



# The Historian

*A Man's Life – A Nation's History*

*A Newsletter for Friends of the Sanderson*

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## NEWS FROM THE MUSEUM

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The Sanderson Museum is currently open by appointment only. We hope you will schedule a visit with us in the near future. Appointments should be requested at least 48 hours ahead of your visit. Visits may be made arranged on Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday between noon and 3 p.m.

To schedule an appointment please call our dedicated scheduling number at 610-864-1598. We normally will return calls within 24 hours.

As a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic we will be following the directives of the CDC, the PA Department of Health and the County Health Department.

- Please do not schedule an appointment to visit if you do not feel well or have some type of COVID-19 symptom. We will not be accepting walk-in visitors. Admissions for your scheduled visit will be collected at the time of your visit.
- All visitors over the age of two will be required to wear masks while inside the museum. Social distancing must be practiced. All visitors and volunteers must wear masks at all times. If you forget your mask or do not have one, we will provide you one with a suggested donation of \$1.
- We will have signs placed around the museum to remind you of these requirements.
- All traffic inside the museum will be one way. You will receive a sheet with this information on it.
- We will have hand sanitizing stations throughout the building.

- Please do not touch any exhibits. We do have exhibits on panels. These panels are frequently wiped down by our docents. We strongly suggest you put on a glove(s) to turn the panels in the rooms. Before you touch any shared surface you should clean your hands at the hand sanitizer or wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water. You should dispose of the gloves as you leave on the first floor in the trash can provided.
- Our Gift Area will be closed but you may purchase these items on our web site and they will be delivered to you.

Please remember to call 610-864-1598 to schedule your next visit. We look forward to having you back at the museum.

## ASK TO SEE

Chuck Ulmann, Curator

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The map of Historic Chester County in the School Room on the 2nd floor of the Sanderson is one of the largest items on display. About a year ago the map was removed from the Sanderson, taken to the Center for Conservation of Art and Historic Artifacts in Philadelphia for a full cleaning, remounting on acid free media and reframing in UV resistant material to assure its preservation for many years. The Map is now back in its location. Many events occurred before the map was placed on display in the School Room.

Tom Thompson, our founding curator, collected and

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organized all the records related to the background leading to the creation of the design by Chris and the execution of the design by Andrew Wyeth. Here is Tom's summary:

"Roland S. Grubb, Vice President of Friends of the Brandywine wrote to Chris on October 19, 1935 indicating that he had discussed the question of an historical map of the county of Chester with one of the largest refining companies [Atlantic Refining] in the east and "they appear to be interested and can see the utility in sponsoring such a piece of advertising."

Chris was asked to discuss this with Andrew Wyeth and "see if he would help them with small pen and ink sketches of the historic places."

Chris and Andy went to work on this project.

Exhibit #173 in School Room is the preliminary drawing by Andy with the Atlantic Refining seal in the lower left hand corner. At some point in the development of this map, it was discovered that Atlantic Refining did not authorize this project and N C Wyeth stepped in and made arrangements with the printer in Philadelphia to pay for this project. The Friends of the Brandywine seal was substituted for the Atlantic Refining seal. The maps were produced in 1937.

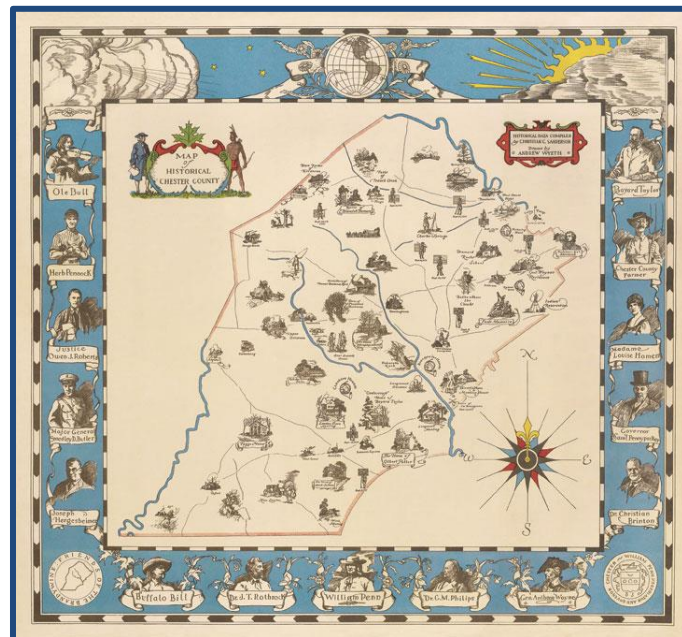
Chris contacted many stores in Chester County to offer these for sale and following his death, we acquired a supply from Andy and sold them at the Museum. We still have a good supply of the booklets (as of 2002).

During our clean-up operation we found six of these maps and Andy signed them and we offered them framed at a price of \$1,000 - \$600 of this was considered to be a contribution to the Museum."

All of these maps were sold.

The design fell into two sections. The center of the piece was a map of Chester County containing many historically significant locations.

Around the two sides and the bottom are images of famous people that Chris included in one of his lectures titled, "The Hall of Fame of Chester County." It was one of a number of speeches he offered to groups over his lifetime.



A number of these are well known to those living in southeastern Pennsylvania such as William Penn, Major-General Anthony Wayne who fought in the Battle of Brandywine and Governor Samuel Whitaker Pennypacker of Pennsylvania to name a few.

Here is what Chris said about the group:

"They (members of his hall of fame) have been very prominent in making Chester County being known far and wide. It was a difficult task having to omit the portraits of many who were worthy of being placed in the border"

Rather than just provide a list, we'll tell about them in the next article. In the meantime, "Ask to See" the map upstairs and binder 20.6 which contains the notes about the map and the details that went into it.

## SUPPORT THE MUSEUM

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

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## MUSEUM GIFT SHOP

Visit the Sanderson Museum Gift Shop for your holiday shopping needs.

- Historical Map of Chester County
- Wyeth Holiday Note Cards
- Ornaments
- Mugs
- Magnets
- Books
- And so much more!!

The Gift Shop is open 24/7 through the museum website: <https://sandersonmuseum.org/shop/>



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