-12, when tickets and the official HBD Program will be available at the BCHF Ticket & Info Table, corner of Radcliffe & Walnut Sts., Great IDs by Anne, 257 Radcliffe St., Mignoni Jewelry Store, 200 Mill St., and the HBD Tea, 922 Radcliffe St.

Further information may be obtained at www.bristol-history.org or by calling 215 781-9895.

Grundy Library Display Not To Be Missed

The Grundy Library (680 Radcliffe Street) will present an historical exhibit of "Bristol's Riverfront Connection on Bristol Day from 10 am to 4 pm.

At 1 pm and again at 2:30 pm, Erik Fleisher, representative of The John Fitch Steamboat Museum will present an informative talk entitled "John Fitch: The Steamboat Inventor's Adventuresome Life". Also in display will be a 6 ft. working model of John Fitch's steamboat.

House Tour & Tea on Bristol Day

The following private residences will be open for touring from 10 am to 4 pm on Historic Bristol Day. Please note that a Historic Bristol Day ticket is required for admission to houses and Tea, except for St. Mark Rectory.

256 Radcliffe Street - Riverfront home and former physician's office.

621 Radcliffe Street - Home and backyard with outdoor, operating model train.

800 Radcliffe Street - Riverfront home.

1025 Radcliffe Street - Residence of clergy of St. Mark R.C. Parish

Historic Bristol Day Tea is from 11 am to 3 pm in the Riverfront Yard at 922 Radcliffe Street. Hot tea and pasty will be served

New for 2014 - Hand Made in Pennsylvania

"Welcome Friend"

This hanging sign is great for a wreath, on your door or hanging alone. In 1824 this wooden sign was hung across Radcliffe Street to greet General Lafayette on his "Farewell American Tour". In 1777 Lafayette spent time in Bristol on his way to Bethlehem, PA from the Battle of Brandywine. Today the original wooden arch proudly hangs in Bristol Borough Hall. Priced at \$15.00 each it makes a wonderful gift.



Woman Vestry Member

From 1712 until 1966, St. James Episcopal Church on Walnut Street in Bristol had never voted to have a female as a member of their Vestry (governing body of the local congregation).

Mrs. Mary T. Ancker (1914 - 2007), who then lived in Bristol Township and later moved to the 900 block of Radcliffe Street, became the first woman Vestry member in the 254 history of the church.

Mary T. Ancker, RN was at that time the Administrator of the Lower Bucks County Hospital on Bath Road, Bristol. She was also the wife of Adolph Ancker. Until the time of her death, she was also a member of BCHF.

Abraham Lincoln Through Bristol Twice

President-elect Abraham Lincoln, riding in a train that was taking him from his home town of Springfield, Illinois to the nation's capital, stopped briefly at the depot near Market and Pond Streets in Bristol to greet the crowd of people who had gathered there. Included in that group of people were the children from the Wood Street and Otter Street Schools. The date was February 21, 1861. Mr. Lincoln was inaugurated on March 4, 1861 and winning a second election, his second term began March 4, 1864.

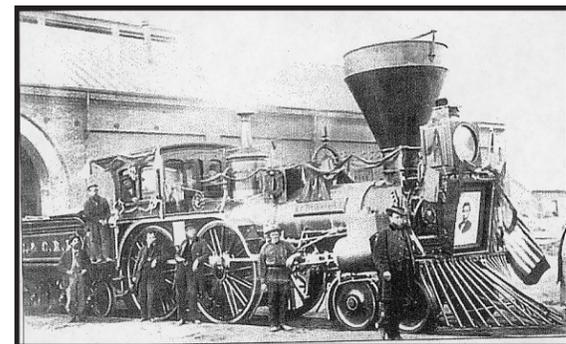
In Ford's Theater, Washington, D.C., President Lincoln was assassinated as he sat watching the play, "Our American Cousin" on April 15, 1865.

The nation mourned the "fallen leader" and after fitting ceremonies at the White House and at the U.S. Capitol Building, the casket in which the President lay was placed in a special train car for the journey back to Springfield, Illinois his home town. Also placed within that same funeral car was the casket holding the remains of his son William ("Willie") (December 21, 1850 - February 20, 1862). Typhoid fever had claimed the life of his 12 year old son.

On the train was Robert Lincoln (August 1, 1843 - July 26, 1926). Robert was the oldest child of Abraham and Mary Lincoln. He would become a lawyer, Secretary of War, Ambassador to the Court of St. James in London and President of the Pullman Railway Co. as his more famous contributions to society.

Mary Todd Lincoln (December 12, 1818 - July 16, 1882) remained within the Presidential Mansion until May 23, 1865 when she departed to travel to Chicago where she hoped to settle her husband's estate. Mrs. Lincoln refused to enter the funeral train.

It took the services of two men aboard the train (embalmer Dr. Charles R. Brown and undertaker Frank T. Sands) to maintain the body so that it was viewable. The journey was so well-planned that at the time of their arrival in Springfield, Illinois, (May 3, 1865 at 9:00 am), they were only one hour behind according to their schedule. The journey was 1,662 miles.



"Nashville", one of the engines used in pulling Lincoln's funeral train. Library of Congress - from book Lincoln's Funeral Train . . . by Robert M. Reed.

A pilot train preceded the "funeral train" by about 10 minutes to be sure that the tracks were kept clear and that there would be no obstructions.

The funeral train slowly passed the Mill Street crossing at 5 am on Monday, April 24, 1865. The train was to maintain a speed of not more than 20 miles per hour. The preferred speed was five miles per hour. In many communities town bells and church bells tolled the passing train. In rural areas bonfires helped to light the way along with torches held by some observers. All men would remove their hats and, at major stops, choirs and bands provided mournful music.

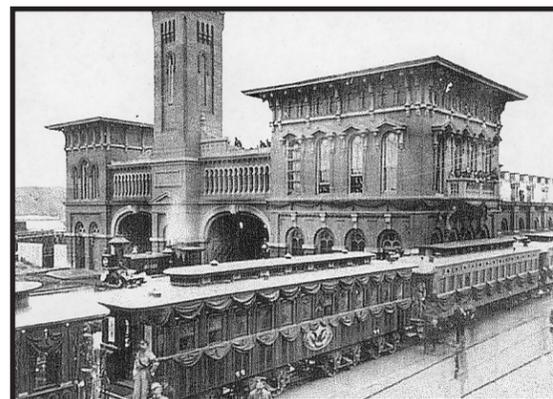
Bolts and bolts of black cloth were draped on public buildings and houses along the route. Everyone evidenced signs of mourning.

This retracing of the route used prior to the first inauguration of President Lincoln was being carefully followed.

This writer was not able to find any written proof that Bristol's town bell that was in the Old Town House at the intersection of Market and Radcliffe St. was rung. That is the same bell that now rests on the lawn of the present Municipal Building. Bristol Fire Company (No. 1) had a bell. Saint James Episcopal Church on Walnut Street had a bell. Saint Mark Church on Radcliffe St. had a bell. Again, it is not certain if the above bells tolled the passing of the funeral train.

With the invention of the telegraph, a communication between the train and various towns and cities along the route was able to learn the time about the coming train.

President Abraham Lincoln had helped to preserve the Union and now Andrew Johnson from Tennessee became the 17th United States President.



The Lincoln Funeral Train at the station in Harrisburg, PA showing the decorated and guarded funeral car bearing the body of President Lincoln. Library of Congress - from book Lincoln's Funeral Train . . . by Robert M. Reed.

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