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Program at Pottsgrove Manor: “For Preserving the Health of Soldiers”

Pottstown, PA (July 2, 2012) — Between 11:00am and 3:00pm on Saturday, July 7 at historic Pottsgrove Manor, visitors will be able to step into the revolutionary past with the living history program, “For Preserving the Health of Soldiers.”

The British were not the only enemy the Continental Army was fighting in the Revolutionary War. A constant battle had to be waged against infection and disease in the military camps. In this program, visitors will learn about camp life and the rules and regulations that were intended to keep soldiers healthy. Re-enactors Ed and Wendy Moyer will present information about health, hygiene, and medical practices during the war, with a display of reproduction items used for such purposes. Other re-enactors, portraying soldiers in the Continental Army, will be on hand to display their gear and show how soldiers dealt with life in the field.

A donation of $2 per person is suggested for this program. This program is being held in conjunction with Pottsgrove Manor’s current exhibit, “Matters Personal, Details Private: Cleanliness, Hygiene, and Personal Pursuits in the Colonial Home.” Guided tours of the exhibit will be offered on the hour during the program.

The exhibit can also be viewed during a guided tour of Pottsgrove Manor during regular museum hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tours are given on the hour. The last tour of the day begins at 3:00 p.m. The site is closed Mondays and major holidays. Groups of 10 or more should pre-register by calling 610-326-4014.

Pottsgrove Manor is located at 100 West King Street near the intersection of King Street and Route 100, just off Route 422, in Pottstown, Pennsylvania. Pottsgrove Manor is operated by Montgomery County
County under the direction of the Parks and Heritage Services Department. For more information, call 610-326-4014, or visit the website at http://historicsites.montcopa.org/pottsgrovemanor.