

FULTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Spring 2011

ANNUAL BANQUET

The annual Spring banquet meeting of the Fulton County Historical Society will be hosted in the dining hall of the Warfordsburg Presbyterian Church at 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening, April 2, 2011. A traditional meal with two meats will cost \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children under age 12. Mail your check payable to the Fulton County Historical Society to be received by March 26 so adequate food is prepared, or contact Monica Seville (717) 485-4454 for reservations.

Longtime postcard collector Ernest Shives will tell about his scenic Fulton County cards, which are featured in the Society's 2011 publication. Invite friends to enjoy a wonderful meal with you and hear stories of places from the past.



EASTER BONNETS

A springtime tea to benefit the Historical Society museum fund will be held in the Fulton House at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 23, 2011. These tea events are quite popular, so don't wait too long to purchase tickets through curator Edie Coleman (814 735-3039) or pick them up at Summer Thyme Floral, 110 Lincoln Way West, McConnellsburg, for a donation of \$9 per adult or \$4.50 for children under age 12.

Since this will be the day before Easter, the activity will be an Easter bonnet contest. Start decorating! A prize of \$5 will be awarded to (1) the most beautiful bonnet and (2) the most outlandish bonnet. Enjoy this event and help fund our museum.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Current leaders of your organization are shown on the bottom of this newsletter. You are invited to submit new nominations for 2011-12; these persons will be contacted before April 2 to verify if they will serve. Four names have been submitted for Historian of the Year, but additional ones can be considered. Deadline for all nominations will be March 24, when a final decision will be made at the Board of Directors meeting. (See form page 2.)

MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT

Linda Garber initiated the publication of a postcard album based on the diverse collection of friend, Ernest Shives, of southern Fulton County. For layout, Gene Leese helped select available cards which represented all areas of the county. This is our second publication printed in full color. You may pick up additional copies locally for friends at \$5 each, or order by mail, adding \$2 postage for the first copy and 50 cents for additional ones. Now is also a good time to renew your annual membership if your address label shows an expiration of 04/01/11 above your name. We value each member and want to keep you on our active list.

WEB PAGE CEMETERY FILE

Much progress has been made in the library adding obituaries to cards in the cemetery file. High school student Mary Gallo worked more than 100 hours in 2010 clipping obituaries from the Hazel Harr collection and from Bill Turner's research. Our librarian, Naomi Waite, continues to update these, and would appreciate photocopies of more old obits from other family collectors.

When you open the Society's web page www.fultonhistory.org and click on the line on the left side "Names in Fulton County Cemeteries", you will see many names followed with an asterisk* which indicates we have the obituary for that person pasted on a card in our file. If you would like a copy of someone's obit shown with an asterick, we can easily scan and send it to you on email. We wish we had a volunteer computer guru who could set up a program where you could click on a name on your home computer, which would bring up both a tombstone photo and the obituary instantly!

Here are a few hints when searching through our cemetery file: If you click on the 3rd heading "Search" at the top of the first cemetery page starting with Abbey, that will bring up a box with 7 lines which correspond to the 6 columns of the file. (Sorry the column headings have disappeared, and nothing is in the 7th column.) (1) On the 1st line, you can enter a surname or just the beginning letters; if you know some early TRUAX families used the TRUEAX spelling, you can find all variations by just typing in TRU. This will then show some maiden Truax names first, plus "Gertrude" since it "contains" the TRU letters! A drop-down box would let you narrow the search.

(2) After each search, you need to click the second heading "Show All" to go back to Abbey at the beginning before doing another "Search". In the second line of the search, if you enter a cemetery name it will give you an alphabetical listing of everyone buried in that cemetery. We recently started putting a ? in the cemetery line for lifelong Fulton County residents who were likely cremated and their obit doesn't mention the location of a tombstone. (3) The third line has few words to search other than the month, and is not really helpful. (4) The fourth line

Search Records of Deceased in Fulton County Cemeteries	
SURNAME	contains
CEMETERY	
DATES	
SPOUSE	contains
PARENTS	contains
SERVICE	
(EMPTY)	is equal to
Back Search Clear	

may allow you to pick up a spouse's former or maiden surname. (5) The fifth line is very valuable for finding maiden surnames of parents of the deceased. (6) The sixth line will search war service. If you have questions using these directions, don't hesitate to write director@fultonhistory.org for help.

by Glenn Cordell

MINUTES FOR THE FCHS WINTER MEETING JANUARY 22, 2011

The Fulton County Historical Society held its Winter Meeting for the general public in the courtroom of the recently renovated Fulton County Court House on Saturday, January 22, 2011. Society President Dick Miller called a brief business meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Fifty nine attendees braved the frigid cold to enjoy the meeting. Minutes of the Fall Meeting, as published in the FCHS Winter Quarterly Newsletter, were approved on a Wayne MacDonald/Brian Tucker motion.

