NEWS AND COMMENT

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HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

The March meeting of the Adams County Historical Society featured an illustrated talk by Dr. Frederick Tilberg on "The Changing Image of Historic Gettysburg." On April 4, John W. Heisey, director of research, Historical Society of York County, spoke on "York County in the American Revolution." "Transportation and Early Roads in the York Springs Area" was the subject treated by Clyde Kennedy, May 2. A gift of $45,000 from the Frances McClean Sweeney estate has been placed in a trust fund, the income to be used for general expenses.

The Allegheny-Kiski Valley Historical Society has resumed publication of an organ devoted to the Allegheny and Kiskiminetas Valleys, Western Pennsylvania and adjacent areas. Historia is to be issued once each year. The society's officers are: John C. Owens, president; Nick Tutelo, vice-president; Helen Owens, secretary; and Robert S. Porter, Jr., treasurer.


Charles L. Seeburger has rejoined the staff of the American Swedish Historical Foundation and Museum as curator-administrator of the Museum and assistant director of the Foundation. From 1965 to 1968, Seeburger was the Foundation's research librarian.
The 3rd annual Pow-Wow of the Armstrong Kittanning Trail Society, set for October 21-22 at Cookport, will include a hike over the trail followed by Lt. Colonel John Armstrong as he moved from Fort Shirley to destroy the powder supplies of the Delawares at Kittanning in 1756. A boy scout troop sponsored by St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church, Clymer, has developed 10 miles of the 130 mile route.

The Beaver Area Heritage Foundation's annual Fourth of July Walking Tours feature visits to historic sites in Beaver. Each tour terminates in a city park where an art show is staged.

The Historic Preservation Trust of Berks County conducted its 2nd annual Historic Reading Town Fair, May 9-10. Proceeds are being used in the restoration of properties owned by the Trust.

A general meeting of the Brownsville Historical Society, May 15, was highlighted by a discourse by Wilbur W. McIntosh on "Local Indian Lore and History." Officers for 1972 are: Reverend Reid W. Stewart, president; William C. Westcoat, vice-president; Miss Gabrielle Apone, recording secretary; Mrs. Julia Griffin, corresponding secretary; and Dr. Henry D. Wilkins, treasurer.

"The John Stover House" was the subject discussed by Herman Stotz at the spring meeting of the Bucks County Historical Society, April 29.

The following officers have been elected by the Cameron County Historical Society: Mrs. Merle L. Bowser, president; C. Emerson Klees, vice-president; Rodney S. Mishler, treasurer; and Mrs. Gene Armstrong, Sr., secretary. W. Whiting Herrick and Mrs. Marguerite Randolph have been reelected for three-year terms to the Board of Directors.

Two rooms in the historic John Chad House, furnished with exhibits, have been opened to the public by the Chadds Ford Historical Society. In conjunction with the Brandywine River Museum an Environmental Experience Trail is being constructed to connect the Museum and the Chad House.

Speaking on the subject "Dr. William Darlington as a Natural Historian," Dr. William R. Overlease, professor of biology, West
Chester State College, was the guest speaker at a regular meeting of the Chester County Historical Society, April 18. On May 7, members enjoyed “An Evening of Early Music” performed by the West Chester Society for Historical Music. The annual meeting, May 16, was highlighted by an illustrated talk on “Tucker China” by Mrs. Francis E. Judson.

A June meeting of the Clarion County Historical Society featured a talk by Lloyd Bromley on “Cornplanter and Indian Lore.” Scheduled for July, a trip to Ohio will include visits to the Toledo Museum of Art, the Maumee Historical Society, and the glass studios of Dominick Labino at Grand Rapids.

The Heisey Museum of the Clinton County Historical Society, one of the oldest structures in the county, has been placed on the National Register of Historic Sites. Now open to visitors at the Museum is a room known as Fireman's Hall, which houses a display of fire fighting equipment, uniforms, photographs and other memorabilia connected with the fourteen fire companies that have served the county since the first volunteer company was organized in 1857. The exhibit was assembled through the interest and effort of the Hand In Hand Hose Company, the oldest existing company in Clinton County. The society is presently developing plans for a Hall of Industry, where various businesses and industries will offer displays showing their part in the historical life of the county.

Mrs. Jane Gordon Fletcher, “Willisbrook Farm,” Malvern, has been elected president of the Colonial Dames of America, Chapter II, Philadelphia.

The Columbia County Historical Society has published its first monograph, A Quiet Boomtown: Jamison City, Pa., 1889-1912. Written by Dr. Craig A. Newton and Dr. James R. Sperry, it is a social and economic study of a once busy lumber and tanning community at the base of North Mountain, in Columbia and Sullivan counties. At the society’s annual meeting, April 22, Andrew K. Grugan, president of the Lycoming County Historical Society, addressed the dinner audience on the subject “Historical Preservation—Saving the Past for the Future.” Grugan based his
talk on the recently published book *A Survey of Historic Sites and Landmarks in Lycoming County*.

The society's officers are: E. Eugene Eves, president; Dr. J. Almus Russell, vice-president; and Mary E. Brower, secretary. Edwin M. Barton continues to serve as executive secretary and Dr. Craig A. Newton as associate executive secretary.

The Corry Area Historical Society's Museum, Mead Park, was officially opened on Memorial Day weekend. It will be open by appointment on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the summer.

