

NEWS AND COMMENT

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ASSOCIATION NEWS

Wallace F. Workmaster was elected at the June, 1959, meeting of the Council of the Pennsylvania Historical Association to fill the unexpired term of H. Trevor Colbourn, who resigned to accept a position in the history department of Indiana University. Mr. Workmaster assumed his duties on September 1, 1959. All communications regarding membership, subscriptions, and general business of the Association should be sent to Mr. Workmaster at the Secretary's Office, Room 105-B Pattee Library, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania.

At the annual meeting in Bethlehem on October 16-17, 1959, Richmond D. Williams of Wilkes-Barre and Nicholas B. Wainwright of Philadelphia were elected as new members of the Council of the Association.

FEDERATION NEWS

The annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies will be held on June 22, 1960, at University Park as the first day of the activities of the annual Institute on Pennsylvania Life and Culture.

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

The historical societies of Cameron, McKean, and Potter counties held their annual tri-county meeting at Port Allegany on September 17 and discussed the problem of observance by these counties of the Civil War Centennial. The speaker was a grandson of General Thomas Leiper Kane, founder of the famous "Buck-tails."

The Indiana County unit of the Armstrong Trail Society erected

a bronze tablet at the spot where Lieutenant Colonel Armstrong's route to Kittanning in 1756 crossed the present U. S. 422. The tablet was donated by the National Society of Children of American Colonists.

Members of the Adams County Historical Society at their November 3 meeting were addressed by Mrs. Q. W. Hershey, who spoke on "Plans and Progress of the Adams County Centennial Commission."

The 54th Annual Pilgrimage of the Historical Society of Berks County was held on October 3, 1959. Participants visited Lititz, where they made stops at a pretzel bakery, the Moravian community, the grave of John Sutter, and Linden Hall Junior College. The Society's annual lecture series was inaugurated on October 18 by an illustrated talk on "Two Hundred Years of Wedgwood" given by Harry M. Buten of Philadelphia. The second lecturer was Mrs. Ellen Shaffer of the Free Library of Philadelphia, who discussed "Ornamental Birth Certificates" on November 15.

The Blair County Historical Society on August 22 dedicated a room in the Blair Mansion to Tarring S. Davis, editor of a county history and one-time superintendent of county schools. A dedication fee of more than \$400 was contributed by Mr. Davis' former associates. On September 19 the Society was host to an outdoor exhibit of oil paintings sponsored by the Alto Artists Guild.

The Bucks County Historical Society held its autumn meeting on September 26 at the Friends' Meeting House at Fallsington. After the business meeting, Walter J. Heacock of the Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation spoke on "Of Time and the Brandywine." Tea was served in the Lippincott House, headquarters of Historic Fallsington, Inc.

The Cambria County Historical Society held its annual tour on October 17, 1959. Beginning at Ebensburg the tour included visits to the Peary monument at Cresson, the Prince Gallitzin Chapel and St. Francis College at Loretto, the Kittanning Path at Chest Springs, the Fort Stanwix Purchase marker at Cherry

Tree, and the monument to Dr. Lawrence F. Flick at Carrolltown. At Cherry Tree the members of the Society were addressed by R. Dudley Tonkin, local historian and author, who discussed the Fort Stanwix Treaty.

The Chester County Historical Society visited the Oxford Area High School on September 22, where members heard four short papers on Dr. John F. Rose, the Rose Mineral Collection, Mines and Minerals of Chester County, and Sidelights on Oxford and Hopewell Early History. The October meeting was held on October 20 at Valley Forge where Admiral Felix B. Stump spoke on "The Work of the Freedoms Foundation." The November 17 meeting was held in Society headquarters at West Chester, where John H. Talley spoke on "Collecting Canes."

The fourth annual meeting of the Clarion County Historical Society was held on October 13, 1959. Officers elected were: Reverend Dr. J. Wallace Fraser, president; Colonel Don S. Williams, first vice president; Miss Grace Knapp, second vice president; Merle B. Eberlein, corresponding secretary; Bird E. Riley, financial secretary; and Mrs. Amy C. Davis, treasurer. After the business session, B. M. Davis spoke on "Ghost Towns of Clarion County." The Society is preparing a detailed historical map of the county using U. S. Geological Survey contour maps as a basis.

