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The Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation is the nonprofit partner of the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission. Governed by a volunteer board, PHF helps preserve the commonwealth's rich heritage through charitable funding, membership, grant management, and community engagement.

PHF Marks 40 Years

We began this column in the Summer 2023 issue to mark the 40th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation (PHF) and recount our history, starting with our establishment in fall 1983 as the Friends of the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission to encourage public and private support for the programs of the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission (PHMC). We then continued the story in the Fall 2023 edition, with our name change to the Pennsylvania Heritage Society in 1997 and the PHMC programs we supported.

This third and final installment picks up in 2012 with another name change to the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation. The intent

was to emphasize our increased role as PHMC's fundraising partner, with the mission to support the work of PHMC in collaboration with partner organizations, through fund development, grant management, membership, and advocacy.

In this period PHF raised and managed funds for PHMC projects and programs such as the 50th anniversary of The State Museum and Archives Complex in 2015, hosting a special fundraising gala in addition to other events; a permanent State Museum exhibition, *The Pennsylvania Turnpike: America's First Superhighway*, and events for the turnpike's 75th anniversary in 2015; full restoration of the 13 dioramas that vividly depict Pennsylvania



The Pennsylvania Turnpike exhibit at The State Museum was completed with support from PHF fundraising and fund management.

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Trails of History Sites and Museums

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A successful PHF fundraising campaign brought in generous donations to help restore Mammal Hall, The State Museum's popular exhibit of 13 dioramas of wild animals in their Pennsylvania habitats.
Photo, Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

wildlife in The State Museum's Mammal Hall, completed in 2018; and the 2022 opening of the long-term State Museum exhibition *A Place for All: Three Stories of Integration in Pennsylvania*, featuring landmark episodes of the Civil Rights Movement.

PHF also partnered with Daniel Boone Homestead to assist in its operation and with PHMC's Bureau of Historic Sites & Museums (BHSM) in the PA History 2 Go project, a series of online videos designed to attract virtual visitors to the Pennsylvania Trails of History sites and deepen their understanding of the Keystone State's rich history. PHF is currently working with BHSM to help implement and fund a new strategic plan at

Eckley Miners' Village that will preserve this significant historic resource and deliver a sustainable future.

Moving forward, PHF is partnering with the Pennsylvania State Archives and Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office to increase awareness and appreciation for those significant resources. PHF will continue to proactively partner with PHMC in support of its vision and mission. We will also communicate more closely with our own membership to connect them to their personal, family and community histories and increase awareness and appreciation that understanding the past can help us envision the possibilities for the future.

PHF Supports Fundraising for New Research Center and Overnight Lodging at Eckley

Eckley Miners' Village, a site on the Pennsylvania Trails of History, administered by the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission (PHMC), has been awarded a \$17,000 grant from the Willary Foundation. Supporting a strategic plan to adapt Eckley's historic structures for contemporary purposes, the grant will aid in establishing an interdisciplinary research center and overnight lodging in two 19th-century homes.

Located in northeastern Pennsylvania, Eckley is pivotal in preserving and sharing the history of anthracite coal mining, regional culture, and the

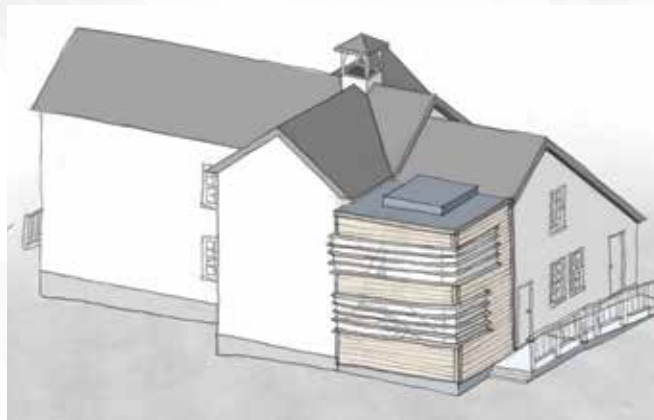
immigrant experience. In July 2023, designs were finalized for the 2,500-square-foot research center, encompassing laboratories, classrooms and conference spaces to serve disciplines like archaeology, earth sciences and history. The adjacent lodging will host on-site research partners, fostering deeper connections with the village, its visitors and surrounding communities.

Beyond its role as a research hub, the lodging is envisioned as a prototype for a revenue model replicable in other historic homes. Enhanced research facilities will elevate Eckley's exhibits,

promoting innovative perspectives on the anthracite region's cultural and environmental legacies.

