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HSDC
219 South Front Street
Harrisburg, PA 17104

Thank you for your support!

Hours of Operation

Mansion Tours

\$8 adult, \$7 seniors, \$6 students

Tuesday through Friday 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00pm

Saturday 11:00am, 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00pm

Second and Fourth Sunday of each month

at 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00pm

Closed to daily tours in January and February

Group Tours available by appointment.

Library Hours

\$10 research fee, \$5 students

Tuesday through Friday and the

Second and Fourth Sunday of each month

from 1:00pm – 4:00pm

The Office and Museum Shop are open,
Tuesday through Friday, 10:00am – 4:00pm

Please visit www.dauphincountyhistory.org
for more information on tours, membership,
events, mansion rental and our online Mu-
seum Shop.



Mansion Rental

The Mansion provides a beautiful and unique setting to host your special event, family celebration or business function.

For more details, call 233-3462 or visit
www.dauphincountyhistory.org.

Historical Society of Dauphin County and the John Harris - Simon Cameron Mansion



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The mission of the Historical Society of Dauphin County is to collect, preserve, exhibit, publish, and promote interest in the history of Dauphin County for the education, enjoyment, and benefit of the public.

Society History

The Historical Society of Dauphin County was founded in 1869 and held its early exhibits and programs in the 1860 County Courthouse. In 1906, museums and programs moved to the Kelker Mansion on Front Street. The Historical Society was headquartered in this home until 1941, when the heirs of Simon Cameron gave the Harris-Cameron Mansion and grounds at 219 South Front Street to the Society for its headquarters. Artifacts are on display in the Mansion, and the research library and offices are located in the 1893 stable on the site.

The Harris~Cameron Mansion

John Harris chose this area on the Susquehanna River to build a cabin and a trading post in the early 1700's. He later began a ferry business on the river, and the community became known as Harris' Ferry.

When John Harris died in 1748, his son, John Jr., the founder of Harrisburg, inherited his father's businesses and lands. In 1766 John Harris Jr. built a substantial home of local limestone, above the Susquehanna's flood plain, overlooking the place where his father was buried.

In 1863, Simon Cameron, four-time U.S. Senator, President Lincoln's first Secretary of War, and former Ambassador to Russia, purchased the house. He transformed the colonial homestead into a showplace of Victorian splendor.

Margaretta Cameron Haldeman, Simon Cameron's daughter, inherited the home in 1889, and later willed it to her son, Richard Cameron Haldeman. In 1941, the Cameron heirs gave the Mansion to the Dauphin County Historical Society.

Today, the Mansion is a National Historic Landmark and the setting for Society and private events and programs, as well as group and individual tours.

Photo Archives and Research Library

The Historical Society of Dauphin County photo archive consists of over one million images dating from the 1850s to the present. Prominent national and state political photos are included in the Allied Pix newspaper photograph collection of 1952 - 1994.

The archives also contains collections of historical artifacts and records of individuals and families, businesses, organizations, institutions, schools, churches, military units, and other entities located in Dauphin County. Records include letters, manuscripts, legal documents, deeds, certificates, invoices, account ledgers, scrapbooks, yearbooks, newspaper clippings, maps, and many other types of materials collected through the years.

We have collections of many prominent Harrisburg families such as the Elder, Harris, Kelker, Cameron, and McCormick families. We also have collections from the Harrisburg Academy, the Pennsylvania Female College, and records of regiments of Pennsylvania Volunteers. The City of Harrisburg, Dauphin County Government, the American Red Cross, the League of Women Voters of the Harrisburg Area, and the Bell Telephone Company are other examples of our larger collections.

The Alexander Family Research Library contains local history and genealogical data primarily related to Dauphin County, with additional information on other Pennsylvania counties. Biographical encyclopedias, county and community histories, manuscript and published genealogies, church records including birth, marriage and death information, detailed listings of cemeteries, the series of Pennsylvania Archives, Egle's Notes & Queries, Bates' PA Volunteers and various regimental histories from the Civil War are available. The library also houses books on Native Americans, transportation history and local buildings and businesses.

Membership Benefits

Individual

\$35

- Free admission for guided tours of the Harris-Cameron Mansion.
- Free admission to Second Sunday and other programs and exhibits.
- Advance notice and discounts on special programs and events.
- Free use of the Alexander Family Research Library.
- A subscription to the HSDC newsletter, *The Oracle*.
- 10% discount in the Museum Shop.
- Access to member-only programs and tours.
- A free tour of Ft. Hunter Mansion with your membership card.
- Discount membership to the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation.

Family

\$45

- Individual benefits for the member, spouse or partner and children under age 18.

Please consider becoming a member at one of the following Premier Circle levels and receive additional benefits (see HSDC website for details):

Heritage Circle	\$ 55
Haldeman Circle	\$ 100
Cameron Circle	\$ 250
Harris Circle	\$ 500
Penn Circle	\$1000

