

FALL BUS TOUR ITINERARY DESCRIPTION

Exploring Bedford County

Fort Bedford Museum - (rest rooms and gift shop)

- Built in 1758 by Colonel Bouquet during the French and Indian War.
- Meeting place of President George Washington during the Whiskey Rebellion

Coverlet Museum – (rest rooms and gift shop)

- 90 coverlets on display from around the country
- Learn who the weavers were, where they came from, and how they lived
- Early spinning and weaving equipment

Claycomb Covered Bridge

- Moved from Reynoldsdale to the present location in 1975

Jean Bonnet Tavern – (rest rooms and gift shop)

- Built in 1762 along the historic Forbes Road leading from Fort Bedford to Fort Pitt

Bedford County Historical Society - (rest rooms and gift shop)

- Civil War exhibits

Bloody Run Train Museum

- Refurbished depot and caboose

Time Table

8:00	Leave McConnellsburg
8:45	Fort Bedford Museum with guide
10:00	Coverlet Museum with guide
11:15	Claycomb Covered Bridge
11:45	Jean Bonnet Tavern with guide (lunch)
1:00	Bedford County Historical Society Museum with guide
2:20	Meadows Ice Cream (on your own)
3:00	Bloody Run Train Station Museum with guide
5:00	Arrive McConnellsburg

FULTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Fall 2014

Mark your calendars - Society to host three special events this fall

• **Saturday, September 20, 2014** - Society's Fall Quarterly Meeting, and an informational session on the "Barn Quilt Trail." *See below.*

• **Thursday, October 16, 2014** - View the Society sponsored DVD of the reenactment of the Last Confederate Bivouac and the rededication of the Confederate Monument. *See below.*

• **Friday, October 17, 2014** - Join the society for the fall bus tour to Bedford County, Pa. *See below.*

Barn Quilt Trail

By Linda Garber

A movement is growing to create a Barn Quilt Trail in Fulton County. There are similar trails established at various locations throughout the country. Mike Crampton has a vision to create such a trail. He shared the vision with the Historical Society, the Chamber of Commerce & Tourism, the Fulton County Quilt Club, the Fulton County Art Club, the Conservation District, the Farm Bureau, and others to seek support.

A committee is now established, which includes members of the Historical Society, to make this project a reality. The name of the committee is the "Frontier Barn Quilt Trail of Fulton County." The name is appropriate because our area was once the frontier in the 1700s. Typically our barns are not stone and brick as the earlier barns constructed east of us in Franklin and Cumberland counties.

Quilt signs can be displayed not only on barns, but on businesses, shops, restaurants, garden sheds, houses and historical facilities. If enough people are interested in making a quilt sign, eventually a trail can be created throughout Fulton County that tourists and local residents can visit with the aid of a guide book to learn of the significance of the quilt pattern and the structure on which it hangs.

Many local talents will be utilized to make this project successful. We will need to enlist the services of painters, artists, quilters, installers, students, social media experts, marketing people, researchers, historians and workers.

The mission statement of the Frontier Barn Quilt Trail of Fulton County is: "To encourage a larger community involvement to help in barn preservation. To celebrate our rural culture, pride in farm property and conservation. To educate youth and visitors on the value of the agricultural economy. To celebrate the quilting tradition. And to create a year round attraction that fosters other community events and projects."

To learn more about our Barn Quilt Trail, come to the Fall Historical Society meeting in the Acorn Barn located at Crampton Manor, where Mike Crampton has his acorn quilt block displayed. He and other committee members will explain further details about the project, and hopefully stimulate your interest.

The meeting will be Saturday, September 20 at 6 p.m. at the Crampton Manor Bed & Breakfast, 270 Country Lane, McConnellsburg. Follow these directions: travel Rt. 522 North to Knobsville, turn left onto Dutch Corner Road, go to the top of the hill and turn right onto Country Lane. Crampton's lane is a short distance on the right. Once on their lane, bear left and travel on

a dirt road for about a mile to their guest house and Acorn Barn. If you have questions about the Quilt Trail or want to participate, contact Mike Crampton at (717) 830-5953.

Fulton County Heritage Days DVD

The reenactment of the last Confederate Bivouac and the rededication of the Confederate monument by the Daughters of the Confederacy has been documented on a commemorative DVD by Grover Strait and his family.

