looking back, looking forward
Last year at this time, CCHS officially celebrated the opening of Vale-Himes Park after three years of planning, fundraising and construction. The initiative began in 2015 when Society members and supporters rallied around the need to transform the then nearly-condemned site into a community space for all to enjoy. The project totaled about $325,000 to complete; from initial design plans, to the building demolition work on 5 N. Pitt Street, to the park walls, signage and benches and even the catering bill for the ribbon cutting event. Looking back, the park project was a relatively “quiet campaign.” Our membership and a small handful of gracious families, foundations and community organizations “made it happen” without much fanfare. Finally, a $100,000 contribution was made to the Society’s endowment fund to support CCHS’ mission and honor the Vale-Himes legacy with the park naming. 2018 also saw the completion of major renovations within the Society’s Museum. Upgrades to signage, design and layout, color schemes and integrated educational hands-on activities were completed. A digital initiative in the museum was also launched and we anticipate its unveiling later this year. The 2018 Museum changes saw about $20,000 in funds secured- again, these funds were offered sacrificially by our caring Society members and friends.

CCHS has a history of completing campaigns successfully whether big or small. As we begin our countdown to the Society’s 150th anniversary in 2024, another larger campaign, focusing on visibility, connectivity, endowment growth, collections storage and processing, and staff space is inevitable. The Society’s Board and Development Committee are leading the charge to develop a Master Plan that will complement the Society’s Strategic Plan and soon to be published Community Outreach Plan to guide the Society’s steps in the coming months and years. Ever mindful of other worthy capital campaigns underway in our County, CCHS hopes to share preliminary campaign plans with the community by 2020.

We hope you enjoy this year’s Annual Report & Magazine. Looking Back, Looking Forward not only provides a recap of 2018s activities, but it also highlights new initiatives and events on the horizon. Finally, a note of appreciation to retiring staff member Lynda Mann for her many years of service to CCHS as the Society’s Programming and Membership Coordinator. On behalf of Board and Staff, thank you Lynda!
The Hamilton Library continued many of its projects and activities. We diligently work to help researchers use the CCHS collections. We also receive numerous research request and questions throughout the year. Our staff and volunteers work very hard to answer all of these questions. The library had a busy year with accessioning and cataloging of new materials. We had 167 new accessions added to the collection in 2018. These materials always increase our understanding of our County’s history. The library also assisted with the Carlisle Journeys conference. We assisted conference participants in researching Carlisle Indian Industrial School related materials. While we assist these patrons, we also can listen and learn from our speakers and conference participants. This helps us gain a greater knowledge about the school, which of course means we can do a better job assisting those researching the topic.

We worked with several classes of Dickinson College and Shippensburg University students. A history methods class from Dickinson College researched some local African American history and created a small exhibit in Todd Hall that was displayed during the Amani Festival. We also worked with students from various local high schools as they worked on school projects. The library started some new collaborations as well. We began working with students from Boiling Springs High School on a digitization project. These students have been scanning and adding images to our webpage. They have been working with the photographs taken and donated by local photographer, Jim Bradley. Their work can be seen on our website - https://www.historicalsociety.com/bradley/. Over the summer, Messiah intern Ryan McKeohan, worked to add content to CCHS Indian School webpages. This content was created and curated by Barbara Landis. There is a lot of content on these pages and more content will be added. https://carlisleindian.historicalsociety.com/. We also had a high school foreign exchange student intern, Hendrik Roebben, who worked on a variety of library projects during his time at CCHS. Amelia Deering, a Dickinson Student, worked on researching and writing Whiskey Rebellion related articles for the Gardner Library.

The Hamilton library offers a sincere thank you to our volunteers that help with so many tasks from helping patrons to processing collections to cataloging to research. We would not be the library and archives that we are without their amazing ongoing support. The library would not be where it is today without them.
The year 2018 was a busy time for the Photo Archives. We had a total of 43 accessions that included a wide variety of items. Jim Bradley donated twelve 16mm films of railroads taken between 1959 and 1962. Volunteer Mark Irvin had these converted to a DVD that will be sold in our History on High Shop. We also received and processed 71 photo orders, 19 more than in 2017. As in the past, orders related to the Carlisle Indian School continued to make up a major percentage of our orders. Most of our orders are now received, processed, and delivered online.

