

# FULTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

January 2005

## SHARE SOME MEMORIES

The winter meeting of the Fulton County Historical Society will be held Friday evening, January 21, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fulton Theater, North Second Street, McConnellsburg, PA. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be held at the same time and place the following Friday, January 28.

You are invited to attend and to bring friends who may have an interesting "tale" to relate about some person, place or event in Fulton County. This could be a personal experience or stories you've heard from others. Keep them short and light and we'll have a jolly time reminiscing about life in the past. Moderator will be Ken Keebaugh, with light refreshments provided by Dwight Harvey.

## DONATIONS AND GIFTS

The Society's fund-raising event during the annual Folk Festival was our 3<sup>rd</sup> House Tour. Thanks to five house hosts and the owner of Tonoloway Lodge for allowing guests to tour. Ticket donations were \$1,945 with a gain to the Historical Society of \$1,475.

A major financial gift to the Society came from the parents of S. Kay Beach who died July 7, 2004. Kay was a member of our Historical Society and had a keen interest in history. Her parents restricted the gift to expenditures at Winegardner School in Kay's memory. Board members Dick Newman, Scott Alexander and Ken Keebaugh are heading a committee to use these funds for their intended purpose, and request input from you and any community persons with an interest in this one-room schoolhouse which was willed to the Society by teacher Lois Madden.

Other valuable donations to our museum are noted in the minutes.

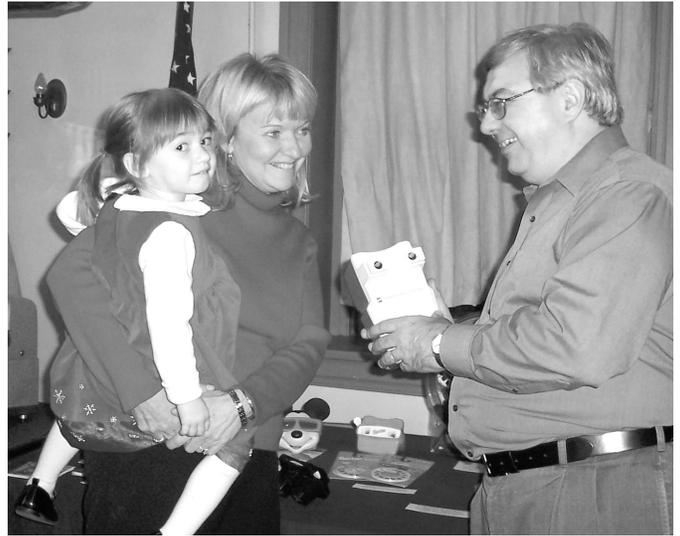
## LOOKING AHEAD TO 2005

Bill Turner's transcription of the 1880 Fulton County census has been scanned to computer and is being proofread in preparation for publication as your 2005 Society book. A number of glass negatives from the late 1800s were donated to the Society this past summer by Lynne Rudie Chapin and may be used in the book as illustrations. Some were taken on the Taylor Township farm of Hiram Clevenger (1844-1914). The post office at Hiram was named for this prosperous local farmer.

## CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

On December 2, 2004, Dwight Harvey prepared a display of historic Viewmaster equipment at the Fulton House and presented a 3-D program on the Story of Christmas plus his own 3-D scenes from the county.

Pat Decker prepared new swags with gold ribbon to decorate the Fulton House windows for Christmas.



*Dwight Harvey explains the workings of a Viewmaster to a young member of the audience.*

## MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Once again members are invited to submit nominations for Society president, vice-president, secretary and two directors for election at the April meeting.

Please remember to renew your annual membership at \$15; all 2004 expiration dates will be highlighted on your mailing label. Also send to the Society at [fchs@fultonhistory.org](mailto:fchs@fultonhistory.org) any changes in your e-mail address or family interest names to appear on the new membership list which you will receive in April.

We extend sympathy to families of our members who died in 2004 and note especially the loss of life members Ruth Hauer, Marion Truax Hill, Capt. S. Perry Jackson and Pierson K. Miller.

*By Glenn Cordell, Administrator*

## MINUTES

The 2004 fall meeting of the Fulton County Historical Society was convened at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 14, at the Fulton House. Thirty-two members and guests were in attendance.

President Ken Keebaugh introduced Don and Janet Gardner of Indiana who presented the Society with a copy of the Fulton House ledger of Henry Hoke who owned the Fulton House from 1861-64. Mrs. Gardner is a descendant of Hoke. The original ledger will be placed in the Pennsylvania State Archives.

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## Fulton County Historical Society Treasurers Report 9/30/04

Beginning Balance	\$8,371.00
Receipts 7/1/04 to 9/30/04	
Dues	\$320.00
Books	\$900.00
Donations	\$20.00
Postage	\$18.50
Interest - checking	\$4.66
S-Berry Festival	\$10.00
Calendars	\$5.00
Life Member	\$250.00
Books- no tax	\$16.00
Total Receipts	\$1,544.16
Disbursements	
Printing	\$1,849.00
Postage & Box Rent	\$75.09
Fulton House	\$2,780.00
Sales Tax	\$23.28
Winegardner School	\$174.62
Misc	\$30.00
House Tour	\$125.00
Administrator	\$687.12
Library- rent	\$600.00
Library-supplies	\$407.09
Transfer to Life Member	\$750.00
Total Disbursements	\$7,501.20
Net Gain (-Loss)	-\$5,957.04
Balance	\$2,413.96

*Jane MacDonald, Treasurer*

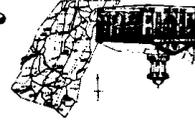
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*(Minutes continued)*

President Keebaugh also acknowledged the 1930 "Quilt of Names" from the Burnt Cabins/Shade Gap area on display from Richard Foreman of Mechanicsburg who offered to donate it to our museum.

The Society received a check for \$40,000 as a gift from James and Evelyn Beach of Woodbury, PA, parents of Kay Beach in accordance with her last wishes. As a stipulation of the gift, the Society must use the money for the upkeep, maintenance and furnishing of Winegardner School and may not save it for investment.

Julia Elvey Dovey requested permission from the Society to use the Winegardner School for the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Ornament and permission was granted.

Paula Zitzler, archeologist, interpretive specialist and author of the Kids Page for Westsylvania Heritage Corporation, presented a powerpoint lecture on "Currents of the Juniata Valley." Zitzler traced the settlement of our area from ice age Native Americans 16,000 years ago to the 1750 Conrad Weiser eviction of squatters at Burnt Cabins, through the defeat of General Edward Braddock in western Pennsylvania in 1755.

President Keebaugh concluded the meeting by announcing the Society's House Tour for the Fulton Fall Folk Festival and the Lincoln Highway Photo Display in the Fulton House Museum the weekend of October 15-17. Meeting then adjourned for refreshments supplied by Monica Seville.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Ken Keebaugh, Acting Secretary*

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