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Most of you have seen wonderful photos of Sulgrave Manor with both the American and British flags flying tall framing the entrance. But did you know that the Manor has extensive land holdings of about sixty acres?

There are many parts of Sulgrave Manor that you don't usually see or even know about. Did you know that The Manor has extensive fields with beautiful pastoral views? The lands are rented out to a local farmer. To see these fields and much more, come and join us June 8th, 2014 for Sulgrave Day. Look inside for the details. We will be celebrating 100 years of the purchase of the Manor to be a museum, and 200 years of peace



These steers are pastured in one of the Manor's fields and are a source of rent.

between Great Britain and the United States. This latter was accomplished by the signing of the Treaty of Ghent, Christmas Eve, 1814. To learn more about Sulgrave Manor's purchase and its becoming a museum, see Victoria Bradshaw's article in this newsletter. Join the Trustees and Associate Trustees at Sulgrave Manor for a joyous celebration in Merry Old England.

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A Child's Day at Sulgrave Manor *Children don't just learn Tudor History, they do it.*

Sulgrave Manor has a thriving education program. What better than in a Tudor Manor House to teach about Henry VIII, the greatest of the Tudor kings. The children arrive, bouncing off their school bus, clamoring at the door for what they have heard from their upper classes will be a wonderful day. First things first. They must get into



the spirit of the day, and rush to change into Tudor garb. Dressing up is of course accompanied by lots of giggles. All set they must learn proper manners. The boys, how to bow, and the girls curtsy. I then learnt the obvious, why men take their hats off when they bow; so that they won't fall off. They always

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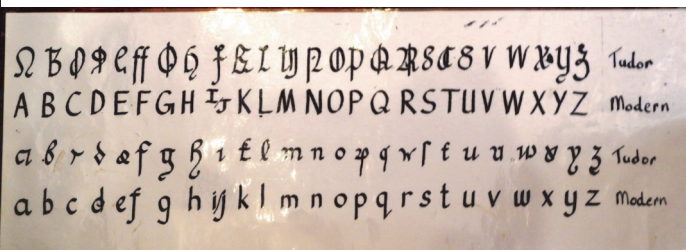
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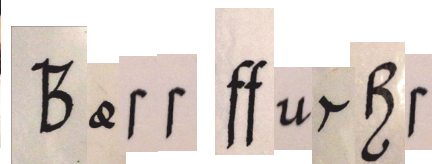
face the inside of their hat towards their chest so that you won't see what the inside might look like!

Where are they going to get a new clean one?

Then they have to learn how to write their name using the old alphabet and a quill pen. Try it!



Finished with writing her name, a girl sprinkling sand on her paper in order to dry the ink. This was the tradition before blotters.



Can you tell that this says Bess Fuchs?



The Board of the Sulgrave Manor Trust at work. Pictured here are Nicholas Ward, Chairman, and Vice-Chairman, and our own Laura Rutherford., who was asked to stay on the board.

A Brief History

In 2014 we will celebrate two hundred years of peace between the United States of America and Britain, and one hundred years of joint ownership of Sulgrave Manor by the peoples of the United States and the United Kingdom. Peace Centenary Committees comprised of representatives from the US, Canada and Britain were created in 1911 to plan a commemoration of the 100 year anniversary of the Treaty of Ghent in 1814 to celebrate the centennial of unbroken peace between the nations. The committee's members included Theodore Roosevelt, Andrew Carnegie, Mackenzie King, Earl Grey, the Marquess of Cambridge and Ramsay MacDonald. Earl Grey made a speech in December 1912 at Mansion House in London in "celebration of the 100 years of peace among English-speaking peoples" wherein he stated the following:

"It has further seemed good to the British Committee that steps should be taken to purchase Sulgrave Manor, in Northamptonshire, the ancestral home of the Washington family. On the walls of this ancient building may still be seen the Washington Coat of Arms, which was the origin of the Stars and Stripes, thus showing that the National Emblem of the United States, like so many other American customs and institutions, derives its source from the Motherland." An appeal from the Centenary Committee appeared in a flyer from The London Times in October 1913 asking for £60,000 in order to erect a memorial in Westminster Abbey, to purchase Sulgrave Manor and to establish a foundation of a permanent Chair of the Anglo-American History and endow "a scheme of annual prizes in the elementary and secondary schools."