An illustrated paper on "Georgian Style Architecture in Cumberland County" was read by John J. Snyder, Jr., art historian and former Winterthur Museum fellow, at the membership meeting of the Cumberland County Historical Society, April 6. On May 19, Dr. Richard Kern, former president of Winebrenner Seminary, graduate school for the ministry of the Church of God, recounted the contributions of John Winebrenner to 19th century America. Winebrenner, who graduated from Dickinson College in 1818, withdrew from the German Reformed Church to form the Church of God, now a nationwide denomination with 514,000 members. The meeting was held at Peace Church, near Camp Hill, and Dr. Kern spoke from the pulpit occupied by Winebrenner when he announced the schism. A biography by Dr. Kern on Winebrenner is to be published later this year.

The society's publications committee, under the direction of William A. Hunter, is developing a program aimed at adding to the nearly 100 monographs which the organization has published on various aspects of Cumberland County history.

The first joint meeting of the Cumberland County Historical Society and the Historical Society of Dauphin County is scheduled for September 14 in the historic Silver Springs Presbyterian Church. Robert Grant Crist of Cumberland and Gerald W. West of Dauphin, presidents of the two societies, are making arrangements. They hope this will be an annual reciprocal affair.

A March meeting of the Historical Society of Dauphin County heard the Reverend Ralph T. Wolfgang speak on "The Episco-
pal Churches of Central Pennsylvania.” Presented in April was an illustrated lecture, prepared by the late Warren Harder, on “The Life and Times of Abraham Lincoln."

Mrs. Henry C. Patterson, a founding member of Historic Delaware County, Inc., and the present corresponding secretary, was the recipient of the 1st annual Themis Award presented by the Delaware County Bar Association, May 1. The award was made at the Rededication of the County’s 1724 Court House. Mrs. Patterson received the honor for her efforts to save and restore this historic structure in Chester.

A joint meeting of the Delaware County Historical Society and Historic Delaware County, Inc., was held at the restored 1724 Court House, Chester, June 19. Judge John V. Diggins, President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, was the principal speaker. Under the direction of Hamilton Cochran, the society’s Historical Museum will soon be located in the new Cultural Center, PMC Colleges.

The 8th annual dinner meeting of the Elk County Historical Society, April 18, heard Frank Gasparro, chief engraver-sculptor in the United States Mint, discuss “Coinage is My Line.”


Published by G. Schirmer, Inc., New York, and edited by Dr. Russell P. Getz, The Music of Ephrata is a collection of hymns and anthems composed by Conrad Beissel. The volume, including a brief historical sketch by John L. Kraft, curator of Ephrata Cloister, is available for purchase. Contact: Mrs. Shirley A.
Bischoff, Coordinator, Ephrata Cloister Associates, P. O. Box 155, Ephrata 17522.

Set in motion on June 24, “Vorspiel,” the musical drama of the life of the Cloister Folk, will be presented by the Associates on Saturdays and Sundays through September 3. Evening tours will accompany the performances on Saturdays, except August 26, and Sundays, August 6, 27, and September 3. Tickets are priced at $2.00 per adult (12 and over) and 50c per child (6 to 12). Group rates may be obtained by request.

Volume 1, Number 1 of a new publication entitled The Journal of Erie Studies has recently come off the press. Published jointly by the Erie County Historical Society and Mercyhurst College, it will appear twice a year and will be devoted to articles of historic value relating to the early years of Erie County. Donald Andrew Grinde, Jr., instructor of history, Mercyhurst College, is the editor-in-chief.

The Fort Ligonier Memorial Foundation, Inc., has announced that Fort Ligonier, now furnished with mannikins and items of the French and Indian War period, will be open to the public through November 30.

Charles B. Barclay has been reelected president and Conrad Wilson and Edwin Squire Dunkerley have been named to the Board of Directors of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania.

Meeting at the Aulenbach House, 29 West Tulpehocken Street, Germantown, members of the Germantown Historical Society recently heard Miss Mary Means discuss “Germantown and the National Register.”

Illustrating their comments with slides, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Baver explained the characteristics of the Pennsylvania Dutch Barn at a March meeting of the Goschenhoppen Historians. The speaker for the May general meeting was the Reverend Bartha Kriebel, newly appointed assistant conference minister of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Church of Christ. Her topic was “The History and Culture of the Schwenkfelders.”
The Greene County Historical Society reports that its large library of genealogy and history is open Wednesday through Saturday throughout the year, except for holidays. The museum is open Wednesday through Sunday from the first Sunday in May to the last Sunday in September. To add to the museum exhibits, plans are being made to move a one-room log cabin to the society's property, Green Hills Farm, R. D. 2, Waynesburg.

"One Woman's View of Old Economy" was the subject of a special showing of drawings and water colors by Velma Caputo at the Harmonie Associates House, Old Economy, Ambridge, March 19 through March 26. The exhibit featured pictures of Old Economy made by the artist over the last few years. Sponsored by the Harmonie Associates, a Junior High Craft Festival was conducted by members of the Teen-age Docent (TAD) Class at Old Economy, May 10-11. Approximately 30 crafts, including churning, weaving, spinning, Dutch biscuit making, and straw hat making, were demonstrated. "Kunstfest," the annual spring craft festival, was held at Old Economy, June 10-11.

A program featuring the showing of the historical movie, "The World Struggle for Oil," was recently sponsored by the Heritage Society of Oil City. Produced in 1922, the film—obtained by the society from the National Archives, Washington, D. C.—includes a 20-minute segment devoted to early oil scenes of the Oil Creek Valley.

A talk entitled "Early Schools of Huntingdon" was presented by Mrs. Rachael Y. Black at a January meeting of the Huntingdon County Historical Society. Members attending the society's annual meeting, held in Juniata College's Shoemaker Gallery, April 19, were informed by Ted Simpson on "The Beginning of the Old Raystown Dam."

