

FULTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

January 2004

WINTER MEETING

Deb Reed of McConnellsburg will speak to members of the Historical Society at our winter meeting on Saturday, January 24, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fulton County National Bank's Fulton Theater meeting room. As a civilian student at the Carlisle Barracks, Deb has uncovered some interesting history about the Barracks which dates to the French and Indian War period. A new state marker has just been erected to commemorate the Indian School located there from 1879-1918. Invite local friends to attend the meeting. Monica Seville will serve refreshments.

MICROFILM SCANNER

The long-awaited day arrived December 11, 2003, when the Fulton County Library received its new microfilm scanner. Funding for the purchase came from a federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant administered by the Office of Commonwealth Libraries. In addition to reading reels of microfilm, the machine can scan newspaper articles, obituaries, wills, deeds, etc. to computer where the data can be saved to floppy disk for printing or can be sent as an e-mail attachment. This new equipment is available in the Historical Society room at the library for free use; bring your own floppy disk if you want to save the information. A big thanks to Jamie Brambley who wrote the application for this up-to-date machine. Please help support your public library!

WINEGARDNER SCHOOL

Lois A. Madden was a school teacher in Fulton County for many years. When Taylor township closed the one-room Winegardner School in 1955, Miss Madden purchased it and maintained it in good condition until her death on April 10, 2003. In her will, she transferred ownership of the 1858 schoolhouse with 17/100 of an acre to the Fulton County Historical Society. Carol Curfman, a current teacher at Forbes Road High School, has been overseeing the building and has filled it with her personal collection of school memorabilia. Interested persons who appreciate this treasure from Fulton County's past are encouraged to contact Carol or the Historical Society to help with its upkeep and to plan events which promote the school.

LIFE MEMBERS

Mark Sheffield of Cherry Lane Road, McConnellsburg, joined the Historical Society this past summer as a

life member. Mark likes local history and wants to become active in the Society as his work schedule permits.

Marvin N. Peck of Fort Loudon stopped by the Fulton County Library in October to purchase some Historical Society publications. He decided to join the Society as a life member with the encouragement of librarian Naomi Harvey who then presented him with a copy of all our annual books still in print.

Garry Myers III of Columbus, Ohio, became a life member in December. Garry is interested in the genealogies of these Fulton County families: Myers, Pittman, Hege, Hildebrand, Bechtel, Besore, Bivens, Clevenger, Funk, Fritz, Leshner, McCulloh, Mellott, Secrist, Shives, Snively, Souders, Stevens, Truax, Winger, and Zimmerman.

FOLK FESTIVAL REPORT

The Flying Geese quilt offered as a raffle fund-raiser was won by Elsie Onwiler of Calhoun, Missouri. She stopped in McConnellsburg in early October looking for information on her husband's ancestors, Joseph and Sarah Houck Onwiler. The 1850 census shows this family farming in Ayr Township. Thanks to everyone for your participation in the quilt project, those who helped with the food stand from our log kitchen, and all who loaned school items for our Fulton House display.

NEW YEAR 2004

Directors have approved a CCC history for the 2004 annual booklet. If you have family stories for either the Cowans Gap or Sideling Hill camps, contact Glenn Cordell before the end of January.

Check your mailing label. If your membership expiration date shows 04-01-2003, you need to renew now to remain on our mailing list. Dues are \$15; we value your support.

A 2004 list of members will be sent in the next mailing and can include your inquiries, family interest, e-mail contact, etc. Send your updates now to FCHS@fultonhistory.org or to glennnc@innernet.net

According to the Bylaws, you are asked to submit nominations for annual officers (president, vice-president, secretary) and two 3-year directors. Dan Swain is nominating chairman and will present a list of your nominees at the April meeting.

Directors discussed ideas for more museum displays or programs

throughout the year for the local community. With your help, the Society would like to offer a wider variety of activities.

