



The Herald

Autumn
2005

mark the happenings of Historic Langhorne Association

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Wednesdays 10am-12pm
7-9pm
Saturdays 10am-12pm
or by appointment
Admission is free

We're Back....

The ghosts are being waken up once again for our 3rd annual Ghost Walk through the streets of Langhorne borough, **but we are in need of ghost guides!** We can fill you in on our spirited friends and the tour is fun! Call us if you are interested.

Tentative dates are: October 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, & 29, tentative times are: 6:30, 7, 8 & 8:30 pm. Tickets and reservations are required. Call HLA for more details. Look for our friendly ghost sign out front of our building for information as well!

FIVE NEW VOLUNTEERS AT HLA

By Larry Langhans

Thanks to an article in our last newsletter and an article in the Bucks County Courier Times by Liz Fisher, we have five new volunteers working at HLA. Barb Niedrist, a longtime member, has been helping Wednesday evenings, when her schedule of work and study permits, helping to scan into a computer several decades old newspaper articles about the Langhorne area that are in danger of being lost. Barbara Kuehmstedt, a lifelong resident of Pennel, will also be working Wednesday evenings entering genealogical information into a computer program she has. Barbara will receive her certification in genealogy this fall from the Board of Certified Genealogists. Shirley Pinkerton, who lives in Feasterville and has worked in the archives of the Attwater-Kent Museum and the Seaport Museum of Philadelphia, is interested in updating our archives inventory. Amanda Furrow and Lola Birth-Ereed, both of Langhorne, will also be working with data entry and research. We want to welcome these new people and thank them for giving their time to help preserve our collections and make them more accessible to the public.



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In keeping with our old Langhorne businesses theme this newsletter, here are two ads from the *Delaware Valley Advance* from 1950. The ad to the left is from a cleaners owned by the Carfagno family. The ad above is of Davenports Garage, which was located at what is now the Lukoil Station on Pine & Maple Ave. Ads collected by Charles Lauble

January 28, 1795 *The Pennsylvania Gazette* **LANGHORNE PARK** TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC VENDUE
At the Merchants' Coffee-house, on the 24th day of next month, at 7 o'clock in the evening.

It is situate in the township of Middletown, and county of Bucks, 20 miles from the city of Philadelphia, bounded for a considerable distance by Neshaminy creek, and within about 1 mile of Middletown meeting-house, a high and healthy situation, in a thick settled, pleasant, and wealthy neighborhood, contiguous to several grist and saw-mills, and is justly deemed equal to most situations in the state, either for the farmer, or for persons in easy circumstances, seeking a place that will admit of ornamental and useful improvements. The mansion-house, the ancient seat of Judge Langhorne, was not long since repaired, a large stone kitchen nearly adjoins it, a never failing spring of excellent water is at a small distance, over which there is a good stone spring house: a small tenement and grist mill, with other out houses, are erected on parts of the tract, which contains about 450 acres. There is supposed to be near 200 acres thereof under wood, and parts of it well timbered. Great improvements may be made in increasing the quantity of meadow already in use, by means of a lively spring of water which runs through a large part of the tract. The soil is allowed to be in general good. For further particulars, enquire of HENRY DRINKER, at No. 110, North Front Street.

June 2, 1779 *The Pennsylvania Gazette*

One Hundred and Fifty Dollars Reward.

STOLEN out of the pasture of the subscriber, living in Middletown, Bucks county, on the night of the 25th instant, a dark iron grey MARE, four years old, about 14 hands high, a natural trotter, and in good order, no shoes on. Whoever takes up and secures the said mare, so that the owner gets her again and the thief brought to justice, shall be entitled to the above reward, or One Hundred Dollars for the mare only, by JOHN JENKS.

February 28, 1798 *The Pennsylvania Gazette*

The famous imported stud horse, RODNEY,

WILL stand this season at the stable of Jonathan Stackhouse, near the Four Lanes Ends, in Middletown township, Bucks county, and state of Pennsylvania, at Sixteen Dollars per mare, the money paid to the groom before the mares are taken away. RODNEY was bred in Great Britain, clearly out of the best stock of turf horses in the kingdom, which his appearance and pedigree can testify; he was got by Paymaster; Nina, his dam, was got by the famous horse High-flyer, who was covering at fifty guineas per mare; grandam by Old Snap, grandson to the Devonshire Childers, which mare was own sister to Guawpost's great grandam, was called Miss Cranbourn, got by Godolphin Arabian; great great grandam by Sedsbury, which mare was grandam of Eclipse, whose dam was got by Regulus.