The Historical and Genealogical Society of Indiana County participated in the 9th annual Candlestick Holiday Festival in Indiana County, May 19-21; took part in the Penn Run Firemen's Parade, June 10; and plans to conduct its annual Genealogical Workshop, August 12.
The Lackawanna Historical Society met on March 16 to hear Dr. James P. Rodechko explain "Irish Immigration Into Our Area." On April 20, members heard a discourse on "Indians of Our Region" by Robert W. Munley.

Historical essays by students from Franklin and Marshall College, Elizabethtown College, and Millersville State College were read at a May meeting of the Lancaster County Historical Society.

The Historic Preservation Trust of Lebanon County is currently involved in the restoration of the large kitchen of the historic Isaac Meier Homestead, Myerstown. These events are scheduled for September and October: the annual Antique Show, Lebanon, September 8-10; and the annual County Fair, Myerstown, October 7.

Holding its annual dinner meeting in Allentown, April 26, the Lehigh County Historical Society was presented with a certificate from the secretary of the Department of Interior naming the George Taylor House, Catasauqua, a National Historic Landmark. The award was presented by John C. W. Riddle, superintendent of Hopewell Village National Park Site, to Scott A. Trexler, retiring president of the society. Allentown architect John K. Heyl was elected the society's president for 1972-1973.

For the benefit of the restoration of the Greersburg Academy building and the Red Brick Academy museum building, the Little Beaver Historical Society, Darlington, sponsored a Variety Talent Show, April 29. The museum building was opened to the public on June 3 and will be open every Saturday and Sunday through September.

An illustrated talk on "French Azilum Today" was offered by Mrs. Elizabeth Homet, secretary of French Azilum, Inc., at the annual dinner meeting of the Lycoming County Historical Society.

Dr. Robert Olson, Thiel College, Greenville, has been named editor of Mercer County History, the semiannual publication of the Mercer County Historical Society. Dr. Olson replaces Dr.
Kenneth Martin, Slippery Rock State College, who initiated the publication a year ago.

Speakers at recent meetings of the Monongahela Historical Society have been: Bertram Waychoff, "The Warriors Trail;" Albert Miller, "Indians of Western Pennsylvania and Artifacts;" and Don P. Tanner, "Mound Builders."

On April 8, the Monroe County Historical Society was host to members of the Mauch Chunk Historical Society. The visitors toured the museum, library, and one-room red brick schoolhouse (The Bell School) at Cherry Valley. The annual summer meeting was held on June 24 at "Stone Haven," the summer home of Dr. and Mrs. Earl F. Robacker at Sciota. Dr. Robacker, antiques editor of Pennsylvania Folklife, spoke on "Monroe County Fraktur."

The Montgomery Area Historical Society's annual Field Trip, May 21, included visits to points of interest in the Jersey Shore-Antes Fort area.

Programs scheduled for the Muncy Historical Society's 1972-73 season include: "The Lumber Barons of the 19th Century," "Indian Paths Traversing the County and Their Meaning in History," "Firearms Through the Periods of Local History," and the "Fertile Field of Historical Preservation." Among the speakers invited to participate are Edward J. La Fond and William Richards of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

These speakers have been featured at recent meetings of the Newville Historical Society: Harry J. Robinson, "Antique American Glassware;" Miss Mildred E. Hurley, "Nicholas Barrick, Pioneer;" and Paul J. Westhaeffer, "The Ahl Brothers and the Harrisburg and Potomac Railroad." The society's 1st annual Flea Market will be held July 22. On September 21, George Ebner will discuss "Historical Society Participation in the Bicentennial in 1976."

The Spring Meeting of the Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society, April 5, was highlighted by a dis-
A course on "The Sun Inn of Bethlehem" by the Reverend Vernon H. Nelson, archivist of the Moravian Church, Bethlehem. In May, Thomas Ruddell, director of communications, Pennsylvania Power and Light Company, Allentown, discussed "Trolley Lines of the Lehigh Valley Area."

The society plans to publish a book entitled "Lehigh Valley the Unsuspected." The volume will consist of an edited selection of articles from Dr. R. E. Myers' column, "Pennsylvania the Unsuspected," which appeared for many years in the Bethlehem Globe Times and currently appears weekly in the Allentown Sunday Call Chronicle. Dr. Myers is a recently retired professor of biology at Moravian College and a respected historical writer in the Easton area. Articles to be used were chosen because they relate to the general Lehigh Valley area from Easton to Jim Thorpe (Mauch Chunk).

An illustrated talk on "Robert Smith, Architect and Builder of Colonial Philadelphia" was offered by Charles E. Peterson, F. A. I. A., at a March 3 meeting of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. Peterson serves as Carpenters' Company Historian and was editor of its 1786 facsimile Book of Rules. As director of the Rome Centre's first Traveling Summer School for Restorationists, he is currently conducting a study of active projects in Northwestern Europe. The society met on April 7 to hear Dr. Edward C. Carter, II, explain "Philadelphia in the Life and Work of Benjamin Henry Latrobe." Dr. Carter, associate professor of Early American History at the Catholic University of America, is editor-in-chief of the Benjamin Henry Latrobe Papers at the Maryland Historical Society.

The society recently received two important portraits, John Wollaston's portrait of Colonel Henry Bouquet, painted about 1758 for a member of the Willing family, and Joseph Wright's portrait of George Washington, painted for Mrs. Samuel Powel in 1784. The latter work is one of the most important portraits of Washington and now ranks with the society's Copley of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mifflin as the greatest treasure in the collection, which is the largest accumulation of pre-1900 American paintings in Philadelphia.