Members of the Clinton County Historical Society made their fall pilgrimage on September 11, visiting the museum of the Lycoming Historical Society at Williamsport. The annual dinner was held on October 12. It was addressed by Professor Robert H. Johnston of Lock Haven State Teachers College, who discussed his excavations on Great Island during the preceding summer.

The Colonial Society of Pennsylvania held a picnic at Brandywine Battlefield on September 26. Its annual meeting took place on November 9 with Amary de Riencourt as the speaker. Winners of the Society's fourth annual essay contest were Robert A. Corrigan ("The Negro in Boston, 1675-1725") and Victor Greene ("The Business and Social Philosophies of Two Colonial Merchants: Thomas Hancock, Puritan, and Israel Pemberton, Quaker").

The Columbia County Historical Society on October 15, 1959, joined with Bloomsburg State Teachers College in presenting a lecture by Dr. John Bakeless, a member of the Society and an alumnus of the College. Dr. Bakeless, author of *Daniel Boone* and other books, is preparing a study of espionage in the Susquehanna Valley during the American Revolution. His topic was "Spies of the Susquehanna—and Some Others."

Robert C. Newell, executive director of Oil Centennial, Inc., spoke on "The Centennial of Oil in Review" at the October 15 meeting of the Crawford County Historical Society. On November 19 the speaker was Walter E. Johnson, who discussed "The Duties and Responsibilities of the Clerk of Courts."

The Historical Society of Dauphin County made a pilgrimage to Lancaster on October 17 visiting Wheatland, the Lancaster County Historical Society, and the homes opened for Lancaster County Day. At the September 21 meeting Walter F. Kuhn spoke on "Social and Economic Conditions in Shi-Poke (South Harrisburg), 1900-1910." On October 19 members heard an illustrated talk by Evan Miller on "The Wild Flower Trails of Dauphin County." The speaker on November 19 was Dr. S. K. Stevens, executive director of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, who discussed "Harrisburg: The Transportation Hub of Early Days."

The Delaware County Historical Society held its annual meeting in Chester on November 10, 1959. The speaker was Hamilton Cochran, author of *Blockade Runners of the Confederacy*, who spoke on "Warfare and Weapons along the Delaware." The Society has recently made arrangements to rent the Pusey House, oldest English-built house in Pennsylvania, to insure its preservation. It has recently protested the planned destruction of the Old Friends Meeting House in Chester, which was built in 1736. The Society's collection of antiques has recently been enlarged by the purchase of approximately half of those recently sold by Strathaven Inn in Swarthmore.

The Historical Society of Frankford has recently published a

history of transportation in northeastern Philadelphia under the title, *Frankford Goes to Town*. It was compiled from original sources by Dr. Walter M. Brenner, president of the Society.

The Friends Historical Association at its annual meeting on November 30 paid tribute to Howard H. Brinton on his reaching his seventy-fifth year. Mr. Brinton, director emeritus of Pendle Hill, spoke on "Friends for Seventy-five Years."

The annual fall tour of the Germantown Historical Society was held on October 10 and included visits to the Hagley Museum and Winterthur. At the annual meeting on October 22 all the present officers were re-elected except that Francis Shunk Brown, 3d, and John McArthur Harris, Jr., were elected vice presidents to replace the late Earle Barber and George Clarence Johnson, recently retired. The speaker for the meeting was W. M. Fletcher who gave an illustrated lecture on the "History of American Railroading." On November 19 Charles E. Hughes, Jr., archivist of the city of Philadelphia, spoke on "Philadelphia History as Revealed by Old Records." The Society has recently published two paper-bound pamphlets, "Early Germantown" and "A Brief Account of the Battle of Germantown."

Through the generosity of J. Byron Headley of Brock the Greene County Historical Society has acquired a rare and almost perfectly preserved barn-frame loom as an addition to its already noted collection of early American household articles. Dr. Robert H. Yoders of Pittsburgh, assistant curator of the Society museum, refinished and restored the loom to working order.

