

FULTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Fall 2007

34th Annual Fulton Fall Folk Festival

Your Society has a full weekend of events planned for October 19, 20 and 21. A highlight will be a folk music program for our fall meeting at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, October 20, 2007, in the historic Fulton County Courthouse.

Under sponsorship of the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, Bruce R. Young, folk musician of State College, will perform examples of traditional and period folk music from central Pennsylvania on fiddle, banjo, guitar and dulcimer. This program is free and open to the public so invite friends for a relaxing evening during the busy weekend. An elevator is available for access to the courtroom.

The popular soup sale will return to the log cabin behind the Fulton House from noon until 2:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Edie Coleman and daughters are busy preparing hearty Beef Barley soup to be served from the rebuilt fireplace, along with homemade Scones, both in honor of Daniel McConnell's Irish heritage. Enjoy live music by the Country Cousins during the noon hour on Friday, and with Herb Brambley and Cedar Creek on Saturday following the parade.

Along with the permanent collection in the Fulton House museum, a special exhibit by Crystal Spring artist Alice Fox is being featured. A display of early clothing has been arranged by museum curator Edie Coleman; stop by and see the changes in the museum.

Barb Gothie will offer a genealogy workshop "Inlaws and Outlaws: Researching Your Family Tree" at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Friday in the Fulton House with a fee of \$5 for handouts.

Guests will be welcomed to four private homes, all in the McConnellsburg community. This House Tour is a significant fund-raising activity for your Society so please help with your support and promotion.

Pick up the official Festival booklet for other local activities.

Generous Donations

Following the exterior renovations of the Fulton House which were covered with grant money, the Society mentioned to members the



Rena Ott remembers how they hurried to finish the window drapes in time for the July 4, 1976, building dedication.

need for restroom repairs, exterior lighting and shutters. Donations of \$2,750 were given by Ron Richards, Lee Vickroy, Always Connected, Whrela Pittman and Ken Keebaugh.. Jan Fraker Plumbing has completed the restroom repairs by opening lines and replacing fixtures. New curtains and drapes are planned.

Summer Updates

With 11,474 "hits" on the Heritage Quest genealogical site through the Fulton County Library, the Historical Society agreed to share the \$670 annual cost with the library for another year of access.

Dick Newman worked with neighbors Marty Brown and Dick Knepper who generously allowed the Historical Society to acquire additional unclaimed land across from the Winegardner School for future school activities including parking. Carlton Walker is preparing the legal documents.

President Dick Miller represents the Historical Society at monthly meetings of the Fulton County Chamber of Commerce and was program speaker for August.

Ken Keebaugh and Glenn Cordell represented the Society at a 2-day Civil War conference at State College

and museum curator Edie Coleman attended a grant-writing workshop in Scranton in August.

Volunteers from The Fulton Institute (TFI) helped with floor refinishing and other repairs to the log cabin. TFI is a new non-profit organization hoping to bring postsecondary education to the community.

A local historian donated an antique fireplace mantel from the demolished log house of Mame Helman on S. Third Street to replace one in the Fulton House which was lost in the 1944 fire. Don Ray made adjustments to it for height.

Dr. Alan Krug donated three Victorian parlor chairs from the Peck House in McConnellsburg.

William Blaine and Dave Ruble donated an 1853 fanning mill used on the Winegardner farm on Wooden Bridge Road near Clear Ridge.

The Norman Knepper family donated an early 2-child school desk used in Winegardner School. Tom Duffey donated his grandmother Mildred Alloway's school bell used in Winegardner School. Neil and Ethel Foor donated school books used in Wells Township schools.

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Ron and Connie Richards donated an early 1900s manual typewriter used in the Fulton Democrat newspaper office.

Robert Snyder Agency donated an oxen yoke from the Mason farmhouse on the edge of town.

Ruth Bolinger donated a Revolutionary War period ammunition box found on the Alexander Alexander farm in Wells Valley.

Joan Seiders Hann donated a new copy of the 1959 McConnellsburg High School yearbook "Flashlites."