The National Historical Publications Commission has granted the society $39,000 to film its James Buchanan Papers.
The 1972 Archey Awards of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology went to Vivien Marshall, state secretary, and Don Tanner, former state treasurer. The J. Alden Mason Award went to John Witthoft, University of Pennsylvania. Scheduled for November 10-12, the annual meeting of the Eastern States Archaeological Federation will be held at the William Penn Memorial Museum, Harrisburg.

On May 5-7, members of the Pennsylvania Canal Society and the Canal Society of New York collaborated in sponsoring a tour of the lower Lehigh Canal, from Catasauqua to Easton. Stops were made at the Pennsylvania Canal Museum and the Northampton County Historical Society, both in Easton. A Canal Banquet, held at the Hotel Bethlehem, Bethlehem, May 6, featured the following: 1) an illustrated talk by Harry L. Rinker, president, PCS, entitled "Rinker's Guides to Canal Field Trips;" 2) the presentation by Dr. Donald H. Kent, director, Bureau of Archives and History, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, of a Certificate of Commendation from the American Association for State and Local History to the Hugh Moore Parkway Commission, Easton, for "the successful development of park and museum facilities emphasizing canal history" and "for providing an example of what may be accomplished in historical development through cooperation of public and private interests;" and 3) special recognition by the PCS of Hugh Moore for his contribution in the field of canal preservation and restoration.

Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Dutch Folk Culture Society, Lenhartsville, the 6th annual Pennsylvania Dutch Folk Fair was held July 15-16. During July and August, the society's restored One-Room School House and Folk Culture Center will be open to the public on weekdays from 10 to 5 and on Sundays from 1 to 5. The schedule for September and October will be 10 to 5 on Saturdays and 1 to 5 on Sundays.

The 65th annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies met at the Penn-Harris Hotel, Harrisburg, May 13. Following reports by the president, Jesse Hartman, the assistant executive secretary, Dr. Donald H. Kent, and the
treasurer, Ralph Hazeltine, state president, Senior Division, Pennsylvania Federation of Junior Historians directed the Junior Historian session. These officers of the Junior Historians presented brief summaries of their operations: Robert Bair, president, Eastern Region; Miss Jane Kaye, president, Northwest Region; Jim Kinter, president, Pennsylvania Dutch Region; Miss Kathy Crangi, state secretary, Senior Division, Southwest Region; Miss Michele Colaiaco, first vice-president, Yankee Region; and Miss Priscilla St. Jacques, state president, Junior Division.

Next, Ernest C. Miller, Warren, the Federation's first vice-president, conducted a discussion on "Security and Insurance for Historical Societies." A detailed and comprehensive account of the problems, along with suggested solutions, was offered by Stanley T. Brosky, member of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and assistant to the dean, Graduate School, Duquesne University. Participating was Dr. Donald H. Kent, director, Bureau of Archives and History, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. A paper by Mrs. LeRoy Sanders, of the Historical Society of Berks County, who was unable to attend, on "Insurance for Historical Societies" was read by Dr. Kent. The possibility of group insurance for historical societies was suggested by Dr. William Hummel, editor, Historical Review of Berks County. It was agreed that Mr. Brosky's informative paper should be prepared for distribution to member societies.

The luncheon address was presented by Dr. Edgar P. Richardson, formerly director, Detroit Institute of Arts and of the Henry F. Du Pont Winterthur Museum. Dr. Richardson's talk, illustrated by beautifully prepared slides, reviewed the numerous attempts by artists to arrive at a true representation of George Washington's appearance.

At the post-luncheon business meeting, the Federation's Awards Committee, Dr. Homer T. Rosenberger, chairman, conferred awards on the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society for the successful completion of its significant documentary publication, The Susquehannah Company Papers; and the Muncy Historical Society for its continuing contributions, in the form of informative programs and publications, to Pennsylvania history.
In resolutions, as adopted, 1) the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission was congratulated "on its foresight and on its success in acquiring the significant records, reports, and pictures, and other memorabilia of the Pennsylvania Railroad at the Penn Central Auction in March, 1972;" and 2) the Federation took "especial pleasure in noting that its younger counterpart, the Pennsylvania Federation of Junior Historians, has completed another highly successful year with many outstanding accomplishments." Societies were urged to "encourage and promote the development of Junior Historian chapters in the schools." In a special announcement, Dr. S. K. Stevens' long and valuable service to the Federation and to all member societies was recognized. Dr. Stevens, who retired in January as the executive director of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, was named a life member of the PFHS.

The Federation's officers for 1972-73 are: Jesse Hartman, Hollidaysburg, president; Ernest C. Miller, Warren, first vice-president; John D. Zimmerman, York, second vice-president; William D. Gilbert, Sigel, third vice-president; Mrs. LeRoy Sanders, Reading, fourth vice-president; Dr. Donald H. Kent, Camp Hill, assistant executive secretary; and Ralph Hazeltine, Trucksville, treasurer. At the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the office of executive secretary was left vacant to be filled at a later date by the Executive Committee.

The Pennsylvania German Society met at the Perkiomen School, Pennsburg, May 6. Featured speakers were the Reverend Jack Rothenberger, "Early Settlers of Montgomery County," and John K. Heyl, A. I. A., "Pennsylvania German Architecture." Ira D. Landis of the Mennonite Archives, Lancaster, was reelected president and Dr. Mahlon Hellerich, Bethlehem, and Dr. Glenn P. Schwalm, Valley View, were elected to the Board of Directors. The society's 1972 volume will be Amos Long's "The Pennsylvania German Family Farm," an illustrated and comprehensive analysis of the basic economic unit of Pennsylvania German culture.

