

FULTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Spring 2007

Colonial Events in 3-D

A stereoscopic 3-D slide show by Dwight Harvey to illustrate the story of the struggles on the frontier during the French and Indian War 250 years ago will be the featured program for the Fulton County Historical Society meeting on Saturday, April 28, 2007.

Dwight has attended many of the commemorative events throughout our region and recorded with his stereoscopic camera the best scenes from Fort Frederick just south of Fulton County, to our Big Spring Graveyard with stones from the 1755 massacre, on through Juniata Crossing to Raystown (Fort Bedford), to the final staging area at Fort Ligonier in 1758. His 3-D photography is remarkable.

The meeting will be held in St. Paul Lutheran Church, 220 N. Third St, McConnellsburg. In 1801 the Lutheran congregation erected the first house of worship in McConnellsburg on a lot donated by Daniel McConnell. The present church was built on the same lot in 1848. Arrive early, look at some of the German inscriptions on tombstones behind the church, view the recent renovations of the sanctuary and hear the story of their 1736 church bell cast for the niece of Peter the Great in Moscow.

Homestyle Buffet

The Willing Workers of St. Paul Lutheran Church, under the supervision of chef David Newman, will serve a buffet dinner to members and friends of the Fulton County Historical Society at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, April 28, prior to the spring membership meeting. Menu selection includes pork tenderloin, boneless chicken breast, mashed potatoes, stuffing with gravy, vegetable, rolls and a selection of homemade pies. They request reservations by April 16. Mail a check of \$12 per person to the Fulton County Historical Society, Box 115, McConnellsburg, PA 17233 or contact Esther Miller at 485-3412 to reserve your meal. Please don't delay.

Nomination for Officers

Each year members are invited to submit nominations for Society president, vice president, secretary and two new directors. Submit your nominations, or volunteer for an office, now. Elections will take place at the



French drummers at Fort Ligonier.

April meeting. Current officers are listed at the bottom of your newsletter.

President Dick Miller will give an update of past-year Society activities following the dinner.

Life Membership Support

Receipts from three new life members in the winter quarter helped increase the endowment fund of your Society. On January 25, 2007, Don and Phyllis Bard gave a life membership gift to their son, Patrick L. Bard of Needmore.

Jessie L. Dean of Connellsville became a life member on January 31, 2007. While living in Needmore, Jessie was very active in fund-raising projects for the Historical Society. Jessie spent 2005-06 in Togo, Africa, teaching children of a missionary family.

On March 3, 2007, Roy Shaw of Appomattox, VA, became a life member. A graduate of Forbes Road High School, Roy donated untold hours working on the current Society book enclosed with this mailing. We gratefully thank these new life members for their interest and support.

Annual Dues

Dues remain at \$15 per year for a family or individual and include the annual book. We hope you find the current volume both interesting and helpful for family research. Extra copies to share with friends are available for \$8 plus \$2 mailing.

By Glenn Cordell, Administrator

Minutes

President Dick Miller called the winter meeting of the Fulton County Historical Society to order at 7:30 p.m. on a snowy Thursday evening, January 25, 2007. Eighteen members and friends met in the basement community room of the Fulton County Library in McConnellsburg. Monica Seville prepared a light

snack and punch table.

On an Edie Coleman-Ronald Mitchell motion, minutes from the fall meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. Monica Seville presented highlights from Dan Swain's written treasurer's report for the quarter October 23, 2006, through January 25, 2007. Fall receipts totaled \$2,646.52, fall expenses totaled \$1,208.77 giving a quarterly gain of \$1,433.10. Society equity totals \$148,735.23 including life membership endowment funds and the restricted Winegardner bequest. The treasurer's report was accepted on a Gene Leese-Edie Coleman motion.

Volunteer Linda Portanova was recognized for organizing and color-coding books in the Fulton County Historical Society library. She was presented with a Barnes & Noble gift certificate. Jessie Dean was acknowledged with appreciation as a new life member.

Two bids were received for printing 1500 copies of the 128-page annual book. Fulton County News quoted \$3,200 and Mercersburg Printing quoted \$3,993. By unanimous vote, the contract was awarded to Fulton County News.

Fulton House exterior restoration is 35% complete. President Dick Miller and administrator Glenn Cordell have been inspecting the progress daily. The log cabin chimney has been rebuilt. Work has been put on hold due to freezing temperatures and will resume in the spring. Repointing of stone mortar by Denny Henry will be

completed before the new cedar shake roof is installed on the cabin which abuts the stone wall. Contractor George Hann submitted a bill of \$74,847 which will be reimbursed from grant funds.