RODNEY is a beautiful dark bay, rising eight years old, full fifteen and an half hands high, with just and beautiful proportion, he is remarkable cherry, good natured and gay, and for action, easy, just and fine movement, none can exceed, free from blemish, in perfect health and vigour; he has proved himself a sure and great foal getter; some of his colts may be seen at his stand; with a genuine certificate of his pedigree and importation, regularly attested by the gentleman who bred and imported him, with the county seal thereunto affixed. Prime pasture provided for mares from a distance, at 39 per week, and the greatest care and attention paid, but not accountable for accidents or escapes.

January 31, 1787 *The Pennsylvania Gazette* **SIX DOLLARS Reward.**

STRAYED or stolen from the subscriber, on the 17th of this instant, from Jacob Leshler's tavern, in Frankford, a Horse, saddle and bridle, with two boxes, containing twenty pounds of butter, seven turkeys, and two pair of dunghill fowls; the horse is of a pale red roan colour, about 14 hands high, a natural trotter, shod before, his mane on the near side lately cut off, neither brand nor ear mark. Whoever brings said horse to the owner, living in Middletown township, Bucks county, and secures the thief, so that he may be brought to justice, shall have the above reward, and reasonable charges, or Three Dollars for the horse only, paid by JOHN WORSTALL.

September 29, 1790 *The Pennsylvania Gazette*

NOTICE is hereby given, that, agreeably to the

Militia laws of the state of Pennsylvania, now in force, the Militia of the county of Bucks are required to meet in battalions under their respective officers, on the following days, viz. The First Battalion on Monday, the 18th day of October next, at the usual place of parade in the township of Springfield. The Second Battalion on Tuesday, the 19th, at the usual place in the township of Plumstead. The Third Battalion on Wednesday, the 20th, at the Four-lane-ends, in the township of Middletown, And the Fourth Battalion on Thursday, the 21st, at the usual place in the township of Northampton.

October 27, 1773 *The Pennsylvania Gazette*

RUN AWAY, on the 6th instant, from the subscriber, living in Middletown, Bucks county, a native Irish servant man, named JOHN BURK, about 20 years of age, about 5 feet 5 inches high, black bushy hair, broad face, and a good deal freckled, a full hazle eye, had a hollow mark under his chin, which came by a hurt some time ago; he came into the country last December with Captain Cambell, from Galway; had on, when he went away, a small felt hat, bound round with black, new homespun shirt and trowsers, a grey bearskin under jacket, a light coloured upper jacket or coattee, made of new broadcloth, with wooden buttons, some part of the lining is striped, and the other part of a brownish colour, good Germantown milled stockings, a thread of blue and a thread of white twisted together, good strong neats leather shoes, soaled with thick soals, and odd buckles. Whoever takes up said servant, and confines him in any of his majesty goals, so as his master gets him again, shall have THREE POUNDS reward, and reasonable charges, paid by J. SUBER..

Langhorne Word search created by Larry Langhans...Enjoy...

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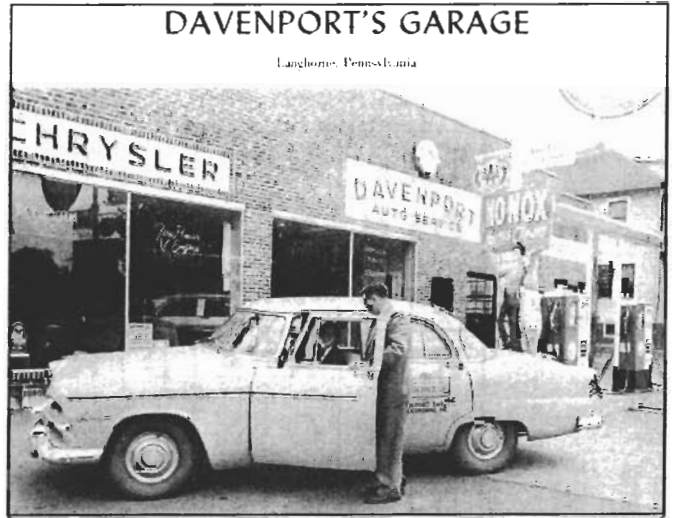
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Pennel, Pennsylvania



DAVENPORT'S GARAGE

Langhorne, Pennsylvania



Here is a small selection of some of our many photos of by-gone businesses in Langhorne and the area. Do you remember any of them? Stop by HLA during the month of October and we will have many more for you to view. You can also use our computer to view even more!