A regular meeting of the Pennsylvania Historical Junto, March 17, heard Herbert Harris, Philatelic Editor with the United States Postal Service, discuss "John Sloan, the Man Who
Never Grew Old.” One of Pennsylvania’s most versatile artists, Sloan was a painter of figures and landscapes and an etcher of city life subjects. His achievements in the field of American art have been recognized by the issuance of a commemorative stamp. On April 21, a program originally scheduled for February 18 was presented as Miss C. Virginia Diedel explained “The Use of the Bible in Recording Family History.” The Junto’s annual dinner meeting was staged at the Arts Club of America, 2017 Eye Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., May 19. The guest speaker was Thomas J. Harrison, chief, Resources Management Division, Gettysburg National Military Park, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

“Victorian London” was explained by Mrs. Edward Fawcett, of the Victorian Society of England, at a March 15 meeting of the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation. On May 11, members heard George Stephen, head of the Rehabilitation Division, Boston Redevelopment Authority, discuss “Rehabilitating Old Houses in Boston.”

In conjunction with the Early American Glass Club, the Foundation sponsored a special spring tour on the weekend of May 20-21. Visits were made to historic sites in Wheeling and Sistersville, West Virginia, and Marietta, Ohio.

The Polish Historical Commission of the Central Council of Polish Organizations of Pittsburgh has submitted a proposal to the Pennsylvania Bicentennial Commission requesting funds to support research work on Pennsylvania Poles. Joseph A. Borkowski, chairman of the Polish Historical Commission, has been appointed to the Advisory Board of the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation.

A program on “The Webb Tile Company of Coudersport” was offered by Mrs. Edith R. Hancock at an April 28 meeting of the Potter County Historical Society.

A Spring Pilgrimage to Lancaster was conducted by the Pottstown Historical Society, May 13. The tour included stops at “Rock Ford,” home of General Edward Hand; “Wheatland,” the historic home of James Buchanan; and the Landis Valley Museum.
Dr. James H. Nichols, professor of Church History, Princeton Theological Seminary, has been elected president of the Presbyterian Historical Society. Dr. Nichols succeeds the Reverend G. Hall Todd, Philadelphia, whose term on the Board expired.

The Rough and Tumble Engineers Historical Association, Inc., Kinzers, has scheduled these events: the 3rd Annual Whistle Blow, July 3; the annual Threshermens and Sawmillers Reunion, August 17-19; the annual Enschine-O-Rama, October 21; and the annual membership banquet, October 28. The association's president is C. Daniel Brubaker.

Historic Schaefferstown, Inc., has announced these summer events: the 6th annual Folklife Festival, July 29-30; a Folk Music Festival, August 19; the 2nd annual Plowing Contest, August 26; the 4th annual Harvest Fair, September 16-17, and a Cooking Festival, September 30. For information, please write Charles D. Spotts, 1306 Hillcrest Road, Lancaster 17603.

A recent meeting of the Historical Society of Schuylkill County was highlighted by a presentation by Joseph Hanney entitled "Schuylkill County's Preparation for Gettysburg." The society's officers are: Joseph W. Holt, president; Margaret Toussaint, vice-president; Frederick W. Stoffler, secretary-treasurer; Lynn J. Holt, assistant secretary-treasurer; John Bambrick, director; and Thomas J. Brennan, director. Priced at $3.00, a second edition of Early Transportation in Schuylkill County is now available at the society, 14 North 3rd Street, Pottsville 17901.

The annual dinner meeting of the Shippensburg Historical Society, April 13, featured an address by George L. Heiges entitled "Life of Baron Von Stiegal—Ironmaker, Glassmaker and Churchman."

A current project of the Susquehanna County Historical Society and Free Library Association is the microfilming of Susquehanna County newspapers, 1816-1960. At the present time, papers of 1860-1900 vintage are in the process of being filmed.

The Historical Society of Trappe will celebrate its annual Trappe Day on September 16 with an Antiques Show at the
community's Grange Hall. On September 17, the society will hold a dedication of a plaque and portrait in memory of its late president, Frederick W. Grimison. This will be followed by the annual Washington Memorial Caravan March from Parkerford to Trappe.

The 1972-73 officers of the Upper Merion Park and Historic Foundation are: Stanley L. Petty, president; John Dunmire, vice-president; Marjorie French McKaig, secretary; and Elizabeth Shober, treasurer. Cited for "outstanding contributions in the fields of open space and historic preservation," Mrs. James Irvine, Wayne, and John F. Reed, King of Prussia, have been named recipients of the Foundation's annual commendations.

Mrs. George Bell Dyer explained "Life and Customs of 1777" at a March meeting of the Valley Forge Historical Society.

The annual meeting and luncheon of the Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was held at the Union League, Philadelphia, March 11. The featured speaker was E. Newbold Smith. On April 19, following the Naturalization proceedings for new citizens in the United States District Court of Philadelphia, the society and the Philadelphia Flag Day Association staged a reception at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel. Judge Joseph C. Bruno, president of the Association, welcomed the new citizens. Flag pins were distributed.

The guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Warren County Historical Society, March 10, was Edwin A. Glover, an authority on the Pennsylvania Bucktails, a famed rifle regiment of the Civil War period, recruited from the lumbering areas in northwestern Pennsylvania. Glover is the author of the book, *Bucktailed Wildcats*. On April 26, the society heard Robert J. LaBar, forestry consultant, speak on the history of lumbering in Pennsylvania.

