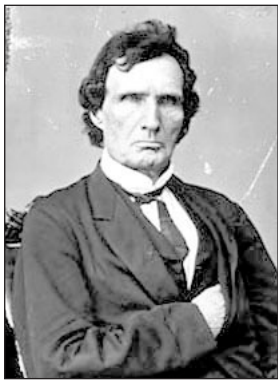


FULTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Fall 2013

Fall Membership Meeting

The Fulton County Historical Society's Fall Membership meeting will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fulton County Courthouse Court Room. Featured speaker will be Mr. Ross Hetrick, a historical interpreter of Thaddeus Stevens. Viewed to be the most powerful Congressman during and after the Civil War, Thaddeus Stevens was a fearless champion of freedom and equality. He is also attributed with being the savior of Public Education in Pennsylvania. During his lifetime, his fame rivaled Abraham Lincoln's and when he died in 1868, his body lay in state in the Capitol Rotunda -- an honor previously given only to President Lincoln and Sen. Henry Clay. His funeral, in Lancaster, PA, was attended by 20,000 people.



Portrait of Thaddeus Stevens.

Stevens, born in Vermont in 1792, moved to Pennsylvania in 1814, and to Gettysburg in 1816. He was a large property owner, started 2 iron mills (including the one in Caledonia, near Chambersburg, PA) and helped establish Gettysburg College. By 1842, he was so far in debt that he was forced to move to Lancaster, where he could make more money as an attorney. In 1849, Stevens was elected to Congress, where he served until his death in 1868. As chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, he guided efforts essential to financing the Civil War. He was unrelenting in his pressure on President Lincoln to free the slaves and use them as

soldiers, and was a key mover of the 13th Amendment, which abolished slavery. He was the father of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, which requires equal treatment under the law (due process and equal protection) and extends civil liberties to the state level. He was unsuccessful in his most ambitious plan to confiscate land from rich Confederates and redistribute it to freed slaves, called the "forty-acres and a mule" plan. Even in death, his commitment to equality continued, refusing to be buried in a segregated cemetery.

Historical Society at the Fulton Fall Folk Festival

• FULTON HOUSE MUSEUM OPEN

The Fulton House museum continues the same exhibits that were open for the summer season including a large display of artwork (oils, watercolors, pastels, pen & inks, pencil and charcoals) by late local artist Calla

Hill. Calla lived most of her life in The Narrows, just north of Knobsville, and much of her artwork is of subject matter from the area.

Also, on display through the Fulton Fall Folk Festival in October is a large collection of local Indian artifacts. Although mostly arrowheads, other items include axes, hammers, drills, a small scribe stone, a stone pipe and more. Collections are courtesy of Charles Walker, Monica Seville, Bushy Kerlin and Paul Bradnick, with most items having been collected in Fulton County.

The Fulton House - an old limestone hotel building located at 120 Lincoln Way East, McConnellsburg - is open for the Fulton Fall Folk Festival on Friday and Saturday, October 18 & 19, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. & Sunday, October 20, Noon to 4:30 p.m. featuring these collections.

• FULTON HOUSE SALES FOR SOCIETY

Traditional beef-barley soup will be served in the large meeting room of the Fulton House along with other donated food items Friday & Saturday, Oct. 18 & 19, 11:00 am to 2:00 p.m.; please bring food donations to the cabin Friday morning or before.

Also, the complete line of society produced booklets, available prints, jail fundraiser cookbooks and DVDs, and numerous gift items, will be available.

• WINEGARDNER SCHOOLHOUSE OPEN

As in past years, the restored one-room school known as the Winegardner School will be open free to the public at 409 South Madden Road, Hustontown, both Saturday and Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Pick up the official Folk Festival booklet for other activities around town.

• OLD JAIL REDEDICATION

There will be a ribbon cutting at the jail on Saturday, October 19th at 1 p.m. The Fulton County Commissioners have invited the Historical Society to be there, and Dick Miller, who has overseen this project for the society, will be making some remarks. There will also be some time set aside for the public to see the restored interior of the jail. The society would like to encourage the public to attend.

