

and extensive files of old Pittsburgh, Waynesburg, Elizabeth, Meadville, and other western Pennsylvania newspapers.

Lancaster County Historical Society. Among the many accessions of this society during the past few months were a complete set of *Baer's Almanac* from 1878 to 1932, two copies of the *Bethania Palladium*, and many copies of early newspapers. Manuscripts, which belonged to Andrew Caldwell, the proprietor of the Hat Tavern, have also been received. These manuscripts date from 1781 to 1802 and include receipts and licenses. A self-painted portrait of Robert Fulton has been purchased.

York County Historical Society. This society has been enriched recently by the addition to its collections of the following manuscript copies of local church registrars: Friedensaal, 1755-1830; Ziegler's, 1771-1838; Lischy's, 1743-1781; First Reformed, 1745-1853; Christ Lutheran, 1733-1850 (five volumes), all translated by Henry James Young; Gettysburg Trinity Reformed, 1834-1900, copied by Alice Haner Starner; Kreutz Creek Lutheran, 1757-1870, translated by George R. Seiffert; Canadochly Union, 1733-1873, translated by George R. Seiffert; and Records of Rev. George Welsh, 1895-1928.

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## NEWS AND COMMENT

### GENERAL

The Clinton County Historical Society held a meeting on November 20, 1933. Mr. Randolph Thompson gave an address on the old "Washington Furnace," which was located a few miles from Lock Haven. During the past summer this society played a very important part in connection with the Centenary Anniversary of Lock Haven.

The Eighth Annual Conference on Education was held at Bucknell University, November 17 and 18, 1933. At the Social Science session, Mr. Eugene P. Bertin presented a paper on "Pennsylvania History in Pennsylvania's New Social Studies Program," the result of research and many questionnaires. The paper will appear in a future number of this magazine.

At a meeting of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, held

November 13, 1933, Dr. George Wheeler delivered an interesting address on "Richard Penn's Manor of Andolhea."

The Delaware County Historical Society held its annual meeting in the historic Court House, Chester, on September 25, 1933. In addition to routine business, an address was given by Mr. Alexander B. Geary, a member of the Delaware County Bar and publisher of the *Weekly Reporter*, a legal journal. The subject of his address was "The Removal of the Court House from Chester to Media."

The Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies held a fall meeting at the Lycoming Hotel, Williamsport, on October 13, 1933. Societies from many parts of the state were represented. Mr. A. Boyd Hamilton, president of the Federation presided. Lively and interesting reports of historical activities were made by the representatives of the historical societies present. Among the speakers were Dr. James N. Rule, Dr. Curtis W. Garrison, and Dr. Donald A. Cadzow.

A very interesting meeting of the Historical Society of Frankford was held on October 17, 1933, when Mr. Samuel D. Milner spoke on "Old Frankford in the Region of Cedar Hill," and Mr. William H. Sperry gave an illustrated address on "The Old Welsh Road." At the meeting of November 17, 1933, Miss Helen Gill Lovett presented an illustrated lecture on "A Vacation in Mexico." At the December meeting, Mr. H. Louis Duhring discussed "Our Colonial Heritage," illustrating with lantern views colonial architecture.

The Snyder County Historical Society has a "Pennsylvania Alcove" of approximately 1000 volumes and pamphlets in the Susquehanna University Library. Among the projects of this society for the near future will be the placing of the Albany Treaty marker along the Susquehanna Trail. The marker is being furnished by the Pennsylvania Historical Commission.

The Germantown Historical Society held a three day celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the first settlement of Germantown on October 20, 21 and 22, 1933. The first day marked the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania German Society and a very interesting program. The second day was "Open House Day"

in historic Germantown, when many famous buildings and homes, including the Chew House, were thrown open to the public. On this day, the community celebrated with many pageants, plays and exhibitions. Recognition was given the anniversary at the church services held on Sunday, October 22, 1933.

The Donegal Society of Lancaster county held its twenty-fifth Annual Reunion at the Donegal Presbyterian Church on June 15, 1933. The speakers included Dr. Albert J. McCartney of Washington, D. C., and the Honorable John J. Cornwell, former Governor of West Virginia. The society was organized under the leadership of Miss Martha Bladen Clark to perpetuate the memory of the church, which was founded prior to 1721.

