Hello Friends,

March and April have been a couple of busy months for me as I settle into my role as the elected Recorder of Deeds. In early April I was invited to speak at two separate events given by the Chester County Bar Association. Along with my Special Projects Coordinator Marc Verduci, I gave a CLE presentation hosted by the Elder Law Section where we talked about best practices and updates. Then I joined the other Chester County Row Officers at the Spring Bench Bar Conference for an update on services that our offices provide.

I was honored to be able to attend the Second Annual Women Veterans Rise! Luncheon sponsored by Chester County Veterans Affairs on April 30th. We were inspired by Shanda Taylor Boyd, a U.S. Army nurse with a 23-year military career, originally from Coatesville and the first woman from Valley Forge Military College to attend the Army ROTC Early Commissioning program. She overcame debilitating injuries to become an advocate for other veterans struggling with Traumatic Brain Injury and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. She talked about how “Sheroes Show Up” to get through challenges and to share their stories. “When you show up, you know up, you grow up and you glow up”. Her message of hope and empowerment was so moving, and it encouraged other women veterans to share their own stories.

Meanwhile, back in the office, I have promoted Francine Jenkins to be my Second Deputy. See below for pictures of Francine and First Deputy Alex Christy being sworn in. We are working together on the RFP for our Records Management System, seeing demonstrations from the vendors which will continue through May. We have updated our procedures and training manuals and are working on a project to scan in historical map files to be able to preserve them in digital format.

Thank you for subscribing to Good Deeds. We will continue to distribute our newsletter to keep you up to date about happenings at the Recorder of Deeds office and provide some useful information about our services. “Teamwork and Service” is our motto here and we are happy to continue to serve you.

Please note, you can sign up for future publications here if you have received this in forward.
On March 5, 2024 our new deputies Alex Christy (First Deputy) and Francine Jenkins (Second Deputy) were sworn into office. Alex Christy became a member of our team on February 26, 2024. Francine Jenkins has been with our office since 2008 and was a former deputy at the Montgomery County Recorder of Deeds. We are proud of both of them and excited for their continued commitment as public servants to Chester County residents!

First Deputy Alex Christy swearing in by the Honorable Judge Sarah Black

Second Deputy Francine Jenkins signing her oath following her swearing in.
A grantees address is required on ALL deed transfers. The grantees address is essential as it will be used as a mailing address for the new homeowners. All mortgages require a mortgagees address which is the lending party's business or personal address. Similarly, we require an assignees address on all assignment of mortgages that reflects the address of the new lending party.

1) Must be a standalone signature block (i.e., not within the contents of the document).
2) Certified by signature of an involved party.
3) Must state the correct address type (i.e., mortgagee, grantee, or assignee).
4) If handwritten, the address must be legible.

**Example of Proper Grantee's Address:**

The precise residence and the complete post office address of the above-named Grantees is:

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On behalf of the Grantee

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**A Little History:**

*The First and Only Female Governor of Pennsylvania*

Hannah Callowhill Penn

March is Women's History Month, a time to celebrate and recognize the historical impact of exceptional women of the past. Hannah Callowhill Penn (1671-1726) was the second wife to the first provincial governor of Pennsylvania, William Penn. After William Penn suffered debilitating strokes in 1712, Hannah took care of not only William but the entire province of Pennsylvania as "Acting Proprietor of Pennsylvania."

In addition to managing day-to-day administrative affairs, her most notable accomplishment as governor was her negotiation with Lord Baltimore of Maryland over a land dispute concerning Philadelphia. Lord Baltimore argued that all of modern day Delaware, Philadelphia, and other parts of southern Pennsylvania belonged to him by his state's charter. In 1714, with William Penn incapacitated, Hannah searched for the original deed signed by Queen Mary II of England showing that Philadelphia indeed was in Pennsylvanian territory.

Hannah's tenure as "Acting Proprietor" of Pennsylvania (1712-1726) is a trailblazing legacy. She was the first women in the British Empire to have formal political authority over an American colony. Another noteworthy accomplishment is the fact that her stepson, William Penn Jr, appealed the political succession and control of his father's estate court; yet the Board of Trade and the General Assembly sided with Hannah. Recognitions of Hannah's legacy did not occur for centuries: in 1984, President Ronald Reagan bestowed her with honorary citizenship, along with William Penn and Winston Churchill; in 2013, PA Governor Tom Corbett officially named March 12 "Hannah Callowhill Penn Day."

We hope that you had a great Women's History Month and learned a little from this cursory summary of Hannah Callowhill Penn's enduring legacy!

**SOURCES:**

https://thephiladelphiacitizen.org/hannah-callowhill-penn-bio/
On April 17, our office celebrated Stephanie Lu's birthday and Francine Jenkins' promotion to second deputy!

On April 8, like everyone else, we all stepped out of the office to observe the solar eclipse! Hope you got to see it too because the next total eclipse will occur August 12, 2045!

Special Projects Coordinator Marc Verduci looking Directly into the eclipse :)
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