• SCENIC & HISTORIC BUS TOUR

The Fulton County Historical Society sponsored historic/scenic bus tour in conjunction with the Fulton Fall Folk Festival has been **SOLD OUT**. (Watch the newsletters in 2014 for more of these tours.) The tour, planned for Friday, October 18, 2013, the Friday of Fulton Fall Folk Festival weekend, will include points of interest in Northern Fulton, Huntingdon, Bedford & Blair Counties.

New Life Members Welcomed

#259, **Carol J. Moseby** of Wells Tannery, Pa. was added to the Life Membership rolls of the society on April 12, 2013.

#260, **Darlene Clippinger** of Chambersburg was welcomed on May 4, 2013.

#261, **Jessica Mellon** of Lavale, Md., was added as a new Life Member on June 14, 2013. Jessica's membership was a gift from her mother, Life Member Linda Johnson Mellon.

#262, **Miriam Johnston** of McConnellsburg was welcomed on July 13, 2013.

The Life Membership Endowment of the society, which now with 262 members, totals \$37,900.



Historical Society Raffle

Pastel study for painting titled "Billy Barn" by Calla Hill

Drawing to be held Sunday, October 20, 2013, at the Fulton House in McConnellsburg, PA. Tickets are \$2.00 each, or 3 for \$5.00. Need not be present to win. Tickets will be available at the Fulton House during festival weekend in October. Or, send your donation to the beneficiary at: Fulton County Historical Society, Box 115, McConnellsburg, PA 17233.

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Fulton County Historical Society Utilizes Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor Grant

The Fulton County Historical Society was the recipient of a \$5,000 mini-grant administered by the Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor. These grant monies originated with the Environmental Stewardship Fund under the PA Department of Conservation and National Resources. The grant, along with matching funds from the Historical Society, was used to install 3 climate control units, one in the log cabin and two in the second floor museum rooms of the Historical Society Museum in the Fulton House. The units installed provide cooling or heating, as required. They were used this summer and provided a very nice environment for museum visitors and museum workers.

Fulton County Veterans of the Civil War Volume II is now available

The Friends of Tonoloway Primitive Baptist Church, a non profit group responsible for maintaining this historic church near Hancock, Md., decided two years ago to publish local history books as fund raisers for maintenance of the church, which was the first church in Fulton County when it was organized in the 1740s. It was decided to research and provide information on veterans from Fulton County who fought in earlier wars. Because these are the 150th anniversary years, we began with Civil War soldiers.

Volume II "Civil War Veterans from Fulton County" includes names from Gamble to Lake is now available. There are 248 veterans, 181 photos and 162 pages in Volume II. (Volume I, which contains the names starting with A through F, was released earlier in 2013, and is still available.)

Some of the veterans included in Volume II are Scott Hann, who was instrumental in organizing the first Memorial Day services at Union Cemetery, and was the last veteran in the Great Cove. Scott Hann and Gustavus Brady, a Confederate veteran who moved to Fulton County in the 1900s, often re-fought the war at the Webster Mills General Store. Lazarus

Jamison, a black soldier who is buried on Peach Orchard Road near the Medical Center, of whom there are many stories, but not many verifiable. Eleven grandsons of Timothy Hixson of Brush Creek Township fought in the war, and at least three did not return. Adam Kauffman and his five sons and five Glenn brothers were all in the war. The Kendall family was also well represented. There is family information and references for most of the veterans that can be used for further research by family members interested in pursuing family history.

You may receive additional information about this or other Friends publications by contacting Marlin Douglas 717-263-9860 email dougmar2@comcast.net or John Mentzer 717-328-9279 email mentzer30@embarqmail.com. Volume I (158 pages) and Volume II (162 pages) books can be purchased at the Fulton County treasurer's office or at the Yankee Mercantile in Webster Mills. They will also be available at the church during the open house hours during the Fall Folk Festival. The books are \$26.00 each and if mailed add \$4.00 postage. The other Friends of Tonoloway books are also available.

Progress on new brick facade for Old Jail

As of this writing, the brick facade for the Old Jail has been completed and the final payment to Redland Brick is due upon final clean-up of the site and the final approval of the project from the county and the society board. Members of the community are reminded the the society, although it will be paying the bill in full at final approval, is still short of funding and is still accepting donations to be recognized on a plaque inside the building as follows:

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