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NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## DR. WILSON RECEIVES 1995 LIVING TREE AWARD

The Northampton Township Historical Society's 20th Living Tree Award was given to Dr. Cameron S. Wilson of Richboro on Sunday, May 7, 1995 at the Cultural Center/Library on Holland Road. Doug Crompton, President of the Northampton Historical Society presented the award to Dr. Wilson and remarked that he was the first recipient of this award to be born and raised in this township and to remain here for all of his career. Dr. Wilson was joined by his family, wife of 50 years, Edith, daughter, Suzanne and husband, Ed Carpp and granddaughter, Emily and son Dr. Charles Wilson (dentist of Newtown). Several friends and members of the Historical Society came to enjoy the tree planting and to hear several speakers recall some fond memories of Dr. Wilson's veterinarian practice. Dr. Fred Guenther of Newtown, Ralph Samuel of Richboro and Ms. Ann Erwin, Executive Director of the Bucks County SPCA, all spoke very highly of Dr. Wilson. Before Dr. Wilson was introduced, Eileen Zolotorofe, Vice President of the Historical Society and this year's Living Tree Chairperson, read a poem that she prepared regarding Dr. Wilson's dedication to all of the animals from bunny rabbits to herds of cows in Northampton Township over the last 50+ years. Dr. Wilson very humbly accepted his award saying that he enjoyed his life's calling as a veterinarian and, "I just couldn't think of doing anything else. Thank you for honoring me today".



Society President, Doug Crompton presents the 1995 Living Tree Award to Dr. Cameron Wilson, while Vice President, Eileen Zolotorofe looks on..



Dr. Wilson, second from left, with the speakers, Ralph Samuel, Ann Erwin and Dr. Fred Guenther

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## MAY MEETING TO COMMEMORATE THE END OF WORLD WAR II

"When the World is Free", a remembrance of the World War II Era, will be presented at Northampton Historical Society's General Meeting on **Wednesday, May 24, 1995** at 7:30 p.m., at the Cultural Center, 25 Upper Holland Road, Richboro. Presented by storyteller, Jill Kohles, of "Scoop and Flash Enterprises", the concert of three stories takes the listener back to victory gardens, stirring the oleo margarine until the last trace of the orange capsule disappears and back to the days of the air raid warden!

Jill promises to look at the "light side of things" while taking you back and reawakening memories of yesteryear. Dig that old uniform out of mothballs and bring along any pictures, posters and awards or memorabilia of any kind from the war years. We will have tables set up for your displays and, as usual, we will be serving refreshments! It should be a delightful evening complete with "sounds of the 40's". Plan to join us and bring a friend. Wear your red, white and blue!!

**NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

This Spring has been a busy time for the board. We have three events within a one month period. The Living Tree Award, our May general meeting and our barn sale. In addition as you may have seen in the newspapers we are making an attempt to save the Davis house owned by the Addisville Reformed Church. All were topics of discussion at our April board meeting.

As you read this, the Living Tree Ceremony has already taken place. It was a little different than in past years. Because the weather was nice, we were able to plant the tree at the west side of the library. It was an enjoyable day and the speakers were wonderful. Dr. Wilson and his family have expressed their sincere appreciation for having been honored with this award.

Our May meeting promises to be a festive event commemorating the end of World War II. We have a speaker that will perform and tell stories. Eileen is working hard to decorate and provide a 1940's atmosphere. Please bring a friend.

The barn sale is moving along. We can use your support for this activity. We will be selling hot dogs, sodas and cakes and pastries and need support for this table on both days, especially Friday. Please plan on making something for our bake table. We also need buyers and sellers! For information on the sale contact Diane at 355-6399 or Eileen at 598-3065. Hope to see you there.

If you have not yet sent in your 1995 membership dues, please take a minute to do so. If we have not received yours, it will be indicated by a red dot on the address page.

After the barn sale we will, for the most part, take the summer off. Enjoy your summer. See you in the Fall at our September meeting.

Doug Crompton




The April board meeting at the home of Rosemarie Blumenthal, (L-R) Doris D' Ardene, Florence Leedom, Joanne Kerridge, Jean Gallagher, Rosemarie Blumenthal, Eileen Zolotorofe, Diane Amadio, Bill Blumhardt and Doug Crompton. John Leedom was absent due to illness.



