

FULTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Winter 2015

Winter Meeting Topic set

The Fulton County Historical Society Winter Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., at the McConnellsburg United Presbyterian Church, South Second Street, McConnellsburg, PA.



Mr. Ron Morgan

Mr. Ron Morgan from Robertsdale, PA, will be the featured speaker. Ron is one of the founders and 25-year president of the Non-Profit Broad Top Coal Miners Historical Society. The Society was formed in 1990 and currently operates from the former Robertsdale United Methodist Church. It was originally located in the Reality Theater, which the Society still owns and leases to the Reality Church of God.

Ron Morgan is semi-retired from the Huntingdon Daily News and the weekly Broad Top Bulletin as a columnist, feature-writer, and photographer for the past 45 years. A member of numerous historical organizations including the Fulton

County Historical Society and several tourist promotion organizations, he has written numerous history books about the Broad Top Area and Central Pennsylvania, including *When Coal Was King: The Robertsdale Story*. He also co-authored several books with the late Jon Baughman. He is a Vietnam Veteran, having served in the U.S. Army from September 1966 to September 1972, and remains active in the VFW of Saxton, PA and the American Legion in Broad Top City, PA.

Dine-Around Bus Tour of Cumberland, Maryland

The Fulton County Historical Society's spring bus tour has been set for Friday, April 24, 2015, and will travel southwest to Cumberland, Maryland.

The is a "Dine-Around" Tour with an itinerary that will include several museums and churches in Cumberland with a delicious meal spread over three stops. (See Bus Tour insert for more details.)

Join this tour for a cost of \$85.00 per person (Fulton County Historical Society Members \$80.00). Cost includes chartered bus, lunch in 3 stops, taxes and all fees and gratuities.

Registration and payment must be received by April 17. Last spring's tour filled up early. Please send registration and payment to:

Linda Mellon
923 Dolly Terrace
LaVale, MD 21502

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

Make checks payable to: Fulton County Historical Society.

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

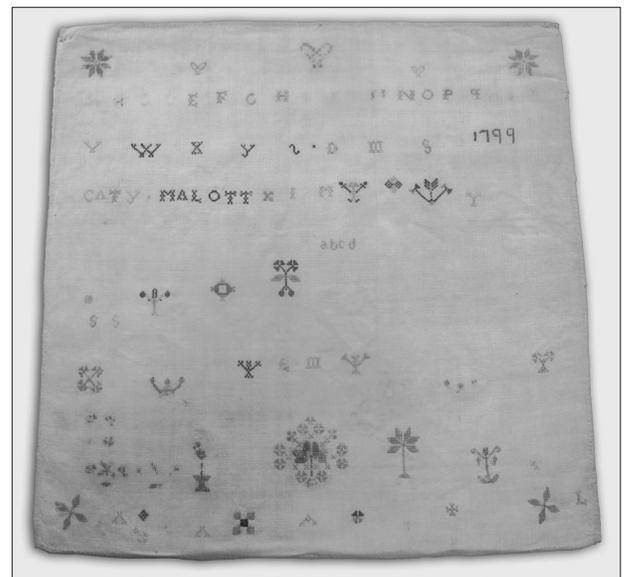
12, to benefit the Fulton House museum. Reservations can be made for the tea by calling Edie at (814) 735-3039 or Ruth at (717) 485- 4496.

New Life Members Welcomed

Colleen King, Rainier, WA, became a life member (#267) in October 2014. Fulton County is her home and the past home of many of her ancestors, so she's glad to be a life member of the Fulton County Historical Society.

David E. Pittman, Chambersburg, PA, became a life member (#268) in November 2014. Family names of interest include Pittman, Brady, Brannon, Everts, Fisher, and Hess.

The Life Membership Endowment of the society, now with 268 members, totals \$39,400.



This sampler, donated by the Sam Buterbaugh family, is being professionally mounted and will soon be on display in the society's museum. The society would like to know more about Caty Malott. She was probably born about 1790 and made the above sampler, which is dated 1799. Note: She never finished her lower-case alphabet. Sam Buterbaugh found the sampler at the Fayetteville Antique Mall in 2005.

Historical Society Library volunteers will be going through much of Sam's genealogical collection, labeling them, and making them available to researchers at the society's library room.

In Memory of Sam Buterbaugh

On November 8, 2014, Samuel H. Buterbaugh passed away at age 79, following a two-year illness. His research on Fulton County families and churches has been used in numerous Historical Society books and projects over the years.

Sam lived his entire life in Fulton County and enjoyed learning the background of local families. He had an unusually good memory and liked to relate stories from the past, especially humorous ones. Sam was 23 years old when his great-grandfather, George A. Buterbaugh, died in 1958 at
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Sam Buterbaugh
in a school photo.

age 91; many of Sam's stories would begin, "Great-granddad told me . . ." In addition to stories of people and events during George's lifetime, George was in his 30s when his own grandfather, David Buterbaugh, died in 1900 at age 85. Sam enjoyed hearing these Fulton County "oral histories" going back several generations over 150 years. The Historical Society printed many of them in Volume 24, *Folk Tales of Fulton County*.