The major work done in the Photo Archives was accomplished by a team of 17 volunteers who do a variety of tasks on a weekly basis. It takes a great deal of time to accession, research, and catalog the huge number of images that we add to the Photo Archives each year.

Significant progress was made on the Bradley Collection that is housed in what is now known as the Bradley Room. We have nearly completed the archival housing and numbering of the photo prints. The next steps will be to enter the prints into our PastPerfect catalog and start processing the approximately 70,000 Bradley slides. The volunteers who worked on the Bradley Collection were Mark Irvin, Linda Frantz, Catharine Van Wyck, Randy Watts, Cindy Mentzer, and Jon and Jane Black.

Dan Drawbaugh worked on the large Allenberry Collection and several Mechanicsburg area collections. Susan Meehan, Tad Miller, Mona Kreitzer, “Cookie” Grugan and Don Fair worked on the entry of old and new accessions into our computer catalog. Sharon McDonald nearly completed the computer entry of our large postcard collection. Nead Miller continued to organize and box our multitude of Sentinel negatives in chronological order. Merri Lou Schaumann used her genealogical research skills to help organize and house new family collections.

The Photo Archives worked on a weekly basis with The Sentinel to select and identify photos that were used in the weekly “Tour Through Time” feature that was taken over in 2017 by Joe Cress. He also writes a weekly history-related feature that often makes use of photos from our archives. This gives us exposure to the public as well as leads to the acquisition of new photos and the sale of copies of our photos.

The high quality of photos that we provide is often the work of volunteer Mike Getter who is a master of photo editing and restoration. He now volunteers three mornings a week to help us keep up with the many client orders as well as photo illustrations for many CCHS activities and publications.

Thank you to all our faithful photo volunteers and to the many people who donated images to our collection in 2018. We are very proud of our outstanding collection that supports the Society and provides so many historical images to the citizens of the Cumberland County area and beyond.

View of the west façade of the Diller/Heishman’s Gristmill, West Pennsboro Township, 2000. William Foshag who owned and restored the mill is next to the tree. This is one of a large collection of photos donated from the Estate of William Foshag in 2018.
In 2018, we celebrated the renovation of the museum, a huge accomplishment! Please tell everyone you know to stop in and have a look. In addition to the main renovations, we presented the yearly holiday exhibit, Holiday Greetings, featuring Christmas and New Year’s cards. Approximately 3,000 visitors came to see the above exhibits in 2018. We greatly appreciated the time our museum intern, Claudia Haines, spent with us this year. She helped with a little bit of everything, from doing several Windows to History to dressing mannequins and writing labels. We hope that you can visit the museum to see the changing windows and other small exhibits, but if you can’t make it in, you can stay up-to-date with our postings on the CCHS blog.

We also spent time preparing the new exhibit for 2019 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. Open now, The War that Changed the World: Lasting Effects of WWI on Cumberland County, has special emphasis on the inventions and innovations that changed life in the United States.

The museum had 29 separate donations of artifacts this year. We are continuing to collect funds to conserve artifacts in our “Save your Stuff” exhibit. Last year your donations contributed to the restoration of the Dr. Foulk sign, which you can stop by and see anytime as it is proudly on exhibit in the museum.

Thank you to the CCHS staff, museum committee, docents and other volunteers who contribute to making the museum a welcoming, fascinating place. Over 600 volunteer hours recorded. The hiring process is moving forward for the new curator and we hope to welcome them soon as well! 

| Accessions 2018 | 167 library | 43 photo | 29 museum |
In an effort to increase outreach, the Education Department formed many new partnerships, especially within the regional retired and homeschool communities. All this was done while continuing to provide programming for our traditional public, private and home school audiences. This expansion, coupled with increased walk-in patronage of the Stuart History Workshop, led to one of the best years for educational outreach for the department.

Last spring, Shippensburg University intern, Lucas Zampelli, provided valuable research and programming, while learning about the workings of a multi department historical society. The Education Department would like to thank and wish him success in future endeavors.

2018’s Civil War and World War I history camps were a big success. We had many new campers. All three camps were full of students from central Pennsylvania and even some from neighboring states. There were many fun-filled activities that gave campers a unique perspective of some aspects of history that are not often covered in classroom learning.

