

FULTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Summer 2007

Summer Meeting Outdoors at Renovated Fulton House

To celebrate the completion of exterior renovations on the Fulton House in downtown McConnellsburg, Historical Society members and the Fulton County community are invited to a commemorative program to be held on the lawn and parking area behind the historic building on Saturday, July 28, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. Please bring lawn chairs.

Speakers will be local persons who were involved in acquiring the building and lot in 1973. Others with memories of helping with this project may share through an open microphone. Recognition will be given to current Council members and contractors who performed the extensive cleaning and repair work to extend the life of the old inn. This Transportation Enhancement Project grant was administered by the Historical Society under the direction of PennDOT District 9.

President Dick Miller will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Musical entertainment will be provided from the log cabin porch by The Country Christians. The interior may be toured and your suggestions welcomed for increased usage of the facility. Community volunteers are needed to help with more frequent museum displays. A fund has been started to add shutters and night lighting to the front facade. Help plan a larger vision for this wonderful local treasure! Light refreshments will conclude the evening.

Memorials

In April, we unexpectedly lost a Society member, Grayson Davis, who faithfully attended most of our local meetings. His Green Hill High School Class of 1958 presented an artist print by Brian Tucker of the Green



Hill school to hang in our library and collected \$610 as a tribute to Grayson to keep the Historical Society library room open free to the public for six months. The Historical Society reimburses the Fulton County Library \$100 a month for utilities and other maintenance costs for this space and does not charge researchers.

Members with a Fulton County Library card continue to have free access to census and genealogical records of Heritage Quest from the web site www.fclspa.org/fulton/home.htm and may use the Society's collection in the library during regular library hours. Saturday hours end at 1:00 p.m. during the summer months.

Life Members

The Historical Society had the unusual pleasure of receiving five new life members since the last newsletter. This support increases our endowment fund and shows your interest and support for the preservation of local history. Thank you on behalf of the society!

Member Shirley A. Yingling of McConnellsburg included a life membership check on March 17 along with her dinner reservation. Her grandfather was blacksmith E.O. Kesselring of Dublin Mills in northern Fulton County.

Barbara Fore of Richmond, VA, changed her membership to become a life member on March 19. She found our 2007 book helpful in her Fore family research.

Retired Southern Fulton schoolteacher Alda Mae Lashley became a life member on March 25. She and husband Lee have a long list of Fulton County ancestors.

Patty Miller Black of Dayton, VA, became a life member on April 2. She included a list of five generations of Dishongs back to Mattias Heinrich Dishong born about 1710 and his possible father Pierre Von Dijon.

After being a regular member for



Above is a photo of the Fulton House's repointed front showing that the tar lines were removed. For continuing improvement, a fund has been started for facade lighting and shutters. Below shows the back and log kitchen where the society's summer meeting will be held on the lawn Saturday, July 28, at 6:00 p.m.



a year, Joann Denton of Lancaster, Texas, changed to a life membership on May 16. She also has an interest in the Dishong family and had requested our 2006 Civil War history on Fulton County's Company H, 158th Regiment, PA Infantry upon the recommendation of genealogist Ron Rose.

by Glenn Cordell, Administrator

Minutes

The Fulton County Historical Society's annual Spring dinner meeting was held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in McConnellsburg on Saturday, April 28, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. President Dick Miller opened the meal with prayer and a moment of silence for recently deceased member Grayson Davis. There were 80 in attendance.

A business meeting was called to

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Society members and friends settle themselves in the McConnellsburg Lutheran Church sanctuary, and don polarized glasses to enjoy local 3-D photographer Dwight Harvey's presentation of three-dimensional stereoscopic slides and his lecture on the French and Indian War.



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order at 6:54 p.m. President Miller gave thanks to the Willing Workers of the Lutheran Church for the meal, and to Esther Miller and Monica Seville for making the arrangements. He acknowledged distant members Michael McMeins who drove in from the Chicago area and Ron and Lynne Rose who drove from North Carolina to attend the dinner.

