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Dear Friend:

The Henry George School has just acquired the birthplace of Henry George.

This property, located at 413 S. 10th St. in Philadelphia, is a three-story building about 150 years old. It is still in basically good condition, and we are now in the process of restoring it in order to use it both as a museum and as headquarters for the Philadelphia branch of our School.

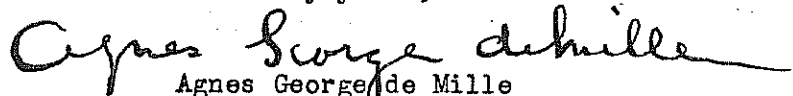
The birthplace is the only building still standing that is intimately associated with Henry George himself. All the others - the house in San Francisco where he wrote "Progress and Poverty", his home in Brooklyn, the Union Square Hotel in New York where he died - all have been torn down. We are fortunate to still have the birthplace intact - and we mean to preserve it for posterity. It will surely be of great value to the Georgist movement.

Project Birthplace is an undertaking over and above our regular budget. We must therefore seek extra funds to undertake the rehabilitation. It will take several thousand dollars to make necessary repairs, then furnish it and in general make it an attractive place to visit.

Will you help? Will you contribute a sum of money over and above your contribution to the sustaining work of the School? Will you take part in this unique venture?

I hope your answer is yes, and that you will speed us your reply and your help via the enclosed envelope.

Sincerely yours,


Agnes George de Mille
Chairman, Birthplace Committee

P.S. In his book "A Preface to Economics", Prof. Broadus Mitchell wrote: "Henry George...was born in a little brick house in Philadelphia, which is still standing on the east side of Tenth Street south of Pine; it might be called another Independence Hall, for here originated important resolutions toward liberty, economic liberty instead of political, and perhaps of greater consequence for that reason. If you are able to visit this little house you ought to do it; such a visit may awaken your interest in George's whole philosophy."