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Preparing for Winter at the Peter Wentz Farmstead
Saturday, January 17, 2015 from 10:00am-3:00pm

Lansdale, PA (December 15, 2014) – Ever wondered how the colonists stayed busy and warm during the winter? Then visit the historic Peter Wentz Farmstead on Saturday, January 17, 2015 between 10:00am and 3:00pm to experience what people in the late 18th through early 19th centuries did to make it through the colder months.

Join the staff at the Peter Wentz Farmstead as they prepare meat for long-term storage and chop wood needed for cooking and heating. Learn more about how meats were dried over a carefully maintained “cool fire” in the smokehouse. Preserving meats, cooking food, and heating a home required a lot of firewood throughout the year, but especially during winter. Specialized tools and skills were used for sawing, chopping, and finally splitting the wood before storing it away to “season.”

Tours of the historic Wentz home will also be offered on the hour throughout the day. A suggested donation of \$2 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 begins at 3:00pm.