Just as winter began, the education staff and volunteers hosted the annual Holiday program. This event was free to the public and focused on the rich history of holiday traditions in our area. Many families enjoyed the holiday card themed craft projects, snacks and of course a visit from the most famous gift giver. We especially would like to thank James C. Bartoli Inc. for the donation of oranges. This gracious gesture provided every child with a healthy, old fashioned token from Santa Claus.

The education department could not provide the myriad of quality programs it does without the help of its gracious volunteers. Many thanks go out to these men and women who donate their time and expertise to help foster a passion for history in our children.
In 2018 the programming and membership department had 1,912 hours documented for reception desk and bulk mailer volunteers. We began 2018 with the Wednesdays In Winter Series. This series generated over 300 people that enjoyed a variety of topics for the six-week series. Society member, Maureen Reed and her family, hosted the 3rd annual R.C. Reed Architectural Lecture. Throughout the year, the Society hosted numerous talks, special events and a variety of walking tours. This year society member, Ron Turo, created a new program “Murder in the Courthouse: 63 Years Ago.” This included a reenactment, at the old courthouse, of the murder of Attorney John D. Faller. Local attorneys participated in the reenactment of that fateful day. Also, society member, Jim Griffith, created a Christmas themed walking tour of downtown Carlisle “Memories of Christmas Past.” In this walking tour, Jim shared memories of Christmas festivities over the generations. The 6th annual history-themed Golf Classic tournament was held on June 22nd. The theme was “Cumberland County’s WWI Stories.” This year the tournament was paired with a period Speakeasy, a 1920s prohibition-era underground bar and club, on June 29th. The Annual Dinner was held at the Carlisle Country Club with 109 people attending. Our guest speaker was Katie Hess. Her presentation was on South Mountain Partnership “Breaking the Cycle of Loss: Cultural and Natural Conservationists Unite!”

**2018 Membership by Category**

- Heritage Circle, etc. ($1,000)
- James Hamilton ($500)
- Individual ($40)
- Family ($45)
- G.B. Stuart ($15)
- Patron ($150)
- Organisations ($45-500)

**YouTube 2018**

- Minutes watched: 56,700
- Views: 7,600
- Subscribers: 87

**2018 Membership by Category**
The first year for the Community Outreach Department was an exciting one! In 2018 we continued to work with the Greater Carlisle Heart & Soul Initiative and developed preservation and cultural heritage programming and initiatives based on the information we learned from the project. Sharon has been working hard to increase rentals at CCHS’ facilities and Two-Mile House has been bustling with weddings, showers, and parties. The department also worked hard to help coordinate fundraising activities, such as, the McLain Festival, Golf Classic, and Speakeasy.

Thanks to a $12,800 mini-grant from South Mountain Partnership and working closely with our Preservation Roundtable partners, we launched a series of preservation education and marketing resources, including a new website (http://preservation.historicalsociety.com/), informational resources, and our first annual Preservation Awards and Reception during Preservation Month in May. The program entitled Personal Stories of Preservation saw five residents of Cumberland County tell their stories of preserving sites. In addition, CCHS awarded its inaugural preservation awards to Allenberry Resort, Craighead House, and Creative Building Concepts, for their efforts to preserve the historic resources of the County. The grant also allowed us to create Preservation Learning Labs, and as part of this series we held a workshop on understanding Historic Architectural Review.
Boards and a repointing 101 course. Lastly, we launched a Preservation Opportunities Watchlist for Cumberland County. This list brings awareness to endangered historic resources in the County and highlights opportunities for good historic stewardship.

2018 saw a revamped McLain Festival and a renamed pre-festival event, the Blarney Bash. Thanks to volunteers from Dickinson College’s marketing club surveys were conducted in 2016 and 2017 to learn how to improve attendance at McLain Festival. Suggestions included extended hours, new bands, vendors, activities, and a bar. The McLain Festival Committee implemented these suggestions by expanding the festival to two days, inviting new Celtic bands, expanding the vendors, adding new competitions, including haggis eating and shortbread baking, and adding a pub. For this year’s 25th anniversary we’ll be adding so much more to the festival, so please come out and join us!

Sharon worked tirelessly, with Paul Hoch and the Golf Classic Committee, to help coordinate a World War I themed tournament in June. In conjunction with the tournament the Two-Mile House was transformed into a 1920s Speakeasy fundraiser. Guests played blackjack, watched silent movies, danced to the Keating Jazz Orchestra and enjoyed signature cocktails. Both events support CCHS and the Awards & Scholarships fund (HistoryPOPS!).

