

SPOOM

Mid-Atlantic Chapter



Happy New Year!!



SPOOM-MA Receives Certificate of Appreciation

In July, SPOOM –MA was awarded a certificate of appreciation from Folck's Mill/ Pleasant Mill's Battlesite for its interest in and contributions to the preservation of this significant site. The presentation was made by President Reece T. Conley. Special congratulations are due to Ivan Lufriu, who spearheaded the efforts for this project.



Poplar Grove Tide Mill

Photo: Peter Preston

SPOOM-MA Semi-Annual Meeting

**March 27, 2010 Mathews High School & Poplar Grove
Tide Mill, Mathews County, VA.**

Program & Information

This joint meeting of The Mid-Atlantic Chapter-Society for the Preservation of Old Mills and The Mathews County Historical Society will be held at Mathews High School and the Poplar Grove Mill, on March 27 from 8:30 – 4:00.

PART 1: SPOOM-MA Meeting

8:30 -9:00 Reception, Coffee, & Registration at the Mathews High School

9:00-10:30 SPOOM-MA Business Meeting at the High School

PART 2: Joint Meeting

10:30 Welcoming Remarks & Introduction of SPOOM-Bob Lundegard

10:40 Introduction and Remarks by Peter Preston

10:50 The Tide & Windmills of Mathews County-Lundegard's & Becky Barnhardt

11:00 A Short History of Poplar Grove and its Tide Mill by Peter Preston

11:20 Discussion: How can SPOOM-MA Assist in the Preservation of the Poplar Grove Mill?

12:00 Lunch at the Mathews High School

2:00-3:30 Tour of the Poplar Grove Tide Mill by Peter Preston

4:00 Adjourn

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SPOOM 2010 MEETING AT Poplar Grove, Virginia ...cont'd

For those who plan to travel to the meeting area before Saturday March 27, there are places to stay and to see:

- You can visit the mill and home at Stratford Hall Plantation on Route 3, west of Fredericksburg, VA. An interesting restaurant is on the grounds for lunch.
- In Reedville, VA, on the bay, is the Maritime Museum devoted to the menhaden industry. This is north of Gloucester, VA and Mathews County. Tours are available.
- A convenient and reasonable place to stay on Friday night is the Comfort Inn in Gloucester. There are several B&B's in the area as well.
- An interesting place for a Friday night dinner in Gloucester is at the Thai Restaurant, Bangkok Noi, on Main St. in the Historic section of Gloucester.
- Mathews High School is one mile north of Mathews on Highway 14/198; entry to the meeting place is on the south side of the building complex.

☞ There will be a \$10.00 fee for morning coffee and the 12:00 o'clock lunch. ☞

☞ Preparing lunch for the meeting requires a head count. Please, before February 22, 2010, send your plans for attending to JudyGrove@Verizon.net, or by telephone at: 717 741-4366, or by mail to: 613 Green Valley Rd, York PA 17403. ☞

Advice from Peter Preston, our host, for attendees:

1. For the "tour" of Poplar Grove tide mill, the weather 27 March is a season of change, could be pleasant (dry, 60s) or could be blustery, cold, even snow. So all should come prepared for the worst scenario.

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Poplar Grove Tide Mill, 1969

SPOOM 2010 MEETING AT Poplar Grove, Virginia ...cont'd

We will not be able to drive up to the mill as the ground is too soft that time of year. We must park in the field by the barn, and observe from that point, and hardy souls can walk about 200 yards to the mill for close inspection.

If the field by the barn is too soggy to park we must park at an adjacent Poplar Grove dependency and observe the mill from across the mill pond. In all cases parking space is limited, so there is need to have as few vehicles as needed to convey people to Poplar Grove, then after "tour" return to meeting place.

2. Meeting place is Mathews High School, one mile N of town on main highway 14/198. This is more convenient than Salem Church and there is no facility cost for the high school. We have a meeting room to accommodate 40 people for meeting and luncheon, which will be prepared on site.