- Upper left photo (1956) is Brown's Drugs that was once at 118 S. Bellevue Avenue.
- Upper right photo (1956) is Davenport's Garage that once stood where the current Lukoil station is at Pine and Maple Avenue.
- To the left is an ad (1948) from Langhorne Gardens Flower shop, where the new Commerce Bank is being built at Woodbourne & Lincoln Hwy.
- Below left is a photo (1956) Nangle's Store which was once located where the Langhorne Coffee shop sits today, at Bellevue and Maple Avenues. Do you recognize the girl in the photo? Here's a hint, she is on the board of HLA.
- Lower right is a photo (1956) of Cliff's Drive-In, once located at the turnpike interchange, (Business Rt. 1 near Street Road)

NANGLE'S STORE

Langhorne, Pennsylvania



CLIFF'S DRIVE-IN

HAMBURGERS, HOTDOGS

Lincoln Highway

Trevose, Pennsylvania

U.S. Rt. 1



WORD SEARCH EXPLANATIONS! By Larry Langhans

To find out more about these topics, visit HLA!

Adair – former name of Green Street.

Amos – the first black land owner in Langhorne

Bethlehem – A.M.E. Church

Black – John P. Black operated the Langhorne Carriage, Wagon and Automobile Shops on West Maple Ave. In business in 1912.

Brickyard – Located from the corner of W. Richardson Ave., south along Hulmeville Ave. to Gillam and west to the borough line, it manufactured millions of brick until 1919.

Candy – The family lived at 135 N. Bellevue Ave. 1869 – 1955. James B. Candy was a dentist, Thomas D. Candy, a Florist who operated large greenhouses behind the home, Pierson M. Candy was contractor. Dr. James B. Candy was a member of the Borough Council and made the motion to change the name of the town from Attleboro to Langhorne. He wrote extensively on the history of Langhorne.

Catawissa (Lane) – former name of W. Marshall Ave. Also name of creek in area.

Eastburn: (Samuel Comfort, 1846 – 1931) One of the most prominent residents. He published articles on Langhorne History in the Delaware Valley Advance.

Ehrle (George) – Owner of the Langhorne Hotel from 1905 – 1959

Hamilton (Joseph) – Operated barbershop in Langhorne. Died at age 102.

Hare (Mollie Woods) – Moved the Woods Schools to Langhorne in 1921.

Huddleston (William) The first English settler in the area, about 1670.

Irwin – Former drugstore on the northeast corner of Maple and Bellevue Aves.

Kirk (Corner) General store once operated at 100-101 E. Maple Ave.

Lisbon – Name of Marshall Ave. on 1860 map.

Montgomery (Street) name of Bellevue Ave. on 1860 map.

Oddfellows (Independent Order of Odd Fellows) Once owned three-story building just north of Langhorne Hotel.

Orthodox (Meeting House) – Now home at 209 N. Bellevue Ave. A branch of the Friends resulting from a theological difference in 1827.

Peoplesnational (Peoples National Bank of Langhorne) First established at 105-107 E. Maple Ave., then moved to new home on S. Bellevue built in 1901, now Will Travel Building.

Reifsnnyder (Howard) – Philadelphia industrialist who owned the “Greenwood” mansion on S. Bellevue from 1898 – 1921. Gave clock and bell for new borough hall in 1912.

Soby- (Jesse W.) Name of American Legion Post established in 1919.

Trolley – Operated in Langhorne from 1897 – 1923

Washington (Village) Recorded in 1784, it was a proposed development laid out in 84 lots by William Goforth in approximately the area bounded by E. Maple, S. Bellevue, Flowers Ave and Cherry Street.

Williamson (Anna Mary) Donated \$12,000 in her will of 1887 for the construction of a library in Langhorne. She lived on the north west corner of S. Bellevue and Richardson.

