

NEWS AND COMMENT

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HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

The Hill Presbyterian Church and "The John Hanson Steelman Story" were the topics treated by Daniel Teeter and Mrs. Nancy Keith Johnson at an August meeting of the Adams County Historical Society.

As reported by the Armstrong-Kittanning Trail Society, a boy scout troop sponsored by the Calvary United Presbyterian Church of Indiana completed a 50-mile hike over the Armstrong-Kittanning Trail on August 13. The scouts traveled westward from Ashville in Cambria County to Shaver's Spring on the campus of Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

More than one hundred members of the Blair County Historical Society toured the Scotch Valley area near Hollidaysburg, July 29. The locality contains numerous substantial brick houses which were built by the Moore family, pioneer Scotch-Irish settlers who took up their land in 1770.

The Board of Directors of the Bucks County Historical Society has announced the appointment of Gary G. Schuman, formerly executive director of the Montgomery County Historical Society, Dayton, Ohio, to the position of executive director, with full overall responsibility for the administration and operation of the society, the Mercer Museum and the Historical Library. Schuman assumed his duties on October 1. Stimulated by two substantial gifts, the society is about to launch a major building program to expand its educational and interpretive facilities. Extensive renovation plus new construction is planned, with a target date for completion set for 1975.

The Mercer Museum, Fonthill and the Moravian Pottery and Tile Works, all built by Dr. Henry C. Mercer in Doylestown

in the early 20th century, are now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In observance of this recognition, the Bucks County Historical Society, the Trustees of Fonthill and the Bucks County Parks and Recreation Board are sponsoring "Mercer Mile Day," October 21. There will be guided tours of the buildings, horsedrawn transportation, architectural seminars, and other events and activities geared to the period of construction of these concrete extravaganzas. The public is invited.

Currently on exhibit at the Cameron Historical Society's Little Museum are many examples of the work of Walter J. Filling, nationally famous engraver-engrosser of Washington, D. C.

Participating in the program for Citizen Soldier Week—held in the last week of July—at the Pennsylvania Military Museum, Boalsburg, members of the Centre County Historical Society offered demonstrations and displays of old-time crafts.

An August visit to the Jefferson County Historical Society Museum, Brookville, was enjoyed by the Clarion County Historical Society.

The Columbia County Historical Society is cooperating with the United States Army Military History Research Collection, Carlisle, in a comprehensive effort to collect manuscripts and pictorial materials on Columbia County servicemen in World War I. Columbia County is the pilot for what will ultimately be a nationwide project.

A bimonthly newsletter, containing announcements and stories relating to local history, is now being issued by the Corry Area Historical Society, Mead Park.

The Cumberland County Historical Society will give its 1972 Historian-of-the-Year Award to Charles Coleman Sellers, of Carlisle, biographer and historian, whose new history of Dickinson College will be published in January as part of the college's 200th anniversary celebration.

A May meeting of the Historical Society of Dauphin County heard Willis R. Kocher speak on "Major Marcus A. Reno and

the Tragedy of Little Big Horn." In June, Brigadier General Henry M. Gross talked about his recollections of Harrisburg.

Mrs. Sarah Pratt Brock, a member of the Council of the Delaware County Historical Society and one of the founders of the Friends of the Caleb Pusey House, has been named Pennsylvania Mother of the Year. Mrs. Brock, who believes in "getting involved" in the affairs of the community, was singled out for her work with many organizations and in particular for her work with the Delaware County Prison for Women.

A cruise on Presque Isle Bay on the sight-seeing motor boat *Kathleen*, captained by Francis J. Nolan, was recently enjoyed by approximately eighty members and friends of the Erie County Historical Society.