Mid- Atlantic Chapter Report

-- Robert McLaughlin, Vice President

A full report of the upcoming meeting will appear in the July issue of *Old Mill News*. The next meeting is being planned for this fall at Aberdeen Mills in southeastern Pa. Check our website for details at: <http://www.unionmills.org/spoommidatlantic/index.html>.

Other news from the Mid Atlantic Region:

Peirce Mill, DC, hopes to be operational by Spring 2011. They have some interesting videos and other information on their website at: <http://www.peircemill-friends.org/>.

Colvin Run Mill plans to host the SPOOM National Convention in September 2011. Check out their website for the latest at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/crm/friends.htm>.

A Note from the President

-- Robert Lundegard

Our Chapter is entering its sixth year. We have made progress advancing the public's awareness of historic mills and in providing support for their preservation.

What will be the scope and viability of our Chapter program in 10/20 years? Can we build a growing and sustainable association? How do we attract more persons and the next generation of members to our cause? Progress has been significant. We have established a structure and a team.

We have:

- Established our By-laws,
- Attracted talented and dedicated members,
- Put procedures in place for recording our activities and being a steward of our income,
- Published attractive and informative on-line newsletters
- Developed approaches for organizing and conducting our meetings, and
- Established a process for providing guidance for historic mill preservation.

You can take satisfaction in these accomplishments. However, we are a work in progress. We need to establish modern tools for getting the word out to the public. We need to create and share substantive materials for our public educational responsibilities. We need an on-line library for education and research. We need to explore the use of social net working technology to promote a community dialogue about our business. Can *Facebook*, *Twitter*, blogging, proactive on-line advertising help us in our mission. The world of community organizations and communications is changing; we need to consider the use of new tools.

The recent issue of the TIMS journal announces their establishment of the "TIMS Forum" as an element of www.tims.org. The "TIMS Forum" intends to provide a "communications platform to mill friends worldwide", which will facilitate the exchange and discussion of mill topics. Can we learn from this initiative about options we might explore?

Finally, 2010 is our Chapter election year. This provides an incentive to reexamine our mission and approach. Let's take advantage of this required process. This can begin at our next Chapter meeting on March 27,2010 in Mathews, VA The meeting program appears in this Newsletter.

From the Secretary's Desk

-- Judy Grove

Special greetings and welcome to first time readers of our Mid-Atlantic Chapter SPOOM Newsletter! A postcard mailing to members of the national SPOOM organization who are not currently involved in the Mid-Atlantic Chapter is a special project initiated since our last meeting. Over 50 replies were received so far from the 120 postcards that were mailed inviting SPOOM members to submit their E-mail addresses in order to receive notification of our latest newsletter publication availability. Several new memberships were received even before these potential chapter members read their first newsletter! Hopefully, the SPOOM-MA newsletter information on chapter meetings and other milling activities in the local area will encourage additional people to try out our meetings and consider membership and participation at the chapter level.

As head of the committee on the Mid-Atlantic Milling History Celebration (The Flour Explosion), I am pleased to report that a meeting between Ann Korzeniewski and Mason Maddox of Colvin Run and Bob Lundegard and myself as SPOOM-MA board members resulted in an invitation to sponsor the keynote dinner speaker for the national SPOOM meeting to be held at their site in September of 2011 to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Colvin Run Mill. Additional opportunities for partnership between Colvin Run and the Mid-Atlantic Chapter members were discussed and will be presented at our March chapter meeting.

SPOOM-MA memberships run from January 1 to December 31 of each year, so all current members should have received their renewal notices by now. Using E-mail notification of our members for the first time this year resulted in significant time and cost savings since 75% of our members have E-mail access. Any others who need a membership form may download one from www.unionmills.org/spoommidatlantic or request one from Judy Grove at JudyGrove@Verizon.net or 717 741-4366.