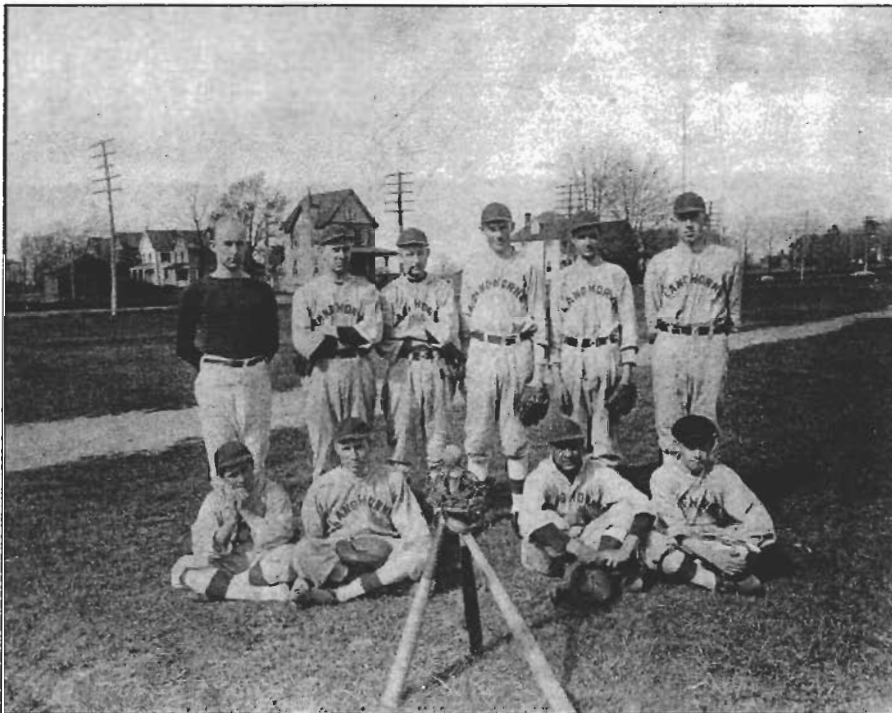


Photo to the left is the 1919 baseball team from Langhorne High School...Do you recognize any of these names?

Back row-left to right:

Floyd Marlatt-coach, Richard Thomas, Theron Illick, Lester Longherst, Paul Vogenberger, Charles Edgerton

