

# FULTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Spring 2015

## Annual Membership Dinner Meeting Set

The Fulton County Historical Society will hold its Annual Dinner and Meeting on Saturday, May 2, at 6:00 p.m. at the McConnellsburg Fire Hall.

Featured speaker, Justin Hartwig, a 9-year NFL veteran, former center for the Pittsburgh Steelers, and Super Bowl Champion, will follow the dinner and Historical Society meeting. The cost for this family-oriented event is \$15 per adult, \$7.50 for children ages 6-12, and free for children 5 and younger.



Justin Hartwig, who grew up in West Des Moines, Iowa, is an avid sporting enthusiast, whose drive to be successful in athletics led to a distinguished prep, college, and professional career in football. He played right tackle for the University of Kansas.

Drafted by the Tennessee Titans in the 2002 NFL draft, Justin was inserted into the starting line up for 2003. This was when he began his transformation from offensive tackle to center, a position which operates as the offensive field general.

Hartwig went on to start in 47 straight games over four years as center for the Titans, earning recognition several times as Offensive Player of the Week. He then signed with the Carolina Panthers. In 2006, injuries forced him to miss an entire season. In 2007 he regained his role as the starting center, but parted ways with the organization after starting 15 games.

In 2008, Justin Hartwig signed with the Pittsburgh Steelers, where he quickly earned a starting center role and became the veteran leader in a young offensive line group. That year the Steelers went on a historic run against the league's toughest ranked schedule. The magical season culminated with a victory over the Arizona Cardinals in Super Bowl 43, and a 15-4 record. Justin was named to the USA Today All-Joe Team, recognizing the best of the NFL's unheralded players.

After two seasons as the Steelers center, and 104 career starts under his belt, Justin decided to retire and take on his most important role in life as a father to his daughter Ellie, who was born in 2010.

Please make your reservations no later than April 27, either by mailing your count and money to Fulton County Historical Society, PO Box 115, McConnellsburg, PA 17233; with Monica Seville at the Fulton County Treasurer's Office, 717-485-4454; or with Dick Miller, 717-485-3412.



## Bus Tour of Historic and Dining Spots in Cumberland, Maryland

At this printing there are still a few more seats available on the Fulton County Historical Society's spring bus tour, set for Friday, April 24, 2015. It will travel southwest to Cumberland, Maryland.

This is a "Dine-Around" Tour, with an itinerary that will include several museums and churches in Cumberland, with a delicious meal in three stops.

Join this tour for a cost of \$80.00 per person (Fulton County Historical Society members \$75.00). Cost includes chartered bus, lunch, taxes, and all fees and gratuities.

Please use the contact information below to reserve a last-minute spot on this tour, and then send your payment to:

Linda Mellon  
923 Dolly Terrace  
LaVale, MD 21502

For more information, call (301) 707-7053 or email [ljmellon@gmail.com](mailto:ljmellon@gmail.com)

Make checks payable to: Fulton County Historical Society.

## Museum Prepares for Summer 2015

The Historical Society's Fulton House Museum is preparing to open for the summer, and much help is needed. A cleaning day is scheduled Tuesday, May 12th. Six rooms must be cleared and cleaned, prior to setting up displays.

Those who still have items they have loaned for last year's Civil War displays are requested to pick them up on cleaning day.

This year the artwork of Charles Walker will be featured, along with the carpentry tools of Alfred Downs, who left McConnellsburg and moved to Illinois prior to the Civil War. The date for arranging the displays will be decided on May 12th.

Everyone who works at the museum is a volunteer, and the work is becoming too much for the few volunteers. We ask that volunteers work, at least, two days a month. There are varied jobs that need skills such as design, sewing, typing, labeling, inventorying, research, filing, working with artifacts, fund raising, writing articles, computer, restoration and preservation, and even organizing teas. We also need people who like people and would enjoy showing visitors through the museum.

This will be the first year with a schedule listing the objectives to improve the museum's operation. Opening day will be Friday, June 5th. The museum will be open every Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until August 28th. For more information call Edie Coleman at (814) 735-3039.

We need you. We are too few!

## Tea to benefit Fulton House museum

Mark your calendars for the Spring Tea which-- will be held at the Fulton House on Saturday, April 25, at 11:30 a.m. for a donation of \$9 for adults and \$4.50 for children under

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12, to benefit the Fulton House museum. Reservations can be made for the tea by calling Edie at (814) 735-3039 or Ruth at (717) 485-4496.

## New Life Member Welcomed

Jean Davis, McConnellsburg, PA, became a life member (#269) in April 2015.

The Life Membership Endowment of the society, now with 269 members, totals \$39,650.