On September 26, the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania heard Ronald A. Bremer, research specialist of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, explain "United States Immigration Sources." With Mrs. David U. Ullman as chairman of the Program Committee, these lectures have been scheduled: "East and West Jersey Proprietors and Their Records," Donald F. Cameron, librarian emeritus, Rutgers University, October 24; "Importance of Analysis of Research," Harriet Mott Stryker-Rodda, certified genealogist, January 23; "Federal Records Available Locally," Robert J. Devlin, chief, Archives Research Branch, Federal Records Center, Philadelphia, February 27. All meetings will be held at 2:30 P.M. in the hall of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia.

Meeting on October 19, the Germantown Historical Society heard Professor Michael Brooks discuss "John Ruskin and His Influence on English and American Architecture."

With the Reverend Dr. John L. Ruth, Vernfield, speaking on the subject "The Mennonite Settlement in the Goschenhoppen Area," the Goschenhoppen Historians staged their annual on-site meeting at Delp's Meetinghouse, Franconia Township, Montgomery County, June 15. On August 11-12, more than 100 authentic crafts were demonstrated at the 6th Annual Folk Festival, New Goschenhoppen Grove, East Greenville.

A motorcade to local points of historic interest was conducted by the Hanover Area Historical Society, June 25. The final net profit for the society from its "Town Fair," held on May 12-13, was \$2,415.

"A Musical History of the Harmony Society," a concert showing how the music of the Harmony Society changed over a period of one hundred years was presented by the Harmonie Associates at Old Economy, June 27.

Under the direction of Mrs. Frances Strong Helman, the Historical and Genealogical Society of Indiana County held its 16th annual genealogical workshop in Memorial Hall, Indiana, August 12.

"George Catlin—Author and Artist in the Early Part of the Nineteenth Century" was the title of a discourse by Ralph Hazeltine, executive director of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, at the annual dinner meeting of the Lackawanna Historical Society, May 23.

At the suggestion of "Campus Welcome," an "arm" of the Welcome Wagon organization, the Lancaster County Historical Society has agreed to cooperate in making incoming college freshmen and transfer students at Franklin and Marshall and Millersville State colleges aware of the research facilities of the society. A committee, directed by Donald Crownover and supported by Mrs. Harold Kramer and Arthur Reist, has been formed to encourage projects and activities by the incoming students. Informed scholars are, of course, already familiar with the many research possibilities that are offered by the society's resources, which include a very large collection of manuscripts and printed materials, local newspapers from 1787 to 1936, records on microfilm, and thousands of documents. Samuel E. Dyke, the society's president, gives this view of his organization's relationship to scholarly endeavors: "We like to think of the students and professors who use our facilities as being in a partnership with the Society."

Don Crownover, youth coordinator for the Lancaster County Historical Society, has announced plans for a local government youth citizenship training series to be offered by the society

under a grant from the Union Fire Co. 1, the oldest volunteer fire company in the nation and the oldest (1742) civic association in Lancaster. The society's collection of portraits by the early 19th-century artist, Jacob Eicholtz, has been placed on exhibit in the meeting hall of the Willson Building, Lancaster.

A September dinner meeting of the Lycoming County Historical Society featured an illustrated talk on "Archaeology Here and There" by William Turnbaugh, former vice-president of the society and currently a doctoral candidate in archaeology at Harvard University. These programs have been scheduled: a demonstration and explanation of pottery making, Max E. Ameigh, October 19; "Quakers in Lycoming County," Miss Elizabeth Warner, November 16; "Christmas Music" by the Gesang Verein Harmonica and the Damenchor (Women's Chorus) under the direction of David M. Smith, December 21; "Recent Discoveries About the Life of Severin Roesen," Dr. Maurice A. Mook, January 18; and "A Social Psychology of Local History," Dr. Otto L. Sonder, February 15.

George Swetnam, staff writer for the *Pittsburgh Press*, was the guest speaker at the annual dinner meeting of the Mercer County Historical Society, June 15. The talk was entitled "Heroes, Heels and Hexes." Organized and coordinated by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Beringer, the society's annual picnic was held at the One Room School Museum, August 17. The event included: displays of primitive tools by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bush and Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Roberts; a demonstration by the Joe Little family of the washing of clothes before the days of automatic washers; and a demonstration by Tom Magee of a working model of a steam engine and a dog-powered wheel.

