

# HAYCOCK HISTORICAL NEWS

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## DR. JOHN FRANKLIN DANIEL III

(“PETER,” “PETE,” “DUCK”) 1910-1948

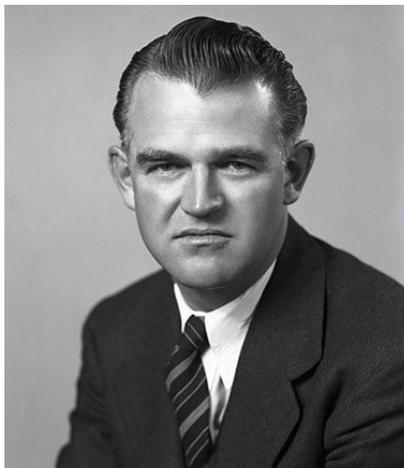
PROFESSOR...ARCHAEOLOGIST...OSS AGENT

By Joe and Karen Cappella

On June 9, 1941, Dr. John Franklin Daniel III and Ellen Alix Du Poy Daniel, his wife, purchased three tracts of land totaling 24+ acres, partly in Bedminster Township and partly in Haycock Township, Bucks County, Pa. (deed book 701 pages 380 - 382).

The property, which bordered those of Daniel Strohm, Robert Keller, Charles Maurer, and Isaac Shive, included an old farmhouse with terrace, as well as the right and privilege to build a dam wall on the part of the Tohickon running through their property. After tracing the deeds, we discovered that this property is now part of Lake Nockamixon State Park. Ellen sold the farm, known as Tohickon Meadows, on May 3, 1949, after Dr. Daniel's sudden death in 1948. On April 19, 1949, she purchased the 3.5-acre property in Haycock Township that we now own (deed book 900 pages 539-541).

John Franklin Daniel III, Ph.D., born June 8, 1910, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, was the son of John Franklin Daniel II and Menetta (Brooks) Daniel, both professors at the University of California-Berkeley.



Dr. John Franklin Daniel III  
(University of Pennsylvania Photo)



Ellen Alix DuPoy Daniel  
(Chicago Tribune December 8, 1928)

Dr. Daniel received his early education in California and abroad, and his B.A. from UCLA in 1932. He began working in archaeology at Kourion, Cyprus in 1934 and studied in France, Germany (at the Universities of Freiburg

and Munich), and Greece. Dr. Daniel received his Ph.D. in Greek from the University of Pennsylvania in 1941, with a dissertation entitled *Prolegomena to the Cypro-Minoan Script*, and was twice honored with the Harrison Fellowship. He specialized in the study of Mycenaean culture and Cypro-Minoan script.

He worked in Greece, Cyprus, and Turkey in the '30s and '40s on archeological digs. He excavated the Kourion acropolis, but, as a Bronze Age specialist, he did perhaps his most significant work at the cemetery of Kaloriziki and two tombs from the adjoining Mersinoudhia field in 1934-35, as well as at Bamboula in 1937-39, and 1948. At Bamboula, which lies within the village of Episkopi, Daniel's excavations uncovered a Bronze Age settlement with tombs, circa 1600-1500 B.C., on the outskirts of the community. Bamboula was thought to be the primary settlement in the area during the late Bronze Age, and it provided a close sequence of habitation levels from early in the period to the end. The settlement was established ca. 1600-1500 B.C., but the most substantial remains are from the 13th and into the early 12th centuries B.C. Excavations revealed multi-room houses and workshops, as well as a road.



An Amphora found at Kourion  
(Penn Museum object 49-12-859)



**Bowl found at excavation at Bamboula  
(Penn Museum object 49-12-211)**

Dr. Daniel was a Lieutenant Colonel, recipient of the Bronze Star, the Cyprus Chief of the Greek Desk for Secret Intelligence and a member of the Greek section of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS, predecessor to the CIA), an intelligence arm of the U.S. government during World War II formed to coordinate espionage activities behind enemy lines such as propaganda, subversion, and post-war planning. He and other archeologists were recruited to serve as agents of the OSS because of their fluency in the local language, knowledge of the culture, familiarity with the terrain, understanding of the workings of local government and numerous contacts they had created while doing excavations in the region, as well as the trust they had established with the local people.

On December 17, 1948, Dr. John Franklin Daniel III died while returning from a reconnaissance trip to select a site for the University of Pennsylvania Museum's new archaeological excavation. He was taken ill in the Jeep in which he was riding with his fellow archaeologists, became unconscious almost immediately, and died before any help could be obtained. He never regained consciousness. Although he was pronounced dead of a heart attack at the hospital in Antalya, many who knew him considered his sudden death mysterious.

