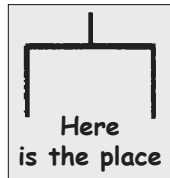


FULTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Summer 2010

Tell Your Tramp and Hobo Stories

Members and friends are invited to the summer meeting of the Fulton County Historical Society on Thursday evening, July



22, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the McConnellsburg United Presbyterian Church, 116 S. Second St, McConnellsburg. Come prepared to share family stories of encounters with tramps, gypsies and other traveling vagabonds

who came through Fulton County a generation ago. Some came to work during harvest and others would exchange odd jobs for food and a place to sleep. Tell us what made these characters unforgettable! Bring along any tramp art to show.



Excerpts from a PBS video with archival footage of unemployed young men during the Great Depression will open the program. "American Experience: Riding the Rails" will give the perspective of several

vagabonds who tried the freedom of the open country. This program will be a follow-up to our April dinner meeting, where time did not allow stories from local people.



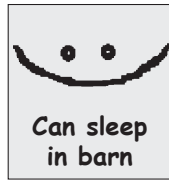
Other Upcoming Events

The Fulton House museum opened for the summer on June 2 with a loaned display of

needlework and older kitchen utensils. Regular hours through Labor Day will be every Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact the Historical Society to schedule additional viewing hours.

Summer student, Mary Gallo, is working 24 hours a week at the Historical Society library and at the museum through Employment and Training Services of Fulton County. We appreciate Mary's work and also thank her supervisors. The custom desk for the microfilm reader and computer made with memorial funds in honor of former Historical Society librarian Hazel Harr is now being used at the library.

The History Detective program on Clara Barton and the Civil War will air on PBS on Monday, July 12, at 9:00 p.m. Lion TV did extensive filming in Burnt Cabins along with interviews with Ken Keebaugh at his home near Hustontown. Check your local listings for various airtimes during that week.



By popular demand, we are inviting Peggy Ann Bradnick Johnson to return for our fall meeting during Folk Festival week on Thursday, October 14, to share stories of her 1966 kidnapping. We had to turn people away because the high school auditorium was filled for her first visit in October 2008. If you missed meeting her, this will be a second opportunity.

New Life Members

On March 15, **Connie Hann Stroock** of Elkton, MD, changed her membership to Life. When Connie started first grade in 1955-56, she just missed the experience of a one-room school at Laidig as the newly completed Wells Taylor Elementary had opened that year. Connie has over 200 years of Fulton County background as her paternal ancestor, William Hann, came from Germany to settle in Fulton County. Some of her other family lines are Mellott, Mumma and DeShong. Her email address is TerryLStroock@comcast.net

On March 26, **Autumn Swope Taylor** of Sandy, Utah, changed her individual membership to Life. A retired R.N. and former Navy nurse, Autumn grew up on a farm in Mercer County, PA. She states that genealogy has been her passion for years and appreciates our annual publications. Her Fulton County family lines are Ake, Curry, Piper, Mellott, Sipes, Stilwell, Swope and Witter. Members may write to her at taylorautumn@msn.com

On April 2, **John H. Peck** of Norfolk, VA, changed his membership to Life. His family roots go back to Conrad Peck, born circa 1732. He has made many enjoyable visits to Fulton County in his 88 years. As a boy in Needmore, he attended the "new brick school on the hill" while living with Grant and Addie Mellott and his grandfather, Silas E. Peck. His father was Samuel W. Peck whose uncle was editor and publisher of the Fulton County newspaper. John's email is jpeck4@cox.net

While visiting the Fulton County Courthouse on May 24, **Carolee Booth Hansen** of Clovis, CA, met local researcher Bill Turner and gave him her check for a new Life membership in the Fulton County Historical Society. Her John Booth (born 1826) family lived in Dublin Mills in the 1880s and connects with others in the Ray Hess history. She sent a photo of her grandfather, John Gilbert Booth, wearing a uniform. He was a student in Belfast Township in 1900 and Carolee believes this to be an academy uniform. Anyone who can help with identification may check the photo in the Booth family folder at the library and write to Carolee at khansen784@aol.com

by Glenn Cordell

Minutes for April Banquet of FCHS

The Fulton County Historical Society held their annual banquet at the Hustontown Area Volunteer Fire Company on April 22, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. Pres. Dick Miller gave the invocation before the meal attended by