The June membership meeting of the Mill Creek Valley Historical Association heard Joseph G. Smith discuss "Renegades, Robbers, Ruffians, Rogues and Other Colorful Characters." An added feature on the program was a display by Russel Sunday of hand-crafted miniature horse-drawn vehicles.

The Monongahela Historical Society sponsored two entrants in the Miss Meadowcraft Pageant, held in August, and both girls came home as prize winners. Miss Cheryl Haines was first

runner-up and Miss Celeste Barringer was second runner-up. The girls were required to design, make and model early American costumes, bake "from scratch," and compose and deliver talks on historical subjects. Meadowcraft Village, at Avella in Washington County, is a reconstruction of representative western Pennsylvania pioneer structures. The buildings have been collected for preservation to house exhibits of the various crafts and trades of the western frontier.

The 10th Annual Open House Tour of the Newtown Historic Association will be held in Newtown on Saturday, December 2, from 12 noon to 8 P.M.

The annual meeting of the Newville Historical Society, set for November 16, will feature a discourse by Dr. J. Bernard Hogg on "Blunston Licenses: Early Cumberland Valley Deeds."

Under a grant from the National Historical Publications Commission, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania's James Buchanan Papers are being prepared for filming. In charge of the project is Mrs. Lucy West.

Dr. Patricia E. Cole, who as a high school student in 1961-62 was state president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Junior Historians, recently traveled to Russia to present a paper at the 4th International Biophysics Congress in Moscow. A post-doctoral Damon Runyon fellow at Columbia Medical Institute for Cancer Research in New York City, Dr. Cole is a Montoursville High School graduate. A Phi Beta Kappa, she received her baccalaureate degree from Brown University, magna cum laude. The doctor of philosophy degree was conferred upon her this year by Yale University.

Francis Coleman Rosenberger, attorney for the Judiciary Committee, United States Senate, has been elected president of the Pennsylvania Historical Junto. He succeeds Harry C. Shriver, trial examiner, Federal Power Commission.

At the annual banquet of the Historical Society of the Philadelphia Methodist Conference, Dr. Frederick E. Maser, executive secretary of the World Methodist Historical Society, spoke on "Religious Personalities of Early Philadelphia."

The 4th Annual Plymouth Meeting Day, sponsored by the Plymouth Meeting Historical Society, was staged on October 1. The event featured Open House tours, exhibits by craftsmen, and a display of paintings by area artists. For the first time since the Civil War, Abolition Hall was opened to the public.

Members of the Polish Historical Commission of the Central Council of Polish Organizations have been busy gathering historical data and documentation relating to the participation of Poles in the American Revolution. Particular attention has been given to the roles played by Casimir Pulaski, Tadeusz Kosciuszko, Captain Zielinski, Count de Bozen, Count Kolkowski, and Count Bienowski.

A stated meeting of the Potter County Historical Society, July 28, heard Marshall Case, past president of the Penn-York Lumbermen's Association, explain the features of the Pennsylvania Lumber Museum. This new facility, located near Denton Hill, Potter County, is administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

An "open house" will be held on October 15 in the library and museum of the Presbyterian Historical Society, 425 Lombard Street, Philadelphia. The occasion will present an opportunity for many to visit the society on a day when the building is usually not opened. The public is cordially invited.

Conducted on September 15-16, the Quakertown Historical Society's 6th Annual Arts Festival featured a "country store" display and exhibits by local artists and craftsmen.

Located in the Municipal Building on Erie Avenue, St. Marys, the rooms of the Historical Society of St. Marys and Benzinger Township are open daily from 9 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. The society is currently celebrating its 5th anniversary.

