

### **Fun Fact, March 30, 2022**

**Question:** Which church's silver is somewhat misleadingly inscribed as the gift of a man but was actually paid for by the estate of a woman?

**Answer:** "The Lewes silver was made by John David of Philadelphia and is inscribed *The Gift of the Honorable John Penn, Esq., to St. Peter's Church in Lewis Town June 10, 1773.* ... The inscription is apt to be deceiving, for actually the generosity of the gift cost John Penn nothing. A certain Henrietta Sims, a member of St. Peter's Church, dies [sic] intestate and her estate reverted to John Penn as governor. He directed that the moneys received from her small estate be delivered to Jakob Kollock, John Rodney, and John Wiltbank, vestrymen, and the church silver was bought by them."

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