For employment, Sam worked for many years at the McConnellsburg post office, where he had daily contact with people and enjoyed short conversations with them. Also he would visit older families to discuss family histories, including his mother's Mellott connections. He liked to copy old photos saved by families if they were identified, and added some to the Society's Volume 23 reprint of Harry Holman's Tonoloway Church history. He recorded tombstones from early cemeteries and loaned his secretary's burial register of Union Cemetery to help begin the Society's cemetery list, now on the internet for all to reference.

In 1991 the Historical Society published Volume 13, *Sideling Hill Primitive Baptist Congregation from 1790*, which was researched and written by Samuel H. Buterbaugh, and contained many family photographs from his collection. In 2007 the society published more of Sam's work as Volume 28, *Marriages and Deaths, 1865-1884 from Fulton County Newspapers*. He had recently been advising John Mentzer on family connections of local Civil War soldiers in a series of publications to benefit Friends of Tonoloway.

As a person, Sam held strongly to traditional values and was happy to be considered old-fashioned. Born during the Depression, he believed in being thrifty in his personal spending and was always careful not to be wasteful. He liked to search for bargains at local yard sales and flea markets. He loved gardening and would plant as early in the spring as possible. He was generous in sharing garden produce. He would can vegetables and made the best homemade vegetable soup. After baking pies, he might phone friends to say, "There's a pie here with your name on it." He liked to stop at an Amish farm to buy homemade butter, and would drive to an Amish greenhouse each Easter and Christmas to buy flowers for his church. He always had a good supply of wood for his cookstove. He took care of his mother at home in her final years and wanted to cook as she had done.

Sam enjoyed his woodworking shop, where he used antique wooden planes and tools. He repaired many chairs and small antiques for friends. He liked to make clock cases and reproductions, then try to match the traditional stains used by early cabinetmakers. He valued his large collection of reference books.

Sam was recognized in 1991 as the Society's Historian of the Year. His life made an immense contribution to the

preservation of Fulton County history and lore. We give thanks for his years with us.

Minutes for FCHS meeting on September 29, 2014

The Fulton County Historical Society (FCHS) held a "Barn Quilt" meeting at Crampton's Acorn Barn off Breezy Point Road, Knobsville, on September 20, 2014. FCHS President Linda Garber called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. There were 29 in attendance. She thanked Linda and Mike Crampton for hosting the meeting and tours of their recently restored log house and newly constructed mortise and tenon barn. The Barn Quilt Project will be a joint venture with the Fulton County Quilt Club.

Minutes of the last meeting as printed in the Spring Newsletter were approved on a Brian Tucker/Monica Seville motion.

The Treasurer's Report for the Fiscal Year ending in April, 2014, as printed in the Spring Newsletter, was approved on a Ruth Reeder/Ron Mitchell motion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MUSEUM: Brian Tucker paintings from his personal collection and Civil War artifacts will be on display in the Fulton House museum rooms in McConnellsburg during the Fulton Fall Folk Festival on October 18-19, 2014.

BUS TRIPS: Historic Bedford County - Ken Keebaugh reported on the Bollman Charter Bus Trip to points of historic importance in Bedford County to be held on Friday, October 17, 2014.

Cumberland, MD - Linda Mellon reported on the bus trip to Cumberland, MD planned for the Spring of 2015.

EVENTS: Monica Seville reported there will be a showing on Thursday, October 16, 2014, in the court room of the Fulton County Court House in McConnellsburg, of the DVD recorded during the summer Civil War Re-enactment. Copies of the DVD will be on sale at that time as well as during the FFFF. She is taking pre-orders for \$15.00 each. President Garber thanked Monica for providing refreshments for tonight's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Fulton County Library will be hosting an evening seminar on Free Genealogy Programs, in the community room of the main library in McConnellsburg on October 3, 2014.

A Ken Keebaugh/Debbie Reed motion authorized Glenn Cordell to purchase at the upcoming Divens Estate Auction in Knobsville some Bender chairs made by the local county craftsman between 1860 and 1900.

The business meeting adjourned on a Ken Keebaugh/Monica Seville motion. The next meeting of the FCHS Board of Directors will be Thursday, October 23, 2014.

GUEST LECTURER:

President Garber introduced the evening's special guest speaker, Mike Crampton, who in turn introduced fellow Barn Quilt committee members in attendance: Scott Alexander, Connie Burton, Tom Duffey and Linda Garber. He went on with a lively and informative explanation of the Barn Quilt Project.

Ken Keebaugh, recording secretary

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