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PRESS RELEASE: CUMBERLAND VALLEY PRESERVATION SOCIETY OF SILVER SPRING

Preparation for historic Junkin House move includes demolition of non-historic wood-frame addition

Cumberland Valley Preservation Society (CVPS) is a nonprofit organization based in Mechanicsburg. Its mission is to preserve, study, teach and promote historic sites in Central Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. **The relocation and restoration of this 1747 structure is the inaugural project for CVPS.**

The first phase of the Joseph Junkin House project begins on March 15 with the demolition of the non-historic wooden structure located behind the house. The structure is not original to the house and possibly added ca 1950.

CVPS has a deadline of March 24, 2021, as part of the ownership agreement with Crete Carrier Corporation/Shaffer Trucking, Inc, to move the house to its final destination and are working toward an extension due to unfavorable weather conditions.

The capital campaign continues its effort to raise \$50,000 by April 1 to complete the house move. Grants and private donations, along with a loan, comprise the funds raised to date.

Future project phases include the restoration of the house and the Junkin House Museum, and New Kingstown and CVPS offices' opening.

Donations are graciously accepted online. Please see the website at cvpreservation.org or the Facebook page at facebook.com/CVPreservation.org to view the growing list of sponsors and donors.

Junkin Family History

Joseph Junkin landed at New Castle, Delaware, where uncles and cousins had previously settled. Joseph tarried for a time in Oxford, Pennsylvania area, before moving to York County, where he married Elizabeth Wallace in 1743. Joseph with his wife eventually left York County. He settled in what was known as the Great Valley, where he purchased 500 acres that later became New Kingstown.

*Junkin, a man of strict religious doctrine, established a "tent" or outdoor meeting place of worship and social fellowship at his homestead. **On August 23, 1752, John Cuthbertson, a leading figure in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, served more than 250 Communicants in the first Covenanter Communion in America. Several of the Junkin children who were born on the homestead were amongst those baptized.***

The Junkin House is the original home of the Junkin family, built-in 1747.

On August 21, 2010, with approximately the same number in attendance, the Junkin House received its official historic marker recognizing its historical significance in Pennsylvania history.

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