



THE HULMEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2024 Third Quarter Edition

TOWN CRIER

July – August - September 2024

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Upcoming Events in Hulmeville

Mark Your Calendar

- July - **OCI Night** Thursday July 18 from 5-8 PM
- August – **Hulmeville Family Fun Day and National Night Out** sponsored by Hulmeville Borough and the Hulmeville Police Department August 3 - 12-4 PM behind Borough Hall on Main Street (See flyer)
- September- **Researching Old Houses** – 7 PM September 11th Borough Hall Presented by Bucks County's leading expert on the subject – Jeffrey Marshall
- Hulmeville Flea Market** September 28th
- October – **Hulmeville Ghost Tours** October 4th, 5th, 11th and 12th.
- November – **HHS Annual Craft Show** – Saturday November 3rd from 10AM-3PM at the William Penn Fire Company. **Touched by Teal** - Four Boroughs Run to find a cure for Ovarian Cancer. November 9th - 7:30 AM. 13 Beaver St. For more info. <https://beatovarian.org/upcoming-events-2/>

HHS Has a New President!

Congratulations to Rose Boneventura! The Historical Society members who were present at our June meeting unanimously voted for Rose to take the position of President of the Hulmeville Historical Society.

Hulmeville Night at OCI Thursday July 18th

A THREE IN ONE EVENING

1. Enjoy an evening with your neighbors.
2. Have Dinner out at the OCI
3. Support the Hulmeville Historical Society.

Come and join us at the Old Colonial Inn on Beaver Street on Thursday July 18th from 5 to 8 PM. The OCI will create a special menu and when you order from that menu a portion of the proceeds from those orders will be donated to the Hulmeville Historical Society.

Donations needed. We are planning to raffle off guest baskets at our OCI night on July 18th as a fund raiser for the HHS. If anyone has items or gift cards that you are not using that could be added to a gift basket or if you'd like to donate a complete basket, please drop these items off to Diane McKairnes at 407 Main Street

The Hulmeville Historical Society Meetings

We meet at Borough Hall on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00. The meetings are open to the public. (No scheduled meeting in July and December.) At each meeting we discuss the planning of upcoming events as well as some topic from Hulmeville History. Residents are also welcome to come with questions about Hulmeville history that we will try to answer.

Acknowledgements

A Note from June Robinson

Mrs. Robinson who turned 99 this spring asked that we include a note in the newsletter. She wrote, "Thank you to everyone for all of the birthday cards. They were greatly appreciated."

Condolences – Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Jim Clark as he recently passed away.

Thank you!

★ Thank you to **Linus Weber!** Linus was an amazing young volunteer at our Soup Off this year. He took initiative in helping getting everything set up and made sure everyone was comfortable during the Soup Off before offering all of his energy in cleaning up. Thank you Linus!

★ Thank you to Mayor **Debbie Mahon** for organizing the Memorial Day ceremony this year and thank you to all the volunteers who helped out with the event.

NOTE: If you have any information, you would like us to add to the acknowledgement section, please contact Joe Coleman at icole1052019@gmail.com. Also, please Joe know if we have any mistakes in your name and address on the mailing envelope.

