

**Hamilton Township Moves Forward to Preserve Historic Isaac Pearson Mansion with Lease to Historical Society**

Tuesday, November 21, 2017, Hamilton Township, Mercer County, NJ took the next step in preserving the 1773 Isaac Pearson Mansion and providing programs for the public at Pearson Park at the corner of Hobson and Emerline Avenues in Hamilton Township, NJ.

Hamilton Township, Mercer County, NJ has entered a twenty-five-year lease with The Historical Society of Hamilton Township, Inc. for the historic Isaac Pearson Mansion House to continue its preservation, restoration, and expand history programs for the public.

The Township worked on the lease with Dr. James Federici, President, The Historical Society of Hamilton Township; James Colello of Hamilton; and Dr. Michael Skelly, Sr., historian, from Bordentown.

The Isaac Pearson Mansion is a historical treasure that was nominated in 2005 and approved for the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places in 2006 because of its fine architecture and historical significance.

In the 1770's it was the largest mansion in the county, second only to the Trent House. Isaac Pearson, business owner, judge, council man, and legislator, married in 1773 and built this home for his bride Abigail Atkinson on his 1,000-acre farm and estate.

The restoration and preservation project will take several years to complete. The first phase will include professional structural, engineering, masonry, and architectural studies to set the full scope of the work ahead. The Hamilton Township Historical Society is seeking donations to the Isaac Pearson Fund at P.O. Box 11271, Yardville, NJ 08620 dedicated to the Isaac Pearson House.

The Isaac Pearson Fund is seeking donations before December 15th to match grant funding to start the first phase of the project. This is an opportunity to make a tax-deductible contribution that will be focused on this project to benefit the community.

Hamilton Township has many significant historical sites. Some preserved properties are open to the public for tours and programs. Isaac Pearson Mansion and Colonial Living Center will add to this rich history.

The Historical Society and Township will partner to preserve this fine property and has long range plans for it to serve as a colonial living history center and regional visitor welcome center. Visitors can learn about colonial living in old Nottingham Township and the other historic sections of modern Hamilton Township, Mercer County. Visitors will be also connected with nearby attractions and services throughout the region.

The Historical Society of Hamilton Township will work with local businesses, hotels, restaurants, and tourism agencies to promote and support two significant anniversaries that are coming soon: 250th anniversary of the Pearson Mansion's construction in 2023, and 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 2026.

For more information on The Historical Society of Hamilton Township see <http://www.hamiltontownshiphistory.org/> and Hamilton Township (Mercer County) historic houses see <http://www.hamiltonnj.com/HistoricHomes> and Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/isaac.pearsonhouse.9>