The department has also worked to recruit and foster internship opportunities with staff at CCHS. Last year interns worked in every department and produced valuable research and outreach tools. Kayla Morales from Shippensburg University researched historic preservation and produced a guide for historic homeowners in Cumberland County. Liam Donahue and Greg Parker, both from Dickinson College, worked with the Outreach and Museum Departments to create a travelling exhibit on brass bands in Cumberland County. Greg enjoyed this research so much he returned in 2019 to build on his work for CCHS.

None of these activities would be possible without the help and support of volunteers. Sharon and I would like to thank everyone who helped to make all our outreach possible, including attending tabling events, developing walking tours, helping with Festivals, joining committees, and scrubbing, polishing and pruning Two-Mile House. Without your help we would be lost!
Two Mile House
Sharon Filipovich

As part of the Community Outreach Department, the Two Mile House and other locations were kept very busy this year!

Todd Hall and the Cumberland Room were booked often for a variety of events. Meetings, graduation parties, lectures, and memorial services were some of the events to name a few.

The Two Mile House exceeded expectations in 2018 with an increased number of events. Rentals for weddings, bridal and baby showers remain very popular. Overall, rental revenue increased over 60 percent from the previous year.

In 2019, this trend is continuing with several advance bookings including weddings, anniversary parties, baby and bridal showers and graduation parties.

Photo Courtesy of Micaela Burkholder Photography

History on High - The Shop
Kim Laidler

Can you believe History on High has been open on High Street for ten years now?! We have much to be thankful for – amazing volunteers and work study students who all offer so much by way of help, encouragement and fantastic ideas. Great customers and local artists and authors who support us in so many ways by shopping and stocking the shop. The Shop has evolved over the years adding on-line, phone orders and our in-house publication production, participation in felting classes, demonstrations, book signings, Amani and Harvest of the Arts Festivals, American Crafts week, first Fridays and car show weekends. Throughout the year, to help celebrate our Cumberland County heritage we’ve hosted book signings and conversations by local authors Beverly Bone, Joseph D. Cress, Debra Hervitz, Paul Hoch, Sherri Maret, Francine Moody, Randy Watts and Joan West. Bonnie Tweedy Shaw taught two well-attended Felting Classes. Elaine Haag held two demonstrations creating Nuno Felted Shawls and Scarves. Paul Hoch held a carving demonstration where he carved a popular Santa. Finally, Megan Lloyd Thompson demonstrated her weaving.

We meet the most interesting customers and visitors from all over the world: 5,570 guests to the Shop and 463 visitors to our Visitor Center located in the rear of our store. Our fantastic Shop volunteers, including Lisa Brousse, Lynda Cook, Dee Fenton, Robin Fiddler, Pat Figueiredo, Jo Ann Hutcheson, Ann Sheehan and E.K. Weitzel logged in 675.5 hours. Our knowledgeable Visitor Center volunteers include Lisa Brousse, Jo Ann Hutcheson, Ron Kutz, Debbie Reitzel, Gary Roberts, Ann Sheehan and Kirk Wilson who helped a total of 321.25 hours. We have had the pleasure of several work study students from Dickinson College helping in the shop, publications and the education center this year too. Two are graduating and we wish them a prosperous future. I owe every one of you all a great big Thank You for all your help!

My wish for 2019 is for continued community involvement, awareness and sales growth.
The main event of 2018 was the biennial Carlisle Journeys conference. This year’s theme, “Places of Memory and the Unfolding Stories from the Carlisle Indian School,” drew CIIS descendants to Carlisle to share the stories of their ancestors as we focused on the centennial of the closing of the school. Many of these descendant talks have been uploaded on line to the CCHS’ YouTube channel.

During 2018, CIIS programing included continued outreach to community groups with visits to the Plainfield Lions’ Club, Bethany Village, Chapel Pointe, National Association of Retired Federal Workers, Military Officers Association of America at Carlisle Barracks in addition to working with visiting library and museum patrons. More outreach included a panel discussion on the Indian School at Shippensburg University and several Dickinson College Class gallery talks. As in the past, Barb Landis continued to represent CCHS in a grant partnership with Dickinson College making visits to the Northern Arizona University in January; Muskogee, Kiowa, Comanche, Apache, Cheyenne, Arapaho, Delaware, Osage, Miami, Cherokee and Wyandot communities in Oklahoma in March; Odanah Chippewa, Lac du Flambeau Chippewa, Menominee and Oneida communities in Wisconsin in April; and Seneca communities in New York in June – bringing tools for researching Indian School families to descendants at their tribal colleges and culture centers.