This project received a \$48,000 Challenge Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities in June 2023, requiring matching funds. The Willary Foundation grant kickstarts efforts to secure these funds, supported by the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation, PHMC's nonprofit partner.

For further details on Eckley Miners' Village and to support this project, visit eckleyminersvillage.com or contact the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation at paheritage.org.



A rendering of the circa 1865 Asa Foster House reimagined as an interdisciplinary research center, courtesy of JacobsWyper Architects. A ramp and accessibility tower addition on the building's rear would supply elevator access and a second egress to the upper floor.

PHF to Hold Third Annual Sip & Savor

Celebrate with the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation at its Third Annual Sip & Savor event. On April 14, 2024, PHF will conclude its 40th anniversary celebration at The Winery at Hunters Valley, located on the west bank of the Susquehanna River in Liverpool. The Board of Directors invites you to join them as they raise their glasses to Pennsylvania and the work of PHF as the nonprofit partner of the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission.

This fundraiser highlights Pennsylvania's roots in agriculture, the commonwealth's largest industry, with farm-to-table foods. The afternoon will include an array of Pennsylvania-grown produce and locally made treats in the form of a grazing table and a selection of wine from The Winery at Hunters Valley. For more than 25 years, owners Mike and Carol Williams have worked hard to preserve the picturesque view of their vineyard that now features 14 varieties of grapes spanning several acres of vineyard.

Attendees will have the opportunity to bid on silent auction baskets filled with items that showcase Pennsylvania's activities, authors, products and experiences. Interspersed with the "Sips," visit with our Board of Directors, hear the local history, and "Savor" Pennsylvania's rich abundance.

For details on attending or sponsoring this celebration, visit our website at paheritage.org.



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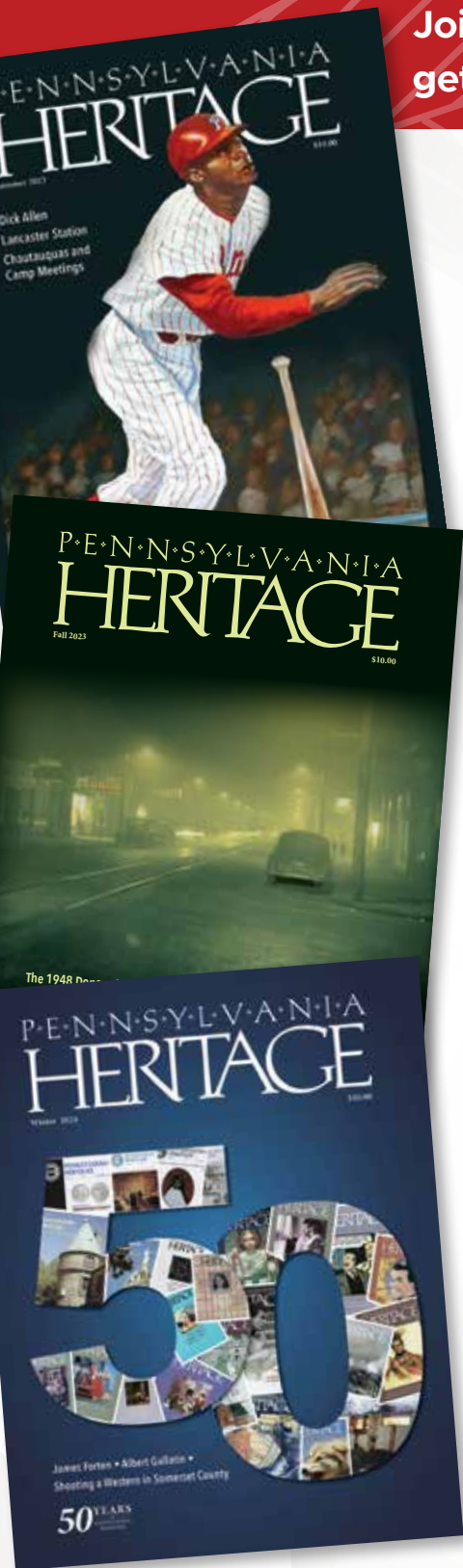
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You care about history because you know it allows us to understand the past, make sense of the present, and envision the future. Your thoughtfulness now can help us protect, preserve and give meaning to our commonwealth's historic stories, sites and treasures. Your generosity will enable today's youth and tomorrow's leaders to respect our history and add to it with their own.

History matters to each of us, our families, and our communities. Will you please give today so that the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation can continue its work to ensure that our history is available to all?

We are grateful for your care and your support. Make your gift at paheritage.org or by mail to Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation, 400 North Street, Harrisburg PA 17120.



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