The Windmills and Tidal Mills of Mathews County, Virginia

--Marjorie Lundegard, Colvin Run Mill

The information in this article was provided by Becky Foster Barnhardt, Head of History and Genealogy at the Mathews Memorial Library. SPOOM-MA thanks her for her contribution to making our March 27, 2011 Chapter meeting in Mathews County a success.

In the mid 1800's Mathew County had ten windmills, two tidal mills and a common grist mill. Today, all that remains is one tidal mill that is not operational at the present time.

Some of the mills that were operating in the county in 1860 are listed below:

- The James E. Davis windmill had one employee; he was paid \$16.00 a month. In 1860, sixteen hundred bushels of corn were ground and produced sixteen hundred bushels of meal.
- A windmill, owned by William M. Brounley, used 2000 bushels of corn to produce cornmeal. He also had one employee who received sixteen dollars monthly for his labor.
- A windmill, owned by George Brooks, was located on Garden Creek. Three thousand bushels of corn were ground and produced three thousand bushels of meal. Mr. Brooks had one male employee that was paid sixteen dollars monthly.
- The windmill owned by George Hudgins was located in Winter Harbor. His male employee was paid sixteen dollars each month. The mill ground 3500 bushels of corn.

Winter Harbor Windmill, Old Mill Landing on Route 611

Private collection of Gerald W. Morgan

Winter Harbor Windmill

This old stone windmill at Winter Harbor, Onemo is presumed to have been built by George Brooks. It was typical of the structures that once dotted the shoreline and inlets of the Chesapeake Bay. Long ago destroyed by storm and tide, the area where the windmill stood is now a public boat landing known as "Old Mill Landing."
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The Windmills and Tidal Mills of Mathews County, Virginia ...cont'd

- The William Shuttice windmill ground 2500 bushels of corn. The male employee was paid fifteen dollars monthly.
- The Lewis Hudgin's windmill was located on Fitchetts Wharf Road. Mr. Hudgin had one male employee who was paid ten dollars each month. The mill ground 750 bushels of corn each year.
- Christopher T. Brown's tide mill, on the East River at Poplar Grove, used six thousand bushels of corn each year. Mr. Brown had one male employee who was paid \$18.00 each month.
- John and Thomas Green also had a tide mill on the East River. This mill ground 9000 bushels of corn. One male employee worked at the mill and received \$18.00 monthly.

As indicated most male employees earned about \$16.00-\$18.00 monthly. The windmills produced from 750 bushels to 3500 bushels of cornmeal each year.

Belle Isle Mills, owned by Henry Belle, was a steam powered saw mill. Mr. Belle had \$6000 invested in the mill. He employed one male person who was paid \$280.00 monthly and 9 male employees who earned a total of \$180.00 monthly. Yearly the mill used 120,000 logs valued at \$6000. Mr. Belle had 40 horses that were used to bring the logs to the saw mill. The mill produced 1,000,000 board feet of boards and scant valued at \$15,000. Also produced at the saw mill were 1000 ft. pinewood logs, valued at \$2000.



◀ Lilly's Creek Windmill
Mathews County Historical Society Collection

Lilly's Creek Windmill

This grist mill, built by John Forrest about 1850, was one of six wind-powered mills operating in Mathews County, Virginia during the antebellum era. Once located on Lilly's Creek (now called Stokes Creek), the mill ceased to operate and was torn down about 1910.

Millbrook Gristmill in Charles County, Maryland

--Marjorie Lundegard

On November 11, 2009, as the “Nor’easter” sweep in from the Atlantic, I visited the Millbrook Gristmill near LaPlata, MD. The Millbrook Grist Mill is located at 2925 Port Tobacco Rod, Nanjemoy, Maryland. The mill is on the west bank of the Mill Brook, a small tributary that flows into the Nanjemoy Creek. In the late 18th century, small ships were able to navigate the stream to the mill. The ships would pick up wood and carry it downstream.