We continue to offer CIIS programs in house, keeping our focus on telling the stories of Outings in neighboring communities and in February, the program topic was “Wellsville Outings.” In April, CIIS discussion was included in the society’s panel presentation at the annual Pennsylvania Museum’s Conference in which staff conducted a series of “Difficult Conversations” modeling our commitment to holding cutting-edge discussions about local history. Clearly, as in the past, interest in the Carlisle Indian School continues to hold a place in the programming and mission of the historical society as we expand our understanding of this significant piece of Cumberland County history.
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**Gardner Library in 2018**

**10,037 users**

**28,346 pageviews**
Do You Remember Carlisle’s Lincoln Cemetery?

Henry Spradley (left) served in Company G, 24th, U. S. Colored Troops during the Civil War. He is buried in the Lincoln Cemetery in Carlisle.

At the end of 2018, CCHS formally launched a project highlighting the Cumberland County men who fought in the United States Colored Troops (USCT) during the Civil War. Picking up on the work done by a group that worked to identify those men, CCHS staff, volunteers, interns, and high school students are working to create biographies for these brave men. We also plan to add concise histories on their units to better understand what they were doing during the War. We would like to be able to map where these men were before the war, where they enlisted, and where they settled after the war. All of this information and the biographies will be added to the Gardner Digital Library. These men are significant to not just our local history but the national story as well.

We have recently launched a project examining previously forgotten and ignored sites. Starting with Lincoln Cemetery in Carlisle, we plan to have a website that tells the cemetery’s history and a working list of those buried there online by the end of 2019. We plan to do a formal unveiling for this project in February of 2020. This project will be done in at least two phases. We hope to add biographies for as many people buried there as possible. We hope to remember and honor those who are buried there. Forty-five years after it was made into Memorial Park it is time to take a new look at the story of this site. This project would not be possible without the work of Ruth Hodge and Janet Bell. Jan- et’s book, Lincoln Cemetery: “The Story Down Under,” 1884-1905, gave us the foundation we needed to start this project.

We also need the community’s help with the Lincoln Cemetery project. Do you or anyone you know have pictures of the site before the tombstones were removed? While it was being turned in the park? That section of the park over the years? Do you have memories that you would be willing to share with us about the cemetery or the park? These stories are not often found in the written record and are important so that we have the fullest picture of what happened at Lincoln Cemetery.

CCHS is excited to be working on these two projects that will grow our understanding of local history. There is plenty of work still to do on both projects. If you are interested in helping, please contact Lindsay: lvarner@historicalsociety.com or Cara: ccurtis@historicalsociety.com.
McLain Celtic Festival 25th Anniversary!

This year’s two-day McLain Celtic Festival has new events you won’t want to miss!

Held at: Two Mile House
1189 Walnut Bottom Road
Saturday, August 31st:
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday, September 1st:
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Tickets $10 per day or $15 per weekend -- Age 13 and under, free

New and old favorites include: haggis eating competition, highland games, bands, sheep dog demo, shortbread competition, children’s activities, freckle counting competition, and pub (11-4:30 Sat. and 11-2:30 Sun.).

More information at heritagefest.historicalsociety.com/

Blarney Bash

Our celebration will be held on Thursday, August 29, 2018 from 6-9 p.m. at Two Mile House. Mark your calendars for a festive evening featuring food from local restaurants and caterers, kilts, libations, and hospitality. $45 per person.

Reservations and payment available online at https://www.historicalsociety.com/product/mclain-festival-cocktail-party/
or by sending your check to CCHS at 21 N. Pitt St., Carlisle, PA 17013
CCHS Receives Chairman’s Award

“In recognition of its commitment to historic preservation in Cumberland County, the Cumberland County Historical Society has been chosen to receive this year’s Chairman’s Award from Preservation Pennsylvania. In reviewing the award nominees, we were impressed with the Historical Society’s work in creating an Outreach department, its restoration of the Odd Fellow’s Hall, its work with Mt. Tabor, and its [ongoing] preservation advocacy programs, including its Watch List, Awards, historic register, and the Cumberland County Preservation Roundtable. Your organization is and should be an inspiration to all. Thank you for your good work!”

