

# FULTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Summer 2004

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 26 - Hike back to 1766** - Join the Society for a strenuous 1/2 mile hike along the Columbia Gas pipeline (wear hiking/walking shoes and long pants) to see the last Crown Stone set by colonial surveyors Mason & Dixon. Meet at 7:00 p.m. in the parking lot of Tonoloway Primitive Baptist Church (Rt 655) and carpool to a smaller parking area on Tollgate Ridge. You will jump a small stream and climb a steep bank to reach the original 1766 site.

**July 10 - Antiques on the Street** - During this Chamber event, stop in the Fulton House museum from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to see the free summer display and view a 1930s promotional movie "Life in a CCC Camp" and about 50 minutes of amateur movies filmed by H. Ralph Hernley at the Sideling Hill CPS Camp in the 1940s.

**August 14 - Winegardner School** - Bring school photos and stories to share at our summer membership meeting at the one-room school donated by teacher Lois Madden to the Historical Society in 2003. Bring lawn chairs for the 7:00 p.m. outdoor meeting. Winegardner curator Carol Curfman returns that week from teaching English in China and may share insights into their school system. Take Rt 475 north of Hustontown and turn left on South Madden Road.

**September 19 - Mining Lore** - Tour at 2:00 p.m. the Broad Top Area Coal Miners Museum in the old Reality Theater, 35 S. Main St, Robertsdale, for a look at how some Fulton County men made a living. Museum admission will be \$3 per adult. From Hustontown, go north on Rt 475, Rt 655, and Rt 913 to Robertsdale.

**October 16-17 - House Tour** - Thanks to generous participation from 5 local families, you can visit the homes of Carlton/Steve Walker, Jo Ann/Brent Carlson, Barb/Wayne MacDonald, Amy/Mark Defibaugh, and Julie/Dan Swain Jr. during the Fall Folk Festival. This will be our major fund-raising project in 2004; see our ad in the Festival brochure. Volunteer to help with staffing for a 4-hour period and receive a free ticket.

For better directions or more information on any of the above activities, contact president Ken Keebaugh or administrator Glenn Cordell.

## SUMMER MUSEUM

Stop by the Fulton House any Sunday afternoon this summer from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. to view a free exhibit of loaned items on display such as: scales from the former A&P Store in McConnellsburg, a mirror sold in 1881 by John Greathead of "McConnellsburgh", a large town crier bell, a food dryer used on a cookstove, a hand-crank sewing machine, an 1856 sale bill for the mansion farm of Frederick Dishong of



## EARLY LOCOMOBILE

*Dr. Alan Krug of State College donated to the Historical Society a documented photo of the first car owned by a Fulton County couple, Mr. & Mrs. E. B. Fisher, in 1902. They attended a Soldiers' Reunion below Harrisonville but ran out of gas (gasoline was needed to generate steam.) They pushed the Locomobile to the top of the mountain to coast into McConnellsburg. The house in the background is on the corner of North Second and East Walnut Street, McConnellsburg.*

Licking Creek, a 1799 sampler by Caty Malott, an oil painting of Cito School, three textiles appraised by the Medical Center's Antique Roadshow, an 1878 Fulton County almanac by Downes, wood carvings by Harold Hunsecker and August Hemminger, and a bronze head of Eisenhower cast by William Abercromie.

The museum can be open at other times by prior arrangement. These and other loaned items will be returned to the private owners after Labor Day.

## NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Craig Nitterhouse, who lives on a llama farm near Chambersburg, joined the Society as a life member on April 10, 2004. Dick Newman of Waterfall (tinman16689@yahoo.com) joined as a life member on April 28, 2004. Thanks to both for adding so generously to our endowment fund.

## GENEALOGICAL HELPS

Bill Turner, 4840 Old 126, Warfordsburg, PA 17267 (phone 717 294-3687 after 6 p.m.) continues to publish books of interest to Fulton County genealogists. He currently has a 345-page book on "Fulton County Marriages 1927-1957" and a 321-page book on the "Fulton County Census of 1900". Each book sells for \$25 plus \$5 mailing. Bill has promised to donate his master copy file to the Society after his books sell out.

