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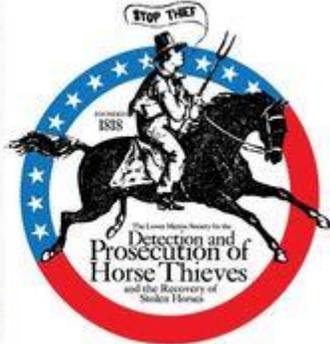
Two Lower Merion Society's Become One

On June 21st, *The Lower Merion Society for the Detection and Prosecution of Horse Thieves and the Recovery of Stolen Horses (The Lower Merion Horse Company)* signed an affiliation agreement with the *Lower Merion Historical Society*.

Founded in 1818, at the Old Buck Inn in Haverford, this ancient and honorable society

was organized to protect farmers' horses by paying for advertising in the event of the loss of a horse by theft, the organization of *posses* to go looking in search of the horse, and, in the event the horse could not be recovered, to pay the owner some recompense after the horse was appraised by other members of the *Society* or neighbors who were acquainted with the animal. In short, the *Horse Company* was an early form of insurance company.

Though no longer pursuing stolen horses *The Lower Merion Horse Company* still holds an annual meeting the second Saturday in November where they celebrate their continued existence with a meal following a menu served at early annual meetings. This year's 198th annual dinner is on Saturday, November 12th at the *Cynwyd Club*. Details in upcoming issues of *Milestones*.





Starting in 2017, members of the *Lower Merion Historical Society* will also be members of *The Lower Merion Horse Company* and receive a membership certificate, posse assignment, and poster. Also, special events are being planned in 2018 to celebrate the **200th anniversary** of this Lower Merion Society.

Confusion To All Horse Thieves

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THE LOWER MERION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Lower Merion Historical Society is an organization dedicated to *Preserving Our Past For The Future*. This is accomplished by stewardship of local history, education of the community, preservation of historic resources and outreach to promote awareness of the cultural heritage of the Township of Lower Merion and the Borough of Narberth.