"John Franklin Daniel was buried in the Greek Cemetery at Episkopi, Cyprus, near the ruins of Kourion where he had worked for many years. The entire village turned out for the funeral. Dr. Daniel, who was extremely well liked in Cyprus, was eulogized in a local magazine: *The waves of the best coast of Cyprus will surround his grave with infinite love.*" (*Expedition Magazine*, December 2015)

Dr. Daniel helped establish a graduate program in classical archaeology at the University of Pennsylvania. He was a Professor of Classical Archaeology and became head of the Mediterranean section at the University of Pennsylvania's museum in 1943. He was named Director of the Penn Museum shortly before his death in 1948, while scouting an archaeological dig in Kourion, Cyprus which yielded a collection of over 2,000 objects.

As Editor-in-Chief of *The American Journal of Archaeology* from 1946 until his death, Dr. Daniel authored many articles for the publication. An issue of the journal

devoted to Homeric studies, which appeared in 1948, was perhaps the most enduring legacy of his editorship.



**The Sanctuary of Apollo at Kourion, Cyprus  
(Public Domain)**

Correspondence between Daniel and other archaeologists that relate to his curatorial and scholarly work are on file at the University of Pennsylvania Museum's archives. The University of Pennsylvania website (upenn.edu) contains many photos of acquisitions of the architectural digs, as well as Dr. Daniel's articles for the Penn Museum's *Expedition* magazine.

During our research, we found John Franklin Daniel III ("Peter," "Pete," "Duck") referenced in *First Seals* by Patrick K. O'Donnell (pages 60 and 65), which states "Lieutenant Taylor and that shrewd **"Duck"** had savvily handled the negotiations – for which no spy training could have properly prepared them – to procure the insulin and other supplies from the Turkish black market", as well as throughout the entire book *Classical Spies: American Archeologists with the OSS in World War II Greece* by Susan Heuck Allen. In her book, Allen describes Dr. Daniel as one of four OSS "archaeological captains," and **"who had died under mysterious circumstances,"** introducing the premise that he may have been poisoned. "Archeologist Ellen Kohler, Daniel's postwar administrative assistant for the *American Journal of Archaeology*, thought there was **'something fishy'** about how he died and Bronze Age archaeologist Sara Anderson Immerwahr **believed that he had been poisoned**, although she had no idea who might have done it." On March 19, 2020, we contacted Cassandra Donnelly, a PhD student at the University of Texas - Austin, who was awarded a fellowship for the CREWS Project at Cambridge University entitled *Context of and Relations Between Early Writing Systems*, the subject on which John Franklin Daniel III and Alice E. Kober (American classicist, archaeologist, and scholar), were working. In her communication to us, (from **Cyprus**, at this time doing research), Cassandra writes, "Susan Allen said it was the archaeologist Sara 'Sally' Immerwahr, **especially**, who put forth the idea that Daniel was poisoned. She had been part of the Gordion expedition and was there with him when he died."

In a March 5, 1946, letter from Ellen Alix Du Poy Daniel to Gertrude Stein, Mrs. Daniel writes “His headquarters (Dr. Daniel) was the island Cyprus, where he excavated when he was an archeologist. He had one or two very narrow escapes.” In Classical Spies, Susan Allen indicates that there were several attempts on Dr. Daniel’s life during the war and several native-born people assisting him were assassinated. The prologue also suggests “... he (Dr. Daniel) had **supposedly** severed ties with the American intelligence services,” however his contributions continued.

After the surrender of Japan, President Truman terminated the OSS, but he did not put an end to American espionage overseas. Dr. Daniel remained at his post in Greece and continued to develop new information sources in Greece that were commended as “definitely valuable” and “timely” by Military Intelligence and the State Department. It was during this period he learned for the fourth time that “persons were looking for an opportunity to liquidate him.” “The Athens chief punned that Daniel was a ‘sitting duck,’ and wanted him to pull out of Florina, Greece to canvas other areas, but Dr. Daniel continued to report on Yugoslavia.” (Classical Spies)

Dr. Daniel’s OSS code name, “Duck,” was counterpoint to that of his OSS team member, George McFadden, whose code name was “Daffy.” Lieutenant George McFadden, an alumnus of Princeton University, was also his good friend and fellow archaeologist at the University of Pennsylvania, of which he was a patron. A lifelong sailor, he died on April 19, 1953, in a sailing accident off the coast of Cyprus within the view of Kourion. His body was never found. In a letter written to her friend, Pulitzer Prize winning poet George Dillon, dated May 17, 1953, Mrs. Daniel tells of George McFadden’s death as she writes “George McFadden, if you remember, was the one who gave me the money to make that trip to Europe after Peter died. He said he owed his success as an archaeologist to Peter and wanted to do something. I was very fond of him. He came home every summer from Cyprus and always motored out here to see me.” (in Haycock Township)

In March of 2017, we discovered a blog, with an inquiry from John Franklin Daniel III’s niece, Sally Simpson, dated August 20, 2014. She posted “I am looking for information regarding my uncle, John Franklin Daniel III, who was an archaeologist in Greece and Turkey in the ‘30s and ‘40s, became part of the OSS, and died “**mysteriously**” in 1948, while scouting a dig site in Kourion.” (To date, there has been no response from Sally to our posting acknowledging information about her uncle. The Blog’s manager suggested that Sally might no longer be living.)