*By Glenn Cordell, Administrator*

**Fulton County Historical Society  
Spring Meeting Minutes  
April 24, 2004**

The 2004 spring membership meeting of the Fulton County Historical Society was convened at 6:00 p.m. at Fulton Theater conference center, with President Ken Keebaugh presiding. About 75 people enjoyed a delicious dinner catered by Loaded Belly Deli.

Dick Miller reported that a display of historical items with local significance will be on view in the Fulton House this summer. He has obtained the loan of several items from private collections and is looking for additional items that persons would be willing to loan for the display, so that the museum has a fresh display for people to view. Many of the loaned items were on display at the meeting.

A short business meeting was held before the traditional program. Jane MacDonald gave a treasurer's report, noting a current balance of \$7,439.58 in the operating budget, with income the last year from dues, book sales, Strawberry Fest food fund-raiser, the quilt raffle, calendar sales, and a Fulton House food fund-raiser during the Fall Festival.

Dan Swain reported the following officer nominations from the Nominating Committee:

Ken Keebaugh, President  
Dick Miller, Vice President  
Dwight Harvey, Secretary.

On a motion by Wayne MacDonald, seconded by Jim Stewart it was voted to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the nominated officers. The treasurer was not up for election this year and will continue to be Jane MacDonald.

Dan Swain reported the following Board Member nominations from the Nominating

Committee: Dick Newman and Edith Coleman (to replace outgoing members Jim Stewart and Anna Mae Sigel).

On a motion by Gene Leese, seconded by Stanley Kerlin it was voted to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the nominated members

Following the business meeting, the membership enjoyed a very interesting slide show and lecture on the Johnstown Flood of 1889, presented by J. Joseph Edgette, Widener University professor and a speaker with the Pennsylvania Humanities Council Speakers Bureau. Dr. Edgette holds a Ph.D. in folklore from the University of Pennsylvania.

His presentation was taken primarily from the popular media of the time of the original Johnstown Flood-newspapers, photos, sheet music and stereoview cards. The flood was caused by a breach of an earthen dam that was built to form a lake along the South Fork Creek, to service the Fish and Boat Club built there for the rich elite of Pittsburgh. The dam was not properly maintained by the club, which counted as members some of the richest men in America at the time, and a torrential rain caused the dam to break. The 931 foot long, 72 foot high dam sent a wall of water rushing downstream that was still 40 feet high when it hit Johnstown. The resulting death toll was 2,209, more than died in the sinking of the Titanic (1,517 deaths).

Following the program, the meeting was adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Dwight C. Harvey  
Secretary*

**Society publishes two  
CCC history booklets**

The CCC histories were printed in two volumes. Both are enclosed as part of your annual membership benefit. If you want extra copies, each book sells for \$4. Add \$2 postage to your total order.

Consider giving a gift membership to a friend for \$15 a year and we will include the annual books at no additional charge.

**Fulton County Historical  
Society  
Treasurers Report 3/31/04**

Beginning Balance	\$8,032.58
Receipts 1/1/04 to 3/31/04	
Dues	\$1,295.00
Books	\$290.00
Interest- CD & MM	\$24.35
Donations	\$2.00
Postage	\$17.00
Interest - checking	\$4.51
Cemetery Disks	\$5.00
Life Members	\$750.00
Books- no tax	\$60.00
Postcards	\$1.20
Calendars	\$309.00
Total Receipts	\$2,758.06
Disbursements	
Postage & Box Rent	\$111.94
Sales Tax	\$84.30
Speaker	\$76.20
Misc.	\$31.36
Administrator	\$997.00
Insurance	\$31.00
Transfer to Life Member	\$750.00
Fulton House	\$288.30
Dues & Publications	\$41.00
Total Disbursements	\$2,411.10
Net Gain	\$346.96
Balance	\$8,379.54

*Jane MacDonald, Treasurer*

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Dwight Harvey, Secretary  
Jane MacDonald, Treasurer 2006

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

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