Mrs. Joseph Rucker Lamar, President of the

NSCDA from 1914-1927, wrote in *A History of The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America From 1891 to 1933* "In January of 1914, as part of the preparation for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Ghent – which marked one hundred years of peace between English-



speaking nations – a number of public spirited English men and women bought the old Manor House at Sulgrave and ten acres of the original Manor, for about \$50,000, and presented it to the

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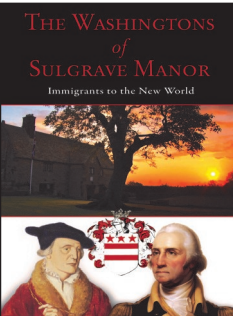
people of the United States and of England as a memorial of their common inheritance." Unfortunately, as she records in her history, the Americans responded, but they were only able to raise about twenty-seven thousand dollars towards the restoration and maintenance of the Manor.

In May of 1914, The National Society voted to present a copy of the Charles Wilson Peale portrait of George Washington as a young man (in his full regimentals as an English Colonel of Provincials in the King's service) to Sulgrave Manor. However, when the portrait was completed, World War I had begun and the painting was stored until 1921. The National Society sent a check for \$1000.00 in 1915 and \$2000 in 1917 for urgent repairs, but although at the Biennial Council of 1916 a resolution to support the efforts at Sulgrave Manor, the War and activities at home prevented any assistance for several years. At the NSCDA Biennial Council of 1923, the following resolution was passed:

"Resolved, That this Society undertake the work of collecting a fund from the citizens of the United States for the upkeep of the house and grounds of Sulgrave Manor."

By the Biennial Council of 1925 they were able to report that they had raised \$112,000 towards this end. Today the fund established by the National Society of The Colonial Dames of America is in trust and managed by the NSCDA, and the income is distributed to Sulgrave Manor each year. The Friends of Sulgrave Manor was established in 1980 and thanks to the generosity of Friends, the organization is able to send a substantial amount over and above the income from the trust.

Victoria Bradshaw
Jr. Representative to the Friends of Sulgrave Manor



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We, the Friends of Sulgrave Manor, mourn the passing of Tenny Marshall, a Pennsylvania Dame, and former Senior Representative to the Board of Sulgrave Manor. Under her leadership the Friends of Sulgrave Manor were formed. She thought that Sulgrave Manor was very important in History. Tenny served for twelve years, first as the Junior Representative to the Friends of Sulgrave Manor, and then as the Senior Representative. During this time she decided that the Friends should meet annually in conjunction with the National Board Meeting. As she wanted Sulgrave Manor to be better known among the Dames she also created the job of Associate Trustee, with one from each State Society; their job being not only to raise money, but to let their members and friends know and learn about Sulgrave Manor. She made the Friends of Sulgrave Manor fun, and we will miss her.



The Virginia Garden in October

As you can see from the photo, it is not very interesting for visitors. Sulgrave Manor's gardener, Sue McNally has been consulting with Dr Henry Oakeley, the Garden Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians. He is an expert on medicinal herb gardens and plants. They have proposed to transform the garden into an American Medicinal Plant Garden. Demonstration tobacco will be grown in another area near the already extant tobacco drying racks. They are trying to make the Manor more interesting for visitors as well as a better teaching tool. We would appreciate

Have Old House, Need lots of money!!!

Let's help maintain and improve the garden.

Last year our funds helped to double the size of the herb garden, which has become an important teaching tool. Now we would like to transform the American garden into an American Medicinal Garden.

Help us raise money for the second century!

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Laura Rutherford leading a tour of Sulgrave Manor for the Neuhauser family. She was at Sulgrave Manor for one of the two board meetings that she attends in England every year.

SULGRAVE MANOR SYMPOSIUM

OCTOBER 2014

Partnering with the George Washington University and the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, The Friends of Sulgrave Manor is planning a two-day symposium for the study of the successful two-hundred year peaceful relationship between Great Britain and the United States. This is a wonderful opportunity for a fundraising event celebrating and supporting Sulgrave Manor. October 10 & 11, 2014 are the dates and Washington DC is the place.



Sculpture of George Washington, given to the Manor by George Washington University.