The Historical and Genealogical Society of Indiana County on September 11 heard a program on "Early Schools of the County" under the leadership of Mrs. H. C. Cunningham and Miss Ferne McHenry. The following day the Society made its fall tour, visiting the Seventh Annual Farmer's and Threshermen's Jubilee at New Centerville, a flax scutching at Stahlstown, and Fort Ligonier. The annual banquet was held at Penn Run on October 2. The speaker was R. Dudley Tonkin, who discussed "Our Trees and the Pioneers." The Society's annual hymn sing was held on Oc-

tober 11 at Hopewell Methodist Church. At the November 6 meeting a program on "The Effect of the Civil War in Indiana County" was presented by high school students under the direction of Rogers Rankin and David Jones. A work day on family history on October 10 was very successful. James G. Kehew, president of the Society, is preparing a series of "Historical Briefs" on the county, which are published in the *Indiana Evening Gazette*. The Society achieved its goal of five hundred members by November 15, some six weeks ahead of schedule.

The speaker at the September 17 meeting of the Harrisburg Keystoneians was H. Kenneth Dirlan, who talked on "A Gatherer and Planter of Appleseeds." At the October 17 meeting William S. Middleton spoke on "John Bannister Gibson." Huette S. Dowling spoke to the November 19 meeting on "The Blue Laws of Pennsylvania."

The King of Prussia Historical Society at its October 7 meeting heard a talk on "So You Want to Build a Log Cabin" by Jerry Swinney of the Idaho Historical Society. The meeting on November 25 was addressed by John J. Stoudt on "Looking in a Mirror." The December meeting was a Christmas concert on December 11 at Old Swedes Church given by the Collegium Musicum of the University of Pennsylvania.

The annual meeting of the Lackawanna Historical Society was held on October 20. The principal speaker was James D. Jordan, who discussed "Lawyers of the Old Time in Lackawanna County." On November 17 the Reverend William P. Lewis spoke to the Society on "The Early Churches of Lackawanna County."

The Lancaster County Historical Society has been extremely active in recent months. A strong drive to increase membership is under way, and a continued expansion of services and activities of all kinds is in progress. Among the new developments is the adoption of a policy regarding genealogical inquiries. Members of the Society have volunteered to do genealogical research, charging a basic fee of \$5.00 for a brief survey of usual materials and an additional fee of \$1.50 per hour for more extended research. The

fees received are to be placed in a fund for the improvement of genealogical service facilities.

A program for celebration of the four-year Civil War Centennial has also been inaugurated with the appointment of an executive committee for that purpose under the chairmanship of Professor Frederic S. Klein of Franklin and Marshall College. The members of the committee act as chairmen of special committees on finance, publicity, publications, education and schools, exhibits and displays, pageants and dramatics, music, parades and military displays, research and records, and religious observances.

The Society has recently circularized the school boards of the county, pointing out the many services provided to the schools and suggesting that the boards consider including the financial support of the Society in their respective budgets.

At the regular meeting on October 6 John W. Lippold spoke on "Eighteenth-Century Architecture in Lancaster County." At the meeting on November 3 Frederic S. Klein discussed "Robert Coleman, Ironmaster." An exhibit of oils and water colors by Howard E. Mulhern was held from November 10 to November 28.

The Lehigh County Historical Society on October 10 made a pilgrimage to Ephrata Cloister and the Pennsylvania Farm Museum. The Society has a limited supply of back numbers of its *Proceedings* for sale.

The Lower Merion Historical Society held a tenth anniversary dinner on November 10.

Lawrence Gouverneur Hoes, a descendant of President James Monroe, was the featured speaker at the September meeting of the Lycoming Historical Society. He spoke on various aspects of Monroe's career. The November speaker was the Honorable Charles G. Webb of Wellsboro who discussed the Williamson Road.

The Historical Society of Montgomery County has recently reprinted Scott's *Atlas of Montgomery County, 1877*. It locates homesteads by family name in the townships of the county. There are a limited number of copies available at \$1.50 each. Copies can

be obtained by writing the Society in Norristown. The Society held its fall meeting on November 19, with Mark P. Robinson speaking on "The Minerals of the Ecton Mine."