Several meetings have been held by the Chester County Historical Society during the past few months. On September 25, 1933, a paper was read by Dr. A. Wayne Baugh on "Octagonal School Houses." On October 17, 1933, Mr. and Mrs. Francis D. Brinton told of their experiences at Chicago, Ill., and Dearborn, Mich., during the past summer. The meeting of November 21, 1933, included an address by Mr. Harry Wilson on "Peter Bezaillion, the Old Indian Trader." The annual banquet, held on November 8, 1933, was followed with addresses by Mr. Nelson P. Fegley, president of the Montgomery Historical Society, and Professor George H. Ryder, State Archivist of Delaware.

The Hamilton Library and Historical Association of Cumberland County held a meeting on November 10, 1933, for the purpose of hearing the essays awarded the Hamilton Library prizes for 1933 as follows: "Carlisle's First Settlers," by Miss Betty Plank, and "The Iron Industry of the Cumberland Valley," by Jack Scott. The annual business meeting of the Association was held on December 8, 1933.

At a meeting of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania held on October 24, 1933, Mr. Charles W. Dahlinger delivered an address on "Benjamin Thaw—A Memorial." He was followed by Dr. John W. Oliver, who chose as the subject of his address, "Matthew Stanley Quay." A vigorous campaign to increase its membership was begun by the society at a luncheon held on November 17, 1933. Inspirational talks were given by the Honorable

William N. McNair, Dr. J. J. Callahan, Dr. John W. Oliver, Mr. James Gregg and former Governor John S. Fisher. On November 24, 1933, the society joined with the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon in commemoration of the 175th anniversary of the founding of Pittsburgh. Senator David A. Reed spoke on the "Character of Pittsburgh," and Dr. Solon J. Buck on "The Struggle for the Upper Ohio Valley."

The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania will hold its annual meeting on March 5, 1934. This society was organized in 1892 for the promotion of genealogical research. Its collections now embrace over 1100 manuscript volumes of transcripts, or abstracts of church, probate, land, Bible and other official records, which are housed at The Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

The Lancaster County Historical Society has held several profitable meetings during the past few months. On September 9, 1933, Mr. Philip S. Klein spoke on "James Buchanan and the Federal Party in Lancaster, 1814-1829." Mr. C. H. Martin read two papers at the meeting of October 6, 1933, on "Proposals to Erect Conestoga and Other Counties from Lancaster," and "The Connection of Lancaster County With a Signer of the Declaration of Independence." On November 3, 1933, Mr. M. G. Weaver discussed "Mysterious Black Jim Madison," and Mr. W. F. Worner spoke on "The Church of England in Lancaster County." The meeting of December 1, 1933, included an address on "Traditions of Indian Tribes Near the City of Lancaster," by Mr. D. B. Landis.

At the November meeting of the Society of Colonial Dames of America, Chapter II, Philadelphia, Miss Frances A. Wister spoke on "Some First Foreign Ministers to the United States." At the December meeting, Mr. Fairman R. Furness gave an address on "Tropical Gardens of the Virgin Islands." Professor St. George L. Sioussat is scheduled to address the society in January on "Some Unfinished Chapters in the Biographies of George Washington."

At a meeting of the Historical Society of Berks County, held November 14, 1933, Mr. Walter S. Frees read a paper on "The Volunteer Fire Department of Reading and Berks County." This society is planning to publish a quarterly magazine to be known as

*The Berks County Historical Magazine.* The first number will appear in January, 1934.

The Lehigh County Historical Society held a meeting on July 20, 1933, at Meadow Brook Farm, the country home of the Honorable Frank M. Trexler, president of the society. The speakers included Dr. Frederic A. Godcharles, Mr. Charles N. Roberts and Mr. F. A. Burkhardt.

The Friends' Historical Association held its annual meeting at the Friends' Meeting House, Philadelphia on November 27, 1933. Mr. Joshua L. Baily, Jr., spoke on "Friends and Music," and Mr. Henry J. Cadbury addressed the meeting on "The Lost Writings of George Fox." For its spring meeting, the Friends' Historical Association joined the celebration of the Bucks County Friends, held on May 20, 1933, commemorating the 250th anniversary of the founding of Falls Monthly meeting.

