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Greetings from Shakertown at South Union. The 1985 season is off to a great start with visitation reaching well over one hundred museum-goers a week. The new gift shop is proving to be quite popular with our guests and is continually being stocked with new items relating to Shakerism.

SHAKER FESTIVAL

The 1985 Shaker Festival will run July 11-20, once again featuring the musical drama, "Shakertown Revisited". This year's director, Dan Ware, is a native of Franklin, Kentucky and has had directing experience at the Horse Cave Theatre. Directing the music is Teresa Saylor, a recent graduate of the music department at Western Kentucky University. Special consultant to Teresa is Ruth Morris, past musical director of the play and arranger of the show's Shaker hymns.

Dinner will be served at the Shaker Tavern once more this year with a Shaker menu that promises to be better than ever before. The meal will be served buffet style each evening between 5:00 and 7:30.

During the ten day festival there will be Shaker broom-making, oval box-making, and basket-making on the grounds at South Union. The craftsmen will not only be demonstrating their skill but will be selling their products as well. There will also be various craft booths set up on the first floor of the Centre House.

Besides all of this, the museum and the antique mall will be open daily from 9:00-7:45.

Prices for the festival are as follows:
"Shakertown Revisited"..............4.00 Adult/2.00 Child
Dinner at the Tavern......................6.75 Adult/4.00 Child
Touring the Museum..................2.00 Adult/1.00 Child

We hope that all of our members will be able to attend the 1985 festival. Even if you have been before plan to come to South Union once again this year. There is always something new to see and hear and you know those Shaker recipes never get old.
RECENT MUSEUM ACQUISITIONS

Four matted photographs of South Union made by Linda Butler in 1983, one of which was included in her recent book, "The Inner Light". These photographs were donated by Ms. Butler.

An original copy of the July 1878 edition of "The Shaker Manifesto" and a photograph of Brother Charles Greaves (1828-1916), Mt. Lebanon elder. These items were donated by Mr. Steve S. Kistler, proprietor of the Shaker Seed Box Company in Mariemont, Ohio.

Photograph of Canterbury sisters picnicking, 1918. Donated by Mrs. Deedy Hall, Auburn, Kentucky. (pictured below)
NEW MUSEUM DIRECTOR

Shakertown at South Union has hired a new museum director to care for and exhibit the museum's collection. Tommy Hines, a graduate student in historic preservation at Western, is now serving as the new director. Tommy worked at South Union last year as a tour guide and helped organize the Green River Museum in Woodbury, Butler County, Kentucky.

SHAKERTOWN EMPLOYEES FOR 1985

Teresa Hollingsworth, a folk studies minor from Western, has been hired as the new tour guide this season. Teresa is a real asset to the museum not only conducting tours but organizing historical data, filing, typing, and assisting the director with the new exhibits.

Back again this year at the museum is tour guide Lillie Mae Hayes and gift shop workers Addie Brooks, Mary Reynolds, Sue Elliott, Mazelle Hayes.

At the antique mall is Tempie Nole and the latter three ladies listed above. All are doing a wonderful job and we are lucky to have them as employees at South Union.

Our Summer Youth Worker is Tim Viens, a sophomore at Belle Villa Area College in Belle Villa, Illinois. Originally from Auburn, Tim is another asset to the museum.

VOLUNTEERS

Shakertown has been lucky to have several fine volunteers helping out this year. Laura Nealy has been helping organize the photographic files and Mrs. Andrew Holland and Dorothy Wallace have assisted by keeping the gift shop. Special thanks goes to these three who have given of their time for the museum.

NEW MEMBERS... WELCOME TO SHAKERTOWN AT SOUTH UNION

Mr. & Mrs. B.R. Albritton, Jr., Huntsville, Alabama
Florence Beauchamp, Auburn, Kentucky
Mrs. Wilton E. Britt, Auburn, Kentucky
Mrs. Hilda Hines, Morgantown, Kentucky
Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Hines, Sr., Newberry, Florida
Mrs. Virginia Hurst, Morgantown, Kentucky
The 400 Club is made up of people who have donated at least one hundred dollars to the restoration of the 1869 Shaker Tavern. So far the fund has rewired the building, purchased new dining tables, and purchased new lighting fixtures. The following list of people are members of the 400 Club and have their name engraved on a brass plate in the entry hall of the building.

