

FULTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

April 2013

Annual Membership / Dinner Meeting Set

Mark your calendars for the Fulton County Historical Society's Annual Membership Meeting / Dinner on Saturday, April 20, 2013, starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Hustontown Fire Hall. The dinner and Historical Society meeting will be followed by entertainment by Matthew Dodd. The cost is \$15 per person, \$7.50 for children ages 5-10, and free under age 5.

Mr. Dodd, dressed in period costume, with period props and backdrops, takes listeners back in time to a variety of historical periods. Each show takes the songs of the period and brings them back to life with accompanying stories of the people and events of the era. The era for this show is "The Civil War."

Each program features its own character with his own accent and personality. Dodd sings and plays the guitar, banjo, harmonica, mandolin and concertina in each show. Shows are appropriate for the whole family.

Please make your reservations no later than April 12, either by mailing your count and money to Fulton County Historical Society, PO Box 115, McConnellsburg, PA 17233, or see Monica Seville at the Fulton County Treasurer's office, or by phone to Monica Seville, (717) 485-4454, or (717) 658-7957.

Election of Officers set

President Linda Garber will call for the nomination and election for new officers. There are no term limits for Society secretary and treasurer, but the by-laws limit the president and vice president to three consecutive one-year terms and directors to two consecutive three-year terms. This opens the opportunity for new leadership, so think of your many friends and acquaintances who have an interest in Fulton County history and nominate them.

Offices slated for the election this year are: president (Linda Garber, completing her first term); vice-president (Dick Miller, completing first term as vice-president, but declining to stand for re-election); secretary (Ken Keebaugh); treasurer (Gene Leese); director (Edith Coleman, completing second three-year term and term limited to not run again as a director); and director (Dick Newman, completing second three-year term and term limited to not run again as a director). [See nomination form on back-side.]

Of course, there are many opportunities for active service without being an elected officer, so don't hesitate to volunteer your time and talent. You may find this rewarding, and the Historical Society will become a stronger organization with the participation of more local volunteers!

Society is planning tours for 2013

The Society is again planning two bus tours for 2013. We will plan one for late spring (see article below) and the other for the Friday of the Fall Folk Festival weekend. Watch for complete details of the second 2013 tour with the Summer Newsletter.

Bus Tour of Interesting Locations in Franklin County

The Fulton County Historical Society's spring bus tour has been set for Friday, June 7, 2013, and will include stops in the Mercersburg / Greencastle areas of Franklin County. Like last summer's tour in Franklin County, our tour hosts are again Joyce Horst, President, Franklin County Historical Society, and

John Mentzer.

The itinerary will include: Long Acres Alpaca Farm, Robert Kennedy Memorial Church, Rock Hill Farm - Conococheague Institute, Lunch in the barn at Allison-Antrim Museum, Tour of Allison-Antrim museum- changing exhibits, Crown marker on Mason-Dixon Line, Enoch Brown Park.

Join this tour for a cost of \$70.00 per person (Fulton County Historical Society Members \$65.00). Cost includes chartered bus, catered lunch in the Allison-Antrim barn, and all fees and gratuities. (See Bus Tour insert for more complete details.)

Registration and payment must be received by May 30. Please send registration and payment form to: John Mentzer, 6740 Irvine Drive, Mercersburg, PA 17236. Make checks payable to: Fulton County Historical Society.



Matthew Dodd
in Civil War costume

Annual publication included

The Historical Society is pleased to include the 2013 annual booklet with this mailing. The society would like thank Glenn Cordell for his research and the writing of this beautiful addition entitled "19th Century Chest and Chair Makers of Fulton County, Pa." to this annual series. The booklet has been reproduced in full color throughout, with over 100 mostly full color photos and illustrations. Although a majority of the photos included were taken by Glenn, the society would like to further thank all those who have submitted their photos and information that he was able to include.

Some names of workmen in this publication are the Bender Brothers and Stoners of McConnellsburg, Will Truax and Joel Palmer of Belfast Township, R. F. Stunkard of Taylor Township, Bancroft Woodcock of Wells Township, Elijah Barton of Brush Creek Township, and others.

Additional copies may be obtained for \$5.00 each plus \$2.00 shipping & handling from Fulton County Historical Society, PO Box 115, McConnellsburg, PA 17233, or by using Paypal through the society's web site: www.fultonhistory.org.

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

This book contains 189 photos, 308 veterans in 158 pages cost \$26. + \$4. postage. The book has many veterans of prominent Fulton County families including: Akers, Alexander, Anderson, Baker, Barney, Barnhart, Barton, Bishop, Breakall, Brown, Burk, Carnell, Clark, Clevenger, Cline, Cook, Cooper, Cromer, Cutchall, Decker, Deneen, Deshong, Divelbiss, Duvall, Edwards, Ensley, Everts, Fisher, Fix, Fore, & Fraker. These families all had multiple members in the Civil War. For more information, or to order, contact Marlin Douglas (717) 263-9860 email: dougmar2@comcast.net or John Mentzer email: mentzer30@embarqmail.com

Volume II, which will be available late in 2013, will include veterans from G into the Ms.

All proceeds from the sale of these books are for the maintenance and preservation of the Tonoloway Primitive Baptist Church.

