



The Historian

A Man's Life – A Nation's History

A Newsletter for Friends of the Sanderson

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NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT –

Sue Minarchi

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer! The Sanderson Museum was delighted to welcome many visitors over the past several months to the “Little Grey House”.

The autumn is going to be an exciting time! In September, we will open our “World War I Exhibit”. Many young men from Chester and Delaware County were called to fight in this deadly war. Like Herbert Guest, a friend of Chris Sanderson’s from Chadds Ford, who corresponded with him often about his life changing experiences. Join us for the Preview Event on Thursday, September 17th from 5pm to 8pm. Enjoy refreshments, music and impersonations of World War I soldiers and civilians. The exhibit will be on display until November 29th.

For everyone who knew Chris personally, please join us at the museum on October 3rd for our first “Oral History Day”. Have your memories of Chris recorded for posterity. There will be refreshments on hand and lots of great storytelling!

On October 16th, we will have our wonderful, annual “Members Only” reception. Come socialize with other members, listen to terrific music by Skip Barthold, and enjoy delicious food from Brandywine Prime. Our special guest this year will be author Michael Harris, who will captivate us with tales of the Battle of the Brandywine from his new book. If you’re not a member, please consider

becoming one ... this wonderful evening is for Members Only.

Be sure to mark your calendars for this one! Come join us for the “Sanderson Shopping Spree” on Friday, November 6th where authors, artists and artisans will display their creations for your buying pleasure. What can be better than refreshments, music, and shopping? Start your holiday shopping at the Sanderson Museum!

Last, but certainly not least, volunteers are the lifeblood of the Sanderson Museum. I really hope you’ll think about joining our volunteer family. It’s only one 4-hour shift per month and there are lots of volunteer benefits, such as a discount in museum gift shop, field trips, get-togethers, and continuing education. It is vital for the museum’s future to have volunteers available to staff its open hours and various events.

See you at the museum!

ASK TO SEE

Chuck Ulmann, Curator

A visitor came to the museum and after looking around became very interested in the Bayard Taylor collection in the Chadds Ford room. Upon asking if we accepted donations, I inquired as to what he was interested in giving us. It turns out he had a copy of the ‘Story of Kennett’ written by Bayard Taylor with some rather interesting information on the free pages in front of the title page.

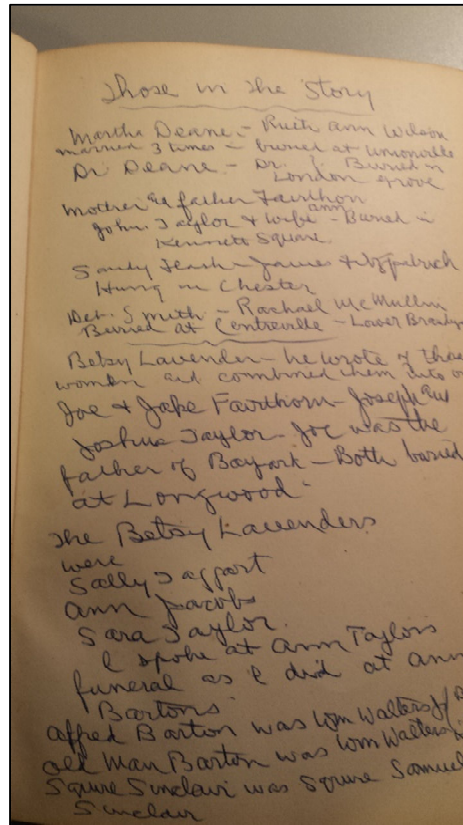
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Bayard Taylor was born in Kennett Square, PA in 1825. Educated in West Chester and Unionville and then under the influence of Rufus Griswold, the editor of "Graham's Magazine" he began writing poetry. Taylor, after getting some partial funding from several media outlets, began his first overseas travel to Europe in 1844. Upon returning, he published his first book, "Views Afoot, or Europe Seen with Knapsack and Staff" which was printed in 24 editions. He was hired by the New York Tribune and his first assignment was to write about the California Gold Rush. In 1850 he published "Eldorado, or Adventures in the Path of Empire" which sold 40,000 copies in a period of less than a month.