Mrs. Claud Pottenger
Mrs. Myrtle Calvert
Miss May Belle Morton
Mrs. Curry Hall
Mr. & Mrs. Vernon G. Price, Jr.
Mrs. Bennett T. Gordon
Thomas D. and Sally Linton
Mrs. Bess Martin
Mrs. Horace Bird
Mrs. Bobbie Martin and Family
Mr. Prather Price
Mathilde J. Perry
Mrs. Ray T. Scott
Mr. & Mrs. Grover Corum
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Howlett
Steve S. Kistler
Auburn Banking Co.
Mr. & Mrs. W. Glenn Tinsley
Chase Manhattan Bank
O. Edward Freeman, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Rogers
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Jordon
Baugh Insurance Agency
Auburn American Legion Auxiliary-Unit 258
Russellville-Logan County Chamber of Commerce
Rev. Alfred Bennet
Ann Stuart
Mrs. Irma Blanch Davis
Helm Foundation
Margaret Sloss
Mr. & Mrs. Blake Tarpley
Charles Holland
Mrs. Chester Ezell
Mrs. Chesley Adams
Mr. & Mrs. Earl Surlock
Shea Washer
Logan County Fiscal Court
Auburn Fire Department
Auburn Women's Club
Dale Newman
Mr. & Mrs. Robert R. Marshall
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Holland
Mr. & Mrs. Leon Page
Mr. & Mrs. Berks Brown
Louise Ray Craig
Bea and Raymond Vick
City of Auburn
Logan County Red Cross
Mr. & Mrs. B.F. Huck
Christmas Open House 1983
Julia Neal
Mr. & Mrs. H.C. Peart
Harriet S. Hines
John P. Hines
Bowling Green Citizen's National B.
E.G. Houchens Foundation
Jo Havenner
Ellsworth Strickler
Mrs. Frank Weaver
Russellville Duplicate Bridge Club
William Price
Elsie Moody
Col. & Mrs. Robert S. Spiller
Shaker Dinner Bridge Party 1983
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In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Bond
In Memory of Clifford & Mayne Pear
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A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

First of all, I would just like to say how happy I am to be at South Union. The potential here is limitless and the building is a wonderful place to work. The museum and mall employees are all great to work with and make the job of museum director that much easier.

I would personally like to invite each one of you to visit the museum this year. The exhibits are all new and the building is arranged in a different way than ever before. So even if you have been here before come back again and bring a friend because there is always something new to see.

You will also find the gift shop is completely new. Paula Vanarsdall and Nancy Gaines have worked very hard to select and buy many new items for the shop. The shop, which is again in the Centre House, has items such as oval boxes, Shaker candle holders, Shaker herbs and teas, hand-dipped candles, South Union reproduction furniture by Dale Spencer, handmade baskets, woven rugs, Shaker wooden stepstools, Shaker spirit drawing stationary, handmade aprons, prints of the Centre House, a fine selection of books about the Shakers, and much more.

Once again it is festival time again and it looks like activity will be going on here throughout most of the day, July 11-20. Make plans now to attend and make reservations for dinner at the Tavern.

I want to extend thanks to Mrs. Deedy Hall and Julia Neal for the help and support that they have given me this year. Without their knowledge and experience the museum would not be what it is today. Thanks also to the board and members of Shakertown for helping to get things off the ground this season.

I want to encourage everyone to continue supporting Shakertown at South Union with your memberships and invite your friends to join too. Remember that 400 Club membership is also available to those who donate at least one hundred dollars to the Tavern restoration fund.

See you at the Shaker festival.

Thanks for your support,

Tommy Hines
Museum Director