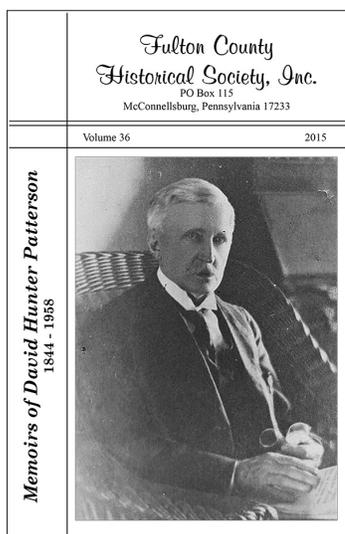
## Winter Meeting Held After Snow

The Winter Membership Meeting of the Society was nearly canceled because of bad weather. The scheduled speaker, who had a drive over the mountains, canceled early, and rather than cancel the meeting entirely with no way to notify those planning on coming, a gathering was held in the sanctuary of the Presbyterian Church anyway, with Philip Brambley speaking on the topic of where and why settlers chose their home-sites and the tools they carried with them.

Those who attended found Philip's talk very informative and worthwhile. The society conducted no business at the meeting, and no minutes were taken.

## Society 2015 Booklet a Historical Memoir from Turn of Last Century

The Society would like to announce the 2015 annual booklet, which should be in members' hands by mid-summer. It comes to us by way of William Remington Patterson, Jr., who is a life member and long-time supporter of the Fulton County Historical Society.



The subject is the memoirs of Bill's great-grandfather, David Hunter Patterson (1844-1938).

Known as D.H., he was one of the founders of the Fulton County Historical Society at its organization in 1923 and became its first President.

We are privileged to have these Memoirs as a historical record, written down by his daughter when D.H. was 85 years old. Bill retyped them in 1991 and gave the Society permission to print them as our 2015 membership book.

Bill designed and maintains a

web-page with these Memoirs and other data at <http://fulton.pa-roots.com/> which is helpful to Fulton County genealogists.

By way of introduction to his memoirs, D.H. writes:

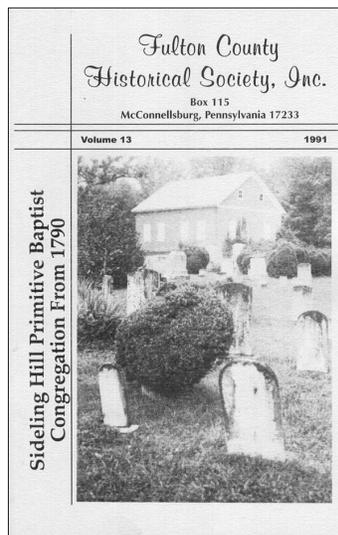
"While visiting my sons in Pittsburgh, I received a letter from my daughter in which she proposed that on my return home, we should write my recollections together.

"For some years my friends had urged me to do this, but while I enjoy reminiscing, the ordeal of writing my memories all by myself had caused me to procrastinate, so that this proposition seemed a way out. But in view of the fact that my daughter is confined in a plaster cast to rectify a fractured spine and while being able to move about her diversions were very limited, I decided we could spend an interesting winter in this way and possibly leave something of value to my children and grandchildren.

"So in collaboration with my eldest child, Elizabeth, I shall record some local and family history, together with many things I remember in my eighty-five years, most of these years having been spent in the place where I was born in the home of my children's grandparents.

"D. H. P.

"November 2, 1929"



## Sideling Hill Primitive Baptist Church History Available for Purchase

One of the society's most popular books has been Volume 13 from 1991, "Sideling Hill Primitive Baptist Congregation From 1790" which was written by Samuel H. Buterbaugh. The valuable research aid, with 168 pages and a full-name index, has been sold out for some time, but now, once

again in its third printing, it can be found locally for \$10.00, as well as on the society website, with a S&H fee, at: [www.fultonhistory.org](http://www.fultonhistory.org).

## Election of Officers set

President Linda Garber will call for the nomination and election for new officers at the May 2 dinner meeting. There are no term limits for Society secretary, but the by-laws limit the president and vice president to three consecutive one-year terms and directors to two consecutive three-year terms. This opens the opportunity for new leadership, so think of your many friends and acquaintances who have an interest in Fulton County history and nominate them.

Offices slated for the election this year are: president (Linda Garber, completing her third term, can not succeed herself); vice-president (John Mentzer, completing a first term as vice-president, has declined to stand for re-election); secretary (Ken Keebaugh); and directors (Richard Miller, completing an unexpired first term of a resigned director) and

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### 2014-15 OFFICERS:

Linda Garber, President  
John Mentzer, Vice President  
Ken Keebaugh, Secretary  
Gene Leese, Treasurer 2016

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Edie Coleman 2017  
Connie Barton 2017  
Becky Brackbill 2016  
Linda J. Mellon 2016  
Richard A. Miller 2015  
Monica Seville 2015

(Monica Seville, completing a first term as a current director).  
[See nomination form below.]