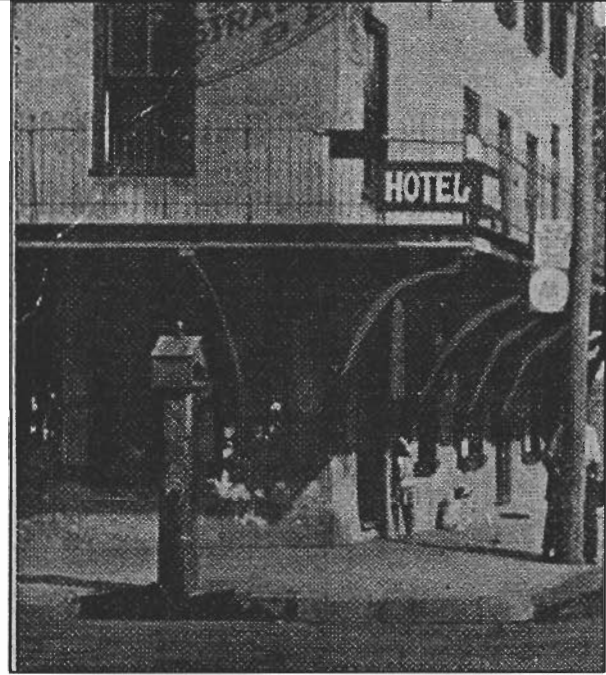
Front row- left to right

Hampton Morris, Russell Edgerton, Marshall Morell, Thomas Kildea

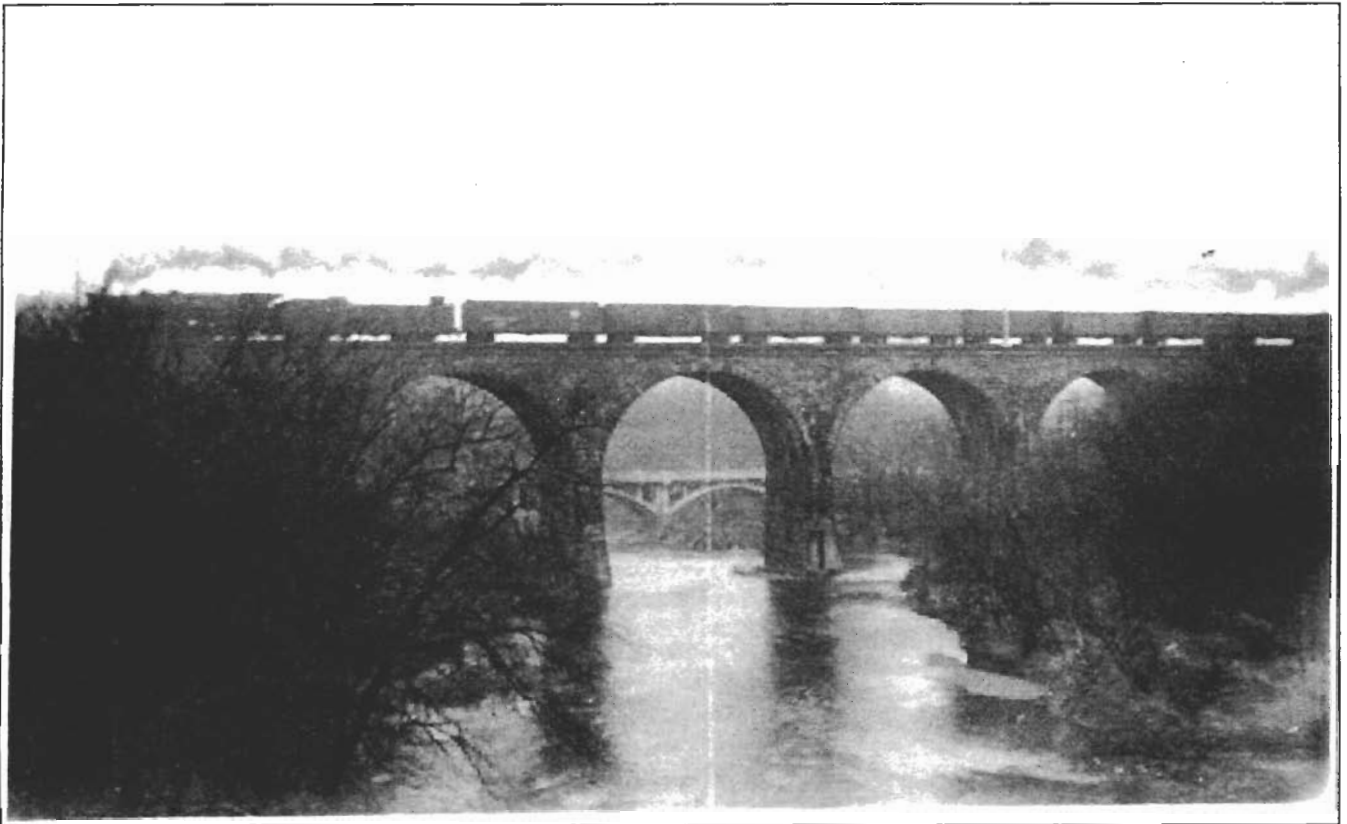
The location of this photo is on National Avenue, near the Methodist church in Langhorne.

The Riddler by Jim Maier

Below left is an old photo of the Langhorne Hotel. In the front there is a well with a hand pump. We've enlarged the photo to the right for a better view of the well/hand pump. Can anyone explain why there is a birdhouse on top of the hand pump? (No, it's not for birds nesting) Do you think you may have a guess? Call us at HLA and we'll tell you if you are correct or not, otherwise you'll just have to wait for our next newsletter for the answer.



Below is a photo of the steam train crossing the Playwicki Park bridge, circa 1937




Langhorne Businesses: Old and New

An HLA update from Larry Langhans

The members of the newly formed Langhorne Business Association will hold a meeting Wednesday, September 28th at HLA at 7:30 PM. In their honor, HLA is organizing a display of photographs, memorabilia and records from businesses in town dating back over a century. The display will be open the month of October during our regular hours. Any business owner or employee of a business in the 19047 zip code area is invited to join the Business Association and attend the meeting. There is a \$50.00 membership fee.

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Ad above from Delaware Valley Advance, 1950

Philadelphia Victorian Society to Visit Langhorne

Another HLA update from Larry Langhans

Members of the Philadelphia Victorian Society will visit HLA and take of walking tour of Langhorne on Saturday, September 24 from 1:30 - 4:30 PM. Members of the Society are interested in all things Victorian and have wanted for some time to visit Langhorne and to see the Anna Mary Williamson Library along with other homes of the Victorian era. The visit will begin at HLA with a brief introduction to Langhorne followed by the walking tour. The Society's President, Jim McPartlin, who is also President-elect of the Rotary Club of Langhorne, expects members to be able see the interior of at least two of the homes. The walk will conclude with a reception at HLA. There is a \$15.00 fee payable to the Society for the tour. If you are interested in participating, call Larry Langhans at 215-752-3140 to make a reservation.