Tea to benefit Fulton House museum

The much anticipated Spring Tea will be held at the Fulton House on Saturday, April 20, at 11:30 a.m. for a donation of \$9 for adults and \$4.50 children under 12 to benefit the Fulton House museum. Tickets are available from Monica at the courthouse, (717) 485-4454, or by calling Edie at (814) 735-3039 or Ruth at (717) 485- 4496.

Three New Life Members Welcomed

On January 31, 2013, **James L. Akers, Jr.**, of Ellicott City, MD, joined with a life membership. James expressed an interest in the following families: Akers and Winters. James wrote, "My father, James Lee Akers, Sr., was born in Fulton County as was my grandmother, Sara Winter."

On March 9, 2013, **Anna Bivens Scott** of Carlisle, PA, joined with a life membership.

On March 11, 2013, **Judith Truax Hagan** of Winchester, VA, became a life member of the Historical Society. Family names of interest for research include Deshong and Truax.

Special Meeting to Amend By-laws to be continued at Annual Membership Meeting

During the winter meeting of the society a special meeting for the amendment of the by-laws was tabled until the Spring Banquet membership meeting. One of the first orders of business at the April 20 meeting will be the continuation of a meeting for these purposes. Below is a reprinting (in part) of the proposed by-law changes as they appeared in the previous newsletter.

"At present the dues for society membership are numerically set in the by-laws, i.e. 'Annual dues for individuals/family shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00)...' Likewise institutional and life membership rates are set at specific figures in the by-laws. The only way at present to change the dues amounts is to amend the by-laws. The board of directors wishes to ask the membership for the power to set these rates without having to amend the by-laws in the future.

"... The first two amendments, to be considered together, give the society the flexibility to raise membership dues for individuals and institutions by a vote of the board only. The membership will continue to have an oversight role, with the ability to set dues at the annual membership meeting. The third amendment will give the board, along with the membership as a whole, the ability to set the life membership dues at an annual membership meeting.

"The fourth amendment will change the by-laws in the description of the duties of the treasurer to require that the annual report to the society be based on the 'fiscal year' instead of the 'calendar year.' The society's fiscal year runs from May 1 through April 30.

"To better understand the bylaws, those with internet access may go to http://fultonhistory.org/other_pdfs/Bylaws.pdf for a file of the by-laws as they were last amended in August 1996. Or, you may call (717) 485-3162 to make other arrangements to receive a copy of the by-laws."

The Minutes For Fulton County Historical Society Winter Membership Meeting

The Fulton County Historical Society held its Winter Meeting in the courtroom of the Fulton County Courthouse on January 19, 2013. Society President Linda Garber called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Minutes of the Fall Meeting as printed in the Winter Newsletter were approved on a motion by John Mentzer and Edie Coleman. Gene Leese

presented the Treasurer's Report, which was approved on a motion by John Mentzer and Monica Seville.

Dick Miller reported the Jail exterior brick restoration will begin as soon as warmer spring weather permits. He reported \$23,000 is still needed to fund the project. Dan Swain gave an update report on the society's web page development. Executive administrator Debbie Reed reported a grant for \$2,500 has been approved for installation of climate control for the two second floor museum rooms in the Fulton House. The McConnellsburg Borough Council Meeting was attended by Edie Coleman, Debbie Reed and Linda Garber on behalf of the FCHS.

Edie Coleman gave the Museum Committee Report. She said the 2013 Summer display will be Native American arrow heads and paintings by local artist Calla Hill. She asked for more display cases for the Fulton House for the Civil War reenactment in 2014. John Mentzer reported a bus tour is planned for Franklin County in June and another bus trip for northern Fulton, southern Huntingdon and Bedford counties during the Fulton Fall Folk Festival. Recognition was given for Pat Decker's Christmas decorations at the Fulton House.

Gene Leese explained a proposal to amend the by-laws of the society for the ability to increase membership dues in the future without changing the by-laws again. After discussion, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by John Mentzer and Ken Keebaugh. Immediately thereafter, a society meeting was called to vote on the aforementioned changes to the by-laws. Objections were voiced by Wayne MacDonald and Stanley Kerlin, and a vote on the proposed changes to the by-laws was tabled until the Spring Banquet membership meeting.

Local Civil War reenactor, Mike Klinepeter, introduced the evening's entertainment - his father, David Klinepeter, who portrayed Civil War era Pennsylvania Governor Andrew Curtin.

Ken Keebaugh, FCHS secretary

For **2013-14 officers**, I nominate ...

for President to 2014 - _____ ;

for Vice President to 2014 - _____ ;

for Secretary to 2014 - _____ ;

for Treasurer to 2016 - _____ ;

for Director to 2016 - _____ ;

for Director to 2016 - _____ ;

Current officers appear at the bottom of this page.

Please reserve _____ adult meals @\$15 and _____ children's meals @\$7.50 for Saturday, April 20; 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 April 12, 2013. Thank you for your support!

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2012-13 OFFICERS:
Linda Garber, President
Richard A. Miller, Vice President
Ken Keebaugh, Secretary
Gene Leese, Treasurer 2013

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
Linda Kelso 2015
Monica Seville 2015
Ruth G. Reeder 2014
John Mentzer 2014
Edith Coleman 2013
Dick Newman 2013