The Symposium, named in honor of George Washington's ancestral home, is designed to immerse attendees in history lessons from the Washington family and the dynamic relationship between our two countries. It also provides the opportunity for leadership discussions on how we can apply this history to current foreign relations.

If you are interested in participating and supporting these plans, there are numerous opportunities for all Dames to become involved. To learn more and help with the planning and fundraising, please call or email

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Friends of Sulgrave Manor Centenary Trip

June 5-June 10, 2014

- June 5 Early London departure by bus for **Bletchley Park**, and **Althorp Park**
Check in Whittlebury Hall Hotel where you will be staying for the next four nights.
- June 6 **Broughton Castle**, and the **Grafton Hunt Puppy Show**, (don't think puppies)
Dinner and Theater at **Stratford upon Avon**
- June 7 10:30 **Weston Hall**, private home of the Sitwell Family, which traces itself to the 14th century
Picnic at **Sulgrave Manor** with our neighborhood friends, and visit village gardens
Lord Heseltine's Arboretum and Gardens at Thenford (rarely open to the public)
Saturday night - Private Dinner Parties-at neighbors houses.
- June 8 DAMES DAY
Church Service at **St. James the Less**, in Sulgrave village,
built during the reign of Edward III, 1327-1377
- Noon Reception and Centenary Celebration Luncheon**
Evening **Hogroast with "Noel Coward"** at Sulgrave Manor
- June 9 Choose either - a special visit to the **Aston Martin Factory** and **Heritage Motor Museum**
Or -a special visit to the private **Coton Manor Gardens**, and then on to London
- For a special Farewell Dinner**

Cost for the tour part of the trip; includes all meals, transportation and hotel near Sulgrave, not a London hotel.

Double occupancy \$ 1770.00 X number of people ____ = _____
Single occupancy \$ 1990.00 _____

Donation to the Friends of Sulgrave Manor Required for Reservation. \$250.00 per person _____

Mail donation to: Mrs. William H. Schaaf, Jr., 1553 Hill Road Court, Louisville, KY 40204

Sulgrave Centenary Celebration Registration 2014

Name of Traveler _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Cell number: _____

Birthdate _____ Email: _____

Roommate _____

Credit Card number, exp. Date, security and billing address for \$500 deposit and insurance.

Do you need a hotel in London? _____

May we help you with air transportation or other travel plans? _____

If yes, gateway and desired travel dates _____

If you would like help with your air, please attach copy of passport photo page to registration.

Send deposit of \$500.00 per person to reserve your place on the trip to:

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Save the Date
June 8th, 2014
 Celebrating 100 years of
 Sulgrave Manor as a Museum.

Experience England In a New Way
*What could be more beautiful than the
 English countryside in early June?*



Broughton Castle

Picture yourself tucked into Whittlebury Hall in Towcester surrounded by parkland for four nights, spending your days getting to know Sulgrave Manor and the village of Sulgrave and the surrounding area in a very personal way.

Because of our close relationship with the members of the Board of Sulgrave Manor in Northamptonshire, we are being offered the opportunity to meet local people, attend an important day in the Grafton Hunt calendar, dine in private houses in the area surrounding Sulgrave, have the

whole of Sulgrave Manor given for an entire weekend, attend a special church service in St. James the Less (church of the Washington ancestors) prior to the great Centenary Lunch which will celebrate the friendship between our two countries.

There will be a visit to Lord Heseltine's to see their Ornamental Garden and Arboretum, a visit to Lord and Lady Saye and Sele's moated home Broughton Castle, to the Sitwell's family home Weston Hall, to Earl Spencer's estate Althorp and more.

We have a rare opportunity to immerse ourselves in local English culture, to form friendships, and to be intimately involved with the place for which we Dames have spent nearly 100 years raising money and awareness .

Our **Friends of Sulgrave Manor Centenary Trip** will begin on June 5, 2014 in London, departing for four nights and five days in the English countryside and then return to London on June 9 for our last night and Farewell Dinner. Please join us in our celebration of a **Century of Joint Ownership of Sulgrave Manor with the people of Great Britain!**



*Lord Heseltine's
 Ornamental Garden
 and
 Arboretum*

Century of Joint Ownership of Sulgrave Manor with the people of Great Britain!

(See page 11 for further details.)