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January 2021 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

Welcome to 2021!!! As we get older, we are less inclined to see the old year pass and a new one begin. This past season has been different.

The year 2020 was, for most of us, more challenging than any we have experienced in some time. There was uncertainty in congress and in the White House. There was an election that was divided in half, for the most part.

But, by far, the biggest event was Covid-19. A year that started out with great expectations finished with fear and uncertainty. We were hit with a pandemic that never crossed our minds. And we were hit hard. The economy was closed down and fear gripped the nation. And, to some degree, it has not yet passed.

And then there were loved ones and friends that were sick, and in some cases, died. Unfortunately, Covid-19 is still not under control. But we are a resilient people, and we will get through this!

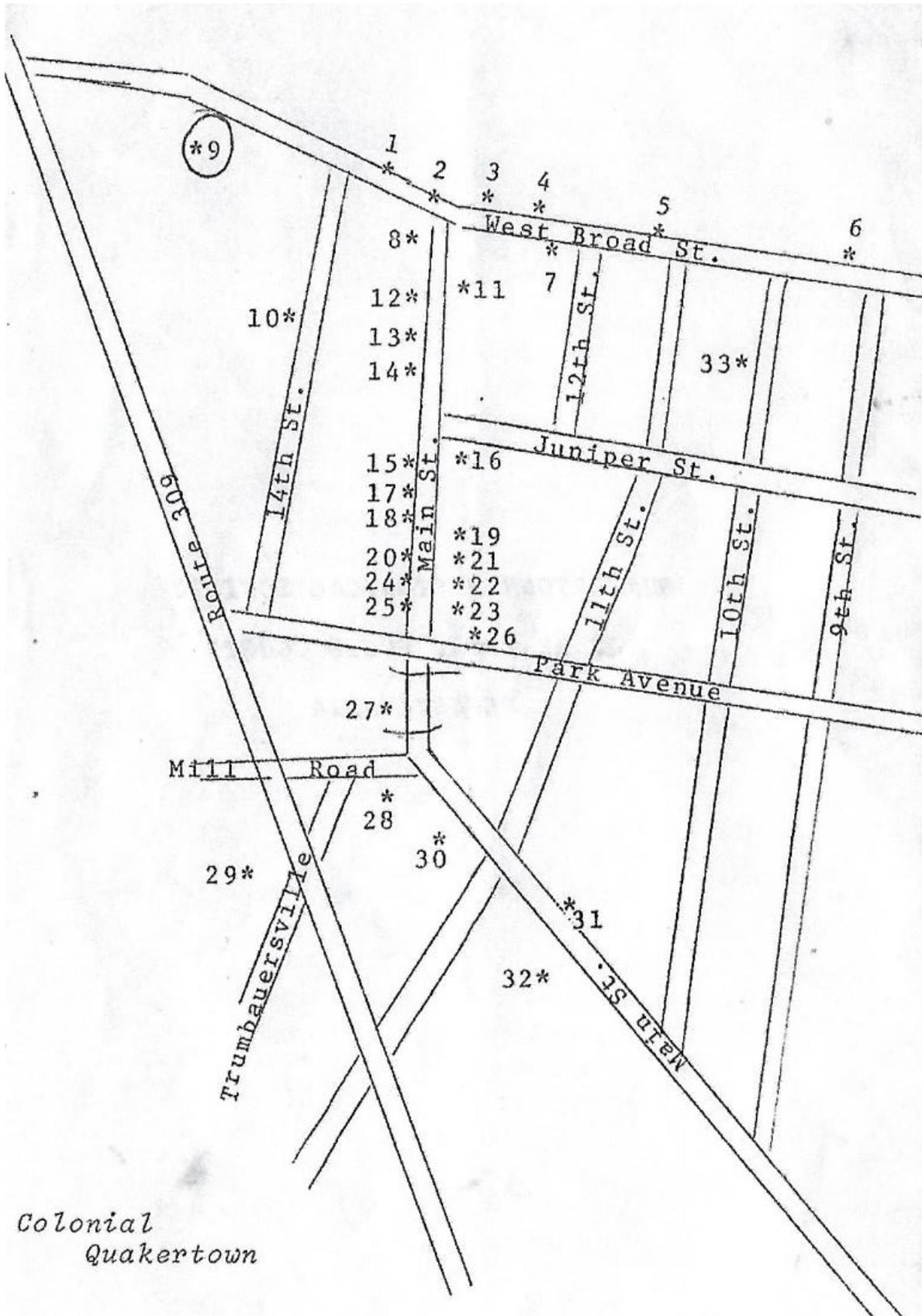
At the Society, we feel the same. We are planning events that assume a return to normalcy sometime in 2021. Our committees are meeting this month to make plans for the new year. We hope to have a membership meeting in the fall at the latest. In the meantime, know that work is being done.