The annual dinner meeting of the Wayne County Historical Society was held in the Central Methodist Church, Church Street, Honesdale, April 22. An illustrated account of Wayne County was offered by W. H. Stephens.
“The Search for Hanna’s Town—A Frontier County Seat” was the title of an illustrated lecture delivered by Jacob L. Grimm at a March 1 meeting of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania. Grimm, noted archaeologist and historian, is the director of the archaeological diggings at the old Westmoreland County community. On April 5, Joseph G. Smith, chairman of the board at Carlow College and director of the society’s programs of community services, read a paper on “Renegades, Robbers, Ruffians, Rogues and Other Colorful Characters.”

A weekend seminar on “Western Pennsylvania” was co-sponsored by the society and the University of Pittsburgh at Hidden Valley Farm, Somerset County, June 10-11. The meeting featured an illustrated talk and a nature walk, “How to Recognize Our Native Trees, Wildflowers, and Plants;” an “Evening of Folk Music;” and an explanation of “The Many Nationalities and Cultures in Our Region.”

The official report of Dr. James Richardson, University of Pittsburgh, who directed a group of college students in an archaeological field school at the Hanna’s Town site in the summer of 1970, was presented to the Westmoreland County Historical Society, March 7. Dr. Richardson’s group excavated Foreman’s Tavern. On April 4, the society heard Frank Piper describe the work being done to preserve the historical heritage of the Delmont area.

Mrs. Karen Strawbridge, Williamsport, informed the members of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society on the subject “Once Upon A Mattress,” April 12. Coverlets and quilts were displayed. On May 6-7, the society participated in Wilkes-Barre’s annual Cherry Blossom Festival.

Monroe H. Fabian, assistant curator of the National Portrait Gallery, a division of the Smithsonian Institution, was the guest lecturer at a March 14 meeting of the Historical Society of York County. His topic was “Pennsylvania—German Folk Art.” Presenting the major address at the annual meeting, April 18, was Clement E. Conger, curator of the White House and chairman of the Special Fine Arts Committee, Department of State. Conger’s talk, illustrated with slides, was entitled “Masterpieces
of Americana in the Diplomatic Reception Rooms, State Department.” Scheduled for August 24 through September 14, the society’s 1972 international tour, “Voyage of the Two Seas,” will feature visits to England, the Channel Islands, France, Spain, Portugal, Morocco, Tunisia, and Italy.

Authored by the society’s librarian and director of research, John W. Heisey, *York County in the American Revolution* is now available for purchase. Priced at $2.00, the volume is the first in a proposed Bicentennial Booklet Series leading up to the 1976 celebration. Scheduled for publication on September 1, “The Kentucky Rifle,” now being prepared by the society and Arma Press of New York City, will contain over eighty full-color plates in addition to a text detailing the various aspects of the Kentucky rifle. The book will retail at $15.00.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

The Mifflin County Historical Society and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission formally opened the restored birthplace and boyhood home of Major General Frank R. McCoy, 17 North Main Street, Lewistown, June 3. Administered by the Commission, the building has been restored as a memorial to General McCoy, noted Lewistown native who had an illustrious career in the military field, also holding diplomatic posts under seven presidents. The home contains a number of rooms restored with McCoy family furniture, a display of the Frank R. McCoy Memorial Collection of memorabilia, and space for the society’s library and museum. It is now one of the shrines on the “Pennsylvania Trail of History.”

Designated as a national landmark, the completely restored Morton Mortonson House, located on the edge of Norwood Park in the borough of Norwood, was dedicated on May 29. This impressive 18th century structure is associated with John Morton, signer of the Declaration of Independence.

The Skippack Historical Society has received a Certificate of Commendation from the American Association for State and Local History. The certificate, in recognition of the society’s energetic campaign to save the historic Skippack Valley, was
presented to Dr. Joseph J. Peters, president, at the 65th annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies, May 13.

The Westmoreland County Historical Society has been notified that the Old Hanna’s Town restoration site, located four miles northeast of Greensburg, has been officially added to the state’s historical landmarks by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. The society has spearheaded the research and reconstruction project for the past six years. Hanna’s Town, burned to the ground in 1782 by the Seneca Indians, was the county seat of Westmoreland County from 1773 until 1787. In the late 1770’s, it had some 30 log cabins and houses, a log courthouse, stockaded fort with a garrison/block house, a jail, and two taverns, one being operated by the town’s founder, Robert Hanna. At the time, Pittsburgh had only 30 houses in addition to Fort Pitt. The frontier community is also renowned for the Hannastown Resolves, sometimes called Westmoreland’s Declaration of Independence, signed and published in May 1775, more than a year before the national declaration at Philadelphia.

The Perryopolis Area Historical Society, Inc., is currently giving much attention to the final restoration of an 1814 building that is the only fulling mill being restored in Pennsylvania. Exterior work has included the construction of a hand cut wooden shingle roof and the installation of windows and doors of the correct vintage. The mill will soon be complete with machinery. Among the society’s other involvements is a campaign to raise funds for the restoration of the George Washington Grist Mill. Erected in 1774-76, this historic landmark remained in operation until 1917.

Built by Isaac and Dinah Mendenhall, noted abolitionists, the 1840 Mendenhall Estate, Hillendale Road, Chadds Ford, Chester County, is now listed on the National Register of Historic Sites.

The 1821 Burtner House, located in Natrona Heights near Tarentum, has been placed on both the state and national registers of historic buildings. Recently saved through the efforts of the “Save the Burtner House Committee,” a local group in
the Natrona Heights area, the structure had been marked for demolition as the Department of Highways planned the construction of the Allegheny Valley Expressway. The house will soon be restored and opened to the public.

Through a grant of $100,000, payable half in 1972 and half in 1973, the trustees of the Sarah Mellon Scaife Foundation have given strong support to the general operations of the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation. The Foundation has also been awarded a $60,000 grant from the Buhl Foundation, aimed at providing permanent exhibition materials for the restored Old Post Office Museum, Allegheny Square, Pittsburgh.