There will be a public showing during the Fulton Fall Folk Festival at the Fulton County Courthouse at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 16, 2014.

You may preorder your own personal copy to be picked up that night, or purchase one that evening for \$15, tax included.

Grover Strait, his son Greg and daughter-in-law were present at all the events scheduled that weekend, and captured the historical account of the events, plus many of the local participants who attended, as well as the committee members who planned it.

Join us to view the Heritage Days DVD, and cherish our rich Fulton County history during the Civil War by purchasing this documentary DVD. To reserve a copy, send \$15 payment to the Fulton County Historical Society, P.O. Box 115, McConnellsburg, PA 17233.

Fall Bus Tour planned for Bedford County, Pa.

The Fulton County Historical Society's fall bus tour is being planned for Friday, October 17, 2014, and will travel west to Bedford County.

The itinerary will include: Fort Bedford Museum & Gift Shop; the Coverlet Museum; Claycomb Covered Bridge; lunch buffet at the Jean Bonnet Tavern; Bedford County Historical Society Museum; Bloody Run Train Museum, and more.

See opposite for more details, and how to sign up for this tour.

Fulton County Obituaries are now on-line

This project which has required hundreds of volunteer hours to complete is now available to Historical Society members. It requires a password for access, which you can receive by contacting the Web Administrator. One frequent user is John Mentzer, who is researching veterans of the Civil War for the books the Friends of Tonoloway are publishing. Here are his comments:

While working on this project I often went to the Historical Society Library in McConnellsburg to look for obituaries of veterans or to insure that I had the correct families. This year working on Volume III and Volume IV was so much easier and certainly more thorough by the on-line availability of information. All I needed to do was see if the name was underlined, logon as a member, and read the obituary. Some are only a line or two giving very basic data. Others are full of valuable and informative information. For example, the Rummel family was innkeepers for much of the 19th century in the McConnellsburg area. The obituaries give the names and locations of many of the hotels, inns and

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plus more!

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homes of the times. I found myself reading obituaries that were not necessarily part of the research. The online obituaries are a very valuable addition to the tools available from the Society.

Thank You. John Mentzer

New Life Member Welcomed

In July, 2014, **Michael F. Bard II** became life member #266 of the Historical Society. His membership was a gift from his grandparents, Revs. Donald and Phyllis Bard.

The Life Membership Endowment of the society, now with 266 members, totals \$38,900.

Museum's 2014 exhibit continues

The Society Museum is featuring Civil War artifacts and memorabilia during the Fulton Fall Folk Festival in remembrance of the last Confederate encampment north of the Mason Dixon Line. Fulton County sent a disproportionate number of men and boys to the war. Pictures, rosters, newspapers, diaries, discharges, etc. in addition to the articles carried by some of them are on display.

Artwork taken from the walls of Brian Tucker's home is also displayed, along with some of his work that he will sell. He has also donated a framed print of a team to be raffled on Sunday, the last day of the festival, and benefiting the museum. Tickets sold at the museum. A special painting by Anne Gobin showing Civil War soldiers in camp has been offered for sale.

The museum will be open from 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and from 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Beef barley soup and scones will be sold Friday and Saturday from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Don't forget to stop at the cabin gift shop.

Museum Acquisitions

The Fulton County Historical Society has accepted several donations to its museum at the Fulton House.

The Cutshall descendants donated an 1861 five dollar Confederate bill issued by the state of Virginia, the Bank of the Commonwealth. The bill numbered 86 and dated July 5, 1861, was purported to have been brought home from the war by Albaugh Cutshall. Shirley Lowrey Tatum inherited the family Bible and the bill from her aunts.



Bill Downs of Mansfield, Ohio, presented the tool chest of Albert Downs (1836-1876). He was a cabinet maker in McConnellsburg until around 1860, when he moved to Peoria County, Ill., taking the chest with him. Albert was a Civil War veteran. Albert's son, Bales Downs, made a bench for his grandson, Bill Downs, who donated the bench, tool chest and tools to the Historical Society Museum.

Pastor John and Karen Godissart contributed several military maps of Europe, circa World War I.

A 1907 framed photo of a parade passing the Fulton County Courthouse was donated by C. Cober.