Many researchers continue to share copies of their family genealogies including new material on the Coombs family of southern Fulton, Capt. Hugh Martin of Ayr Township, and a photocopy of the 1990 Decker family history.

Tonoloway

John Mentzer is researching and writing a history based on the signatures found written on the church walls when the building was used as a Civil War hospital. Sponsored by Friends of Tonoloway, the book may be available next year. For an idea how many copies to print, they are collecting e-mail addresses from persons who might be interested in buying a copy. Send your address to Marvin Douglas dougmar@yellowbananas.com

On page 150 of Harry Holman's Tonoloway History, the Historical Society pictured Elder Joseph Correll's personal writing-arm chair which sold for \$700 in 1986 and left Fulton County. This summer it reappeared at an antique market. If a donor would like to contribute funds to buy it for the Fulton House collection, the current price is \$600. Tax-deductible receipts are available for all donations.

by Glenn Cordell, Administrator

Minutes

President Dick Miller called the summer meeting of the Fulton County Historical Society to order at 6:00 p.m. on July 27, 2007, on the back lawn of the Fulton House in McConnellsburg, PA.

Board members present were Dan

Swain, Dr. Joe Erwin, Edie Coleman, Monica Seville, Dave Scamardella, Ken Keebaugh and Dick Miller. Local community leaders present were George Hann Jr., Denny Henry, John Nelson, Bob Garlock, Bob Snyder Sr., Rena Ott, Lyle Duffey, Pete Culler, Esther Nelson, Ray Koontz, Clyde Bookheimer, Ellis Yingling, Hazel Harr, Warren Daniels, Paul and Jane MacDonald and others. Total attendance was 70.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a Lyle Duffey/Bonnie Keefer motion. Dan Swain presented a quarterly treasurer's report (see side box) which was approved on an Edie Coleman/Joe Erwin motion.

President Miller asked for input for community use of the Fulton House. The blessing was given by Alan Reed, Pastor of the Lutheran Churches in McConnellsburg, Big Cove Tannery and Little Cove. Music was provided by the Country Christians Dave Fagley, Deb Peck, Shirley Lake and John Charles.

Local historical author John Nelson opened with a brief history of the Union Hotel which changed its name to the Fulton House in 1850. Committee members who saved the building from demolition in 1976 shared their recollections: Ellis Yingling, Donald Pete Culler, Ray Koontz, Lyle Duffey, Rena Ott, Bob Garlock, brother of Mary Lou Taylor, Tom Haubrick, Bob Snyder Sr. and Clyde Bookheimer.

President Miller thanked Fulton Antiques, Morton's Attic, Flower Basket, Summer Tyme Floral, Mike and Denny Henry, Erin Brown for teen cleaning, Lucille Warthin for decorating, Esther Miller, Joe Erwin and Edie Coleman for cleaning, John Miller for refinishing the Nace desk, Butterfly Gardens for front plantings, North End Garden Club for donating perennial plantings, Don Ray for new window frames and Glenn Cordell for antique window glass. He listed several future needs.

The meeting adjourned with open tours through the Fulton House and light refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth W. Keebaugh, Secretary

Fulton County Historical Society Treasurers Report May 1 - July 28, 2007

Income:	
Contributions	\$710.00
Government grants	186,473.43
1873 Map sales	113.21
Books	761.99
Prints	41.51
Sales - other	10.00
Shipping & handling income	36.50
Discounts received	0.78
Membership dues	390.00
Life membership dues	250.00
Interest-savings	6.14
Misc. revenue	20.00
Total Income	\$188,813.56

Expense:	
Professional fees	\$1,973.16
Supplies	261.48
Postage and box rental	473.87
Website	200.00
Rent - library	600.00
Mowing	550.00
Building maintenance	93,035.69
Conference expense	64.00
Advertising expense	10.00
Other expense	28.00
Program expense	100.00
Electronic transaction fees	7.91
Total Expense	\$97,304.11

Net Income for Quarter \$91,509.45

Dan Swain, Treasurer



MEMBERSHIP DUES:

___ \$15 Individual/Family

___ \$250 Individual Life

Send your name, address, e-mail and family interest names to the Society address below along with your check.

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