

# FULTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Summer / Fall 2016

## Local Events from the French & Indian War Period to be Topic of Fall Membership Meeting

The Fulton County Historical Society Fall Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fulton County Court House. The guest speaker will be Mr. Richard Hornberger, who is a French and Indian War re-enactor and a member of Beall's Company of the Maryland Forces, which is the garrison company of Fort Frederick, Big Pool, Maryland.

Mr. Hornberger will discuss events that occurred in the Great Cove area prior to and during the French and Indian War. This meeting is open to the public.



The Southern Loop bus trip will depart at 12 noon from the Giant parking lot, go down Rt. 522 to Big Cove Tannery, on to Rt. 928, continue to Timber Ridge Road, then back to Rt. 522, returning to the Giant parking lot at 2 p.m. Planned home greeters are Fred Humbert and Bonnie Flook.

The Central Loop bus trip will depart at 3 p.m. from Giant parking lot down Rt. 522 to Crossroads Rd., on to Cito Rd., down to Webster Mills, to Rock Hill Road, and back to McConnellsburg to see all barn quilts in town along with the one at Sheep Ridge, returning to the Giant parking lot by 5 p.m. The Tebos and Glenn Cordell will be greeters at their homes.

Tickets can be purchased from Linda Mellon, 923 Dolly Terrace, LaVale MD 21502. Please make checks payable to: Fulton County Historical Society.

Call Linda at 301-707-7053 or email: [ljmellon@gmail.com](mailto:ljmellon@gmail.com)

[See Tour Itinerary and Sign-up form on separate sheet enclosed with this mailing.]

## Society Museum's Featured Displays Continue Through Fall Festival Weekend

The FCHS museum will be displaying needlework (crocheted and cross-stitched), that has been featured this past summer in the museum rooms at the Fulton House. Also featured will be the large collection of wood hand planes and tools from the Sam Buterbaugh estate. The museum will be open Friday, Oct. 14, 9 am - 4 pm; Sat., Oct. 15, 9 am - 4 pm; & Sun., Oct. 16, 12 noon - 4 p.m.

We will open by appointment if you call ahead. Please email the society at: [Director@fultonhistory.org](mailto:Director@fultonhistory.org), or call Debbie Reed at (717) 485-4298.

## New Life Members Welcomed

On Aug 22, 2016, **Jerome K. Harness**, Greencastle, PA, became life member #273 of the Historical Society. Family names of interest include: Kendall, Johnston, Nelson, Morrow. Jerry also wrote "Thanks for the great job, really appreciate the database."

The Life Membership Endowment of the society, now with 273 members, totals \$40,650.

## Fulton County Quilt Club to Display FCHS Quilt Collection

The Fulton County Quilt Club, as part of their annual quilt display during the Fulton Fall Folk Festival at the Fulton Theatre (behind F&M Building) in downtown McConnellsburg will display many, if not all, of the quilts in the society's collection.

This quilt show is always one of the highlights of the festival. Be sure to stop by on Friday, October 14 through Sunday, October 16 to see both the modern and historic hand-made quilts.

## Fulton County Historical Society Plans Fall Bus Trips

Enjoy a narrated tour of the barn quilts on the Fulton County Frontier Barn Quilt Trail. On Friday, October 14, during the Fulton Fall Folk Festival, the Fulton County Historical Society is offering three trips to different portions of the Frontier Barn Quilt Trail, with two different narrators on each.

Take one, two or all three trips. Cost is \$10 per person per trip; each trip starts and ends at the Giant parking lot in McConnellsburg.

The Northern Loop bus trip will depart at 9 a.m. from the Giant parking lot, go to Johnstons Drive with a stop to feed the cows and see Fiona (greeter Linda Mellon), continue on to Burnt Cabins, then to Ft. Littleton, Clear Ridge (greeter Doug Henry), Hustontown, and Harrisonville, returning to the Giant parking lot at 11 a.m.

## County Baseball History, "Yanigans" Enclosed in This Mailing

Author and historian John Nelson has spent untold hours researching newspaper accounts of Fulton County baseball teams from the 1880s through 1917 and has tried to locate the playing fields used by each team. Many small towns throughout Fulton County had a local team. John has offered his paper to the Society to be printed as your 2016 annual booklet, which is included in this mailing.



## Tollgate House Saved

About midway on the old Chambersburg-to-Bedford Turnpike is the large Green Hill Tollgate House near Harrisonville. Built of local stone about 1838, this historic landmark was a candidate for demolition since sagging stone buildings are difficult to repair. Originally covered with stucco for most of its 175 years, the house now has new tight repointing following historic preservation guidelines to ensure it will stand as one of the few remaining 19th century tollgate houses. The state purchased the toll road in 1913 and opened it for free travel as Route 30 or the Lincoln Highway.

The Newman/Stewart family occupied the house for over 100 years when it served as their home, a store, lodging house and tavern with meals. James Stewart served as President of the C-B Turnpike Company from 1876-95 and reported one year that earnings from the house exceeded that of his farm. Now updated with new systems, the house retains most of its 1838 interior trim, fireplace mantels, doors and hardware. It is being offered on the market to serve again as a residence or public house.

The raised bar for the tollgate can be seen at the left edge of the early 20th century photo.

## Winegardner One-Room School Open for FFFF

History buffs will once again be able to enjoy the restored Winegardner One-Room School at the northern end of the county.

Hours will be from 11 AM to 3 PM on Saturday and 12 PM to 3 PM on Sunday. Directions from McConnellsburg are: 522 north to Rt 475 (Waterfall RD) turn left / to Hustontown, turn right on Clear Ridge Rd/follow Clear Ridge Rd approx 3 miles, turn left on South Madden Rd. School is approx 4 miles on right.