Arthur Ziegler, executive director of the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation has been appointed to the committee on architectural preservation of the Society of Architectural Historians and has been reappointed for a second term to the advisory committee on the National Historic Preservation Fund of the National Trust.

Now available from the National Trust for Historic Preservation is a kit, "Preservation for the Bicentennial," intended to help organizations develop preservation programs. Included in the packet is such basic information as how to evaluate historic sites and buildings; how to conduct architectural surveys; hints for Bicentennial programs; ways in which the federal and state governments can help fund projects; ideas relating to publicity; and a directory of key people to contact, listed by state. To order, send $3.00 to Helen B. Byrd, Bicentennial Coordinator, National Trust for Historic Preservation, 748 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20006.

OF MEN AND MANY THINGS

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission was the largest individual bidder at the Penn Central Railroad's March 20-22 public auction of the library and museum holdings of the former Pennsylvania Railroad. In announcing these acquisitions, Mrs. Ferne S. Hetrick, chairman of the Commission, disclosed that the bidding was done under the code name of "M. White." This was an abbreviation for Maxwell Whiteman,
member of the Commission and the behind-the-scenes director of a determined effort to insure the preservation of one of the finest collections of railroad materials in the United States. The code name was used in an attempt to prevent undue pressure from competitive bidders. The plan was successful. Ending up with 253 of the more than 2000 lots of materials being offered, the Commission got the collection it wanted. Along with important library and museum pieces, the collection includes minutes, reports, photographs, and numerous other archival records which explain and illustrate the long and important history of the "Pennsy." Deposited in the Pennsylvania State Archives, Harrisburg, these records help to round out the Commission's extensive collections of materials dealing with the history of early Pennsylvania transportation, including the turnpikes, canals and such allied systems as the famous Allegheny Portage Rail Road and the historic Philadelphia and Columbia Railroad, progenitor of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The volume of the new accession is approximately 230 cu. ft.

Collections currently being processed at the Pennsylvania State Archives include the papers of Governors Edward Martin, 1943-47, James H. Duff, 1947-51, and David L. Lawrence, 1959-63; papers of Dr. Paul A. W. Wallace, 1946-66; and records of the Pennsylvania Railroad, 1830-1963.

The Sun Oil Company has officially designated the Eleutherian Mills Historical Library as the depository for its business archives. Numbering 150,000 items, the first segment of the Company's historical records to be processed covers the period from 1889 to 1963 and contains papers of prominent members of the Pew family whose management involvements have been an integral part of Sun's operation since its founding in 1886. Represented in the collection are the papers of J. N. Pew, Arthur E. Pew, Sr., Joseph N. Pew, Jr., J. Howard Pew, J. Edgar Pew, and Arthur E. Pew, Jr.

Other recent acquisitions of the Historical Library include miscellaneous papers, 1844-1939, of the Lukens Steel Company, Coatesville, Pennsylvania; and business records, 1884-1970, of the Eyster, Weiser Company, founders and machinists, York, Pennsylvania.
The Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware, recently issued Volume 1, Number 1 of *Newsletter*. To appear two or more times each year, the new publication will inform students, scholars, and the general public about the Foundation’s museum exhibits, library collections, new publications and new programs.


*The Federal Land Series*, Volume 1, authored by Clifford Neal Smith and of value to genealogists interested in the migration patterns of their ancestry, was published by the American Library Association in June. “Covering governmental correspondence and other archival material for the period 1788-1810,” this initial volume of an on-going series “gives sufficient chronological information to allow the plotting upon a tract map of all patents granted, giving a precise sequence of settlement in each locality.” Thus, according to Jason A. Nogee, manager, Marketing Services, “this Series supplements the federal decennial censuses as an indicator of settlement and pinpoints the location of each individual settler in a manner which early federal censuses do not.” Priced at $20.00, the volume may be ordered from the Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

The National Archives and Records Service (General Services Administration) has announced that its Twenty-Seventh Institute: Introduction to the Administration of Modern Archives, has been scheduled for September 11-22. The Institute, offered in cooperation with and accredited by the Department of History of The American University, and cosponsored by the Library of Congress and the Maryland Hall of Records, provides an introduction to archives administration for persons holding or preparing for positions of responsibility
in the fields of archives, manuscripts, records management, and the administration of special collections. Featuring a faculty of outstanding specialists, the Institute presents theory, principles, and techniques of archives administration for modern documentary material of both public and private origin. Because of over subscription of the Institute during each of the past several years, two institutes were scheduled for the current year. The Twenty-Sixth Institute was held March 6-17 and the Twenty-Seventh has been scheduled for September 11-22. The Institute is directed by Dr. Frank B. Evans, special assistant to the Archivist for Academic Liaison and adjunct professor of history at The American University. For further information please write the Department of History, Twenty-Seventh Archives Institute, The American University, Washington, D. C. 20016.

John Bodnar, associate historian, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, delivered Susquehanna University's Phi Alpha Theta lecture, April 18, on "What Happened to the Melting-Pot: A Case Study of a Pennsylvania Steel Town." Bodnar is responsible for the Commission's Ethnic Studies Program.

An Ethnic Studies Association was formed in Philadelphia on March 23. The group, consisting mostly of scholars from eastern Pennsylvania, will meet informally several times a year to exchange information on ethnic studies and to present various research papers. More information can be obtained by contacting Dr. Joseph O'Grady, Department of History, La Salle College, Philadelphia.