A program on the history of Ashland was presented by Edward T. Watters at a recent meeting of the Historical Society of Schuylkill County.

The 4th annual opening of Old Fort Mifflin, administered for Philadelphia's Recreation Department by the Shackamaxon So-

ciety, Inc., was held on May 29. Ceremonies included the presentation of a shovel and cannonball from the HMS *Augusta*, a British ship destroyed by cannon fire from the historic fort; the awarding of *Holiday* magazine's America the Beautiful Award to the Shackamaxon Society; the presentation of the society's 4th annual Old Fort Mifflin Medal to W. Carter Merbrier, WPVI-TV's Captain Noah, for his efforts in promoting Old Fort Mifflin; and militia muster and drills by the society's Old Fort Mifflin Guard. The Fort was open to the public seven days a week from May 29 to Labor Day.

On August 13, the Old Fort Mifflin Guard "did their thing" at the Philadelphia Flea Market at Independence Mall. The Revolutionary War re-enactment group, dressed in authentic uniforms of the 1777 period, presented a militia muster with period weapons and demonstrated the arts of the soldier: making uniforms, cartridge boxes, bullets, rifles, belts, and pewter spoons. Musical entertainment was provided by a colonial string quartet, led by 17-year-old William Serad, the fife-major of the Guard. Proceeds from the event are being used to further the Shackamaxon Society's historical, cultural, and educational programs.

The annual picnic of the Shippensburg Historical Society was held at the Middle Spring Presbyterian Church Grove, July 13. A paper titled "Middle Spring" was read by Leslie Fogelsanger.

The annual meeting of the Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Society, October 1, was highlighted by a talk by Henry Engert on "Old Water Power and Grist Mills and Covered Bridges in Pennsylvania."

The 2nd semiannual dinner meeting of the Historical Society of Trappe will be held on November 11.

A three-day seminar dealing with the preservation of the area's historical heritage was recently sponsored by the Warren County Historical Society. Donald A. Grinde, Jr., archivist and history instructor at Mercyhurst College, Erie, conducted the lectures and work sessions. Earnest C. Miller, editor of the society's *Stepping Stones* and the author of six books and well over 100 articles on the history of petroleum, was awarded a

Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Wyoming, August 4.

"A most enjoyable cruise up the scenic Allegheny River on the *Gateway Party Liner*" was arranged for the members of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania, July 19. Pointing out historic spots was Captain Fred Way, lifelong river pilot and author of *The Allegheny*.

On July 13, the 190th anniversary of the burning of Hanna's Town was observed by the Westmoreland County Historical Society. The program, directed by Calvin E. Pollins, president of the society, included an account of the events of July 13, 1782, by Mrs. Margaret Fields, volunteer archaeologist, and the dedication of an all-weather aluminum image of the Rattlesnake Flag of Colonel John Proctor's First Independent Battalion of Westmoreland County. Hanna's Town, the first county seat of Westmoreland County and the site of the first courthouse west of the Alleghenies, was burned by a band of Seneca Indians, as one of the last hostile acts of the Revolutionary War. Old Hanna's Town, which is to be rebuilt, has been listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

During the spring term of 1972, cooperative educational programs, "History of Westmoreland County" and "Local Archeological Restorations," were conducted by Westmoreland County Community College and the Westmoreland County Historical Society. The "History of Westmoreland County" course featured a different lecture each week for a period of ten weeks. The topics covered were: "Historical Background of Westmoreland County," Calvin Pollins; "General Arthur St. Clair, President of the Second Continental Congress," Malcom Tweedy; "Log Buildings and Cabins," Edward and Mary Smith; "Pennsylvania-Kentucky Rifle," "Tales of Tinker Run," and "Pennsylvania Indians," Dr. Thomas Agnew; "Battle of Bushy Run," John Mochnick; and "Salem Crossroads," John H. Holder. The "Local Archeological Restorations" mini-course consisted of two slide-lectures on "The Reconstruction of the Historical Sites of Fort Ligonier and Hanna's Town" by Jacob L. Grimm and a session on "Ceramics and Colonial Glass Unearthed at Hanna's Town" by Mary Smith and Peggy Fields.

