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“Desserts During the Edwardian Era” Cooking Demonstration at Pennypacker Mills
Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 10:00am to 3:00pm

Schwenksville, PA (April 6, 2015)] – The turn of the 20th century was a time of change in America. The Industrial Revolution brought new-found wealth and indulgences in cuisine, fashion, entertainment, and travel to people as never before. On Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 10:00am to 3:00pm, visitors will see a demonstration by food historians of upper-class cookery on a wood burning stove in the Classroom Building at Pennypacker Mills during a special program entitled “Desserts During the Edwardian Era.” Desserts cooked on the stovetop and in the oven will be prepared.

For upper class families like the Pennypackers, access to a wide variety of foods from different sources made meals exciting. While they had a garden with fruit and nut trees, they also purchased ingredients from the local general store in Schwenksville and picked up fancy desserts at the Reading Terminal Market in Philadelphia, where they commuted by train. Just as they are today, desserts were an integral and exciting part of meals at Pennypacker Mills in the 1900s.

Join the Pennypacker Mills cooks throughout the day as they demonstrate how the desserts of this time period were made on a wood or coal-burning stove. Stop by the Pennypacker mansion for a free tour of the historic home! See the actual kitchen where many of the meals were created for the family as well as the cook’s bedroom, and discover more about one of the Pennypacker Mills cooks, Ellen Yates, whose picture and notes are on display.

Pennypacker Mills is located at 5 Haldeman Road, Schwenksville, PA 19473. The site is operated by the County of Montgomery and is open year-round for guided tours, changing exhibits, educational programs, and seasonal events. For more information, please call 610-287-9349. Visit Pennypacker Mills online at <http://www.montcopa.org/pennypackermills>.