The speakers at the November 20 meeting of the Muncy Historical Society and Museum of History were John L. Bruch and Marshall R. Anspach who discussed the history of the Lycoming County Mutual Fire Insurance Company. The December 15 meeting heard the annual address by Dr. Eugene P. Bertin and elected directors of the Society. The October issue of *Now and Then* has a number of interesting articles including one by Marshall R. Anspach on the Muncy Traction Engine Company and the concluding section of the Wood family story.

The New Hope Historical Society held its second annual meeting on October 18 and elected the following officers for 1959-1960: Dr. Arthur J. Ricker, president; Eugene R. Lippman, vice president; Robert C. Bodine, treasurer; John Rankin, secretary; and Carl Lindsay, assistant secretary. The meeting heard an address by David Taylor, author of books relating to the American Revolution.

The fall meeting of the Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society was held on October 21. The speaker was W. F. Mullen, executive director of the Pennsylvania Slate Producers Guild, who talked on "The Heritage of Slate."

At the October 14 meeting of the Northumberland County Historical Society W. Irvine Wiest spoke on "The Northumberland County Bar," and at the November 11 meeting the Reverend Charles F. Berkheimer spoke on "Early Methodism in the Susquehanna Valley."

The fall meeting of the Pennsylvania Folklore Society was held in Pittsburgh on October 16-17, 1959. The program included folk songs by Jo Davidson and Myra Elmers, songs by Vivien Richman, songs of Pittsburgh by Robert Schmertz and Gretchen Schmertz Jacobs, and a number of papers. Ida Wicken discussed "Western Pennsylvania Heritage Through International Folk

Dancing," Jacob Evanson spoke on "Pittsburgh School Experiment with Regional Folk Songs," George Swetnam talked on "Women in Western Pennsylvania Folklore," Marion Moore Coleman gave an "Introduction to Polish Folklore," and Lawrence Thurman discussed "The Harmonists in Western Pennsylvania."

The Pennsylvania German Society held its sixty-ninth annual meeting at the Central Schwenkfelder Church at Worcester on October 23-24. The program centered about the contributions of Christopher Dock, "the pious schoolmaster on the Skippack." The Reverend Gerald Studer spoke on "The Life and Times of Christopher Dock," the Christopher Dock School choir gave a program of Pennsylvania folk songs, and Howard Deisher talked on "The Evolution of School Management from 1770 to 1959." At the annual dinner the citation of merit was presented to Dr. Robert Schaeffer of the Allentown Hospital. Volume 58 of the Society's *Publications* appeared in August. It carries articles by Milton Rubincam on William Rittenhouse and by the Reverend Thomas R. Brendle on Moses Dissinger.

The Pennsylvania Historical Junto of Washington, D. C., at its first meeting on September 18 heard a paper by Milton Rubincam on "A Pennsylvanian in the Czar's Service—The Story of Joseph Harrison and the Building of the St. Petersburg-Moscow Railroad." At the October 16 meeting the general subject was "Pennsylvania's Cultural Contributions," with Miss Helen Fendrick speaking on art, Raymond B. Clark, Jr., on architecture, and Dr. Harry F. Weber on literature. Dr. Amandus Johnson spoke on "The Swedish Influence in Colonial Pennsylvania" at the meeting on November 20.

The American Association for State and Local History at its annual meeting in Philadelphia in October announced an award of merit for Nicholas B. Wainwright's *Philadelphia in the Romantic Age of Lithography*, published by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania in 1958.

The Pennsylvania Poetry Society held its fall meeting in Harrisburg on October 17. A National Association of State Poetry

Societies was formed in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in October, and Mrs. Cecilia Parsons Miller, president of the Pennsylvania Poetry Society, was elected first president of the new association. It will hold its second convention at Philadelphia in the summer of 1960.

The City History Society of Philadelphia met at the Atwater Kent Museum on October 20 and heard an address by Dr. Joseph S. Hepburn of the Franklin Institute on Elliott Cresson and the early history of the School of Design.

At its meeting on October 30, 1959, the Potter County Historical Society heard a talk by Edwin A. Glover, president of the Tioga County Historical Society, on "Potter County Members of the Bucktail Regiment in the Civil War."