On June 17, the Westmoreland-Fayette Historical Society held its Founder's Day Celebration in the society's museum at West Overton. The story of the development and operation of beehive coke ovens was narrated by Eugene D. Miller, editor of the *Mount Pleasant Journal*.

The Historical Society of York County has received accreditation from the American Association of Museums. This accreditation—and only 81 other institutions in the United States and Canada are so accredited—extends to the museum at 250 East Market Street, the Gates House/Plough Tavern, the Log House and the Bonham House.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

In response to our August "Reminder" for information for "News and Comment," we received the following from Ralph Hazeltine, executive director, Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, Wilkes-Barre:

Dear Harry:

Write your own damn release! I am too busy!

This was no overstatement. Hazeltine's time was being consumed in directing the repair work made necessary by the damage, estimated at \$36,170, caused to the society by Hurricane Agnes. On June 23-25, the Wyoming Society, as was true of most of Wilkes-Barre, was victimized as the North Branch of the Susquehanna River breached sandbag barricades, pouring flood waters into the city. Muddy water completely filled the basement of the society's headquarters, 69 South Franklin Street, and rose to a height of approximately one inch above the flooring on the first floor. The major problem was that the basement housed a sizable portion of the organization's valuable library and archival holdings.

Fortunately, thinking back to the experiences of 1936, society officers, especially Hazeltine and Harrison Smith, saw to it that a considerable number of manuscripts and published works were quickly moved out of harms way. Some were moved to the upper floors of the headquarters building. Others were transported to the Swetland House, the society's historic property in

Forty Fort. Before they could be moved, however, more than 300 cubic feet of papers and books were trapped in the basement.

Once the flood waters had subsided, and as soon as communications could be established with Hazeltine, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission moved to assist the society in salvaging the water-soaked historical materials. With the approval of Governor Milton J. Shapp, this action was ordered by Mrs. Ferne S. Hetrick, Commission chairman, and William J. Wewer, deputy executive director. From July 1 to July 18, six trips were made to Wilkes-Barre by members of the Commission's archival staff. With the help of two knowledgeable volunteers, Dr. H. Benjamin Powell, of the history department of Bloomsburg State College, and Stewart Campbell, a doctoral candidate, the soggy materials were removed from the dark, muddy basement.

Initial loads were trucked to Hazleton and placed in cold storage freezers provided by the S. & R. Provision Company, courtesy of the owner, Sam Farnell, and by the Hazleton Ice Plant, by courtesy of its owner, Nicholas Caputo. As these areas soon proved inadequate, an entire freezer vault was rented at the Reading Cold Storage Company, Reading, and salvaged items were transferred there by July 14. The materials were placed in cold storage to prevent deterioration until adequate drying facilities were available and correct restoration procedures established.

By July 18, swelling the volume of materials removed from Wilkes-Barre to over 300 cubic feet, the Commission's archivists had gathered up records and books from other area institutions, including the records of the Forty Fort Cemetery, the badly-battered cemetery located across the Susquehanna from Wilkes-Barre; valuable historical works from the Osterhout Free Library, located next door to the society's headquarters; and records of the Wyoming Conference of the Methodist Church.

On July 19, all of the materials were transported from the vault in Reading, allowed to thaw, and packed for drying in a mammoth hay dryer made available at the Hershey Estates, Hershey. The drying process was completed on July 27. The materials were then moved to the State Archives Building, Har-

risburg, where they were fumigated. In the hope that they can soon be returned to Wilkes-Barre in clean and usable condition, they are now undergoing restoration treatment at the State Archives.