This mill is the last water powered mill that operated in Charles County. It is a small mill. Many larger commercial mills, also known as merchant mills, have survived in Maryland. However, this mill is one of the very few small custom mills to have survived. In fact, the mill processed wheat and corn for the local farmers until the late 1940’s.



The mill is a two storied wooden structure, rectangular in shape, with a gable roof. There is a good metal roof on the mill that protects the mill from the weather. The first level framing of the mill indicates that the mill was built during the first quarter of the 19th Century. The mill was extensively remodeled in 1923. The Fitz steel water wheel was added as well as the 2nd level of the mill. A new roof, new siding and repairs to the foundation were made.

Millbrook circa 1940.

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MILLBROOK GRISTMILL IN CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND ...cont'd

The mill has two runs of stones as well as other milling equipment, all need some repairs. The millstones are one-piece structure, not buhr stones. The greater face wheel is wooden but the other gears are metal with wooden teeth. Hurricanes have destroyed the dam and millpond as well as the mill race. The mill race, about one mile long, was dug by slaves and the mill was probably operated by slaves. Hurricanes have caused damage to the foundation of the mill. The mill has been partially stabilized by the addition of support poles on one side of the mill.



◀ Millbrook stones & gears ▲

The mill property consists of 151 acres of land as well as the miller's house and the grist mill. The miller's house was built in three different time periods. The house is a 19th century "Italian influenced" dwelling.

Currently great efforts are being made to preserve this mill. Ivan Lufriu of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of SPOOM is involved with local organizations for the preservation of this mill. Organizations involved in this process are the following: The Nanjemoy Creek Environmental Education Center, Southern Maryland Resource Conservation and Development, The Charles County Historical Trust and the owners of the property, the Silbaugh family. In the church yard of the nearby church, are 6 millstones from the Millbrook Mill.

SPOOM
MILLER TRAINING CONFERENCE
OLD SPENCER MILL – DICKSON, TN

February 19, 20, 2010
8:00 am until 5:00 pm both days

Lunch and refreshments will be provided

HOSTS: Tim and Trish Miller
Website: OLDSPENCERMILL.COM
Email: oldspencermill@aol.com
Phone: 625-412-5169

INSTRUCTORS: John Lovett, Phil Robertson,
Ivins Smith.

The following eight (8) topics from the curriculum will be taught:

1. Grains
2. Millstones
3. Millstone grinding
4. Millstone bolting
5. Power transmission – Colonial Period
6. Power transmission – 19th Century
7. Water Power
8. Products, Packaging and Regulations

Please forward your application to:

Lynn Fosler
6824 St. Lawrence
Beloit, WI 53511-9276

Your application should be submitted with a check made out to SPOOM for one hundred twenty five dollars (\$125.00). Scholarships may be available. The class will be limited to the first twenty (20) students to apply.

Please plan to arrive on Thursday afternoon, February 18, 2010. Make your lodging arrangements with the following:

1. RV spaces are available at Old Spencer Mill – call Trish Miller at 615-412-5169.
2. Montgomery Bell State Park 615-797-3101 – talk to Donna or Ami. Rooms with two (2) double beds forty-seven dollars and ninety-five cents (\$47.95) per night including breakfast. Cabins that sleep six to eight (6 to 8) are one hundred fifty-five dollars per night (\$155.00).
3. Holiday Inn Express – Dickson, TN – 615- 446-2781 – Rick Patel. Rooms are sixty-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$69.99) per night and include breakfast.
4. Super 8 – Dickson, TN – 615-446-1923 – Vince Patel. Rooms are forty-four dollars and ninety-nine cents per night (\$44.99) and include breakfast.

All prices are plus tax. Please identify yourself as an Old Spencer Mill Group.