Volunteers are needed to sort and process six boxes of genealogy papers from the John Humbert estate and a carton of 1930s papers from the Warfordsburg post office. A museum supervisor is needed to work with teens on the community service program from juvenile probation who will clean the interior of the Fulton House from construction dust.

Peg Kerlin donated a framed 1899 diploma from McConnellsburg High School for Elizabeth Woollet Fisher who later married Dr. John Mosser. Monte and Tessa Rasp donated a group student photo from the McGovern one-room school taken in the late 1920s; the photo shows Tessa's father, Walter Rotz

Marshall, who was born in 1918.

The Blair County Genealogical Society of Hollidaysburg presented the evening program. Librarian and past vice president Bob Hewitt gave a 15 minute DVD tour of their facilities. It now includes the Hoenstine collection of reference books. They have 5,000 reels of microfilm. Past president Jim Snyder informed us they have equipment to print or reprint books for the public in large or small quantities. Last year in an exchange program Dick Miller, Glenn Cordell and Edie Coleman traveled to Hollidaysburg to give a presentation about the Fulton County Historical Society.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. followed by a social hour with refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Keebaugh, Secretary

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Box 115, McConnellsburg, PA 17233

Please reserve _____ meal/s at \$12 for Saturday, April 28, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. in the social room of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Extra copies of Marriages and Deaths @ \$8 each _____.

Membership renewal

(see your mailing label for expiration date, 04-01-06 above your name means your membership ended on April 1, 2006.):

___ \$15 Adult/family; ___ \$25 Institution; ___ \$250 Individual Life

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

E-Mail address: _____

Family names or other interest: _____

Annual memberships expire in April. Mailings are sent by bulk mail and are only forwarded by the postal service for an additional charge. Please notify the Historical Society promptly for a change of address.

**Fulton County
Historical Society
Treasurers Report 1/25/07**

Receipts 10/23/06 to 1/25/07	
Donations	\$120.00
Big Spring graveyard mowing	500.00
1873 Map Sales	400.94
Books	972.87
Prints	228.30
Shipping & Handling income	11.50
Discounts received	1.27
Membership Dues	395.00
Interest income	2.49
Other sales	14.15
Total Receipts	\$2,646.52

Disbursements:	
Awards & Grants - individuals	\$50.00
Administrator	669.94
Supplies	127.95
Postage & Box Rent	259.26
Printing & copying	9.67
Other Misc. expenses	91.95
Banking fees	4.65
Total Disbursements	\$1,213.42

Net Income \$1,433.10

Dan Swain, Treasurer

Additional resources

For additional obituaries or marriage data, two members of our Historical Society have donated resource materials to our library which may be helpful to you. They also have copies of some records for sale.

Bill Turner and Genaiavie Stafford are cutting all recent newspaper obituaries and photocopying them in notebooks. Bill has copied 20th century Fulton County marriage records and continues to transcribe 20th century census records.

Jim Boor has several notebooks of early to mid-20th century newspaper obituaries for Fulton County as well as 18th and 19th century tax records when we were part of Bedford County. You may request from him a list of his sale items.

Contact addresses for these dedicated historians are on the enclosed membership list.

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Ken Keebaugh, Secretary
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POST OFFICES in Fulton County, PA
(from Sam Buterbaugh's list)