The Heisey Museum of the Clinton County Historical Society, Lock Haven, was damaged to the extent of at least \$25,000 by the disastrous June floods. Many valuable artifacts were either washed away or completely destroyed. At present, while no plans have been formulated as to what steps will be taken, the members are determined that the society will continue and that the museum will either be rebuilt on the present site or moved to another location in the county. The society is thankful that most of the historical manuscripts and books were safely placed at Lock Haven State College.

The plight of the Clinton Society was first learned as a result of a comprehensive survey conducted in the last week of June by members of the archival staff, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. This same survey turned up the fact that the Muncy Historical Society, Lycoming County, had suffered flood damage, estimated at \$7,738, to the building and to museum exhibits. Approximately fifty books were water-soaked. Ways of preserving museum artifacts and library items were explained to society members.

Among the many other problems and losses that could be mentioned, Hurricane Agnes caused some \$240,000 in damage to the Fort Pitt Museum, Pittsburgh, which is administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission; about \$1,500 in structural damage to the Greene County Historical Society's Green Hills Farm property, Waynesburg; considerable damage to the Governor's Mansion, Harrisburg; and the total destruction of six of Lancaster County's thirty-five historic covered bridges.

Meeting a challenge created by the June floods, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission was quick to issue up-to-date recommendations and instructions for salvaging and restoring flood damaged manuscripts, books, museum pieces, and other

historical objects. Condensed in an eight-page manual, the information was mailed to historical societies and related organizations throughout the Commonwealth. Copies were also made available, upon request, to other groups and individuals faced with preservation problems. Should you desire a copy of the manual, please write: Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Bureau of Archives and History, Box 1026, Harrisburg 17108.

Edward F. LaFond, Jr., keeper of the Pennsylvania Register, has announced that John James Audubon's first home in America, located at Mill Grove, Montgomery County, has been listed in the National Register of Historic Places. It was at "Mill Grove" that Audubon, from 1804 to 1806, began his famous series of bird paintings.

Among other sites recently added to the National Register are: Old Dorm, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Adams County; Daniel Boone Homestead, R. D. # 2, Birdsboro, Berks County; Fountain House, Doylestown, Bucks County; Pennsbury Inn, Chadds Ford, Chester County; Peace Church, Camp Hill, Cumberland County; the Nicholas Newlin House, Concordville, Delaware County; George Catlin Hall, Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County; Hope Lodge, Fort Washington, Montgomery County; the Frankford Arsenal, Philadelphia; Mother Bethel A. M. E. Church, Philadelphia; the Athenaeum of Philadelphia; and the George Nace (Neas) House, Hanover, York County.

Special opening ceremonies were held on May 27 as the Ligonier Valley Historical Society unveiled the newly restored Compass Inn in Laughlintown, three miles east of Ligonier. The program included remarks by the following: Charles M. Stotz, noted historical architect who played a key role in designing and planning the restoration; Mrs. Lois McCarthey, who related the work accomplished by her Research and Acquisition Committee in refurbishing the Inn as it appeared in the early 19th century; and Dr. William Raymond Smith, academic dean of the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, a specialist in the history of colonial America. The 173-year-old stage coach inn is open from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. Tuesdays through Sundays. Mrs. Geneva Penrose is the innkeeper.

Cited for "significant achievement in historic preservation in the United States," the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation has received an official Citation from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The Foundation, according to James Biddle, president of the National Trust, through its highly-successful restoration efforts in downtown Pittsburgh, has proved that "historic preservation can affect the lives of inner city residents in a tangible, meaningful and thoroughly beneficial way."

OF MEN AND MANY THINGS

The formal opening and dedication of the Pennsylvania Lumber Museum, located on Route 6, ten miles west of Galeton, in Potter County, was staged by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, August 4. In addition to the unique Museum, open from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Mondays through Saturdays and from 1-5 P.M. on Sundays, visitors to the 150-acre site may tour a reconstructed 19th century lumber camp, with bunkhouse, mess hall, blacksmith shop, carpenter shop, stable, logging pond, and a restored Shay Logging Locomotive. An operating sawmill is to be added to the attractions.