****Correction: area code is 615 not 625****

SPOOM News & Views



Yates Mill to Host the 2010 National SPOOM Conference

The Yates Mill partnership will have the honor of hosting the 2010 SPOOM conference. The conference will take place from Thursday, September 30 – Sunday, October 3, 2010 in North Carolina's Capital City of Raleigh, which is centrally located in the Piedmont region of the state, a short three hour drive from the coast or the mountains. The conference will be held at the Marriott Hotel Crabtree Valley (marriott.com/rdunc) located directly across from one of the largest shopping centers in the southeast. The hotel is located on a direct route from Raleigh-Durham (RDU) Airport with shuttle services and car rentals available. Two days of field trips on Friday and Saturday are planned to a variety of operational historic and modern mills. There will also be exciting seminars and challenging hands on technical workshops that will cover many mill-related topics as well as the ongoing millers training classes. Look for more details in the upcoming issues of "Old Mill News". We look forward to seeing you at next fall's conference so mark your calendar and save the dates because as they say: "Nothing could be finer than to be in Carolina"!



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Exhibition

We have the pleasure to announce that the touring exhibition "Tide Mills of Western Europe", supported by the European Commission through its Culture 2000 Programme, is now visiting Pontivy (Bretagne – France) until 5 April 2010.

The exhibition is still available for those institutions that might be interested after the end of April 2010. Contact Cláudia Silveira, Ecomuseu Municipal do Seixal, Praça 1º de Maio, 2840-485 Seixal, Portugal

Phone: 00 351 210 976 112 or email: claudia.silveira@cm-seixal.pt

More information is available at the website www.moinhosdemare-europa.org. This site is at your disposal to spread information about other activities related with tide mills.



Tide Mill in Bretagne (Brittany)

New Book: *Peirce Mill: 200 Years in the Nation's Capital* **by Steve Dryden, Vice-President of the Friends of Peirce Mill**

New Book Reveals People, Stories Behind Washington's Only Mill

Washington, DC— Peirce Mill is quiet today, under restoration as part of a \$1.5 million project overseen by volunteers who cherish the city's last water-powered source of whole wheat and corn flour. ***Peirce Mill: 200 Years in the Nation's Capital***, written by one of those volunteers, Bethesda resident Steve Dryden, is the first comprehensive history of the Rock Creek Park mill.

Among the people and stories in this extensively illustrated book:

- How the Peirce's, modest Pennsylvania Quakers, grew wealthy in Washington through real estate investment, horticulture, and timber production.
- The Peirce family's transformation in Washington's Southern culture, their large slaveholdings, and their narrow escape from ruin when a Confederate force invaded Washington in 1864.
- How local newspapers glorified the family's achievements and exploited its scandals.
- The family's losing battle with the federal government over the acquisition of Peirce land for what became Rock Creek National Park.
- Civic gadfly Joshua Peirce Klinge, namesake of the District's Klinge Road.
- The controversy over the New Deal restoration of the mill.
- Azadia Mamoulian, the Peirce descendant who married a Hollywood director and continued to promote the mill's story from her Beverly Hills mansion.

The Friends of Peirce Mill (peircemill-friends.org), which sponsored the publication of the book, has been working on the restoration with the National Park Service for the past decade. When the work is complete, the mill will once again grind grain for visitors, who can also see Cloverdale, the family mansion, which still stands on Tilden Street, and its stone distillery, springhouse, and carriage house.

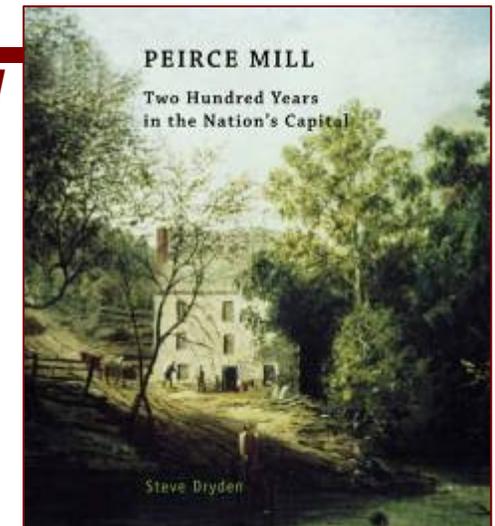
Contact: gail@bergamotbooks.net

Phone: 301.656.0049

ISBN13: 978-0-9760905-5-7 (\$15.99)

