

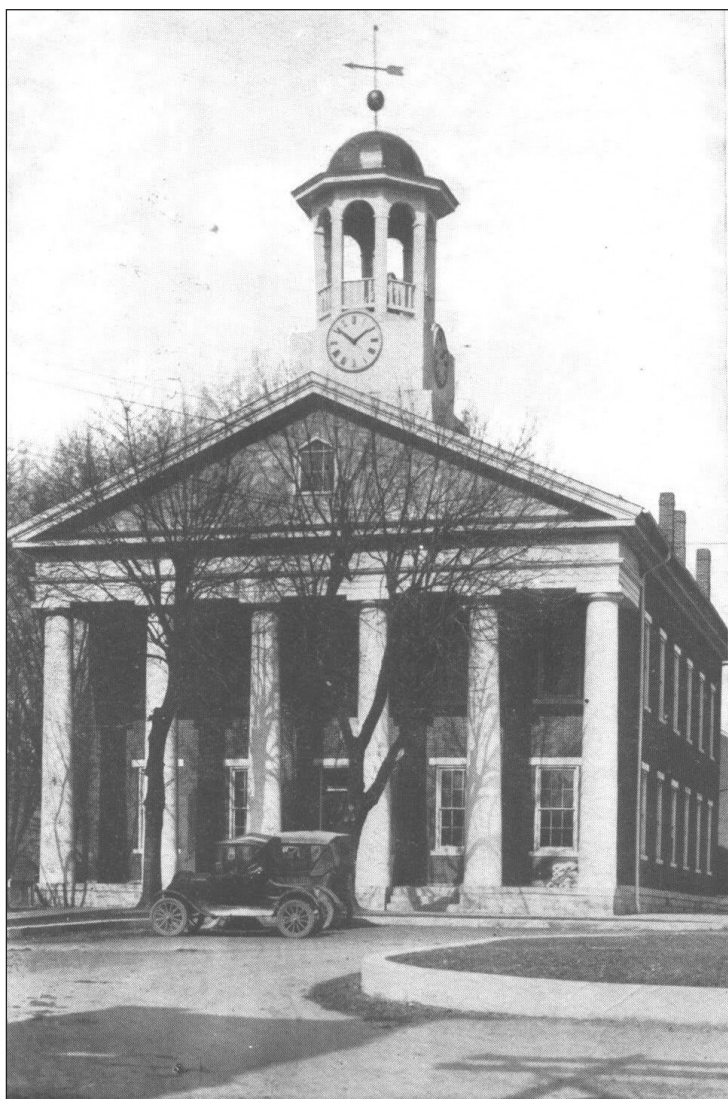
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*Fulton County Courthouse (circa 1950 postcard) showing the jail at its rear, and the roundabout at the center of the square.*

*Cover Photo: Fulton County Courthouse as seen on a 1949 postcard.*

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## **Introduction**

I think about him, Richard Miller. He was a classmate and a friend of mine in McConnellsburg High School's class of 1973. He was not a close friend, but a friend, nonetheless. I remember a warm, friendly smile.

Richard never made it to graduation.

What follows on the pages within is a compilation of all murder cases in Fulton County, also murder cases by people who once resided in the county, but the homicide occurred elsewhere, and murder cases of people who were not from the county, but the incident happened here. Several of those charged with murder were acquitted; their stories are included. In one case, it was not murder after all, in another the evidence did not show murder but another crime, and in several others, what was thought to be murder were suicides.

I became interested in this topic because I wondered if there were any executions in the county after the territory was separated from Bedford County, PA in 1850 to become Fulton. The answer is no.

I have chosen to omit vehicular homicides and accidental shootings. In addition, the victims of the French and Indian War era within what is now Fulton County, are not included.

Murder is senseless. Lives are permanently disrupted. Most of these cases involve domestic situations and not crime. In all likelihood, there are more cases, as so many people moved elsewhere from Fulton County and the report never was transmitted back to local papers.

This description of the events is subjective because I have omitted items I felt were not important or that were salacious. Virtually all facts come from stories that appeared in newspapers.

Finally, this disclaimer – probably some cases have ongoing appeals; therefore, as of this writing, some facts may not be current.

# The Victims

(Chronological Order)

William Smith	Richard Miller
James McBurney	Janita Hill
Lt. Eben N. Ford	Glen Mellott
Robert H. Welch	Joel Krueger
Martha, Anna, Edward Mellott	William S. Miller
Elias Brechbill	Victor S. Fix
John Moats	Larry Sipes
Barney Connelly	John Barnhart
Samuel Shives, John Halveron, Edward McCauley, Gustav Grieybach, Thomas Kipling	Tammy Lynn Whitacre
John Husler	Brad W. Evans
Dr. Samuel S. Hoop	Barbara Everts
James Bechtel	Troy Danner
Roger Hemphill	Robert C. Steinhoff
William R. R. Anderson	Daniel H. Totten
Trooper Harry Edgar Miller	Marion Sheffield Fogal
Sgt. Timothy F. McCarthy	Shawn Reitz
J. Henry Lee	Ted Chubb
John Betz	Cynthia A. Vanderbeek
Jean Seville	Rodney S. Barthalow
Aria Carbaugh	Mary A. Stahlman
Trooper Frederick J. Sutton	William A. Weicht
Ashley William Fischer	Beth Fogal, Aletha Hamilton
Lester Bishop	Kylie M. York
Herbert S. Lemin	Dale Steven Henry
Jacob Kenneth Crouse	Tina M. Souders
Faye Knepper	Calvin Beam
June Eberlin, Mary Ellen Lanihan	Kelly Brown
Emma Elmond	Laura Hollinshead, Jaedi Weed
Calvin Lynch	Thomas Peebles
Frederick Reynolds	Danny Crouse, Ronald Heist
Dorothy Spriggs	Margaret Rose McAllister
Beverley LaRue Schooley Rhines	Stacy Childers
	Edwin C. Gilhart
	Selena Miller Mowen