- Nathaniel C. Guest, Esq, Preservation Pennsylvania Chairman

Soon to Launch Museum Initiative

The Ann Hoffer Multi-Media Initiative in the museum will utilize CCHS’ large collection of digital county stories, providing visitors with real-time content and access to unseen collections, oral histories and online content from the Society’s website. Free-standing kiosks throughout the museum will also be available to browse numerous collections and histories. CCHS appreciates Ann Kramer Hoffer for her generous contribution to develop this project so that the county’s past and the people who lived here will not be forgotten. Visitors to the Museum will be able to take full advantage of the multi-media stations by summer 2019. Thank you Ann!

Greater Carlisle Heart & Soul

In 2019 the Greater Carlisle Heart & Soul Initiative will move into the final phase of the project. Since 2016, Heart & Soul gathered stories from the community to better understand what people value and identify gaps in services. The Project learned about wonderful programs and organizations as well as areas in need of improvement. The fourth phase of the project will develop an Action Plan which lays out ideas to meet the needs of our community. Current ideas include: introducing downtown youth to heritage and recreation opportunities in Cumberland County, collecting stories from nursing homes, working with businesses to highlight their historic facades in the downtowns, and work with local and regional news organizations to better tell community stories and promote a positive community image. The Initiative will work with regional organizations to put this plan into action. If you’d like to help, contact lvarner@historicalsociety.com

upcoming events summer

Dinner & Concert with David & Ginger Hildebrand 6/6

Golf Classic Tournament 6/28

Blarney Bash 8/29

25th McLain Celtic Festival 8/31–9/1
Coming Soon: CCHS Community Outreach Plan

Coming in 2019, CCHS will launch a Community Outreach Plan through the Community Outreach Department. This Plan works to achieve CCHS’ vision of becoming a model for demonstrating how history, story-telling, material culture and preservation promotes social well-being, service, and citizen engagement with local resources. It sets the framework for the Outreach Department to expand CCHS' mission, county-wide and to diverse audiences.

As Cumberland County’s population and economy grows, it is our belief that we must be at the forefront of promoting and protecting the County’s historical and cultural resources. To achieve this, CCHS must be visible, relevant, engaging and foster a sense of place and appreciation for history throughout the whole of Cumberland County. CCHS’ new Community Outreach Department, currently consists of a Director of Community Outreach and an Events and Rentals Assistant. In the future, a Marketing and Development Assistant will be hired. This department will be tasked with working alongside Staff and Board to help bridge any remaining gaps that might exist between communities and the Society’s traditionally great content, expertise and collections.

This Community Outreach Plan, along with CCHS’ Strategic Plan and Campus Master Plan, will be a cornerstone document for the Society because it outlines a tangible, brass-tacks approach to engaging more audiences in a variety of different settings in a strategic way. Overarching themes will be presented in the plan; programming, marketing and development and preservation. These themes have been identified as critical for Society to focus on to enhance community engagement in the months and years to come.

As the Community Outreach Plan is finalized, the Department will continue to work expand CCHS’ work across Cumberland County. New properties were added to the Opportunities Watch List, the Junkin House and Scott Farm, and our work to promote the preservation of Cumberland County’s historic resources will continue throughout the year. In early 2020 nominations for CCHS’ annual Preservation Award will open once again, as well as applications to the Watch List. We will be working throughout the year to support properties on the Watch List and provide opportunities through our Preservation Learning Labs.
Preparing for a Sustainable & Dynamic Future

In 2018, the Society’s Development Committee and Board of Trustees agreed to examine the feasibility of raising the Society endowment fund from 3 million to 5.5 million, the specific amount needed for interest distributions to cover CCHS’ operating budget and position the Society for long-term financial sustainability.

The Development Committee also worked tirelessly to streamline and enhance CCHS’ special project & legacy fund accounts to communicate to donors and supporters our current needs and priorities. Planned giving is critical to the Society’s success and is a straightforward way for our supporters to choose their own giving interests. Funds designated for endowment are automatically deposited into the endowment account. Furthermore, donations given for specific funds are also deposited into their respective designated special account(s). Appreciated stock gifts are welcome too and CCHS can facilitate the sale and deposit for Society designated accounts.