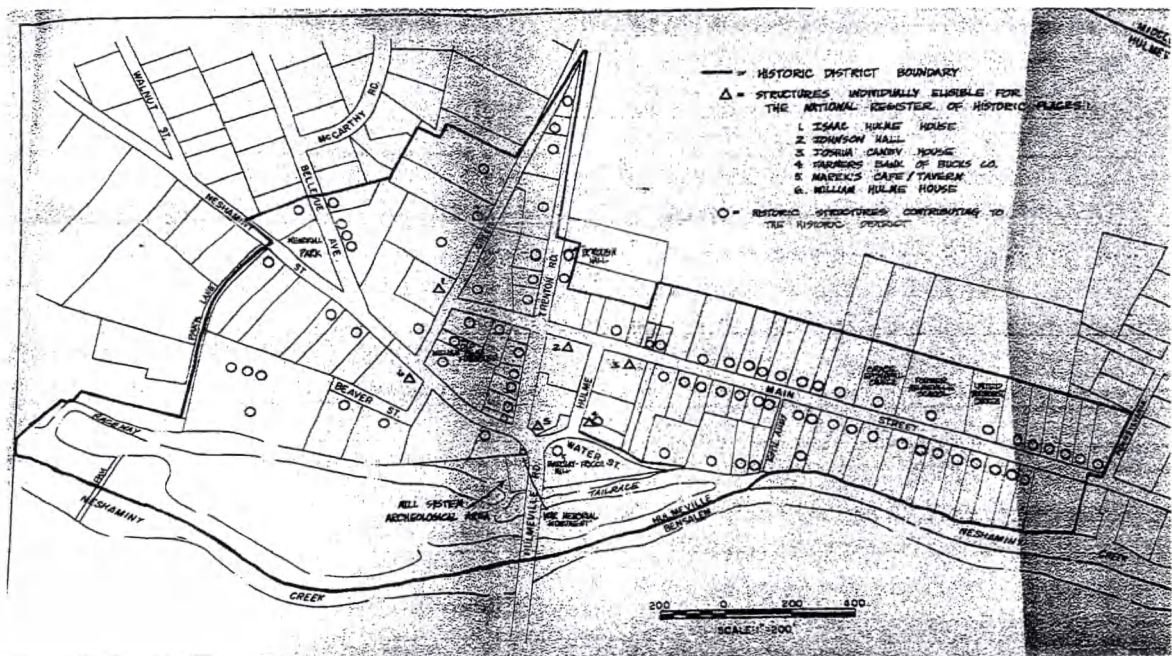
A Reminder from the Hulmeville Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB)

Attention Residents of the Hulmeville Borough Historical District

The Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) advises Hulmeville Borough Council regarding the advisability of issuing permits for the erection, reconstruction, alteration, restoration, and demolition of any structures within the historical district of the Borough. The intent is to preserve the historical character of the district.

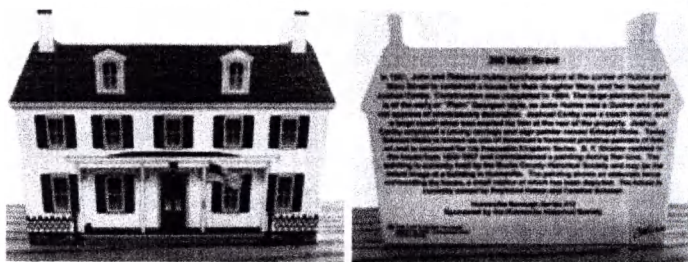
If you live or own property within the district, you must get a Certificate of Appropriateness, and possibly a Zoning Permit, **BEFORE** making any exterior changes to the property that can be seen from a street or way. This includes any alteration of the building's exterior, eg. Replacing the roof, siding, windows, doors, electrical fixtures, painting and fencing.

Prior to starting your project, contact Hulmeville Borough Zoning Officer via the Hulmeville Borough Website for further information. If you are uncertain as to whether or not your property is located within the historical district, call Mary Johnson, HARB Chairman, at 215-757-8412.



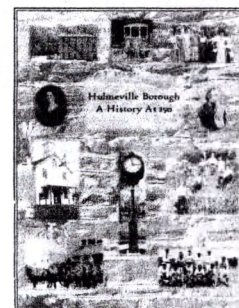
Map of Hulmeville Historic District as shown in the 1988 study on replacing the bridge over the Neshaminy.

Cat's Meow



Our next Cat's Meow piece - 200 Main Street, is **now** available in limited numbers. The cost is \$25.00 Contact Mary Johnson at 215-757-8412 for more information. Also, we still have some older pieces available for sale.

Hulmeville Borough – A History at 150 is available for sale in both softcover (\$25) and hardcover (\$40). Contact Joe Coleman at jcole1052019@gmail.com to get your copy.



A little bit of Hulmeville History- Hulmeville and the Carlisle Indian Industrial School

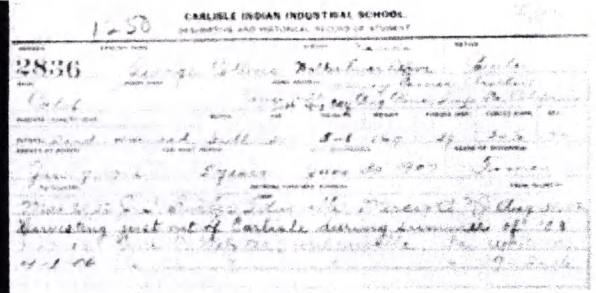
(Note: This is an excerpt taken from Hulmeville Borough A History at 150.)

