List of Articles Presented to the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania

437—Letter:

Sir—

I received your letter of the nineteenth of May agreeable to which I had ordered a number of the militia into actual service agreeable to the present occasion; but as General Butler hath ordered a part of the levies now raised by volunteers of our County, and will I think in a few days have the stations supplied with men, so as I may discharge the militia now on draft, as to my stopping Mr. Dinwoodies wagon with arms and ammunition it was by information from your letter which I received, and the present distrest situation of our county and being informed that there was such a quota belonging to this county which I have not yet received when I received an order to get my quota of a hundred stand of arms at Pittsburgh, of which the other counties received their number, and although I had men then ordered on duty, and had not arms to supply them I could get but nine of that order, but had to borrow eleven of General Sinclair; I have, since I received your of the nineteenth of May for one hundred stand I applied to General Butler who I am told cannot spare neither arms or ammunition, we ordered of the first ammunition at Pittsburgh one hundred wt of powder, and one hundred wt of lead, and told Majr. Irwin I would let the remainder remain at that place and would stop some of theirs, and save the expense of carriage.

Could I have left home and have been at Mr. Good when the ammunition came forward, I would have sent a part of it to Pittsburgh; but the alarm being so great I did not give the order as particular as I might have done, but I have since sent an account to Col. Marshel that he shall have his quota of the ammunition and I am informed he hath got his full part of the arms, General Butler told me he hath given Col. Marshel fifty stand of arms which is his full part of all the arms that was to be delivered at Pittsburgh,

As I have not received my amount of the arms you will not limit sending them as we are much distressed for the want of them,

I remain your obedient humble servant,

His Excellency

Thomas Mifflin, Esq.

June 2nd, 1791

On publick service

His Excellency

Thomas Mifflin Esq.,

From Charles Campbell Esq.

Lieutenant of the county of Westmoreland.

June 2nd, 1791.

Presented by Col. Oliver S. Hershman.

Note:

This letter is an informative item from the Indian Wars in which General St. Clair was appointed commander in chief in 1791. (verbatim copy of original)

438—American Flag 102 x 59

This flag was made by Mrs. John King (who lived across the river from Monongahela City) in 1862 for the company
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of Home Guards organized in Elizabeth (now Forward) Township, Allegheny County, Pa. which company was originally commanded by Brisbane Wall.

Mrs. King was the mother of Doctors James S. King and Calvin King, also William H. King, First Lieutenant Company F. 155 Penna. Volunteers (the regiment commanded by Col. Edward J. Allen.)

Presented May, 1928 by William Devore, Williamsburg, Kansas, who was in command of the company when it disbanded.

439—Letter

(Confidential) Harrisburg, March 12, 1832.

Dear Sir:—

As some of my particular friends in the Senate are applicant for visitor at West Point I wrote to Mr. Dallas some time ago requesting him to withdraw his recommendation of me, not wishing to have my name continued in opposition to the other gentleman named.

I have not heard from Mr. Dallas since, but I presume he has done so.

It is expected by those interested in the National road, that a small appropriation will be made for the repairs of that road at the present Session of Congress, and if so it will render an appointment of Superintendent necessary—Under an impression, that such will be the case a number of gentleman have been busy in getting recommendations.

It is understood that Gen. K-----will be urged upon the Prest. as an applicant and Major Patterson informs me that the Genl. himself went so far as to tell him that you had promised to exert yourself in favor of his appointment—Many of your friends here do not believe it, but the fact that the Genl. has said so, has been rumored in our corner of the state and I have no hesitation in saying that if he should be appointed it will give offence to many strong & decided Jackson men in the South west—He is not considered there as a true friend to the Jackson party—but on the contrary has done more to distract & divide them than any other man in the district. Nor is he considered here as a true friend to the party.

The truth is I have now in my desk a recommendation signed by 30 members of the Senate in favor of his opponent, as also the names of all the members from Washington Fayette and Green Counties with this information we should hope at least that you would not be disposed to take an active part in favor of the General—

It is highly probable that Stewart will be in favor of him. What is the situation of the apportionment bill and when will it probably pass? We are getting rather impatient & will perhaps be under the necessity of holding an adjourned Session unless it pass soon.

