

# FULTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Summer 2005

## 250th COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM

*"On Saturday, I rec'd an Express from Peters Township that the Inhabitants of the Great Cove were all murdered or taken Captive & their Houses and Barns all in Flames. Some few fled ..."* (written from Cannogog [Greencastle] Nov 3d 1755)

Tradition says many of the bodies were taken to Big Spring in Ayr Township for burial with common fieldstones to mark the graves. Daniel McConnell and 22 other settlers later gave money to purchase the acre of land used for this historic graveyard. Ayr Township and the Fulton County Historical Society continue to maintain this early site in the Great Cove.

On Saturday evening, June 30, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., bring lawn chairs and come to the Historical Society's summer meeting at Big Spring Graveyard. John Nelson who directed the Big Spring restoration 20 years ago will talk on the events surrounding the 1755 massacre. Following his address, any descendants are invited to share a story of their ancestor as the group walks through the graveyard.

About 3 miles south of McConnellsburg, turn east at the state historic marker along Route 522 at the Nesbitt farm and follow the unpaved lane for more than 1/2 mile. Dick Miller at 485-3412 can give better directions if you need them.

## HILLS CHAPEL CEMETERY

Hazel Barton Brambley is heading up a drive to repair the Hills Chapel cemetery in Bethel Township near Dott. For an alphabetical listing of persons buried there, go to the Historical Society's web page at [www.fultonhistory.org](http://www.fultonhistory.org), open the Cemetery File, click on "search" at the top of the first cemetery page and enter "Hills Chapel" in the second square. If you can help with the work or want to make a financial donation, write to Hazel at



Over 100 members and friends of the Fulton County Historical Society enjoyed a dinner program on Saturday evening, April 9, held at the Sideling Hill Christian Church in Licking Creek Township. Musicians representing the 46th PA Volunteer Infantry Regiment Band used original Civil War era instruments to play a medley of tunes of the period.

1290 Old 126 Breezewood, PA 15533  
or at [gammia@pennswoods.net](mailto:gammia@pennswoods.net)

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Your Board meets bi-monthly to discuss on-going restoration plans for the Fulton House and Winegardner Schoolhouse. They are planning a fall meeting on October 13 to hear World War II stories from local veterans, and a museum display October 14-16 recognizing the craftsmanship of Will Truax. The Quilt of Names continues to raise funds and the Board anticipates another house tour on Festival weekend. Directors voted in May to increase publication prices to \$5 for smaller books having a folded, stapled cover, to \$8 for thicker books with a glued spine, and \$10 for "My Home is Fulton County." They approved a Civil War history of local Company H of the 158th Regiment written by Frank Walch for the 2006 book.

## NEW LIFE MEMBER

Betsy Riddle Ruderfer of Washington, DC, and locally at "High Hopes" on Meadow Grounds Road joined the Society as a life member in April 2005. A relative, Rev. Dr. Riddle, ministered at Central Presbyterian in Chambersburg in the 1950s.

By Glenn Cordell, Administrator

## FULTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### TREASURERS REPORT 3/31/05

Beginning Balance	\$1,909.12
Receipts 1/1/05 to 3/31/05	
Dues	\$990.00
Books	518.00
Spring Dinner	444.00
Donations	25.00
Postage	12.00
Interest - checking	1.73
Mowing Big Spring Cemetery Disks	500.00
Life Member	30.00
Postcards	250.00
Quilt Names	1.00
Winegardner School	210.00
Total Receipts	107.00
	\$3,088.73
Disbursements	
Printing	\$205.00
Postage & Box Rent	157.95
Sales Tax	75.12
Misc.	14.25
Administrator	620.16
Transfer to Life Member	250.00
Dues & Publications	55.00
2005 Booklet	2,800.00
Total Disbursements	\$4,177.48
Net Gain (-Loss)	-\$1,088.75
Balance	\$ 820.37

Jane MacDonald, Treasurer

Web page correction:  
Ron Rose's genealogy web page is  
<http://wc.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?db=rrrose2>

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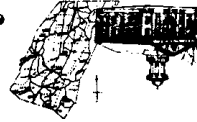
# NEWS

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## BIGGER MAILING LIST

In 1993 the Historical Society had 627 members on the annual membership list. We've lost far too many of you, so this mailing is going to former members as an invitation to rejoin the Society. We also chose names from the Historical Library sign-in sheets and other local names for this mailing. Members receive the annual book and quarterly newsletters. With your financial support and continued interest, the Historical Society will be strengthened and better able to fulfill its mission.

Annual memberships expire in April. Mailings are sent by bulk mail and are only forwarded by the post office for an additional charge. Notify the Society for a change of address.

## FULTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOX 115, MCCONNELLSBURG, PA 17233

Membership renewal (see your mailing label for expiration date):

\_\_\_ \$15 Adult/family; \_\_\_ \$25 Institution; \_\_\_ \$250 Individual Life

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Family names or other interest: \_\_\_\_\_  
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