Kirby Knepper donated an 1868 Wickerly family Bible, which has a few unidentified tintypes in it.

Stanley Kerlin gifted items belonging to his aunt, Lucy Kerlin, including a souvenir plate of McConnellsburg and a bi-centennial homecoming ribbon from August 30, 1986.

Albert and Patricia Corman, residents of Fulton County who recently broke up housekeeping and moved, donated to the Historical Society an 1898 three-piece wedding suit of Henry Wishart Wink. Mr. Wink was a former school teacher in Fulton County. His suit will be permanently displayed as a companion piece to the Henry wedding dress.

Fulton County Historical Society Treasurer's Report

for the 2013/2014 Fiscal Year
(May 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014)

Receipts:	
Donations (general)	\$4,487.81
Donations (jail funds)	3,725.00
Grant for H/AC in museum	2,000.00
Ayr Township for mowing	500.00
Cookbook sales (jail funds)	208.66
DVD sales (jail funds)	37.74
Books, prints & other sales	3,362.14
Shipping & Handling	53.00
Dues	3,640.00
Life membership dues	1,250.00
Investment div. & int.	7,882.93
Special Events (Bus tours, others)	9,366.42
Misc. revenue	33.20
Total Receipts	\$36,546.90

Disbursements:	
Contracts - program related	\$41,447.54
Allocations to affiliates	\$6,000.00
Special assistance (individuals)	\$4,193.00
Supplies	365.38
Electronic Transaction (PP)	33.68
Postage & Box Rent	638.18
Printing & Copying	829.98
Books, subscriptions, reference	60.00
Website	200.00
Items for resale	150.00
Rent & other occupancy	1,715.00
Mowing Big Spring Cemetery	296.00
Occupancy expenses - Other	13,228.30
Building Maintenance	1,100.00
Travel & meeting expenses	5,738.36
Insurance	781.00
Advertising	205.00
Membership dues	75.00
Other expense	826.00
Business expense (misc.)	100.00
Total Disbursements	\$77,982.42

Net Gain (loss) for fiscal year (\$41,435.52)

ASSETS at end of fiscal year (April 30, 2014)	
Current Assets	
Fulton County checking	6,222.75
PayPal account	857.97
Life Member Endowment	38,400.00
Investment Acct - Main	123,156.44
Investment - money market	513.97
Investment - Winegardner	29,698.80
Museum Account	1,681.02
Fulton County Historical Library	1,990.99
Undeposited Funds	665.14
Total Current Assets	\$203,187.08

Gene Leese, Treasurer

BUS TOUR

EXPLORING Bedford County

SPONSORED BY FULTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Friday, October 17, 2014

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

ITINERARY: Fort Bedford Museum, The National Museum of the American Coverlet, Claycomb Covered Bridge, Jean Bonnet Tavern (lunch), Bedford County Historical Society Museum, Meadows Ice Cream stop (on your own), Bloody Run Train Museum
See back for more details.

COST: \$75.00 per person (Fulton County Historical Society Members \$70.00)

Cost includes chartered bus, lunch, taxes and all fees and gratuities.

Meeting place will be at the Giant parking lot south of McConnellsburg on Route 522. Bus leaves at 8:00 a.m.

Tour Hosts: Ken Keebaugh and John Mentzer.

For more information, call (717) 987-4217 or email kwkeebaugh@hotmail.com

Registration and payment must be received by October 10. Last Spring's tour filled up early. Please send registration and payment to:

Ken Keebaugh
9535 Waterfall Road
Hustontown, PA 17229

Make checks payable to: Fulton County Historical Society

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number and / or email _____

Check your lunch choice(s): _____ cranberry almond chicken salad on croissant

_____ grilled chicken breast on a roll

(See Waiver Form below.)

Waiver Form

In consideration of my participation in this bus tour and intending to be legally bound, I hereby waive, release and forever discharge any and all rights, actions, and claims which I or my heirs, executors or assigns may have against the Fulton County Historical Society for death, injury, loss, and any and all damages which may be sustained and/or suffered in connection with my participation in this bus trip. The undersigned assumes full responsibility for the risk of bodily injury, death or property loss that can occur due to participation in this bus trip.

Participant's Signature(s): (1) _____ (2) _____

Date: _____

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