A Consultant Service is now being offered by the American Association for State and Local History. Any history museum or historic site may apply provided it meets or is in the process of meeting the following criteria: 1) an organized and permanent non-profit institution; 2) at least one paid professional staff member; 3) owns and cares for tangible objects it exhibits to the public on a regular schedule; 4) operating expenditures under \$50,000, or specific needs unmet by other sources. The areas for consultation are: general administration, exhibition policies, exhibit fabrication, elementary conservation techniques, documentation and storage of collections, and program development. The AASLH will pay the consultant's fee and one-half of his transportation. Each consultation is limited to two days. For requests for application forms or for additional information, please write: Mrs. Juanita Isherwood, Educational Program Specialist, AASLH, 1315 Eighth Avenue South, Nashville, Tennessee 37203.

Recently published by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, *Archaeology in the Upper Delaware Valley: A Study of the Cultural Chronology of the Tocks Island Reservoir*, by W. Fred Kinsey, III, with contributions from Herbert C. Kraft, Patricia Marchiando and David Werner, deals with late archaeological findings at fourteen prehistoric Indian sites between the Delaware Water Gap and Port Jervis, New York. This is the second volume in the Commission's new "Anthropological Series" of publications. Like its predecessor, *Foundations of Pennsylvania Prehistory*, it is technical in tone, not directed to the casual reader. Priced at \$10.00, plus six percent sales tax for residents of Pennsylvania, the 499-page volume is available on order from the Commission, Box 1026, Harrisburg 17108.

Newly published by Rutgers University Press, C. A. Weslager's *The Delaware Indians: A History* gives major attention to the westward movement of the Delawares from their homeland in New Jersey and Delaware, parts of southeastern Pennsylvania, and the southeastern section of New York west of the Hudson, to their present location in Oklahoma. The tribe's cultural and social life and relations with the Dutch and English settlers are also described. Including maps, illustrations, and notes, the 546-page volume is priced at \$17.50.

A new and comprehensive edition of the papers of Andrew Jackson is in preparation under the sponsorship of the Ladies' Hermitage Association, the University of Tennessee at Nashville, the Tennessee Historical Commission, and the National Historical Publications Commission. For this purpose, an effort is being made to locate all extant Jackson letters and documents, not only those written by him but those written to him as well. Should you know of any Jackson material, please contact: The Papers of Andrew Jackson, Route 4, Rachel's Lane, Hermitage, Tennessee 37076.

The Rhode Island Historical Society, with the support of the National Historical Publications Commission and the co-sponsorship of the Clements Library at the University of Michigan, is engaged in collecting photocopies of all extant papers of the Revolutionary General, Nathanael Greene (1742-1786). It would

be appreciated if anyone possessing letters to or from Greene or having knowledge of such letters in private hands (or in public repositories whose holdings are not listed in the National Union Catalog) would notify the Rhode Island Historical Society. Please address communications to: Richard K. Showman, Editor, Nathanael Greene Papers, 52 Power Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906.

An ethnic studies program relating to recent immigrant groups in southeastern Pennsylvania has been set in motion at Millersville State College. The project is directed by Professor Joseph E. Walker.

On October 27, the Eleutherian Mills Historical Library will sponsor a conference entitled "American Antebellum Coastal Trade: New Theses." Papers will be delivered by Diane Lindstrom of the University of Wisconsin and Lawrence A. Herbst of Vassar College. Acting as discussants will be George Rogers Taylor, professor emeritus, Amherst College, and Albert Fishlow, visiting fellow, All Souls College, Oxford University. Anyone desiring further information or an invitation please contact Richard L. Ehrlich, Eleutherian Mills Historical Library, Greenville, Wilmington, Delaware 19807.