It is with sadness that we report two members of the Quakertown Historical Society that have recently passed away.

Charles Meredith III died on December 11, 2020. He was a long-time member of the Society. He is best known for his, and his families, ownership, and printing of the Daily Free Press for many, many years. Our sincere condolences go out the family.

Kathryn (Kitty) Shaw died on January 2, 2021. She also was a long-time member and supporter of the Society. She, however, for her daily run through the streets of Quakertown as part of her regular routine. When she could no longer run, she walked at a brisk pace. And then when that was impossible, she did her regular walk with a walker and help from her daughter. She will be missed. Our sincere condolences go out the family,

The following drawing and subsequent listings of old properties was found when the Archives Committee found it while registering materials in the Society's possession. We cannot verify the person who wrote it whether it is correct. If you find some mistakes, please notify the Society at the above address. We suggest, at the very least, that you do a drive by tour some day of the properties. Hope you have fun with it.



Colonial
Quakertown

1. Site of the Lancaster Log House, built in 1747., demolished 1891 - it was here the leaders of Fries Rebellion plotted in 1798.
2. Built about 1809. Home & office of John Griffith, noted Justice of Peace. Later in 1870 it became the office of the first bank in Quakertown.
3. First brick home & store in Quakertown. Built by Wm. Green in 1805.
4. Liberty Hall built in 1772. Oldest house in Quakertown. It was here the Liberty Bell was hidden in Sept. 1777.
5. Site of the first log house built by Morris Morris. Present house built about 1889.
6. Iron Foundry, Saw & Grist Mill, built by Johnsen Strawn before 1840.
7. Trainer's Town House, built 1835 by Enoch Roberts.
8. Red Lion Hotel, the first Tavern - built in 1750.
9. Stone house built by John Lester in 1792.
10. First Public School in Quakertown, built before 1855.
11. Built in 1834 by Dr. Green - later became the Green Tree Inn.
12. Richland Library, established in 1795.
13. Built in 1849 by Elwood Thomas.
14. Built about 1836 by Henry Kemmerer.
15. Built by Richard Roberts about 1821.
16. Built by Samuel Nixon before 1810. Thomas Lester opened a boarding school in 1818. Later in 1858, A.R.Horne opened the Bucks Co. Normal & Classical School. Later it was used as a Soldiers' Orphan School after the Civil War.

17. Built by Dr. James Green about 1815 - where his son conducted the first Drug Store in Quakertown.
18. Home of Wm. Maos, noted Clock Maker around 1812. Later, it was the home of Dr. Charles Meredith.
19. Built by Shipley Lester about 1815.
20. Built in 1812 by Thomas Lester.
21. Built about 1813.
22. Built by Evan Penrose in 1835.
23. Built by Evan Penrose - 1820.
24. Site of the First Post Office & Store kept by Wm. Green before 1804,
25. Built about 1789.
26. General Store & dwelling of John Ball - 1807.
27. Richland Monthly Meeting 1721. Present building was erected in 1862.
28. Built in 1869 by Robert Foulke.
29. Built in 1812 by Edward Foulke.
30. Built about 1830 by John Foulke.
31. Built in 1834 by Richard Moore. He operated a pottery nearby until 1880. Before the Civil War it was an important station of the Underground Railroad.
32. Stone house built in 1810 by John Foulke.
33. Second House of Worship in Quakertown. Built 1860 - St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church.