► To hear Steve on the Kojo Nnamdi show *WAMU 88.5 on Jan. 14, 2010, go to:

<http://thekojonnamdishow.org/shows/2010-01-14/who-what-and-why-rock-creek-parks-peirce-mill>



ON THE ROAD WITH BOB AND MARGE TO OREGON

-- Marjorie Lundegard

The 2009 SPOOM meeting was held in Albany, Oregon on September 24th through the 27th. Seventy members and friends attended the meeting. Six members of the SPOOM Mid-Atlantic chapter attended the conference.

Thompson's Mill ▶



Two pre-tours were given on the 24th. One tour was through the Columbia River Gorge tour and the other tour was to the Pacific Ocean. There was also a roller mill work shop given by Phil Robertson from the SPOOM Great Lakes Chapter.

Friday, the 25th, was the mill touring day. Two operating sawmills were visited. The first sawmill was a custom furniture making operation called the Wood Castle Furniture. Special maple woods such as the Pacific Coast maple, soft maple, sugar maple and cherry maple were used. The Pacific Coast maple has a “wavy” like pattern in the wood.

The second sawmill, the Hull Oakes Lumber Co., was a very large steam powered sawmill that used the bi-products of sawdust and bark as fuel for the two fire boxes that were located in a separate building. The mill uses turn of the century boilers. The mill is operated by the 3rd and 4th generations of the family. The mill can saw logs, up to 72' using a band saw powered by the 450 HP Ames steam engine built in 1906.



Lunch, served at the Bell Fountain County Park, featured a picnic table 85 feet 10 inches long and 34 inches wide and 4 inches thick cut from a single Douglas fir log at the Hull-Oakes Lumber yard. The next stop was at the Thomas Kay Woolen Mill.

◀ The woolen mill was established in 1889 by Thomas Lewis Kay. This is a three storey brick building that was water powered. The mill burned in 1890 but was rebuilt and operated until 1962. The mill is complete with all of the operating equipment. A Leffel turbine supplied power to the looms and machine shop.

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ON THE ROAD WITH BOB AND MARGE TO OREGON ...cont'd

The last stop was at the Thompson's Mill that is located in a state park. The mill, built in 1847 by Robert Newell, is the oldest water powered mill in Oregon. The mill had two runs of burrs and an extra run of small burrs for the preparation of chopped feed. The mill was sold many times and the Thompson's became the owners in 1891 at which time a turbine was installed. The mill produced flour and animal feed until World War II. After the war the mill just produced animal feed until 2002.

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department bought the mill and its water rights in 2004. Restoration and purchase of the mill came from "lottery dollars". The 20-acre site opened in 2007. The mill is 23,000 square feet and contains seven levels. Originally the mill used a turbine to power the machinery inside the mill. Today, the mill can operate using electric or water power. This is a beautiful mill that is located on the Calapooia River.

Saturday was the day for the lectures that consisted of a wide variety of topics that started with "ghosts in the mills" to "the wooden wind mills of Poland". The next meeting will be at the Yates Mill that is located in North Carolina. Since this is nearby, plan to attend.



Hull Oakes Lumber Co. ▲

Wood Castle Furniture ▼



▲ Wool Weaving Machine at the Museum.