The annual Robert Fortenbaugh Memorial Lecture will be held at Gettysburg College, November 19. The speaker will be Dr. Richard N. Current, well-known Lincoln scholar and professor of history, University of North Carolina.

The New Jersey Historical Commission has scheduled the 4th Annual New Jersey History Symposium for December 2. Speakers will include: David A. Bernstein, "William Livingston, New Jersey's Revolutionary Governor;" Dennis P. Ryan, "The Revolution in East Jersey: A Whig Profile;" Peter J. Guthorn, "The Role of New Jersey and British Strategy;" and Howard C. Rice, Jr., "Rochambeau's Army in New Jersey; the Cartographic Record."

Co-sponsored by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and the Pennsbury Society, Inc., the 8th Annual Americana Forum, held at Pennsbury Manor, Bucks County,

September 14-16, featured a comprehensive study of Mount Vernon, Virginia; seven sessions on "Needlework and Textiles;" eight sessions on "Maritime America;" and a special Furniture Conservation Workshop. Pennsbury Manor, the reconstructed home of William Penn, along the Delaware River near Tullytown, is open to the public daily throughout the year.

The American Revolution Bicentennial Commission has an official film, "A Call to Action," which is the Commission's effort to explain the opportunities the Bicentennial presents to all the people of the United States. Through voices, faces and communities, this 14-minute film explores the American heritage and projects horizons. Part of an overall national Bicentennial Awareness Campaign, it is 16mm, sound and color, and may be obtained on loan from: Office of Communications, 736 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20276.

Year's Work in Pennsylvania Studies, 1970, A Checklist with Subject Index has been distributed by the State Library to historical societies and libraries throughout the Commonwealth. Additional copies may be obtained from the Reference Desk, General Library, State Library, Harrisburg, or by calling 717-787-4440. Compiled for the use of students, librarians, and the general reader, the list contains almost 900 references to books, pamphlets, dissertations, and periodical articles. Most of the items cited were published in 1970. It includes also many earlier works not cited in prior issues of *Year's Work*. Users are invited to forward to the editor, Miss B. Elizabeth Ulrich, information concerning publications that should be included in future lists. Complimentary copies of such works would be gratefully accepted and would be made part of the State Library's permanent collection.

Dr. Jacob E. Cooke, John Henry MacCracken Professor of History at Lafayette College, has received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for the academic year 1972-73 to continue research on the life of Tench Coxe, American economist, influential politician and assistant secretary of the treasury during the administration of George Washington. Dr. Cooke has been relieved of teaching duties during this time.

Dr. Philip S. Klein's retirement to emeritus status at Pennsylvania State University became effective on July 1. He will remain at State College and stay active in historical work. "Pennsylvania History," written by Dr. Klein and Dr. Ari Hoogenboom, will be published by McGraw-Hill in December.

OBITUARY

We regret to announce the death of Dr. J. Cutler Andrews, professor of history and chairman of the Department of History, Chatham College. A member and past-president of the Pennsylvania Historical Association, Professor Andrews served for several years as book review editor for PENNSYLVANIA HISTORY. A trustee of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania, he was a member of the American Historical Association, the Southern Historical Association, Phi Alpha Theta, and Phi Beta Kappa. His publications included: *Pittsburgh's Post-Gazette, First Newspaper West of the Alleghenies*, published in 1936; *The North Reports the Civil War*, winner of the Frank Luther Mott Kappa Tau Alpha Research Award in Journalism, 1956; and *The South Reports the Civil War*, winner of the Kappa Tau Alpha Research Award in 1972.

Highly respected by both students and fellow historians, Dr. Andrews had been a visiting professor at Carnegie-Mellon University and at the University of Pittsburgh. Under a Fulbright Fellowship, he had lectured on American history at Helsinki University, Finland. Next year, having been awarded a Fulbright Hays Lectureship, he was to teach at the University of Tokyo and at Tsuda College in Japan.