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PRESS RELEASE: CUMBERLAND VALLEY PRESERVATION SOCIETY OF SILVER SPRING

Future Junkin House museum takes a huge step forward with a significant donation from HSS Investors, LLC and the addition of the Hempt Farms Horseracing artifacts for the future museum.

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 Junkin family structure is the inaugural project for CVPS.

The capital campaign for the house move continues. **With the \$50,000 contribution from HSS, CVPS is able to move forward with land development and the construction of the house foundation which allow for the house move to its final, permanent location. A presentation will be made at the Board of Supervisors meeting for Silver Spring Township on September 28, 2022.**

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

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 lived 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 and settled in what was known as the Great Valley, where he purchased 500 acres that later became New Kingstown.

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.

Hempt Farms History

Hempt Farms began in the early 1940s when George L. Hempt, father of Max C. Hempt, gifted his son a tract of land, then known as the Parker Farm, donated in the 1950s and now the site of Cumberland Valley High School. Max C. Hempt, owner and operator of the entity, expanded his ownership to several farm properties to the South of Rt. 11/Carlisle Pike, which were acquired over time.

The farm operation began with several broodmares, namely Follow Me and Wanta Win. Follow me was the dam who produced world champion trotting filly, Stenographer who, at one time, held 13 world's records.

The breeding operation at Hempt Farms was known as "Home of the Keystones". At the peak of operations in the 1960s-1970s, Hempt Farms was the home to over 100 broodmares and a successful small band of studs. When Hempt Farms was in full operation, it ranked among the top 10 standardbred breeding establishments in America.

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The horse cemetery located along Hempt Road has granite headstones for the champion horses buried there between 1980 and 2012.

*Bye Bye Byrd, a world leading pacing sire,
Warm Breeze, a descendant of Keystone Horatio, fastest harness horse in 171 years of the sport,
Hickory Pride, a world leading trotting sire,
Defiant Yankee, won the Yankee Cup in 1981 valued at \$230,000,
Stenographer, a world champion trotting filly and producing mare,
Keystone Sister, a daughter of Stenographer and brood mare,
Keystone Ore, a leading pacing sire,
Keystone Horatio, finished 5th or higher in first 10 starts,
Fancy Crown, a world champion trotting filly and producing brood mare.*

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