

FULTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Winter 2016

Mason and Dixon Line set as Winter Meeting Topic

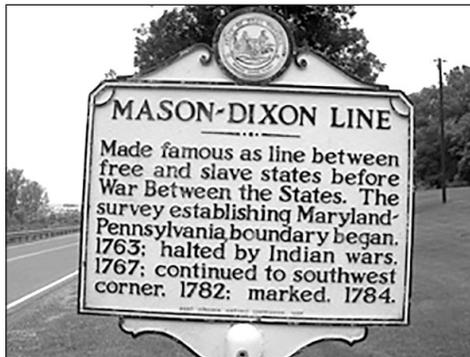
The Fulton County Historical Society (FCHS) will hold its Winter Membership meeting on Saturday, January 23, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fulton County Court House. Mr. James M. Hoey, Fort Ashby, W.Va., will provide a presentation on the surveying of the Mason and Dixon Line. Mr. Hoey has researched, developed and presented multimedia programs to schools, service and historical clubs on a number of projects.

In 1763, Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon were retained to finally settle the 80-year old dispute between Maryland and Pennsylvania. It took five years and was the largest public works accomplishment of its day. The engineering and scientific challenges they faced were unprecedented and the duo will be Mr. Hoey's topic.

Mr. Hoey, an authority and scholar on the subject, attained a bachelor of science degree at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and a master's degree from Frostburg State University. He is a professor emeritus at Potomac State College, a member of the Frankfurt District Historical Society, Mineral County Historical Society, Cresap Historical Society, Council of the Alleghenies, Allegany Civil War Roundtable, and Western Maryland Archeological Society.

The FCHS will also draw for the winners of the 12 Raffle Ticket prizes. Winner does not need to be present.

This event is free and open to the public.



Fulton County Veterans of the Civil War Final Volume Released

Volume IV *Fulton County Veterans of the Civil War* with surnames Richards - Zimmerman is now available. It contains 246 pages, 259 photos and 282 veterans. This completes the Civil War series. All volumes are \$26.00 plus \$4.00 postage if mailed and can be ordered from Marlin Douglas, 215 Meadow Lane, Chambersburg, PA 17202, phone 717-263-9860 or email dougmar2@comcast.net

FCHS Raffle Fundraiser to End at Society's Winter 2016 Meeting

Reminder - On January 23, 2016, the Fulton County Historical Society will draw for the winners of the 12 Raffle Ticket prizes. Winner does not need to be present. Don't forget to send in your raffle ticket stubs and money. Good Luck to all!

Tickets can still be purchased for 6 for \$5, or \$1 each, at the Fulton County Treasurer's Office, The Yankee Mercantile in Webster Mills, or contact anyone on the Society Board of Directors, or make a mailed request to FCHS, PO Box 115, McConnellsburg, PA 17233.

Prize list follows:

1. 30 Volume Time Life Collector's Library of the Civil War, reprinted in the 1980's and in mint condition.
2. One night stay at Crampton's Bed & Breakfast in Fulton County, PA, www.cramptonmanor.com
3. 4 books, Vol I-IV, by local author John Mentzer, "Fulton County Veterans of the Civil War".
4. 1873 Pomeroy and Co. Map of Fulton Co., PA, reproduction, (approx 24" x 25"); beautiful exact reproduction; shows names and locations of residents, schools, PO's, churches, physical features.
5. Five Books printed by the Fulton County Historical Society - Winner's Choice of Titles
6. Crocheted Bed Cover, White with pastel accents. 72"x 94". Made by Margaret Seiders
7. 1890 Business Directory of McConnellsburg Fulton County, PA Frameable, reproduced on 18" x 24" semigloss stock.
8. Brian Tucker Print titled "Traffic Jam, Turn-of-the-Century" showing the Toll House at Greenhill, 24" x 29"
9. Brian Tucker Print titled "Surgeon Blake's Hospital, Tonoloway Baptist Church 1862", 16" x 20"
10. 1000 piece Civil War Jigsaw puzzle (Collage of people, events)
11. FCHS Cookbook, "Eatin's Good In Fulton County"
12. FCHS books for Genealogists: "History of Tonoloway Baptist Church", "Sideling Hill Primitive Baptist Congregation from 1790", "19th Century Lutheran Church Records from Fulton County Pennsylvania", and "Family Records of Fulton County, Pennsylvania"

Reminder of Locations Where Society Booklets may be Purchased

FCHS books only: Fulton County Chamber of Commerce, Fulton Antiques, Fulton County Library, Fulton County Historical Society Museum in the Fulton House during hours of operation.

FCHS and Tonoloway Society books: The Yankee Mercantile, Fulton County Treasurer's Office.

Resources for Family Genealogists

With a generous donation from the estate of Archie Bergstresser, the Fulton County Library has purchased a year's subscription to Ancestry.com for free community use on any of the library's computers. The site lists "billions" of records which can be searched by family name. Make room in your schedule to come to the library and see what might be available about your ancestors. The subscription will only be renewed if lots of local people are using it. You may well find that an unknown distant relative has already posted data on your family line.

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Society Makes Early Announcement Concerning Annual Banquet Meeting

The Fulton County Historical Society is very proud to announce that Peggy Ann Bradnick will speak to the society and friends, marking the 50th anniversary of her kidnapping that riveted the nation. Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 16, 2016 to attend at the dinner meeting at the Hustontown Fire Hall.

A Silent Auction is being planned for the evening and the meeting hall will be opened after the dinner (reservations required for dinner) to the general public for this interesting program.

More information will be provided in the Spring Newsletter.