Kennett Square continued to be Taylor's home. He continued to travel and wrote many travel books. He met famous writers and poets in his travel and while touring through Europe and other continents. He gave many lectures around the United States using the proceeds to build his home in Kennett Square, Cedarcroft. He wrote a comedy in honor of the completion of his new home.

Up until this time all of his books were non-fiction. His second fiction piece was the historic novel, "The Story of Kennett", published in 1866. He continued to travel, becoming the Minister (Ambassador) to Germany in 1878. While there, his health began to deteriorate and he passed away in December, 1878. His remains were later returned to the U.S and made their way to Kennett Square by train from New York City. He is interred in the



Chris Sanderson's handwritten notes in the book, *The Story of Kennett*, written by Bayard Taylor.

Longwood Cemetery (My thanks to Gene Pisasale for his training document on the Chadds Ford Room which included much more information on Bayard Taylor than the small snippets I "borrowed" here!).

The gentleman with his interest in Bayard Taylor left for home and returned in about an hour with the copy he has since given to the museum. A quick count shows that we have at least 7 copies either given to Chris or purchased by Chris with notes and dedications in them.

A bookseller identified this copy as a first edition, probably a second printing, from 1866. The first page starts out by saying, "The characters of The Story of Kennett

were given to me by Sarah Jacobs - (Sally Fairthorn) Bayard Taylor's aunt and also by Mrs. E. Taylor Lamborn and Mrs. Carey - Bayard Taylor's sisters" It is signed /Christian C. Sanderson, Chadds Ford, Pa, July 10 / 1966. Below this is stated that "This was (the notes above and on the next page) in 1905 when I knew them.

The second page lists "Those in the Story," gives the story name, the real name and where the person is buried. This copy is probably one that Chris owned but wasn't inscribed until 1966. According to his biography, Chris read the book for the first time in 1900 (Chris, T. R. Thompson, 1973, p. 68) and reading this book was probably partly responsible for his moving to Chadds Ford in 1905 (*ibid*, p. 148). "Ask to see" this special copy of "The Story of Kennett" given to us by a generous visitor the next time you visit the Sanderson Museum.

SUPPORT THE MUSEUM

The Sanderson Museum is a private, non-profit 501(c)3 organization founded in 1967. Please consider becoming a member or making a contribution to keep this unique museum open for the enjoyment of future generations. You can mail your tax-deductible donation or membership application to Sanderson Museum, P.O. Box 153, Chadds Ford, PA 19317. Membership and donations can also be made online at sandersonmuseum.org.

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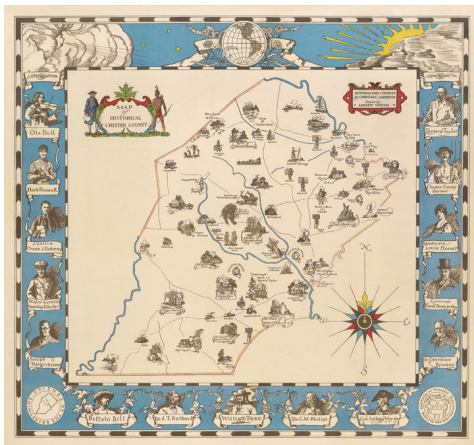
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Look no further...the Map of Historical Chester County, compiled by Christian C. Sanderson and illustrated by Andrew Wyeth, is the perfect gift! Purchase the map for \$95.00 unframed and receive a certificate of authentication. The map measures 24" x 26" and is one of the original 1937 edition of 5,750 printed by Beck Engraving Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Maps are available for purchase online at www.sandersonmuseum.org or at the museum.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Sanderson Museum is run by volunteers just like you! We are people who are interested in history, delight in talking to other people, have a bit of the "pack rat" in them, and want to touch a moment in time. We offer great benefits:

- Volunteer training
- Annual volunteer trip to area museum
- Invitations to museum events
- Several volunteer appreciation activities
- 10% discount in museum gift shop

If you are interested in volunteering your time and/or talents, email Mary Hewes at executivedirector@sandersonmuseum.org or call 610-388-6545 or to join our volunteer family.

Christian C. Sanderson Museum
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