Robert P. L. Frick, chief of the Division of Historic Sites and Properties of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, gave an illustrated talk on "Historic Housekeeping in Pennsylvania" at the fall meeting of the Pottstown Historical Society on September 28. The Society inaugurated an annual Thanksgiving service on November 29 by attending services at Zion's Reformed Church (Old Brick Church) in Pottstown.

The speaker at the Founder's Day program of the Presbyterian Historical Society was Dr. Geddes MacGregor of Bryn Mawr College. During the program the Society's Distinguished Service Award for 1959 was presented to Dr. Charles A. Anderson, executive secretary of the Society and manager of its department of history. Dr. Anderson will retire from his position at the end of the year after completing fifteen years in the department.

The Shippensburg Historical Society is planning a publication to appear about 1961. It will contain Society papers, letters, and other collected materials relating to the Shippensburg area and its residents in the Civil War.

The September meeting of the Snyder County Historical Society heard a number of papers relating to early bands of the Snyder County area.

The Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the American Revolution held its annual meeting at State College on September 18-19. The first day was devoted to the installation of the Centre County Chapter, with Glenn E. Thompson of Clearfield making the principal address. At the business meeting on September 19 Captain Fitzhugh McMaster, U.S.N. (Ret.), was elected president to succeed Floyd G. Hoenstine. The speaker at the luncheon was Professor Carroll D. Champlin, who discussed "American Patriotism in Defense of World Peace." At the annual dinner, Charles A. Jones, president general of the national society, spoke on "Our Revolutionary Ancestors."

The Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Society of Pennsylvania had enrolled a total of 240 charter members when the list was closed in October.

The speaker at the fall meeting of the Tri-State Historical Society was Dr. Charles W. Heathcote, who discussed "The Impact of Lincoln upon Our Heritage."

' The Woman's Auxiliary of the Valley Forge Historical Society held a meeting on October 29 in honor of the hostesses for the museum and the flower arrangers. The speaker was William R. Gordon, who discussed "Equipment of the Revolutionary Soldier." The Society is now considering the desirability of erecting a new museum building.

The speaker at the meeting of the Wapwallopen Historical Society on October 21 was Norman A. Wilkinson, research associate of the Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation, who spoke on the activities of the duPont powder mills at Powder Hole, Wapwallopen, begun in 1859.

The Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania held its annual glass night on October 13. Thomas S. Buechner, director of the Corning Museum of Glass, spoke on "The Origins of American Glass."

The Westmoreland County Historical Society and the West-

moreland-Fayette Historical Society held a joint meeting on October 14 at the Westmoreland County Museum of Art. The speaker was Paul A. Chew, director of the Museum, who discussed the "History of Pennsylvania Painting and Folk Art."

At a meeting of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society on November 24, James E. Pugh spoke on "Locks, Stocks, and Barrels in the Wyoming Valley." The museum has featured "Wyoming Valley Industries, 1800-1910." Total attendance in the museum for 1959 was more than 17,000. More than 1,500 people visited the Swetland Homestead which was closed for the winter on November 1.

The Historical Society of York County on November 19 had an interesting program of original films of Charles Noss on "Horse Power to Steam," "Brick End Barns," "Quilting by Hand," "Old Fashioned Baking," and "A Visit to the Old Historical Society." On December 9 Robert P. L. Frick of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission gave a talk on period furniture. An exhibit of paintings and other works of art of Arles was opened by the museum of the Society in November. The restored Tannenberg pipe organ of 1804 has been given praise by E. Power Biggs, who found it to lead all the other restored organs he had played in "tonal character and excellence."

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Bryn Mawr College has appointed Jane Benjamin an instructor in the department of history. Professor Felix Gilbert is on leave to lecture for the American government at Bonn.

Professor C. W. Robbe returned to Clarion State Teachers College this fall after conducting a party of fifteen students on a six-week tour of Europe. This was a part of the foreign study program and carried three hours of academic credit for the students.

At Duquesne University William G. Storey has been appointed chairman of the history department to succeed the Reverend Salvatore Frederici, who served sixteen years in the position.