In Memoriam

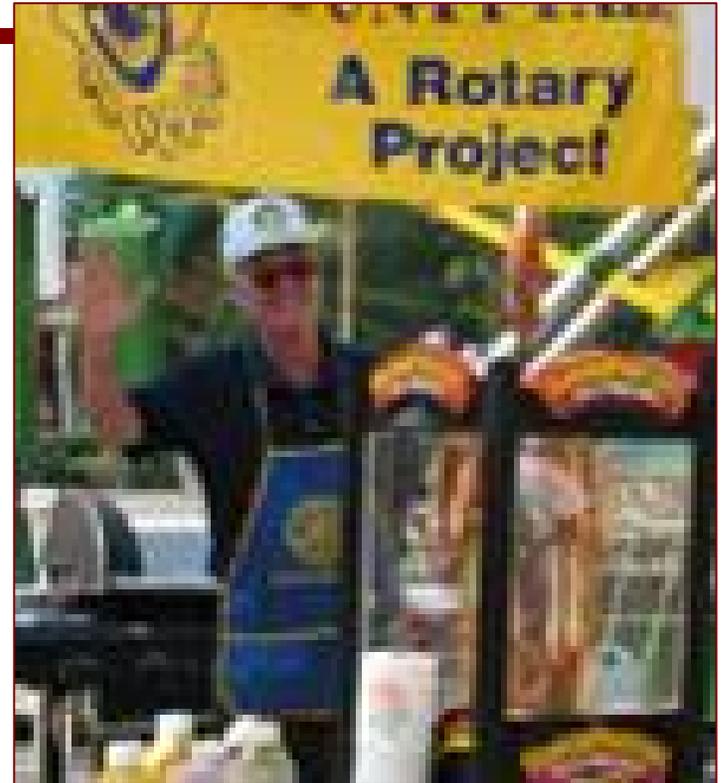


We have received the sad news that Dabbs Woodfin had passed away following a heart attack. Dabbs came to Newlin Grist Mill from Phillipsburg Manor where he learned milling from Charlie Howell. He spent 25 years as Director at the Newlin Grist Mill and is part of the soul of the mill and surrounding 160 acre property. He will be missed by us all.

WOODFIN, Harold Dabbs

Age 69, Died January 17, 2010 in Riddle Memorial Hospital. Survived by wife Elsa M. E. Rapp, children Anne McGregor Woodfin, James Locke Woodfin (Suzanne), Kristin Rapp Woodfin, and Edward Maxwell Woodfin (Mia), 2 grandsons, sister Marybeth Garrison, brother James Maxwell Woodfin. Relatives and friends are invited to his Funeral Service Friday [Jan. 22] at 10:30 AM in the J. NELSON RIGBY FUNERAL HOME, Baltimore Ave. & Jackson St., Media. Calling Thursday eve 6 to 8 PM. Interment private. Contributions to the Nature Conservancy, Rotary International or Nicholas Newlin Foundation, 219 Cheyney St., Glen Mills, PA 19342.

Obituaries: <http://thecabin.net/news/2010-01-19/obituary-harold-dabbs-woodfin-jr> and <http://www.delcotimes.com/articles/2010/01/20/obituaries/doc4b56dc6070a38802783602.txt>



To sign the online guest book for Mr. Woodfin's family, please visit:

<http://www.legacy.com/gb2/default.aspx?bookid=3706695489462&cid=full>

This book will be available until February 19th. Photographs are welcome.

☞ Notes & News ☜

Web Gallery Exhibit

-- Steven L. Spring

You are invited to view Steven L. Spring's photo album: SPOOM Mid-Atlantic Chapter Meeting

<http://picasaweb.google.com/lh/sredir?uname=StevenLSpring&target=ALBUM&id=5420843119628333489&authkey=Gv1sRgCJf3ml_6qbj0Aq&feat=email>

These are some photos from the last chapter meeting (Aug 15, 2009). Just experimenting with another way to share photos and memories. Thoughts, comments and suggestions welcome. If you are having problems viewing this email, copy and paste the following into your browser:

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To share your photos or receive notification when your friends share photos, get your own free Picasa Web Albums account <<http://picasaweb.google.com>> .