Three printed copies are available at the library of a 1902-07 diary by Jacob Royer titled "Long, Long Ago." The diary shows his love of rural Fulton County where he stayed with Snider, Grissinger and other local relatives while on his annual hunting trip here from Ohio. Copies are \$25 plus mailing.

Glenn Cordell, Administrator

MINUTES

The quarterly membership meeting of the Fulton County Historical Society was held on October 16, 2003, at 5:30 p.m. at the site of the Sideling Hill Camp on Oregon Road in Wells Township.

With approximately 75 people in attendance, the meeting was called to order by President Ken Keebaugh. Administrator Glenn Cordell explained

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Treasurers Report 9/30/03

Beginning Balance	\$6,111.23
Receipts 7/1/03 to 9/30/03	
Dues	\$265.00
Books	\$525.00
Interest- CD & MM	\$99.54
Donations	\$93.89
Postage	\$29.50
Interest - checking	\$2.11
Dividends	\$51.75
Cemetery Disks	\$20.00
Life Member	\$250.00
Quilt raffle	\$1,337.00
Books- no tax	\$192.00
Misc	\$28.00
Total Receipts	\$2,893.79
Disbursements	
Printing	\$94.73
Postage & Box Rent	\$126.18
Security	\$100.17
Sales Tax	\$97.44
Misc	\$21.04
Administrator	\$1,170.00
Library- rent	\$634.07
Transfer to Life Member	\$250.00
FFFF	\$124.29
Chamber Dues	\$25.00
Total Disbursements	\$2,642.92
Net Gain	\$250.87
Balance	\$6,362.10

Jane MacDonald, Treasurer

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that the site being toured was started as a CCC camp, then was a CPS camp for conscientious objectors during World War II, and finally a German POW camp. Marsha Hixson Stephens displayed photos of the Oregon CCC camp when her father and uncle worked there.

Mr. Paul Eby of Menno Village, Chambersburg, said he was processed into Selective Service in Hagerstown and was stationed at the Sideling Hill camp from 1942 to 1944. He stated that conscientious objectors had to be located at least 150 miles from home and noted with a touch of humor that by first driving him to Harrisburg and then to Wells Township, they figured that he was 150 miles from home.

Glenn next introduced Ralph Heilig who served in the Pennsylvania Forestry Department for many years and had done a great deal of work in the area. Mr. Heilig described his memories of the Sideling Hill site, including a German POW charcoal

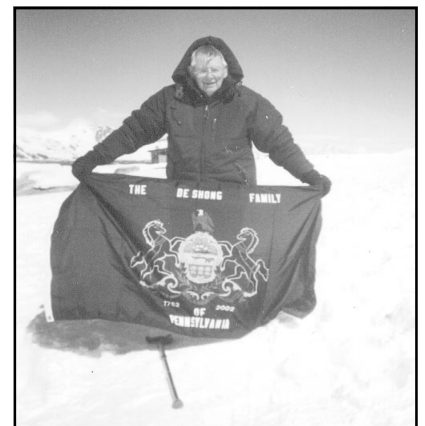
drawing that had been preserved for a time but was later damaged by water and destroyed. He also commended John Gracey for his work as a forest service employee in helping to preserve the history of the area.

Dave Scamardella from the Buchanan State Forest office then showed maps of the area that depicted where various buildings and landmarks had been or are located. Dave stated that the Reichley Brothers railroad bed was nearby as well as the old South Penn Railroad bed and an abandoned section of the Pennsylvania Turnpike that is about 8 miles long. Dave then took the group on a walking tour of the grounds pointing out building remains.

In a brief business meeting conducted by President Ken Keebaugh, the minutes of the July 20, 2003, quarterly meeting were approved on a Dan Swain/Gene Leese motion with all in favor. There being no additional new or old business, the meeting was

adjourned on a Ron Mitchell/Donald Bard motion.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Swain, Acting Secretary



On December 4, 2003, Fulton County Historical Society member Curtis DeShong claimed Antarctica for the DeShong family!

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