Clifford H. Harding of the West Chester State Teachers College has been appointed lecturer in history and political science at Eastern Baptist College for 1959-1960.

Norman P. Zacour, formerly on the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania, has been appointed associate professor of history at Franklin and Marshall College. The history department is planning a two-day study of American relations with Russia and Asia to be held April 7-8, 1960. Foster Rhea Dulles will give the lectures and conduct the seminars for this program.

Sister Mary Consuela, I.H.M., Ph.D., has been appointed head of the department of history at Immaculata College.

Dr. Jane Phelps, doctoral graduate of Georgetown University, has been appointed a member of the history faculty at College Misericordia.

At Muhlenberg College John J. Reed has been promoted to full professor in the department of history.

Philip S. Klein is on sabbatical leave from the department of history at Pennsylvania State University during the present semester. Louis M. Hacker of Columbia University has been appointed distinguished visiting professor of history for the fall semester.

At the University of Pittsburgh William J. Martin has been appointed professor emeritus of history after thirty-seven years of service. Lester H. Rifkin, a recent doctoral graduate of Brown University, has been appointed instructor. Professor James T. C. Liu of the department has just had his book, *Reform in Sung China*, published by the Harvard University Press.

The 1959-1960 lecture series at St. Francis College was opened on October 28 with an address by J. Cutler Andrews of Chatham College on "Finland—Outpost of the Free World."

Among the visiting lecturers brought to the campus of Seton

Hill College in Greensburg was William W. Scranton, special assistant to the Secretary of State, who spoke on October 21 on "The Basic Aims of United States Foreign Policy."

At Slippery Rock State Teachers College Charles Shaw has been appointed assistant professor of history. Dr. Robert Duncan, head of social studies and chairman of the assembly committee, helped to bring Senator Hugh Scott to the campus for an address on October 14 and Senator Paul Douglas for a lecture on November 11.

The Susquehanna University Press has recently published *The Hawaiian Revolution (1893-1894)* by Professor William A. Russ, Jr., of the history faculty. Professor Russ plans to follow this volume with another on *The Hawaiian Republic (1894-1898)*.

At Ursinus College Dr. Elizabeth Read Foster has been promoted to associate professor of history. Maurice W. Armstrong, chairman of the department, spoke on "The Scotch-Irish in Pennsylvania" at a meeting of the Pennsylvania German Folklore Society at the Kutztown Fair in June.

Paul N. Hehn, a doctoral student at New York University, has joined the history faculty at Wilkes College.

OF MEN AND MANY THINGS

Professor Ray M. Smith of New Berlin, former president of Snyder County Historical Society, died on September 26, 1959.

The fourth annual Institute on Pennsylvania Life and Culture will be held on the campus of Pennsylvania State University at University Park on June 22, 23, and 24, 1960. The first day will be devoted to the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies. This will be followed by two days of small discussion sessions on the following topics: Operation of Historical Museums, Restoration of Historic Buildings and Objects, Gathering and Preserving Research Collections, Preparing and Editing Historical Publications, Techniques of Historical and Genealogical Research, Public Relations Techniques for Historical Societies,

Teaching Pennsylvania History, and Organizing and Conducting Junior Historian Clubs. Complete programs and registration forms will be mailed early in May.

Gettysburg College held its third annual Civil War Conference November 19-21, the theme being the wartime leadership of Lincoln. David M. Potter of Yale served as program co-ordinator. Speakers included Richard N. Current, University of North Carolina; William E. Baringer, University of Florida; William B. Hesseltine, University of Wisconsin; and Robert Bruce, Boston University. Consultants and commentators were Karl S. Betts, Civil War Centennial Commission; Wood Gray, George Washington University; Carl Havelin, Broadcast Music, Inc.; James T. Hickey, Illinois State Historical Library; Robert L. Kinkaid, editor of the *Lincoln Herald*; Earl Schenck Miers, author of Civil War studies; James I. Robertson, editor of *Civil War History*; and Bernard Weisberger, Wayne State University.