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Notes & News

Save the Date Events

Union Mills, Maryland:

April 24, 2010 (Saturday) 7 to 11 AM. All-You-Can-Eat PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Featuring pancakes made with products from our mill: whole wheat, cornmeal, buckwheat flour.

Adults \$6, children ages 6-12 \$3

FLOWER AND PLANT MARKET

Saturday May 1, 2010, 9 AM to 4 PM

Sunday May 2, 2010, 10 AM to 4 PM

The first weekend in May will again find the Homestead alive with a beautiful array of quality annuals, perennials, vegetables, and hanging baskets. Weekend gardening demonstrations and short seminars; additional specialty plant growers and garden-related vendors; children's activities; Sunday afternoon historical lecture and dessert coffee.

New for 2010: Open Noon to 4 PM on Friday April 30th for early bird customers.

Also featuring Friday afternoon gardening make-and-take workshops.

Watch for updates online at www.unionmills.org



\$\$ DUES \$\$

Dues are owed on a calendar year basis, January through December, so it's a pretty safe bet that everyone needs to renew. This may be done at the March meeting or by using the form below.



MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FORM

Please enroll me as a member of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Society for the Preservation Of Old Mills

Please Print

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip Code _____

Telephone Number _____

E-mail Address _____

(newsletters are emailed or posted in web site when possible to save postage)

New Subscription Renewal

Please Check One:

Individual, Member of SPOOM - \$10.00

Individual, Not Member of SPOOM - \$15.00

Please indicate level of membership and mail this form with your check or money order to **Membership Manager, 3311 Littlestown Pike, Westminster, MD 21158. Please make your checks out to Mid-Atlantic Chapter.** The Mid-Atlantic Chapter is a member in good standing of the Society for the Preservation of Old Mills and serves, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and the District of Columbia

Typewriter Art

PAUL SMITH, the man with extraordinary talent was born in Philadelphia on September 21, 1921 with severe cerebral palsy.

Not only had Paul beaten the odds of a life with spastic cerebral palsy, a disability that impeded his speech and mobility, but also taught himself to become a master artist as well as a terrific chess player even after being devoid of a formal education as a child.

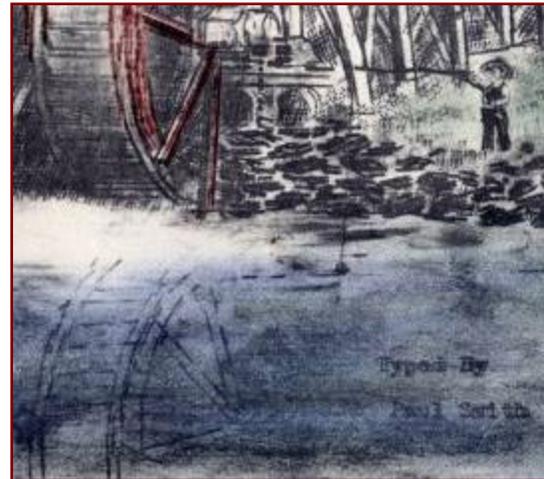
'When typing, Paul used his left hand to steady his right one. Since he couldn't press two keys at the same time, he almost always locked the shift key down and made his pictures using the symbols at the top of the number keys. In other words, his pictures were based on these characters @ # \$ % ^ & * () _

Across seven decades, Paul created hundreds of pictures. He often gave the originals away. Sometimes, but not always, he kept or received a copy for his own records.

As his mastery of the typewriter grew, he developed techniques to create shadings, colors, and textures that made his work resemble pencil or charcoal drawings.'

This great man passed away on June 25, 2007, but left behind a collection of his amazing artwork that will be an inspiration for many. Can you believe that this art was created using a typewriter? More information:

http://www.paulsmithfoundation.org/main_biography.html



One example and detail, relevant to our interests but he was very diverse.

A rerun from 2008 but I think it's cool! –sl