In July of 2019, Cassandra Donnelly, discussed the work on which Dr. John Franklin Daniel III and Alice E. Kober (professor, archaeologist, and the scholar whose work laid the foundation for the deciphering of Linear B), were collaborating, their communications, and the impact of Dr. Daniel’s death on her work. She writes, “The aim of this blog post is, accordingly, to remember them and to give special attention to John Franklin Daniel. In particular, I want draw attention to his work as a feminist ally long before the



**George McFadden, archaeologist and OSS member (Penn Museum #48049)**



**Alice Kober (1946 photo from the Brooklyn Eagle Credit, Brooklyn Library)**

language of ally-ship was a twinkle in anyone’s eye and how the loss of an ally can impact a woman’s career.” Cassandra writes “Alice E. Kober and Pete Daniel met at an Archaeological Institute of America lecture in 1941. Daniel had given a presentation on his dissertation topic, the Cypro-Minoan script. Kober did not need decades of hindsight to recognize the soundness of Daniel’s methodology, though was critical of some of the sign identifications he had made. After reading Daniel’s work she had a lot to say, especially on the sections where he compared Cypro-Minoan signs to ones from Linear A and B. Kober took a risk in sending Daniel a critique of his work. She had no idea what to expect in response from him. He replies to Kober with gratitude and enthusiasm, “you are... the first person who has done anything other than say that it looks wonderful,” he tells her,

“which of course means that it doesn’t interest them.”  
“(Daniel to Kober, November 18, 1941) His reply matches hers, his own point-by-point response. These letters would be the start of a friendship that would last until Daniel’s death in 1948, only interrupted by Daniel’s involvement in the war.” (Regina Dürig, a German author, researcher and adjunct professor at Bern University is currently writing a novel, in German, about the correspondence between Dr. John Franklin Daniel III and Alice E. Kober.)

A 1948 obituary for Dr. Daniel, published in the *American Journal of Archeology* (52:1 and 52:4), stated, “He was at the height of his powers and full of enthusiasm for his projected work when the end came. He made and kept friends by his loyalty, his sense of justice, his devotion to his profession, his wit, and his interest in and kindness toward his students. With his passing the archaeological world has lost one of its most promising and richly gifted young scholars, one from whom much more was to be expected. He is survived by his wife (Ellen Alix Du Poy) whom he married in 1940, and who was a source of inspiration and encouragement to him; by his devoted mother, a brother, and two sisters.” (David, Elizabeth, and Katherine-all younger than he)

Among Dr. Daniel’s correspondence is a May 16, 1942, letter to Alice E. Kober, which reads “**I must stop my verbal wanderings, clean my desk and go home to plant potatoes,**” this from a man who was doing archaeological digs in Greece, Cyprus, and Turkey, and was credited with discovering the site of Gordion, Kourion, one of the fabled cities of antiquity, which became the Penn Museum’s largest and longest excavation, who is hailed as the *wunderkind* of mid-forties archaeology, and whose work on Cypro-Minoan script (still undeciphered), is lauded as the best work on the subject in the 20th century.

In her prologue, Susan Heuck Allen writes “... **how had this restless man who sought tranquility, and finally found it on an old Bucks County farm along a winding creek, died so young and so far from home? The mystery remains.**”

We wonder what local historical architectural discoveries Dr. John Franklin Daniel III would have been able to contribute to this community, had he had the opportunity to live a full life here, on a farm called “Tohickon Meadows.”

Joe and Karen Cappella, 2020

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**CREWS Project: A Tale of Two Scholars, and the Center of Minoan Linguistic Research that never came to exist. July 2019, Cassandra Donnelly, PhD student at the University of Texas Austin**

**March 20, 2020 communication with, Cassandra Donnelly, PhD student at the University of Texas Austin**

**Correspondence between Ellen Alix Du Poy Daniel to Gertrude Stein (1928-1946)** from Yale University, 257 pages

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**University of Pennsylvania Museum** – voluminous, on-line resources at upenn.edu

# HORNE BARN RESTORATION

By Heather DiSario

The Horne homestead's barn has been given a facelift. New windows, siding, and a roof help ensure the former dairy barn will stand another 100 years. Owner Ken Horne says the barn's original build date is unknown, but the barn was rebuilt after it burned in the summer of 1912 when it was struck by lightning. The farm itself is one of the original homesteads in Haycock. Ken recalls his mother showing him a deed from William Penn showing the property was about 300 acres in size originally. Ken's parents, Jesse and Helen (nee Roth), married about 1930 and bought the farm in 1933. Ken was born in 1934. At that time, the farm was about 65 acres including 13 acres across the road.

