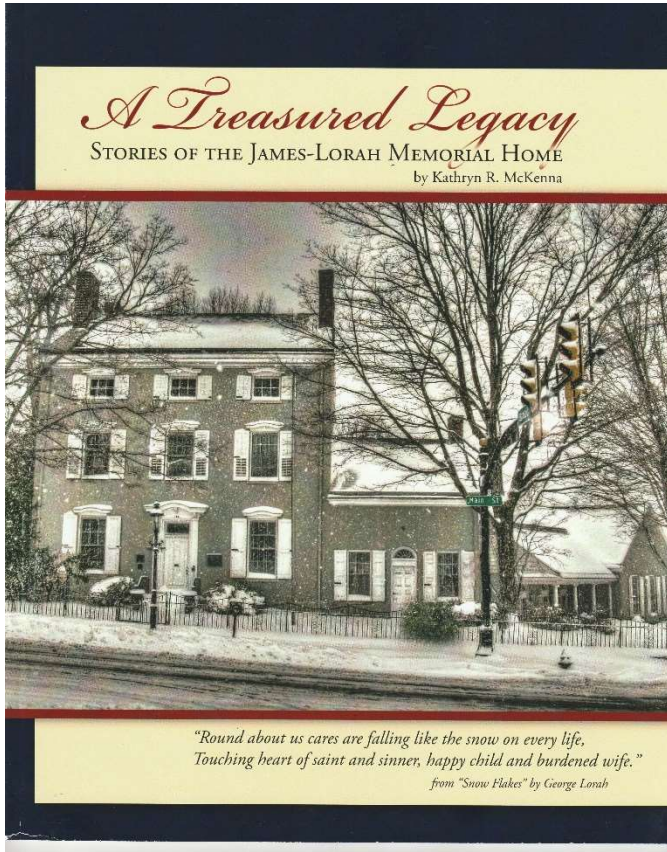


A Treasured Legacy - Stories of the James-Lorah Memorial Home

By Kathryn R. McKenna

In Kathryn McKenna's updated book, readers are treated to tales of Doylestown's "finest house in the borough" and its rich legacy through historical accounts and intimate stories, charmingly illustrated from the James' family archives, furniture, clothing, and treasures.



In the center of Doylestown, PA is a priceless gem - a stately 17-room Victorian mansion, built by Judge Henry Mercer, the grandfather of the renowned anthropologist Henry Chapman Mercer -- who was born in the house.

The mansion was later purchased by Oliver and Sarah James. Their daughter, also Sarah James, bequeathed the house and all its contents to the Village Improvement Association of Doylestown (VIA) upon her death in 1954.

The auditorium, added in 1964, has become the venue for VIA meetings, community events, recitals, and theatrical performances, but the original house was largely unknown to all but VIA members until the James-Lorah Committee began house tours in 2021.

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