Pres. Miller read a brief Treasurer's Report summary, highlighting income of \$5,000 from the William Hartmann Estate which is being used to construct in the attic of the Fulton House an 11' x 13' insulated storage room for museum pieces, documents, deeds, land grants and quilts. Other purchases include tools, tables, and supplies needed for Society displays and functions. Other income was \$650 from the Fulton Fall Folk Festival House Tour and \$1,620 from the sale of raffle tickets and publications. The Treasurer's Report was accepted on a Bonnie Mellott Keefer /



Ruth Reeder motion.

Miller announced public submissions of photographs of colorful Fulton County scenes will be accepted for consideration for inclusion in next year's calendar. He also announced the historic Fulton County Jail is slated for demolition. The FCHS Board of Directors will vote on how to respond to that issue at their board meeting on January 27, 2011. Miller requested that nominations for Historian of the Year and board of directors be submitted prior to the Spring General Membership Banquet.

Miller introduced the evening's entertainment, the Maranatha Productions from Lancaster, Pa. who

presented a very informative and amusing portrayal of Colonial Pennsylvania's most famous "backwoodsman" explorer, Daniel Boone, who originated from Lancaster, PA. They also called upon audience members Wayne MacDonald and Ken Keebaugh to join in an improvisational skit portraying British King Charles and Pennsylvania founder William Penn. Two young attendees also helped reenact amusing myths from Native American lore. A goodwill offering collected \$262 towards defraying the donation for the evening's guest entertainment.

Wayne MacDonald, Dan Swain and Dick Miller gave a brief explanation of some details of historic significance in the courthouse renovation that were saved for display. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Keebaugh, secretary FCHS

Fulton County Historical Society Treasurer's Report • 1/22/11 Fiscal Year to date • 5-1-10 to 1-22-11

Receipts:

Donations	\$1,026.48
Wm C. Hartmann estate	5,000.00
Ayr Township for mowing	500.00
Books, prints & other sales	3,005.36
Shipping & Handling	62.37
House Tour	650.00
Dues	1,220.00
Life membership dues	250.00
Investment div. & int.	4,544.69
Advertising revenue (calendar)	2,770.00
Special Events	1,619.86
Misc.	1.72
Total Receipts	\$20,650.48

Disbursements:

Special assistance (individuals)	\$1,797.00
Supplies	1,754.67
Office equipment	377.87
Postage & Box Rent	590.07
Printing & Copying	5,123.70
Items for resale	80.00
Website	200.00
Rent & other occupancy	935.00
Mowing Big Spring Cemetery	408.00
Insurance	674.00
Advertising	200.00
Museum collection purchase	175.00
Misc.	330.22
Total Disbursements	\$12,645.53
Net Gain for period	\$8,004.95

Gene Leese, Treasurer

For **2011-12 officers**, I nominate ...

for President - _____ ;

for Vice President - _____ ;

for Secretary - _____ ;

for Director to 2014 - _____ ;

for Director to 2014 - _____ ;

for Historian of the Year _____ .

Current officers appear at the bottom of this page.

Please reserve _____ adult meals @\$15 and _____ children's meals @\$7.50 for April 2; make your enclosed check payable to the Fulton County Historical Society.

Renew my membership at _____ \$15 annual or _____ \$250 individual life.

DEADLINE for meal reservations and nominations is March 26, 2011. Thank you for your support!

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2010-11 OFFICERS:

Richard A. Miller, President
Monica Seville, Vice President
Ken Keebaugh, Secretary
Gene Leese, Treasurer 2012

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Edith Coleman 2013
Dick Newman 2013
Linda Garber 2012
Summer Stiffler 2012
Ruth C. Reeder 2011
John Mentzer 2011