Spring Tea Set to Benefit Society Museum

The Spring Tea will be held Saturday, April 9th at the Fulton House and adult reservations will be \$10.00, children under 12 will remain at \$4.50. Make reservations after March 15th by calling Edie Coleman (814) 735-3039 or Ruth Reeder (717) 485-4496. Tickets will be on sale after March 15.

Society Spring Tour set

Save the date, April 29, 2016; mark your calendars for the Fulton County Historical Society's spring tour. More details will follow, but the plan now is to visit Flight 93 in Shanksville in the morning, lunch in Ligonier, then tour the Compass Inn (1800's hotel) and Fort Ligonier in the afternoon. Expect some surprises during that day.

Barn Quilt Trail Update

Below are some highlights of happenings submitted by the Frontier Barn Quilt Trail committee, an affiliate of FCHS.

Current Status as of late December 2015. Total of 77 approved applications, of which 55 have been installed, 8 are waiting to be installed, 5 are being painted, and 9 are in line to be painted.

We have set a new goal of 100 approved applications by the end of March 31.

We have delayed creating the first published trail(s) brochure to the end of January. So, if you have been thinking about doing a barn quilt, now is the time to jump in. Contact Mike Crampton at 717-830-5953 to get more information on how to join the trail. We make it easy, so do not let the process worry you. We can take care of everything.

Gift Certificates are now available for Frontier Barn Quilt Trail Kits.

In a continuing effort to raise money to market the trail, the FBQT is looking for volunteers to paint small 1' x 1' and 2' x 2' blocks for sale. The blocks are pre-drawn, and painting is almost a "paint by numbers" process. Blocks can be painted at the Alumni Bldg. or painted at home at your leisure. We supply all materials and paint.

FBQT has been chosen to have a barn quilt featured in the "Barn Quilts 2017 Calendar." This calendar features some of the most beautiful barn quilts throughout America.

Purchases from Sam Buterbaugh Estate

Museum curator Edie Coleman, along with Glenn Cordell and John Mentzer, attended the late Sam Buterbaugh's book auction in Chambersburg on December 5, 2015. Sam's library sold for just under \$20,000 with an internet bidder from Baltimore willing to pay top price for area histories and genealogies. Your Society was able to purchase several "one of a kind" items including an 1813 McConnellsburg store ledger and two other 19th century ledgers, two local autograph books from the 1880s plus an 1850s one from a Shade Gap school student. John donated a Hays Store ledger from the 1950s, and Glenn donated several recent paperback histories which Sam had hardbound.

Palmer Chest Sells at Auction

Fulton County blanket chests made by Joel Palmer in the 1850s continue to bring a high price. A small size chest decorated with sunflowers sold in Lancaster on November 21, 2015, for \$34,220 including buyer's premium. A later news article featured it on the front page and quoted an advanced collector saying it was "probably the best item in the sale." Details in the hand-painted flower decorations increase its value over much earlier eastern PA chests.



County Baseball History Researched

Author and historian John Nelson has spent untold hours researching newspaper accounts of Fulton County baseball teams from the 1880s through 1917 and has tried to locate the playing fields used by each team. Many small towns throughout Fulton County had a local team. John has offered his paper to the Society to be printed as your 2016 annual book. He continues to look for any photos of the teams or individual players to add to the publication. If you

know of any early baseball photos, please write now to the Society: director@fultonhistory.org

Nation-Wide Truax Family Reunion in 2016

Truax families in America (also Truex and Trueax) are the descendants of Philippe du Trieux who came from France, via Holland, to what is now New York in the 1600s. In celebration of the many generations of cousins, the Association of Philippe du Trieux Descendants will hold a nationwide reunion.

The event will take place August 5-7, 2016 in Albany, New York at the Desmond Hotel. There will be a Friday evening reception, Saturday breakfast and program, and dinner Saturday night. What a fabulous opportunity to see some of the extended Truax family that you are a part of! For information about the reunion, please contact: Karen Vaina at either kvaina@comcast.net or 1969 SW Saint Andrews Drive, Palm City, FL 34990.

The Association of Philippe du Trieux has a Facebook page, Philippe du Trieux Descendants, and a website, www.philippedutrieux.com, that includes genealogical information.

You may join the Association for \$15.00 per year and receive the quarterly newsletter Association of Philippe du Trieux Descendants Journal, which features articles about historical and contemporary Truax cousins. Previous issues of the Journal and Truax Genealogy publications are available to purchase and in the Fulton County Historical Society Genealogical Room at the Fulton County Library. To join the Association, send your check to: Jan Hagemester, Treasurer, Association of Philippe du Trieux Descendants, 2020 Madison St., SE, Albany, OR 97322. Checks should be made payable to: Association of Philippe du Trieux Descendants.

Minutes for FCHS Fall Meeting on October 15, 2015

The Fulton County Historical Society held its Fall Meeting in the court room of the Fulton County Courthouse in McConnellsburg, Pa. Society President Dick Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Minutes of the Summer Meeting, as published in the Fall Newsletter, were approved on a motion by John Mentzer, seconded by Jan Fraker.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sam Butterbaugh's collection will be on display in the FCHS museum rooms in the Fulton House in McConnellsburg during the Fulton Fall Folk Festival from October 16 through 18. Charles Walker's paintings will also be on display.

John Mentzer's Volume IV of Fulton County Veterans of the Civil War will be for sale at the Yankee Mercantile in Webster Mills, and the Fulton County Treasurer's office in the courthouse.

Raffle Tickets are being sold as a fund raiser. Winners will be drawn at the Spring Banquet.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Dick Miller introduced Roger L. "Bird" Souders who displayed artifacts he located with a metal detector in Fulton County.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Keebaugh, secretary

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:

— \$20 Individual/Family

— \$250 Individual Life

Please check your renewal date on the front of this mailing's envelope.

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

Payment may also be made through the society website.

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