Coming Attractions for 2005 Brought to you by HLA

Monday, September 26, 7:30pm

General Meeting- 'A Voyage aboard the Gazela'

Join us for this informative and entertaining evening as Chris Blaydon presents a slide show of his adventures aboard the tall ship. Chris was a crew member on this tall ship that sailed from Philadelphia to New England.

Saturday, October 8, 10am to 12pm

'Digging Up Your Roots'

Sign up for our beginning genealogy class for interested persons 8 yrs. and older presented by member, Beverlee Felkner. At the end of class each person will be able to fill out a pedigree chart. The class is free, form/sign up required, for more info call Beverlee at 215-752-8976. *Persons under 16 must be accompanied by and adult.*

Ghost Walk '05

Tour dates: October 8,12,15,19,22,26,29

Mark you calendar for our 3rd annual guided walk through the spirited street of Langhorne borough. Call for times. *Tickets and reservations are required.*

'Langhorne Businesses of Bygone Days'

On exhibit throughout the month of October

Be sure to stop in HLA during our open hours as we present a display of old photographs and information on many of our town's businesses that are no longer here.

Saturday, October 29, 10am to 5pm

Langhorne Harvest Festival

A fun event sponsored by the Langhorne Business Assoc. Come for the food, crafters and a good time! Festival is on Maple, between Pine & Bellevue Ave. *HLA will be open during the day*

Thursday, November 17, 11am to 8pm

Holiday House Tour'05

Welcome in the 2005 holiday season as HLA is once again part of Langhorne's Holiday House Tour. Come see the magic created by our talented volunteers.

Sunday, December 4

Santa's Visit & Carol Sing

Join us at HLA between **1-3pm** as we welcome Santa. Bring the children and camera to capture these precious moments of magic, then be sure to return at **7-9pm** for our annual tree lighting and carol sing. Join us as we welcome Christmas to Langhorne...lots of cookies too!

Saturday, December 10

Bus trip to Christmas House Tour of Historic New Castle

HLA is having a bus trip to see the historic homes decorated for Christmas in beautiful New Castle, Delaware. The tour is self-guided, cost for the trip is \$61 which includes lunch at Arsenal on the Green Restaurant. Bus leaves at and will return by . Call Jean Noble for reservations and info, at 215-757-3662.

Bits & Pieces

- Hear ye, Hear ye...HLA'S nominating committee members for 2006 are... (drum roll)...: Nancy Pietsch, Sharon Gimpel, Kenneth & Janet Briggs. Welcome and thank you!
- Our historic building is available to rent. Call us at 215-757-1888 to find out more details.
- We are always looking for volunteers at HLA. Give us a call even if you only have 1 hour a month to give us! We need help in lots of areas, including expanding our open hours, scanning documents, data entry and chair people.
- Check out our web site. We know you'll learn something new about Langhorne. Our web address is <http://hla.buxcom.net/>, or just search: Historic Langhorne Assoc.
- In case you didn't know, the Four-Lanes-Ends, mentioned occasionally in the articles on page5 from *The Pennsylvania Gazette* is Langhorne Borough.

If you have any photographs or documents that may interest us, let us know. We have the technology to carefully scan your data and return it to you in no time at all with no damage to the original. Your piece of history would be preserved in our computer files for generations to enjoy and learn from.

Historic Langhorne Association's 2005 Officers and Committee Members

President- Jim Maier
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Corresponding Secretary- S. Marrington
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Archives- Larry Langhans & Jim Maier
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Finance- Jack Fulton
Genealogy- Beverlee Felkner
Holiday House- Open
Library- Jean Noble
Membership- Jack Fulton
Newsletter- Sally Marrington
Oral History- Open
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To enlighten the PRESENT
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December 27, 1775

The Pennsylvania Gazette

Middletown, Bucks County,

I do hereby give Information,

A BULL broke into my Plantation,

About three Months before this Date,

Whose natural Marks I shall relate;

His Face is white, his Sides are black,

With a white List along his Back;

I think the strange mischievous Beast,

Must be three Years of Age at least;

And if the Owner does appear,

Before the last Day of the Year,

And prove his Right, and Charges pay,

Then he must drive his Beast away.