## Minutes for FCHS Annual Membership Meeting held on April 16, 2016

The Annual Spring Banquet of the Fulton County Historical Society was held April 16, 2016, at the Hustontown Fire Hall. President Dick Miller called the meeting to order. Gene Leese gave the treasurer's report. The fiscal year ends the end of April, and the next newsletter will have the whole fiscal report. We are now up to 272 life members. John Nelson was introduced. He is researching and writing *Ball Diamonds in Fulton County*. This will be the Society book for this year. Ken Keebaugh is researching and writing a book on county schools for next year, *One Room Schools in Fulton County*.

Mike Crampton gave a report on the Barn Quilts and the people who have helped. There are 113 approved barn quilt applications. Currently there are over 70 barn quilts hanging.

Mike also handled the voting for officers and board members for next year. The current slate was given a unanimous vote to continue. Dick Miller, President; Monica Seville, Vice-President; Ken Keebaugh, Secretary; Gene Leese, Treasurer; Becky Brackbill and Linda Mellon will continue as members on the board.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:

\_\_\_ \$20 Individual/Family

\_\_\_ \$250 Individual Life

Please check your renewal date on the front of this mailing's envelope.

Send your name, address, e-mail, and family interest names to the Society address along with your check.

Payment may also be made through the society website.

Then followed an auction and a silent auction.

President Dick Miller, on his own initiative, presented President's Awards to each of the members of the Board.

Eddie Coleman introduced Deb Reed, our Historian of the Year.

Peggy Bradnick then gave a talk on her abduction 50 years ago. There were about 170 people in attendance.

As Recorded by Linda Mellon and  
Respectfully submitted,  
Ken Keebaugh, Secretary

## Minutes for FCHS General Membership Summer Meeting held on July 8, 2016

The FCHS held its Summer Meeting in the sanctuary of the McConnellsburg United Presbyterian Church on July 8, 2016. Society president Dick Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Guest speaker John Mentzer introduced his family members who were in attendance. The minutes of the Spring Meeting were approved on a motion by Donald Bard, seconded by Eddie Coleman. Ken Keebaugh gave a brief report on a 1769 Irish halfpenny that had been found across the street by the local community gardening group. Dick Miller reported on two guns recently acquired by the society. One was made by J. Cook, probably from Harrisonville. The other gun is an 1862 Civil War Springfield double barrel shotgun donated by the estate of Marshall and Leona Reeder, late of Burnt Cabins. A case will be made to securely display them. Eddie Coleman reported the Fulton House museum summer display will be needlework and artifacts from Sam Buterbaugh's collection of antique woodworking tools. A tea social will be held in September.

Dick Miller introduced his childhood friend, local historian and author, John Mentzer, as the evening's special guest speaker. John has written eight books including two family histories and a four volume compendium of Civil War soldiers of Fulton County. John will be moving to the West Coast. He gave a very interesting presentation on a variety of local history topics with special attention to the Civil War books.

The meeting adjourned to light refreshments in the social hall at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ken Keebaugh, Secretary

### Fulton County Historical Society Treasurer's Report

Income/Expense for the 2015/2016 Fiscal Year  
(May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016)

#### Income:

Donations (general)	\$2,488.93
Donations (Frontier Barn Quilt)	12,226.48
Agency (government) Grants	1,000.00
PA Sales Tax discounts earned	2.51
Cookbook sales (jail funds)	122.64
Books, prints & other sales	2,592.86
Shipping & Handling	68.25
Dues	2,780.00
Life membership dues	750.00
Investment div. & int.	10,267.97
Misc. Revenue	85.00
Special Events (bus tours, etc.)	8,294.97
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$40,679.61</b>

#### Expenses:

Special assistance (individuals)	\$3,594.00
Supplies (Barn Quilt)	9,182.09
Supplies (other)	1,437.91
Office Equipment	90.10
Electronic Transaction Fees	49.93
Postage & Box Rent	393.50
Printing & Copying	1,374.24
Books, subscriptions, reference	30.00
Website	200.00
Items for resale	1,250.80
Rent & other occupancy	1,558.35
Mowing Big Spring Cemetery	296.00
Building Maintenance	13.59
Travel and meeting expenses (bus tours, tea parties & quarterly meetings)	4,973.16
Insurance	860.00
Advertising	1,205.00
Program expense	200.00
Business expense (misc.)	343.50
<b>Total Business Expenses</b>	<b>\$27,052.17</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$13,627.44</b>
Museum Collection purchases	(126.50)
Unrealized gain (loss) (all investment accounts)	(12,943.10)
<b>Net Gain for fiscal year</b>	<b>\$557.84</b>

Gene Leese, Treasurer

### Fulton County Historical Society Treasurer's Report

Account Balances at the end of the  
2015/2016 Fiscal Year (April 30, 2016)

Fulton County Checking	\$5,511.19
PayPal Account	360.30
Life Member Endowment	40,400.00
Main Investment Acct.	126,228.94
Investment Money Market	2,713.93
Winegardner Invest. Acct.	27,317.04
Museum Account	911.50
Fulton Co. Hist. Library	2,243.83
Frontier Barn Quilt Trail Acct.	5,933.58
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>\$211,620.31</b>

Gene Leese, Treasurer

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#### 2016-17 OFFICERS:

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Monica Seville, Vice President  
Ken Keebaugh, Secretary  
Gene Leese, Treasurer 2019

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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