For over thirty years Hulmeville farmers brought Native Americans from the Carlisle Indian School to live and work in Hulmeville as part of the school's "outing program." In the late nineteenth century, the United States government promoted a policy of assimilation for Native Americans in which they were forced to abandon their own culture. Native American children were removed from their families and sent to live at distant boarding schools where they were stripped of their family heritage and culture and forced to adopt the culture of American society.

The Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, was the best known of these schools. There was a practice at the school called the "Outing" process in which young men were sent to rural communities to work on farms. This was usually done in the summer but occasionally also took place during the winter. The young men were paid a salary and when possible, received education. Several of them attended the public school in Hulmeville at times. Many Bucks County towns hosted students from the Carlisle School. A 1904 newspaper article reported that on one spring day over one hundred students from Carlisle arrived in Bucks County by train.

Native American students came to Hulmeville as part of the outing program as early as 1887 and continued to come until 1918 when the Carlisle School closed. Newspaper articles from the 1890s show that Hulmeville resident William Noon often visited the school. An 1898 article in the *Bristol Courier* refers to Hulmeville and states, "The people of this vicinity have for several years showed a good deal of interest in the Indian boys from Carlisle School. Invitations have been received to attend commencement this week, and although the invitations may not have been generally accepted, Hulmeville is ably represented by the 'Indians' Friend' W.W. Noon." Also, the Carlisle School had a newspaper called the *Indian Helper*, and a brief note in an 1898 edition states, "Mr. Noon of the Hulmeville Advance Bucks County was among the visitors on Friday. Mr. Noon is well known among our boys and always receives a warm welcome." Noon seems likely to have played a key role in bringing the boys to Hulmeville. Other years, both Jesse Webster and Joseph Canby visited the school. The *Hulmeville Borough Centennial* booklet states that the young men from the school worked on the farms of Jesse Webster, Joe Canby, James Hibbs, and John Praul. Jesse Webster was likely the most frequent host as he took two young men on "Outing" each summer and two others during the winter months. Records from the Carlisle School show that he completed report cards for them and paid them eighteen dollars per month. The students attended the Hulmeville School when they stayed in town. The 1972 *Hulmeville Borough Centennial* booklet also includes recollections of Hulmeville residents who played football and baseball with the students, who in turn taught them how to ride horses. The book states approximately twelve to fifteen boys

would come to town each year. Since this process went on for nearly thirty years. There were usually different students sent for summer and winter outings, so there were hundreds of Native Americans who lived in Hulmeville at one time or another at the turn of the last century. These young men came from many different tribes including Cherokee, Sioux, Kickapoo, Chippewa, Navajo, Hopi, and Pawnee. John Wolf, Nick Bradley,



George Collins and his Outing Card from the Carlisle Indian Industrial School, which shows he worked on Jesse Webster's farm between 1904 and 1906.

George Collins, Johnson Owl, Thomas Irons, and Henry Jones were among them. Dickinson College hosts a website, with a searchable database, called the Carlisle Indian School Digital Resource Center, where more information about the young men who came from Carlisle can be found. <https://carlisleindian.dickinson.edu>

More information on Family Fun Day and Ghost Tours

HULMEVILLE BOROUGH & HULMEVILLE BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT'S

Family Fun Day & NNO 2024

FREE ICE CREAM BAR FOR KIDS 12 AND UNDER FROM 1:30 TO 3:30, WITH TICKET

AUGUST 3 12: NOON - 4: PM

HULMEVILLE RECREATION FIELD
321 MAIN STREET
HULMEVILLE, PA 19047

Volunteers Needed
CONTACT CHIEF JOHN BARAN
J.BARAN@HULMEVILLE-PA.GOV 215-757-1700

Historic Hulmeville

Watch a short film then follow a lantern led walking tour through downtown historic Hulmeville exploring over 152 years of haunted history!

Location: Hulmeville Borough Hall, 321 Main Street

Dates: October 4th, 5th, 11th and 12th

Times: -7:00pm with video from Bucks County Paranormal Investigations
OR
-8:30pm with video from Karen Hluchan Spirit Medium

Advanced Tickets: \$15.00 each
under 18 must be accompanied by an adult

Purchase: www.hulmeville150.org
Sale starts August 1, 2024
<https://hulmeville-150th.ticketleap.com/ghost-tours-2024/>

No refunds - Rain or shine event
More Information: www.hulmeville150.org

Proceeds benefit the H150, continuing to support history & community involvement in our town