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Seasonal Life on the Farm at the Historic Wentz Farmstead
Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 10:00am to 3:00pm

Worcester, PA (October 9, 2015) – Cold weather is fast approaching and it's time to prepare for winter. Visit the historic Peter Wentz Farmstead in Worcester on Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 10:00am to 3:00pm to learn about seasonal changes on this 18th century farm, which served as General George Washington's temporary headquarters in October 1777.

Experience autumnal activities on a Pennsylvania German farm of the late 18th through early 19th centuries. Help process flax fibers for spinning and weaving into linen and visit the summer kitchen to see how fruits and vegetables were preserved by drying or pickling them. There will also be apple butter cooking, pressing apples into cider, and corn shelling using the tools and machinery of earlier centuries. Visit the kitchen garden to view the last harvest before it is made ready for winter.

How did the Wentz family prepare to host General Washington and his staff during the busy fall season? The staff at the Peter Wentz Farmstead believes the Wentz family knew to expect General Washington and likely made space where they could, as they already had seven people living in the house. Learn about the important jobs of the General's staff from Captain Caleb Gibbs of Washington's Life Guard from 10:00am to noon. Continue on a guided tour of the historic house to learn how the Wentz family prepared for this important visitor.

Beginning at 1:30pm guests can become part of the jury during a Courts Martial of an officer, enlisted man, and camp follower, much as it was done during the Revolutionary War. Hear the testimony of the accused and the evidence against them, and then help decide their fate.

A donation of \$2.00 per person is greatly appreciated.

The Peter Wentz Farmstead is located at 2030 Shearer Road in Lansdale, PA. For more information about this program and others, please call the Peter Wentz Farmstead at 610-584-5104 or visit www.montcopa.org/peterwentzfarmstead. The restored 18th century Pennsylvania German historic site is owned and operated by the County of Montgomery and receives support from the Peter Wentz Farmstead Society. The site is regularly open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00am to 4:00pm and Sunday from 1:00pm to 4:00pm with guided tours offered on the hour. The last tour of the day begins at 3:00pm.