Of course, there are many opportunities for active service without being an elected officer, so don't hesitate to volunteer your time and talent. You may find this rewarding, and the Historical Society will become a stronger organization with the participation of more local volunteers!



## Decorated Bender Chairs Purchased for Museum

John (1825-1901) and Samuel (1829-1920) Bender made chairs and furniture in a downtown McConnellsburg shop during the mid to late 19th century. The Society was successful in purchasing a set of six spindle-back plank-bottom chairs with original paint decoration at the Donald Divens household auction at Knobsville on September 27, 2014. One chair had a pencil signature "Bender" under the seat. The chairs are now on display in the Fulton House museum.



## Obituary Text Now Search-able

Of the 22,000 people in the Society's cemetery file, about 10,000 have obituaries scanned on the web page: [www.fultonhistory.org](http://www.fultonhistory.org) Names which are underlined have attached obituaries, with more currently being added. To help researchers find relatives, every word in all the obituaries is now search-able. Members whose dues are paid up may request a log-in password, then open "Names in Fulton County Cemeteries", click on the Search box, and enter a name in the recently added second line for "Obituary Text" and the search engine should return that name in all the obituaries in the file.

## Please Check Your Due Date for Your Membership

The society membership is reminded to check your due date on your mailing label on this mailing to see if it is time to pay your annual dues.

The society's newest publication (see article elsewhere in this newsletter) will be included with the 2015 Summer Newsletter, and **those members who are in arrears will not receive the mailing.**

*(For those who are Life Members, this is also indicated on the label.)*

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL RATES:

\_\_\_ \$20 Individual/Family

\_\_\_ \$250 Individual Life

Send your name, address, e-mail and family interest names to the Society address along with your check. Or go on-line where you can pay your dues at the website: [fultonhistory.org](http://fultonhistory.org) with a credit card.

For **2015-16 officers**, I nominate ...

for President - \_\_\_\_\_ ;

for Vice President - \_\_\_\_\_ ;

for Secretary - \_\_\_\_\_ ;

for Director to 2018 - \_\_\_\_\_ ;

for Director to 2018 - \_\_\_\_\_ ;

Current officers appear at the bottom of this page.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ adult meals @\$15 and \_\_\_\_\_ children's (6-12) meals @\$7.50 for Saturday, May 2; make your enclosed check payable to the Fulton County Historical Society.

Renew my membership at \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 annual  
or \_\_\_\_\_ \$250 individual life.

**DEADLINE** for meal reservations and nominations is Friday, April 24, 2015. Thank you for your support!

# The Friends of the Tonoloway Primitive Baptist Church

have the following books for sale, from which they use the proceeds to maintain this historic church:

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- *The Mellotts of Fulton County*— 48 pages, 41 photos. Origins of the Mellotts in the 16th century and the growth of the family in Fulton County. \$6.00 plus \$1.00 S & H
- *The Truax Impact on Fulton County*— 36 pages, 29 photos. Truax genealogy, how they have served, and Truax family occupations. \$6 plus \$1 S&H
- *Tonoloway, If Its Walls Could Talk*— 140 pages, 90 photos. Church history, its role in the Revolution and the Civil War, and the stories of the signatures on the church walls from the 1800s. \$26 plus \$4 S&H.
- *Fulton County Veterans of the Civil War: Volume I, Veterans from Abbott thru Fulton*— 158 pages, 308 veterans, 189 photos. \$26 plus \$4 S&H
- *Volume II Veterans from Gamble thru Lake*— 162 pages, 248 veterans, 181 photos. \$26 plus \$4 S&H
- *Volume III Veterans from Laley thru Reese*— 187 pages, 292 veterans, 223 photos. \$26 plus \$4 S&H
- *Volume IV Veterans from Richards thru Zimmerman*— will be published fall of 2015. \$26.00 plus \$4 S&H

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To order send check to Friends of Tonoloway c/o Marlin Douglas, 215 Meadow Lane, Chambersburg PA 17202 or email dougmar2@comcast.net for more information.

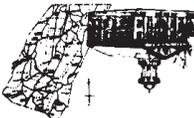
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These Tonoloway books, as well as Fulton County Historical Society books, are available for sale at the Fulton County Treasurer's office in McConnellsburg and at the Yankee Mercantile in Webster Mills.

*plus more!*

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