

FULTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Summer 2008

Confederate Attack Remembered

Civil War author Steve French will be the speaker for the summer meeting of the Fulton County Historical Society on Thursday, July 24, 2008, in the Fulton Theater, McConnellsburg. President Dick Newman will open the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Invite friends! Free parking is available in the Fulton House parking lot.

Following 14 years of research, Steve's new 250-page book "Imboden's Brigade in the Gettysburg Campaign" was released in May 2008 with a full-color photo on the cover of the Confederate Marker along Route 16 on the east edge of McConnellsburg.

General John Imboden's brigade of 1,300-1,400 men formed the left flank of Robert E. Lee's forces which invaded Pennsylvania in June 1863 leading up to the Battle of Gettysburg. In his program, Steve will emphasize the raids throughout southern Fulton County and the fight at McConnellsburg which resulted in the two Confederate deaths. Although his men did not participate in the Gettysburg battle, Imboden led a 17-mile-long retreat of wagons with wounded Confederates from Gettysburg to the Potomac River crossing at Williamsport, MD.

Steve French teaches history at Martinsburg South Middle School and has authored numerous articles on the Civil War. His newest book sells for \$20; he will autograph copies at the meeting and will accept mail orders for \$23 at his home address, 8604 Martinsburg Road, Hedgessville, WV 25427. Light refreshments will be served following the program.

Historical Society Committees

When By-laws were adopted for the Historical Society in April 1975, Article IV stated that the Society would operate with 8 standing committees, in addition to elected officers, to carry out activities of the organization. These were filled by volunteers until April 2001 when the Board hired Glenn Cordell as a part-time administrator. Cordell has been receiving \$2,400 a year and maintains a daily activity log. Recently the treasurer checked with a tax expert who advised the Society to set up a payroll accounting plan for any individual receiving \$600 a year. After discussion, the Board would like to establish individual reimbursements up to \$599 annually for people who take leadership for the committees established in 1975 plus newer ones such as grant writing, web page, Fulton House manager and others. An informational paper with job descriptions was given to members attending the annual meeting in April.

Members present during the business meeting on July 24 will be asked for input on this proposal, followed by a vote to accept or reject this new procedure. Those not able to attend may send comments by mail or through e-mail to director@fultonhistory.org. If approved, committee leaders will be expected to offer 60 hours a year for the maximum reimbursement of \$599. Positions requiring less time will be adjusted accordingly, and anyone may choose a tax-deductible receipt in lieu of payment. We believe the Society will be strengthened and more activities will be undertaken as more members become active in serving the organization.

Upcoming Events

Museum curator Edie Coleman has a loaned display of local furniture and tools from 20th century craftsmen Luther

and Michael Black of McConnellsburg. Volunteers will have the Fulton House museum open numerous times throughout the summer and the display will remain through the Folk Festival weekend. Phone Edie at (814) 735-3039 or e-mail iecoleman@pennswoods.net to help with staffing.

Ken Keebaugh has begun making shutters for Winegardner School to match those shown on an old photo. Ken is donating his time, as is Winegardner chairman Dick Newman who will open the school upon request; his contact is (814) 685-3497 or e-mail tinman16689@yahoo.com

Monica Schall will put together our annual House Tour for October 18 and 19 during the Fulton Fall Folk Festival. Please support this event as it is usually the largest fund-raiser for the Society; send suggestions for local homes to Monica at jmschall@cvn.net or phone her at (717) 485-4554. As part of the tour, guests will be able to visit the old cell block in our 1851 jail, hear stories from the past, view the cell where Merle Unger escaped, etc. No longer suitable as a jail, the old building may be demolished in 2009.

Program chairperson Monica Seville is planning the Society's fall program for Thursday, October 16, at the beginning of Festival weekend. Peggy Ann Bradnick Jackson will be our guest to share the story of her abduction by "the Mountain Man" in 1966. Local citizens who helped with the search are invited to speak also.

For the Bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth, Monica would like to have a Lincoln program for either January or April 2009; send suggestions to her at mseville@fultoncntypa.org or phone her at (717) 485-4454 weekdays. Your Society museum has several items donated by the late Freda Gregory which belonged to her ancestor who led the search for Lincoln's assassin.