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Fulton County Historical Society Annual Treasurer's Report May 1, 2009 - April 30, 2010

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| Income: | |
| Contributions | \$980.75 |
| Big Spring contract | 500.00 |
| 1873 Map sales | 173.20 |
| Books | 3,408.04 |
| Prints | 106.29 |
| Other sales | 309.17 |
| Shipping & handling income | 51.23 |
| Discounts received | 1.50 |
| House tour | 431.00 |
| Membership dues | 3,235.00 |
| Life membership dues | 1,750.00 |
| Dividends & interest (Main acct.) | 5,116.43 |
| Div. & int. (Winegardner acct.) | 718.48 |
| Misc. revenue | 178.52 |
| Special events | 3,650.58 |
| Total Income | \$20,610.19 |

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| Expense: | |
| Grant & contract expense | \$849.00 |
| Fundraising fee | 10.00 |
| Supplies | 1,339.19 |
| Office Equipment | 127.88 |
| Electronic Transaction Fee | 21.36 |
| Postage and box rental | 825.69 |
| Printing and copying | 3,805.00 |
| Books, subscriptions, etc. | 25.00 |
| Website | 200.00 |
| Items for resale | 638.00 |
| Rent, occupancy exp. | 2,041.41 |
| Big Spring Mowing | 825.00 |
| Meetings expenses | 1560.75 |
| Insurance | 678.00 |
| Advertising expense | 200.00 |
| Other expenses | 60.00 |
| Program expense | 688.59 |
| Bank fees, etc. | 25.00 |
| Fixed asset purchases | 483.65 |
| Total Expense | \$14,403.52 |

Net Income \$6,206.67

Vernon E. (Gene) Leese, Treasurer

WANTED: The Historical Society museum needs a laptop computer to enter inventory. Anyone with an unused workable laptop may contact curator Edie Coleman at (814) 735-3039.

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73 members. Dick Miller introduced Leonard Powell, a member visiting from Seattle, WA.

A brief business meeting was held after the meal. The minutes of the Winter meeting as published in the Spring Newsletter were approved on a Wayne MacDonald/Bonnie Keefer motion.

Treasurer Gene Leese gave a partial annual report. The final report for the fiscal year ending April 30 will be printed in the Summer Newsletter. A Leonard Powell/Ruth Reeder motion accepted the Treasurer's Report. There were 7 new Life Members in the past year. President Miller explained the \$40,000 bequest for the Winegardner School.

Naomi Waite was introduced as the new

librarian for the research room of the FCHS in the Fulton County Library. Carpenters are needed to construct book shelves and a storage room in the attic of the Fulton House. Brian Tucker prints owned by Jean Mentzer Paul are available for purchase. The semi-annual Tea Social will be held in the Fulton House on April 24.

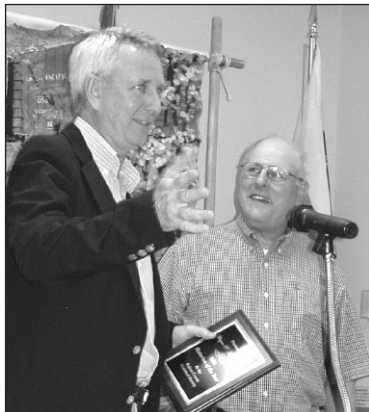
Glenn Cordell presented former librarian, Mary Black, with a Plaque of Recognition for her work updating the cemetery listings on the computer file and setting up the new library research room.

Ken Keebaugh and Dick Miller introduced 2010's Historian of the Year, Wayne MacDonald, for his work restoring and building Victorian homes, serving as director and treasurer of the FCHS for many years, and for his award-winning antique auto restoration and museum.

A Jane MacDonald/Ron Mitchell motion authorized election of the following: President Dick Miller; Vice President Monica Seville; Secretary Ken Keebaugh; 3-year Directors Dick Newman and Edie Coleman.

The evening's entertainment was Matthew Dodd's presentation of Songs and Stories of the American Hobo.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth W. Keebaugh, Secretary



*Historian of the Year,
 Wayne MacDonald*

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:

___ **\$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.

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