Berks County Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Reading, heard an address by Mr. Luther C. Schmehl on "History in the Making," at a meeting held on October 21, 1933. At the November meeting a reception was held in honor of the State Regent, Mrs. William H. Alexander and in celebration of the birthday anniversary of the President-General, Mrs. William Russell Magna. At the December meeting, Mrs. Charles H. Spangler entertained with music, Mrs. Horace B. Pratt gave a "Sketch of the Boston Tea Party," and the "Christmas Story" was related by Mrs. Arthur G. Bailey.

At the July meeting of the Monroe County Historical Society, Mr. Carl Claussen spoke on "Ancient Hunters and Their Game Trails." Princess Blue Feather, an Aztec Indian also gave an interesting talk on the traditions and legends of her people.

The Pennsylvania German Society held its annual meeting in October, 1933, in connection with the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of Germantown. The meeting was held on October 20, 1933, the first day of the celebration and the following addresses were delivered: "John Kelpius—The Hermit on the Wissahickon," by Dr. Emil Doernenburg; "The Frankfort Land Company and Francis Daniel Pastorius," by Mr. Harry E.

Sproggell; and "Pennsylvania German Folk Medicines," by Rev. Thomas Brendle.

The regular fall meeting of the Historical Society of Perry County was held on November 27, 1933. Mr. Robert E. McPherson read a paper on "The History of the Presbyterian Church at New Bloomfield." The 100th anniversary of this church was celebrated on November 24, 1933.

The Potter County Historical Society held its fall meeting on October 27, 1933. The following papers were presented: "History of General James Potter," compiled by Mrs. Sarah E. Carothers and read by Mrs. Mary E. Welfling; "Life of Laroy Lyman," by Mr. M. C. Burt, and "Early Settlers of Potter County," by Mr. Victor L. Beebe.

The American Sons and Daughters of Sweden, an organization of 26,000 members, will hold its Biennial Meeting on June 2, 1934, in the John Morton Museum, Philadelphia.

### PERSONAL

Dr. Dora Mae Clark of Wilson College has been granted a leave-of-absence for the present school year and is engaged in research in the Public Record Office, London, and in other institutions in England.

Dr. Robert Fortenbaugh of the Department of History, Gettysburg College, has been granted a leave-of-absence for the first semester of 1933-34. He is traveling at present in Europe. Dr. Fortenbaugh taught at Bucknell University Summer School last summer.

Dr. Curtis W. Garrison, who for several years was assistant in the manuscript division of the Library of Congress, assumed his duties as archivist of the Pennsylvania State Library on September 1, 1933. He succeeds Dr. H. H. Shenk, who has retired.

Dr. Paul W. Gates, Assistant Professor of History at Bucknell University, has been awarded the David A. Wells prize of \$500 by the Department of Economics, Harvard University, for his essay, "The Illinois Central Railroad and Its Colonization Work." The monograph will appear in the Harvard Economic Series. Dr.

Gates has also been awarded a fellowship for the year 1933-34 by the Social Science Research Council to enable him to study the operation of the federal land system. He is spending the year in Washington.

Dr. Cyrus H. Karraker, who held a Harrison Research Fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania in 1932-33, has been appointed Assistant Professor of History at Bucknell University.

The Snyder County Historical Society mourns the death of its president, Dr. Frank P. Manhart, who held this position from 1913 until the time of his death. Dr. Manhart was internationally known in the Lutheran Church and his place will be hard to fill in every line of his many activities.

Dr. Orin Oliphant, formerly of the History Departments of the Cheney State Normal College, Washington, and of Antioch College, is teaching this year in the Bucknell Junior College at Wilkes-Barre. During the past year he has been engaged in research on the Home Missionary Movement in the United States.

Dr. William A. Russ, Jr., formerly of Depauw University, was appointed Professor of History and Political Science at Susquehanna University at the beginning of the present school year. Dr. Russ succeeds the late Dr. G. Morris Smith.