The Middle Atlantic Renaissance Conference met at Ursinus College on October 24. The program dealt with "Aspects of the French Renaissance." Papers were given by Rudolf Hirsch, University of Pennsylvania; Alfred Wilcox, Ursinus College; and Robert Walker, Swarthmore College. Elizabeth R. Foster of Ursinus College presided.

The Philadelphia Department of Records has recently published a multilithed *Ward Genealogy of the City and County of Philadelphia*, compiled by Allen Weinberg and Dale Fields under the direction of Charles E. Hughes, Jr., city archivist. This exceedingly useful publication has a series of maps showing the location of wards in the city and county from 1705 to 1958. It also includes a "Ward Genealogy Chart" and a "Ward Chronology," both of which add to the usefulness of the maps.

The Union Fire Company No. 1 of Lancaster celebrated its 199th anniversary in September and is planning a bicentennial celebration next year. The company claims to be the oldest volunteer fire company in the United States surviving under its original name.

The family of the late Colonel Dorrance Reynolds of Dallas, Pennsylvania, has decided to publish as a memorial to Colonel Reynolds the remaining eight volumes of *The Susquehannah Company Papers*. The first four volumes were published in 1930-1931 by the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, with Julian P. Boyd as editor.

The Pennsylvania Historical Collections at Pennsylvania State University recently have acquired three major manuscript collections of interest to historians throughout the state. The Edward Martin Senatorial Papers cover the last years of Senator Martin's term in the United States Senate. The George M. Leader Papers constitute the files of the Governor's Office during Governor Leader's administration, 1955-1959. The Boal Family Papers are the personal and business records of an outstanding central Pennsylvania family from the 1790's to the present and include material on Colorado mining enterprises, national and state politics, the development of the Pennsylvania National Guard and the 28th Division, and World War I. A subsequent announcement will be made when these collections have been processed and are opened to researchers.

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission has recently microfilmed an important collection of newspaper clippings relating to the late Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker. Most of the nine rolls of microfilm consist of material in thirty-one bound volumes of "Pennypacker Family Newspaper Cuttings," extending from 1826 to 1913, of which nearly six rolls are devoted to the period from 1902 (the year of his gubernatorial campaign) to 1907 (the year he completed his term as governor). The cuttings are unusually valuable since they include both favorable and unfavorable comment, and also since they cover a number of newspapers in all parts of the state. The microfilm also reproduces a volume of newspaper "Caricatures" and selections from three bound volumes of clippings and correspondence relating to Pennypacker's book defending those who built the new State Capitol against the charges of corruption brought against them. This microfilm may be borrowed from the Commission on interlibrary loan.

The Bureau of Land Records in the Department of Internal Affairs at Harrisburg has recently discovered an exceedingly valuable map of the Revolutionary period. Measuring 44 x 66 inches, this meticulously accurate and beautifully colored military map was prepared by the Chevalier Villefranche, a major in Duportail's corps of engineers, in accordance with orders of Washington on June 30, 1778. The completed map was delivered to the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania on May 14, 1779. The map was drawn to present the recommended plan of fortifications along the Delaware to protect Philadelphia.

Dr. Norman B. Wilkinson, book review editor of PENNSYLVANIA HISTORY and research associate of the Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation, was co-author with Dr. Harold B. Hancock of Otterbein College of "Joshua Gilpin: An American Manufacturer in England and Wales, 1795-1801," which was read before a meeting of the Newcomen Society in London, England, in October by Dr. S. B. Hamilton.

A second edition of *The Poconos—An Authentic Handbook and Guide to Pennsylvania's Vacationland* by Thomas H. Knepp of Stroudsburg has recently been printed. It contains descriptions of points of interest throughout the northeastern part of the state, including a history of the region, and much information concerning summer camps, winter resorts, and natural attractions.

A map entitled "Official Student Participation Polyconic Projection Map Showing the Indians of Pennsylvania" published by Hearne Brothers of Detroit acknowledges assistance from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and Dr. Paul A. W. Wallace. Dr. S. K. Stevens, executive director of the Commission, has announced on the behalf of the Commission and Dr. Wallace that this map is not an official state map and that, as it now appears, it does not in any way have the endorsement of the Commission or Dr. Wallace.