Ken's father built a two-bay garage between the corn crib and the barn bridge. But the wall had a structural failure and it had to come down. The short one-story part of the barn was added in the 1950s along with the milk house. After graduating from Quakertown High School in 1952, Ken started building the milk house and barn addition with the help of his cousin, Jim Horne. Only 11 or 12 cows fit originally, but with the addition, 29 cows could fit in stanchions. Ken had the concrete silo built for green grass and corn in the 1960s and in the late 1960s bought the Harvestore silo that can be seen standing today.

Ken's dad hand milked the cows. Ken remembers that in 1946 his dad had jury duty and Ken, at age 12, had to hand milk the cows while his dad was away. During the 1940s, Ken's parents sold raw milk to neighbors, including artists Jim Schucker and Matt Clarke; they each got 2 quarts every other day. Starting in the 1950s raw milk sales were stopped because of possible TB. If your cows tested positive, they were sent to the butcher. Around that time, a man from Pleasant Valley would pick up a can to deliver to Breuninger Dairy in Richlandtown.

Ken's dad started out with Ayrshires, and later, Ken got Holsteins and half breeds, with artificial insemination through Lehigh Valley Dairy. At one time, Ken had a herd of 35-37 cows after he built a separate block building in the back of the barn in the 1960s. They started with 2 three-can coolers going through 18-19 cans in 2 days. Then they switched over to a milk tank, which could store about 350-400 gallons a day.

Two haymows are on each side of the barn bridge and a set of stairs leads down to where the stanchions and cows were. Cows grazed behind the barn and across the street. Ken also rented pasture from the Ahlum Farm on Cider Press Road. Ken had the cows till 1977. The barn slate roof was replaced after a rare snowstorm in October of 2011. The siding was finished last year along with a new roof on the milk house. Ken's next step is to get all the block buildings painted this summer.

## Three Views of the Barn Restoration





**IN MEMORY OF**  
**Robert Smell**  
**February 14, 1938-March 18, 2020**



**THANK YOU**

Thank you to the “phantom” lawn keepers. Stokes grounds are looking good and it all “magically” happens. Many thanks to Clayton and Linda Fox and Ken Fox for doing all this mowing, weed whacking and help with the general clean up. Pat DeWald and Doug Goldthorp have been working hard on the garden, and are adding crushed oyster shells to the path.

The Stokes grounds are a nice space for social distancing, maybe even a picnic on the porch. We hope our members can appreciate and enjoy this beautiful spot.

## STORIES WANTED

We are collecting stories from members about what you are doing during the isolation for the COVID-19 pandemic. These stories will be placed on our website under Haycock Stories. Years later the stories will tell how we coped with the situation. Send to [wdewald@verizon.net](mailto:wdewald@verizon.net) or mail to our post office box.

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## FRIDAY MORNING COFFEE

Because of the pandemic, so far Stokes has not been open on Friday mornings. Circumstances will dictate when Stokes can reopen.

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**"Our Lost Tohickon Valley" and "Haycock Township and Eddie Bauer"** are available as E-Books on Amazon

## PRINT VERSIONS

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## MEETINGS

**September 2020:** Time and date depending on circumstances in September: Pioneer Day with Steve Applegate at our Stokes House Headquarters

**October 15, 2020:** 7 p.m. To be announced.

**November 19, 2020:** 7 p.m. To be announced.

Third Thursday meetings are held at the Haycock Community Center, formerly the Haycock Elementary School, at Old Bethlehem Road and Sawmill Road, in Applebachsville. The meeting room is Community Room West.

**The Thursday meetings begin at 7 p.m.**

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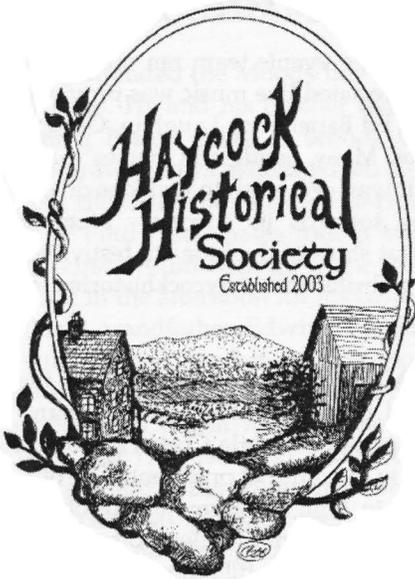
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