I have an interest in the following legacy funds:

- [ ] Growing the Society’s Endowment Fund is a critical goal. The proceeds generated from the Society’s Endowment Fund support mission-based educational activities, programs, events, and operations.
- [ ] A gift to the Museum Collections Care Fund or Archives and Library Collections Care Fund ensures that conservation and proper storage of our objects and archival materials is maintained to the highest standards.
- [ ] A planned gift to the Properties Maintenance Fund assists with the upkeep and preservation of the Society’s buildings and grounds including the Two-Mile House, History on High Building, Archives and Museum Building and Pocket Park.
- [ ] Special Publications Fund growth supports the Society’s longstanding tradition of high-quality journals, publications and periodicals which tell the story of Cumberland County history.
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George F. Gardner: In Memory

CCHS mourns the loss of George F. Gardner, longtime supporter and friend to the Society. George passed away in Carlisle on April 30th and is survived by his wife Elizabeth V. Gardner and six children. George was a mentor to CCHS staff and served on the Society Board and numerous Society committees. For many years he poured his energy and financial support into CCHS’ technological infrastructure, allowing the Society to keep up in the fast-paced digital age. He was uncanny in his ability to see trends and was an avid champion of moving the Society into the online world with outreach, marketing, and collections access. He spearheaded the launch of CCHS’ digital library and underwrote the costs for servers, digital recording devices and software, web development, physical studio space, and staffing to make the initiative come to life. Now known as the Elizabeth V. and George F. Gardner Digital Library, the project was developed as a means of sharing Cumberland County’s history with new audiences. Both George and Elizabeth’s vision was to capture the many unique and shared personal histories that together create the broader historical narrative of Cumberland County. Whether through oral histories that tell a specific individuals account, combing the archives for information on local communities, or by delving into old news articles to unearth previously hidden stories these accounts combine to tell our shared history.

Through the Gardner Digital Library, CCHS has been able to preserve and tell the stories of local businesses like Kruger Dairy; the artwork of James Compton and Dennis Akin; as well as the life stories of George and Elizabeth Gardner and many others. Older oral histories have also been digitized to make them more accessible and complement the over 150 interviews conducted since the project launched in 2014.

Some of the great news accounts to have emerged from the Gardner Project are the story of Sarah Faber whose sons became dentists to Princesses and Sultans, a Chippendale Sofa that became the talk of the town early last century, and of the many crazes to sweep the county from Roller Skating to Velocipedes to flowers that bloom once a year in the middle of the night.

As we look to the future it has become clearer that more and more individuals are beginning to start their search for Cumberland County history online. CCHS is dedicated to meeting this need by continuing to expand our digital footprint through the Elizabeth V. and George F. Gardner Digital Library. We have already begun by putting the entire past run of Cumberland County History on the site as well as several other publications and thousands of photographs from our Sentinel, Carlisle Indian School, and Jim Bradley collections.

Our next steps include putting the names of the United States Colored Troops connected to the county online and placing many of our large indices online. Our first indices to include are the Church and Cemetery index, the MacClay Obituary index, and a listing of County Imprints in the CCHS collection. These resources will serve as a strong starting point for many researchers and will continue George and Elizabeth’s vision of sharing the history of Cumberland County with as many people as possible.

We carry on this work in honor of George and Elizabeth and the Gardner family.

George, we miss you already.
Rentals at the Two Mile House

This stone structure was built c. 1820 with a Georgian floor plan. It has Federal details and a kitchen ell. The Moores added the terrace room in the 1920's. The King’s bequeathed the property to this Historical Society.

Since its beginning as a tavern, the ambiance of Two-Mile House has offered the perfect setting for group gatherings and celebrations of all kinds. Today the Two-Mile House is available for weddings, receptions, family reunions, bridal or baby showers, and birthday, anniversary, retirement parties.

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Detailed Breakdown of Income

Support and Revenue
- Membership: 52,200
- Contributions: 138,734
- Program revenues: 84,335
- Investment income: 502,581
- Grants: 61,110
- Governmental support: -
- Net fundraising income: 22,986
- Net rental income: 19,897
- Total support and revenue: 881,843

Expenses
- Program: 635,652
- Management and general: 137,959
- Fundraising: 84,374
- Total expenses: 857,985

Overview of Expenses

*shaded area represents administrative salary (28%) plain area represents program and education staffing (72%)
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