Post Office	OPENED	CLOSED	First Postmaster	Post Office	OPENED	CLOSED	First Postmaster
Akersville	Dec 3, 1860	March 10, 1935	M.J. Jackson	Laidig	March 20, 1884	July 31, 1955	G.W. Barnett
Amaranth	Jan 19, 1897	April 27, 1926	S.E. McKee	Lashley	Dec 10, 1892	Aug 15, 1938	W.P. Lashley
Andover	July 15, 1903	Aug 15, 1924	S.S. Hoop	Locust Grove	April 11, 1870	July 15, 1919	J.H. Bye
Ayr	Dec 10, 1888	March 31, 1890	R.N. Fryman	Mann	March 3, 1892	June 15, 1906	M.E. Mann
"	April 7, 1890	March 15, 1900		McConnellstown	June 1803	May 29, 1814	J. Agnew
Big Cove Tannery	Dec 1, 1895	Open	S.V. Crouse	McConnellsburg	May 23, 1814	1827	W. Duffield
Bills Place	May 22, 1935	Nov 30, 1953	W.C. Wakefield	McConnellsburgh	1827	April 19, 1851	
Buck Valley	March 1, 1860	Jan 15, 1919	J.T. Richards	"	April 19, 1851	April 29, 1893	H. Hoke
Burnt Cabins	April 19, 1851	Open	D. Welch	McConnellsburg	March 3, 1893	Open	
Cito	April 4, 1900	Sept 29, 1900	J.C. Seiders	McKibben	Jan 6, 1893	May 31, 1911	S.L. Bedford
"	July 13, 1901	Feb 28, 1954		Minter	Sept 8, 1888	Jan 1, 1892	S.H. Price
Clear Ridge	Jan 30, 1872	Aug 9, 1957	D.H. Myers	Needmore	Aug 20, 1872	Open	A. Runyan
Covalt	March 22, 1882	March 3, 1912	J.H. Covalt	New Grenada	April 10, 1851	May 15, 1941	C.W.H. Moore
Crystal Spring	Dec 1, 1885	Feb 24, 1890	A. Hixon	Northcraft	Aug 28, 1905	Jan 31, 1941	A.C. Northcraft
"	Jan 1, 1895	Dec 1, 1895		Oak Ridge	Aug 21, 1876	July 28, 1877	R.F. Mellott
"	June 1, 1909	Open		Owl Creek	July 23, 1888	March 17, 1877	G.Y. Schooley
Dane	May 15, 1906	April 14, 1917	E. J. Croft	Pigeon Cove	May 4, 1914	March 15, 1915	B. Kirk
Dickey Mountain	Dec 1, 1894	May 15, 1934	B.R. Simpson	Pleasant Ridge	Feb 11, 1878	June 30, 1933	D.P. Dishong
Dot	Aug 24, 1888	Jan 31, 1892	H.H. Brewer	Plum Run	Aug 27, 1883	Dec 31, 1932	J.C. Brewer
Dott	Feb 23, 1896	July 15, 1919	S.W. Camell	Potts Mills	July 28, 1864	June 14, 1866	D.O. Comerer
Droit	Dec 15, 1910	Feb 15, 1912	W. Mellott	Saluvia	Aug 21, 1876	Sept 30, 1945	J.R. Davis
Dublin Mills	April 19, 1851	March 15, 1915	A. Weidman	Sharpe	Oct 5, 1904	Aug 31, 1935	A. Sharpe
Emma	March 16, 1852	Sept 13, 1853	J.H. Akers	Sideling Hill	Oct 10, 1862	July 15, 1919	L. Hill
Emmaville	Oct 9, 1863	Jan 30, 1933	W.C. Clevenger	Sipe's Mill	Aug 22, 1860	Dec 1, 1894	E. Sipes
Enid	Nov 30, 1888	Jan 29, 1935	H.M. Edwards	Sipes Mill	Dec 1, 1894	Dec 31, 1948	
Ft. Littleton	Aug 19, 1851	Open	G. Wilds	Sis	April 26, 1880	Feb 28, 1884	W. Bergstresser
Franklin Mills	May 5, 1871	July 15, 1919	J.H.H.H. Lewis	Speersville	April 19, 1851	Oct 4, 1869	G.W.B. Sipes
Gapsville	Jan 6, 1868	Sept 26, 1887	W.C. Clevenger	Warfordsburgh	April 19, 1851	Aug 8, 1893	J.L. Stevens
Gem	Feb 19, 1886	April 15, 1913	W.H. Peck	Warfordsburg	Aug 8, 1893	Open	
Gracey	April 14, 1889	Nov 30, 1918	S.C. Gracey	Waterfall	Feb 28, 1884	Open	W. Bergstresser
Harrisonville	March 5, 1862	Open	J.A. Mann	Websters Mills	Sept 19, 1851	March 17, 1886	J.L. Zimmerman
Hiram	July 15, 1903	Jan 1, 1933	W.L. Berkstresser	Webster Mills	March 17, 1886	July 31, 1953	
Hustontown	March 5, 1862	Open	P. Weaverling	Well's Tannery	June 19, 1860	Dec 1, 1894	G. Whitehall
Iddo	April 26, 1905	June 30, 1913	Miss Kate Smith	Wells Tannery	Dec 1, 1894	Open	
Knobsville	July 5, 1862	July 31, 1955	S. Summey	West Dublin	April 19, 1851	Jan 15, 1914	J.G. Lyon