The Fulton County Library is open regular weekday hours during the summer months but will close early at 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays. A major renovation near the end of the summer may require closing the Historical Society library room for several weeks so phone ahead if you are planning a special trip, or e-mail director@fultonhistory.org. The position of library chairperson remains open for anyone who enjoys helping people with genealogy, keeping the room and shelves in order, adding new materials, etc. Please make it known if you can help with this responsibility; the Society needs you!

by Glenn Cordell, Administrator

Minutes

Minutes for Annual Membership Spring Meeting of the Fulton County Historical Society

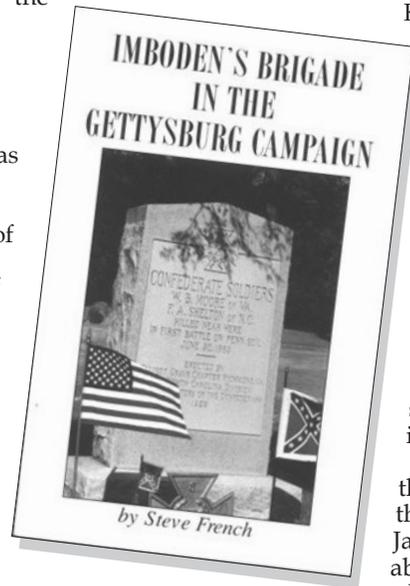
The annual Spring meeting of the FCHS was held in the banquet hall of the McConnellsburg Vol. Fire Co. on April 19, 2008. President Dick Miller called the business meeting to order after the meal. He thanked the cooks and Monica Seville for making arrangements.

The minutes of the summer meeting were approved as printed in the quarterly newsletter on a Ron Mitchell/Don Clevenger motion.

Dan Swain gave the treasurer's report with the following highlights.

INCOME from April 2007 up to now: individual/business contribution \$10,222; gov. grants \$191,776 including \$1,000 from the Council for the Arts for spring music program; Ayr Twp \$500 for mowing Big Spring Cem.; 1873 map \$577; books \$2,658; prints \$142; house tour \$850; membership dues \$3,770; life membership \$750; special events \$1,040 (TOTAL INCOME \$212,321)

EXPENSES: accounting fees \$976; professional fees \$7,475 for inspecting Fulton House renovations; supplies \$1,057;



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printing and copying \$2,218; web site \$200; rent \$3,617; mowing \$1,100; repointing and restoring the exterior of the Fulton House \$190,344; travel \$588; insurance \$670; advertising \$205 (TOTAL EXPENSES \$210,501)

NET INCOME \$1,137

BALANCE SHEET: checking account \$3,509; paypal \$147; investment \$141,166; money mkt \$3,830; Winegardner School \$22,576 (TOTAL INVESTMENTS \$167,573)

The treasurer's report was approved on a Linda Garber/Gene Leese motion.

Pres. Miller introduced Michael McMeins from Chicago, Ill, who has scanned 895 photos from the Chubb collection. Ruth Reeder and Miller sorted and alphabetized several boxes. McMeins had several scanned photos on display on his personal laptop computer for identification during the meeting. McMeins was presented a print of

"Running the Line 1766" by local member artist Brian Tucker.

Pres. Miller went over the high lights from 2007 - 2008: Restoring the exterior of the Fulton House; restoring the log kitchen fireplace chimney; restoring the Fulton House middle chimney; acquiring the deed for 1.2 acre adj. to the Winegardner School at no cost with Attorney Carlton Walker donating her time.; cleaning the downstairs old bar room; restoring the basement restrooms; cleaning and insulating the log kitchen attic; planting flowers by North End Garden Club.

Stanley Kerlin presented the slate of officers, all for a one year term, from the nominating committee as follows: president Dick Newman approved by casting a unanimous ballot on a Bonnie Mellott Keefer/Edie Coleman motion.; vice president Monica Seville - Jane MacDonald/Todd Alexander; secretary Ken Keebaugh - Monica Seville/Ron Mitchell; treasurer's term expires in 2009;

board of directors for 3 year term John Mentzer and Ruth Reeder, and Dick Miller to complete 2 year term vacated by Dick Newman, approved by unanimous ballot on a Monica Seville/Peg Kerlin motion.

Glenn Cordell had available job descriptions for paid chairpersons to help with operation of the museum and library.

Monica Seville presented the Historian of the Year Award to outgoing president Dick Miller for his tireless hours serving the FCHS over the years. He was also presented with an original copy of the 1916 Atlas of Fulton County. Miller thanked the board of directors for their help and gave an impassioned talk about difficulties encountered while trying to purchase the Fulton House from the Borough of McConnellsburg.

Bonnie Mellott Keefer introduced The Folkemer Family Band for an evening of Scots, Irish and American folk music before a crowd of about 100 attendees.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Keebaugh, secretary FCHS

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2008-09 OFFICERS:

Dick Newman, President
Monica Seville, Vice President
Ken Keebaugh, Secretary
Dan Swain, Treasurer 2009

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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John Mentzer 2011
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