





## Is Something Missing?

**Arti—FACTS**  
*by Dawn Kehrler*

As you tour through the first floor and basement of the mill, you will find that certain artifacts that have been exhibited for many years are no longer in their familiar places. Several months ago the mill staff, in conjunction with Susan Clark of the Collections Management Section, began implementing the Furnishings Plan for the mill.

Right now, I am working on furnishing the miller's office with items the original millers may have needed and that represent the years from 1810 to 1850.

Many new (reproduction) things need to be bought for the office and the Friends of Colvin Run Mill are providing the money for us to do so.

Susan and I are also "shopping" in the Collections storage areas to find other appropriate items we already own.

For instance, the jugs that were on the window sill in the office have been returned to Collections because they are from the wrong time period. They will be replaced with several other jugs from Collections that

are correct for the early 19<sup>th</sup> century.

The "Chain of Ownership" of Colvin Run land that hung above the miller's desk in a picture frame is now in the front of the guidebook binder that is ordinarily kept on the miller's desk. I will keep you informed with artifact changes through the guidebook and future "Arti-Facts" columns.



## All Covered Up

**More Arti—FACTS**  
*by Dawn Kehrler*

The newest addition to the miller's house Victorian parlor is the tea table's scarf.

After looking at many photographs taken of the interiors of homes in the early 1900s, I chose this square style for our round

table. I made this covering out of the same fabric as the piano scarf and edged it in gold bullion fringe.

At the turn of the 20th century, most surfaces, whether wood or upholstery, were covered in fabrics. These additional fabric covers pro-

tected the wood and seating areas and added to the Victorian beauty of the room.





## The Sam Swartz Papers

**Sam Swartz** began his volunteer career at Colvin Run Mill in August 2002, when he took a history class at Northern Virginia Community College in Loudoun County taught by Mike Henry. One of Sam's passions was researching history (another was clowning around as an active member of Clowns of America) and Mike asked him if he would tackle a project for the mill.

For the next six years, Sam researched and wrote *The Colvin Run Mill Tract, A Study of Ownership in the 17th, 18th and 19th Centuries* and *Philip Carper, A History*. Both volumes are meticulously researched, footnoted and include copies of all the original documents Sam consulted.

Sam resigned from the mill's volunteer corps in April 2008, and in February 2009 he passed away from lung cancer. In July, Sam's widow Carol donated his volu-

minous research materials to Colvin Run Mill Historic Site. His papers include copies of primary documents like George Washington's diaries and John Powell's bankruptcy records; historic maps and current maps for comparison; military histories, court records...the list is nearly endless.

Sam provided typed transcripts for many of the primary documents. Ann Korzeniewski and Pam Gennari have been transcribing some of Sam's hand-written notes, too.

Dawn Kehrer is cataloging Sam's collection and putting the papers into acid free storage folders. When she is finished organizing, the papers will be available for your reading pleasure — on-site only. Sam included multiple copies of some materials, and the extra copies will be placed in the site's lunchroom library for easier access.

Sam was tracking down what happened around Colvin Run Mill during

the Civil War when it was owned by John Powell and known as Republican Mills.

Next time you're waiting for a tour, browse through Sam's papers. One thing you will find is the fascinating tale of O.A. Scanland: how he traded with the Confederate Army and wound up in the Old Capitol Prison — what's he got to do with our mill? Read all about it in the **Sam Swartz Papers**.

IN MEMORIAM



SAM SWARTZ

VOLUNTEER  
COLVIN RUN MILL  
2002-2008

## August Birthdays



10 Crystal Allison

10 Marjorie Lundegard

23 Usha Chartarpaul

26 Mike Toms

27 Vernon Allison



**Crystal & Vernon Allison** happily announce the birth of their newest grandson, **Connor Lee Allison**, who was born July 15, weighing in at 8 lbs. even and measuring 20½ inches long.

Connor joins his parents Heath and Joy and big sister Ellie in Chicago.



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