

FULTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Fall 2010

Back by Popular Demand

The 1966 kidnapping of high school student Peggy Ann Bradnick had a lasting effect on many local Fulton County residents who participated in the week-long search and offered prayers for her safety. When we invited Mrs. Peggy Bradnick Jackson to share her personal story during the Fulton Fall Folk Festival in 2008, some people were turned away because the high school auditorium and balcony were filled to capacity.

At the request of a number of persons who missed the program, Mrs. Jackson will return on Thursday evening, October 14, 2010, at the McConnellsburg High School at 7:00 p.m. to give her inspirational story and answer questions. President Dick Miller and secretary Ken Keebaugh will moderate the evening with an open microphone for you to share memories. This Historical Society meeting is free to the public but an offering will be lifted to cover auditorium rental, publicity and other Society festival costs.

Fulton Fall Folk Festival Activities

The Fulton County Chamber of Commerce is again promoting a weekend of community activities October 15-17 to attract visitors to this beautiful corner of God's earth during the height of fall foliage color. Pick up a Festival booklet at most local businesses which shows times of various events and a full page listing of Historical Society activities.

The Fulton County Historical Society has a number of interesting events planned in addition to our featured Thursday evening program, The Fulton House museum with our permanent collection of Fulton County treasures plus



*Peggy Ann's
rescue picture
taken by
Jamie
Greathead
1966*

a temporary exhibit of loaned needlework and vintage kitchen items will be open free all weekend. If you are local and can help with staffing, please let President Miller or museum curator Edie Coleman know what times are most convenient for you; we really do need your help and support to make the weekend possible!

Over the noon hour both Friday and Saturday, come to the log kitchen behind the Fulton House for the Society's food sale, once again including beef barley soup which is fast becoming an annual tradition. Other food donations are welcomed and additional volunteers are needed in the cabin to help with sales of T-shirts, Fulton House mugs and craft items to benefit the museum fund. Contact Edie at (814) 735-3039 or iecoleman@pennswoods.net Many hands help make the task easier!

A favorite activity since 2001 has been the Historical Society's House Tour during the Fall Festival.

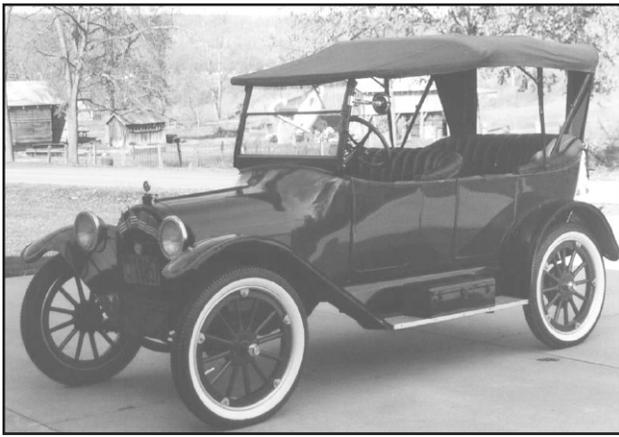
This year's tour almost didn't happen due to so few volunteers willing to help contact possible hosts. We've learned hosts are more willing to participate if they know the person who contacts them. Four of your Board members stepped forward with successful suggestions, made the contact and new committee chair Summer Stiffler pulled it all together! If you enjoy the House Tours, please help us come up with new possibilities each year.

Descriptive House Tour brochures will be available throughout the area with photos and descriptions. A map and driving directions will be included with your donation of \$10 for each ticket; pick up tickets at the Fulton House before starting the tour. This year's featured sites are:

- (1) the first brick home in McConnellsburg with new interior paint and attractive fall decorations;
- (2) a 1946 home in McConnellsburg built with materials from a limestone farmhouse

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1916 Chevrolet
owned by
Richard Miller,
pure Fulton
County.

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demolished when the US government took over many farms in Franklin County to build Letterkenny Army Depot; (3) a 10-room home built for judge Peter Morton in 1900 with bricks handmade on the property; (4) an outdoor exhibit of some of the earliest automobiles with a rich Fulton County history and all national award winners (weather permitting, Saturday only); (5) a remodeled farmhouse typical of those in southern Fulton County, with a marvelous country view; (6) the restored Tonoloway Meetinghouse open for its 175th anniversary (Saturday only, free to all.) We believe this may well be a highlight of your weekend so consider participating, and please express appreciation to each host for their hospitality. For questions, write to summerthyme@embarqmail.com or director@fultonhistory.org

Once again the restored Winegardner one-room schoolhouse will be open free Saturday and Sunday



Raffle tickets available at the Fulton House.

afternoons. If you haven't visited recently, stop in and see the new "old" desks and other typical school furnishings used before 1955. Located in Taylor Township, the GPS address is 409 South Madden Road, Hustontown. Contact info: Dick Newman (814) 685-3497.

Finally, a raffle will take place at 4:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon, October 17, at the close of the

festival. We are offering several duplicate books of value from the Historical Society library and some which are available from Friends of Tonoloway. If these are of interest to you, please mail your ticket stubs and donation to arrive in time for the drawing. If you want to increase your chances of winning, send a larger check and we will add additional tickets in your name. We appreciate your support!

by Glenn Cordell

Minutes of FCHS Summer Membership Meeting

The Summer Membership Meeting of the FCHS was held in the McConnellsburg United Presbyterian Church. Society President Dick Miller called a brief business meeting to order at 7:00 PM on July 22, 2010.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a Wayne MacDonald/Jane MacDonald motion.

Miller announced we had an insufficient number of volunteers to conduct a house tour for the Fulton Fall Folk Festival in 2010. Peggy Ann Bradnick Jackson will be our featured speaker on Thursday, October 14 in the McConnellsburg High School Auditorium.

Gene Leese gave the treasurer's report covering May 1 through July 22, 2010.

Ken Keebaugh spoke on the filming of the Clara Barton Story for PBS TV's "History Detectives" series that aired July 12, 2010.

Glenn Cordell spoke about the chair crafted by local chairmaker Ephram Lake from the early 1800's recently purchased for \$175.00 from

McConnellsburg resident Tina Brown. Post Cards of Fulton County from the Ernest Shives Collection have been sorted by Linda Garber and will be our next publication.

The floor was opened for attendees to share local hobo stories as a follow up to our entertainer's presentation on that subject at the Spring Membership Meeting. The meeting concluded with viewing of PBS's "Riding the Rails".

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Keebaugh
Secretary, FCHS

Fulton County Historical Society Treasurers Report May 1 - July 22, 2010

Income:	
Contributions	\$251.75
1873 Map sales	239.53
Books	416.75
Other sales	15.09
Misc. income	13.65
Membership dues	495.00
Life membership	250.00
Dividends & interest	919.32
Div./int. - Winegardner	137.04
Total Revenues	2,738.13
Expense:	
Supplies	\$218.71
Custom-built desk (library)	900.00
Electronic transaction fees	4.18
Postage	103.54
Printing and copying	75.00
Library rent	600.00
Mowing	248.00
Purchase of museum items	175.00
Total Expense	\$2,324.43
Net Income (loss)	\$413.70
<i>Gene Leese, Treasurer</i>	

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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