The Ford Foundation has recently announced the award of a dissertation fellowship for ethnic studies to Edward J. Price, Jr., a graduate student in history at the Pennsylvania State University. The grant is for the academic year 1972-73 and carries a stipend of approximately $5,000. Under the direction of Dr. Ira V. Brown, professor of American history, Price is doing his Ph.D. dissertation on the development of civil rights legislation in Pennsylvania. This year is the second in a row that one of Dr. Brown's students has been awarded one of these grants in a nationwide competition among several hundred graduate students. Last year's winner was Miss Ann C. Wilmoth, who is
doing her dissertation on the history of the Negro in Pittsburgh. The fellowships are especially directed toward encouraging study of the history of minority groups in American history.

Under a grant from the National Historical Publications Commission, Dr. Louis Gottschalk, University of Chicago, is currently conducting an extensive research program aimed at locating and indexing all papers of General Lafayette produced during his lifetime. A strong foundation for the project is provided by Dr. Gottschalk's own index and by the Arthur H. and Mary Marden Dean Collection of Lafayette, held by Cornell University and including what were formerly the Blancheteau and Chavaniac, or Fabius, Collections. Information pertaining to other Lafayette collections, either in private hands or in small depositories, would be appreciated. Contact: Lafayette Papers Project, Cornell University Libraries, Ithaca, New York 14850.

The New Jersey Historical Commission has awarded a $1,500 grant-in-aid to Dr. Larry R. Gerlach, assistant professor of history, University of Utah, for a documentary history of New Jersey in the Revolution, 1765-1788. The projected 250-300 page publication will bring together primary materials relating to Revolutionary New Jersey, and it will encompass three themes: the major ideas associated with the Revolutionary era, the translation of those concepts into public policy, and the impact of the Revolution on the citizenry. Gerlach, who received his Ph.D. from Rutgers University in 1968, recently completed a documentary volume, "The American Revolution: New York as a Case Study," for the Wadsworth American History Research Series.

A grant to the Federal Library Committee from the Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation will support the publication of "A Directory of Picture Sources in the District of Columbia." Planned for publication in 1973, this will be a guide to museums, galleries, and other sources for pictures of merit needed for research and artistic purposes. Additional information may be received from the Secretariat, FLC, Room 310, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. 20540.
The Washington Crossing Foundation announces the publication of a new quarterly bulletin, the *Spirit of '76 Sentinel*. Contact the Foundation, Box 1976, Washington Crossing 18977.

Recently sponsored by Lock Haven State College, a History Conference on "The Civil War Era: The Ordeal of Leadership" featured an address by Dr. Richard N. Current, University of North Carolina, on "A Task for Leadership: the War, the Ethnic Groups, and Northern Unity." Papers were read by: Dr. Merton L. Dillon, Ohio State University, "White Abolitionists and Black Rebels;" Dr. Betty L. Fladeland, Southern Illinois University, "The Pragmatical Abolitionists;" Dr. Philip S. Klein, Pennsylvania State University, "Patriotic Myths and Political Realities;" Dr. Warren W. Hassler, Jr., Pennsylvania State University, "The Union High Command: The Role of the Generals;" Dr. Grady McWhiney, Wayne State University, "Jefferson Davis and His Generals;" and Dr. Ari Hoogenboom, Brooklyn College, City University of New York, "Between the Politicians and the Bureaucrats: Gustavus Vasa Fox, Assistant Secretary of the Navy."

The Sixth Annual Bloomsburg State College History Conference will be held May 3-4, 1973. The theme will be "Violence in History." Historians interested in presenting papers please send the title and a brief summary of your essay by November 15 to Professor H. Benjamin Powell, chairman, Sixth Annual History Conference, Bloomsburg State College, Bloomsburg 17815.

Duquesne University's History Forum is set for November 1-3 at the Pittsburgh Hilton. Some forty-one sessions covering the gamut of world history are planned. Included will be discussions on "The Northern Frontier in the Revolution," "Economic Expansion in the New West: Buffalo and Pittsburgh," and "Pittsburgh's Urban Development." Contact: Dr. James G. Lydon, Director, Department of History, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh 15219.

The Thiel College History Department was the host for the annual meeting of the Historians of Northwestern Pennsylvania/Northeastern Ohio, April 15. The featured paper was given by
Professor Suzanne Van Meter, Clarion State College, on "New England Mill Girls: The Making of a Working Class." Next year's meeting will be at Kent State University.

The History Department of the Williamsport Area Community College presented its first Film and Discussion Festival in April and May. The series, entitled "Eulogy for a Culture," examined changes occurring in American society. Films featured included Frederick Wiseman's "High School," "Stagolee—Conversations with Bobby Seale," "Hiroshima and Nagasaki," "Growinglys Female," and "The Earth is Our Mother."

A symposium on "The Delaware or Lenni Lenape Indians" was sponsored by Seton Hall University and the New Jersey Historical Commission, May 6. Speakers included: Dr. Francis Jennings, chairman, Department of History, Cedar Crest College, "The Delaware Indians in the Covenant Chain;" and William A. Hunter, chief, Division of History, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, "Moses (Tunda) Tatamy—Delaware Indian Diplomat."

Michael J. Ripton, assistant director of the Bureau of Museums, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, has been elected president of the American Association of Museum's Northeast Museums Conference. One of six regional groups in the United States, the Conference will hold its annual meeting at the William Penn Memorial Museum, Harrisburg, October 11-14.

Compiled by P. W. Filby and Edward G. Howard, Star-Spangled Books, including and concerning books, sheet music, newspapers, manuscripts and persons associated with "The Star-Spangled Banner," has been published by the Maryland Historical Society. Copies cost $12.50, plus 50c for postage and handling and tax where applicable. Orders may be sent to the society, 201 West Monument Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.