A \$50 donation was received from the Union Memorial Cemetary Association of Bedford County in memory of Bernard Barton who died August 16, 2006.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved as published in the quarterly newsletter. Treasurer Dan Swain gave the annual financial report (see side box.) The treasurer's report was accepted on a motion from H. Warren Daniels.

Secretary Ken Keebaugh presented the following slate of officers for the Nominating Committee: President Dick Miller, Vice President Monica Seville, Secretary Ken Keebaugh (all one-year terms), and Directors for 3-year terms Dick Newman and Edith Coleman. Following a call for additional nominations, the slate of candidates was approved by unanimous acclimation on a Keebaugh/Daniels motion. President Miller expressed thanks to the officers, directors and librarian Mary Black for their many hours of dedication to the Society.

President Miller read names from the plaque kept in the Fulton House of former Historians of the Year before

announcing William O. Turner of Warfordsburg as the 2007 Historian of the Year. Mary Black and Genny Stafford recited the many contributions Bill has made to the Society in genealogical research.

President Miller noted he and Glenn Cordell check on the progress of the Fulton House restoration on a daily basis and the exterior is approximately half finished. He announced a donation of more than a dozen boxes of pictures and negatives from Fred and Lynn Mellott taken by local photographer C.B. Chubb dating from the late 1940s through 1970s. Volunteers are needed to sort these into portraits, auto accidents, school groups, etc. A donation of books and a school bell was given for Winegardner School with much furniture still needed there.

The meeting adjourned to the church sanctuary where local 3-D photographer Dwight Harvey presented a three-dimensional stereoscopic slide show and lecture on the French and Indian War. Mr. Harvey is treasurer for the Potomac Society of 3-D Photographers in Washington, DC, and has won awards for his photographs over the past ten years.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Keebaugh, Secretary

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

___ \$15 Individual/Family

___ \$250 Individual Life

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

Fulton County Historical Society

Annual Treasurers Report 4/30/07 5/1/06 to 4/30/07

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| Income | |
| Contributions | \$5,576.03 |
| Government Grants | 96,087.56 |
| Other Gov't Contracts | 500.00 |
| 1873 Map | 1,272.25 |
| Books | 3,635.28 |
| Prints | 965.96 |
| Shipping & Handling Income | 88.75 |
| Discounts Received | 2.83 |
| House Tour | 910.00 |
| Membership Dues | 4,065.00 |
| Life Membership Dues | 2,250.00 |
| Interest | 14.51 |
| Other Sales | 14.15 |
| Misc. Revenues | 50.48 |
| Kate Howell Prints/Postcards | 9.43 |
| Donated Items Sold | 726.41 |
| Special Event Income | 876.00 |
| Total Receipts | \$117,044.64 |

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| Expenses: | |
| Grant/Contract Expense | \$50.00 |
| Director Reimbursement | 2,518.56 |
| Accounting Fees | 300.00 |
| Professional Fees | 7,027.46 |
| Supplies | 263.81 |
| Office Equipment | 214.70 |
| Postage & Box Rental | 396.21 |
| Equip. Rental/Maintenance | 56.98 |
| Printing & Copying | 4,094.76 |
| Books, Subscription, etc. | 25.00 |
| Website | 200.00 |
| Resold Items | 45.00 |
| Library Rent | 1,200.00 |
| Mowing | 975.00 |
| Engineering/ Architectural | 4,384.81 |
| Building Restoration | 96,539.09 |
| Travel/Meeting Expense | 10.00 |
| Insurance | 657.00 |
| Advertising Expense | 524.00 |
| Other Expenses | 246.04 |
| Misc. Expense | 20.00 |
| Program Expense | 32.16 |
| Organizational (corp) expense | 15.00 |
| Electronic Transaction Fees | 11.92 |
| Total Expenses | \$119,807.50 |

Net Loss for Quarter \$-2,762.86

Dan Swain, Treasurer

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