Adelaide Crompton, Rosemarie Blumenthal, and Eileen Zolotorofe take time to pose for a picture at the Living Tree Ceremony

**MEMBERS ARE OFF TO JOLLY OLD ENGLAND!**

Eileen and Don Zolotorofe (Eileen is our Vice President) will be traveling to Southwest England this summer along with Professor Lyle Rosenberger and a group of 15 to study English Architecture and Preservation. The tour was available to students in the Historic Preservation/Restoration course at Buck County Community College.

The tour begins in London and travels to Bath, Deerhurst, South Wales, Yetminster in Dorset and many other side trips along the way. I'm sure that Eileen and Don will be happy to report on this very interesting study/tour when they return. Adelaide Crompton, Rosemarie Blumenthal (our Recording Secretary) and Linda Daly are also students in this course at Bucks.



**WANTED**

World War II mementos, awards, pictures, uniforms to share at our May 24th meeting commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II.

Guess who this is? Answer later in this issue.

# LIVING TREE AWARDED TO DR. WILSON

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(L-R) Dr. Wilson's family, son, Dr. Charles Wilson, daughter, Suzanne and husband Ed Carpp, granddaughter, Emily, wife, Mrs Edith Wilson, and honoree Dr. Cameron Wilson.



Jim Burt holds the tree in place while Dr. Wilson shovels. His wife, Edith looks on. The tree was donated by Bill Blumhardt and was planted on the West side of the library.

*Who's the man you call upon  
Morning, noon or night  
To help your ailing cat or pup  
No matter how large or trite?*



*Who's the trusty Doctor  
Tending Northampton's finest herds?  
Always with a smile  
Never an unkind word.*



*Who's that faithful person  
On the turnpike late one night?  
A spilled truckload of  
frightened horses,  
That must've been a sight!*

*Who's always willing and ready,  
to help the injured cow or bunny,  
with a smile so warm and cheery  
And a disposition sunny?*

*Who's been ever at our beckon call,  
All animals he treated same*



*I present to you our honoree,  
Doc Wilson is his name*

A poem by Eileen Zolotorofe

## DO YOU NEED A RIDE ????

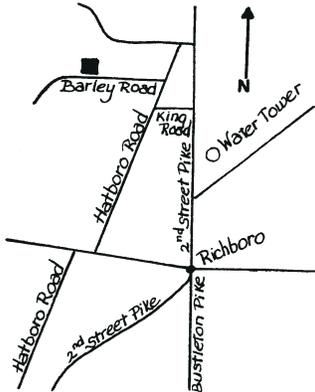
We know that it is difficult for some of our members to attend our meetings. We want to help! Call any of our officers and let us know if you will need a ride to the meeting. We miss YOU!



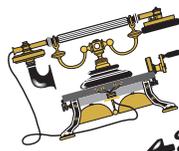


## BARN SALE TO BE HELD FRIDAY JUNE 2 AND SATURDAY JUNE 3, 1995

Progress is being made with regard to the Barn Sale scheduled for June 2 and 3, 1995 at Bill Blumhardt's farm located at the corner of Hatboro and Barley Roads in Richboro. Flyers have been distributed and advertisements have been placed in many publications announcing the Sale. Spaces are going fast so please contact Diane Amadio at 355-6399 if you are interested in a space at the Sale. The cost of space is \$15.00 for both days, just \$10.00 for one day. We have made arrangements for restroom facilities, and there will be refreshments available at our hot dog stand.



We are also looking for donations for two of our own tables, the bake table and our 'items for sale' table. If you can donate any baked goods, please contact Eileen Zolotorofe at 598-3065. If you have any sale items contact Diane Amadio at 355-6399. We will pickup and store items. We really need your donations and help!



**Antiques**



### MOLAND HOUSE UPDATE

Our November, 1994 HISTORIA had a wonderful article by Dave Gauntt regarding the Moland House located in Warwick Township and it's historic significance within the County. We wanted to follow up on the property and let you know how the preservation program is progressing. The Township has voted to condemn the property comprised of the house and forty nine acres for park purposes. However, the Friends of Moland House now face the daunting task of raising \$950,000.00 by next fall or the property will revert to the previous owners. Members of the Warwick Township Historical Society and Commission, the Friends and volunteers have been working to clean up and secure the property. They have also made an informative video concerning the plight of the property for fund raising purposes. NFL Films was instrumental in the production of the video and we hope to view it at an up-coming NTHS meeting. If you know of any organizations or corporations interested in sponsoring this project, or if you would like to be a contributor yourself, please contact The Friends of Moland House, 2581 Old York Road, Jamison, PA 18929.

**IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP CURRENT FOR 1995? CHECK THE ADDRESS LABEL PAGE. A RED DOT INDICATES THAT WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR DUES.**

### OLD HOUSE EXPO A SUCCESS

The first annual Old House Restoration Exposition sponsored by the Historic Preservation Program at the Bucks County Community College and Fonthill Museum was held on April 22. There were over 60 exhibitors and numerous seminars. It was well attended. Society members Rosemarie Blumenthal, Adelaide Crompton, Linda Daly, and Eileen Zolotorofe, who are enrolled in the program at the college, volunteered during the expo. Plans are already underway for the 1996 expo.



Our Linda Daly waits on customers in her interior design booth at the first Old House Restoration Expo sponsored by the Historic Preservation Program at Bucks County Community College.

Did you guess who the handsome guy is in the WWII picture? It was our own Jack Leedom!

# MORE MEMORIES OF WORLD WAR II



Moments before this picture was taken, Coxswain Jim Fetter, (left photo below) father of Eileen Zolotorofe, was operating “lead lines” (depth finders searching for sand bars) approximately two feet from the first explosion. The subsequent explosions killed eight of the army personnel on board. They abandoned ship (un-armed for the most part) and waded on to the beaches. Meet Eileen’s dad at the May 24th meeting and hear “the rest of the story!”



Coxswain, Jim Fetter,  
Eileen Zolotorofe’s Father



Robert D. Crompton (right) , Doug  
Crompton’s father, in England,  
March 1945

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE



Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Force!

You are about to embark upon the Great Crusade, toward which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you. In company with our brave Allies and brothers-in-arms on other Fronts, you will bring about the destruction of the German war machine, the elimination of Nazi tyranny over the oppressed peoples of Europe, and security for ourselves in a free world.

Your task will not be an easy one. Your enemy is well trained, well equipped and battle-hardened. He will fight savagely.

But this is the year 1944! Much has happened since the Nazi triumphs of 1940-41. The United Nations have inflicted upon the Germans great defeats, in open battle, man-to-man. Our air offensive has seriously reduced their strength in the air and their capacity to wage war on the ground. Our Home Fronts have given us an overwhelming superiority in weapons and munitions of war, and placed at our disposal great reserves of trained fighting men. The tide has turned! The free men of the world are marching together to Victory!

I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty and skill in battle. We will accept nothing less than full Victory!

Good Luck! And let us all beseech the blessing of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking.

*Dwight D. Eisenhower*

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HISTORIA is published quarterly by the Northampton Township Historical Society. The Society meets four times each year at the Northampton Township Cultural Center, Upper Holland Road, Richboro. Everyone is welcome at our meetings. Meetings start at **7:30 P.M.** with refreshments, general meeting, and a featured speaker.

### Meeting Dates for 1995

May 24	General Meeting	- 7:30 P.M.
September 27	“ ”	“ ”
November 15	Dinner Meeting	- 6 P.M.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL CLASSIFICATIONS

PATRON:	Extra support for the society	\$35.00
FAMILY:	All members of one family	\$15.00
SINGLE:	Adult individual membership	\$10.00
SENIOR CITIZEN:	Age 65 years or older	\$5.00

This will be your membership for the calendar year of 1995 (January 1995 to December 1995)

Note - Applications received after October 31 will be credited for the following year.

This application is sent with all editions of the HISTORIA. Please check your records to make sure that you have not already paid for the current year. Normal renewal time is in the first quarter of the year or when the March HISTORIA is received. If your membership is current, please pass this application on to others who may be interested in our society.

Please consider a contribution of more than the minimum membership to help defray increasing society costs.

Send to : **Northampton Township Historical Society**  
**PO BOX 732**  
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May we count on you to serve on one of our committees ? : Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_ MAYBE \_\_\_\_\_

Please give us your ideas for speakers at future meetings : \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to write an article for the HISTORIA \_\_\_\_\_

Your comments and suggestions are welcomed : \_\_\_\_\_