Yours respectfully

Wm. G. Hawkins.

To

HON. William Wilkins,
of the U. S. Senate,
Washington City.

From

Wm. G. Hawkins,
Harrisburg, Pa.
March 12, 1832.
Presented by

Mr. Richard H. Hawkins.
As Librarian of the Society I submit the following report for the year ending April 24, 1928.

In general I may say that this year has been an extraordinarily busy one as the scope of work connected with the Librarian's office is constantly enlarging. Inquiries relative to historical matters are received daily from all parts of the country. This work was very considerable during the preceding year but 1928 has witnessed a great increase in this particular type of reference work. A few examples may prove of interest:—the United States Joint Committee of Printing requested biographical data about two of the early senators from this district; the State Board of Control, Charleston, West Virginia, asked that a photographic reproduction be made of the portrait of Col. James Schoonmaker, to be used in a report of their Battlefield Memorial Park.

The Society of American Hoteliers and Restaurateurs desired information relative to early hotels and taverns in Pittsburgh for an article which appeared in their magazine. The Union Trust Company of Pittsburgh requested a series of short historical sketches anent early developments in Pittsburgh. These were published in the monthly bulletin entitled "Savings". Yale University requested the privilege of photographing old newspapers, books and pictures and also wanted historical data for a new publication. A group of tourists from the Model Normal School of Toronto, Canada, wrote for a list of historic points of interest to be seen in Pittsburgh connecting with the British—French struggle for supremacy in the Ohio Valley. A rather unusual inquiry was for the pronunciation of "Catahecassa", the name of an Indian chief who figured prominently in our early history.

Other correspondents were; the House of Representatives, Topeka, Kansas; the Assistant Deputy Grand Matron of the O. E. S., Eldorado, Texas; the First Congregational Church of Nashua, Iowa; Pershing and Company, South Bend, Indiana; the William Sadlier Co., Publishers, New York; Western Reserve Historical Society; the Lutheran Church, Sixth and Grant Sts.; the Kingsley Association; Perry High School; Pennsylvania State Library and Museum, Harrisburg; Marietta College and Wittenberg College, Ohio; (the latter subsequently became a member of our Society); the Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society; the Sons of the American Revolution, California. Inquiries also came from numerous individuals of various states as for example from Northfield, Minnesota; Shenandoah, Iowa; Providence, Rhode Island; Scarbro, West Va.; Charleston, South Carolina; Crescent City, California; Gainesville, Georgia; Candler, Florida; Tucson, Arizona; Beverly, Mass; Dallas, Texas; Philadelphia, Sunbury, and Phillipsburg, Penn'a; and also from London through the British Consul in Pittsburgh.
Very recently a request was received from the Andrew Carnegie Memorial Association at Dunfermline, Scotland, for an example of the City of Pittsburgh Seal and Coat of Arms. The Chairman of the Sesqui-Centennial Committee, Mr. William H. Stevenson, kindly enabled us to comply with this request and a large flag of the City of Pittsburgh was sent. This emblem was photographed for the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph at the building.

Students from our own city furnished an unusually large quota of inquiries. Two individuals who wrote from a distance for historical information seemed so pleased and interested that we sent them application blanks with the result that they became members of the Society.

A number of local authors have been assisted in the production of their works; the Surveyor of Pennsylvania State Highways was provided with maps which he had vainly endeavored to secure elsewhere. As usual family history inquiries represented a large part of the incoming correspondence.

Visitors to the building during the year numbered about 700, a great part of them being from out of town. Pupils from the Schenley and Allegheny High Schools, the Bellefield School, the Business High School, the Carnegie Schools and the History Class from the Frick Training School visited the building. Shriners' Day also brought numerous callers.

Various articles were loaned during the year. Kaufmann's Store procured historical data and had photographs made of old pictures; flags were loaned for their exhibit. Pictures and guns were loaned to the George K. Stevenson store. Artists sketched the old lantern and the shovel with which the Hump cut was begun.

The bound volumes received number about 75; unbound newspapers 300; pamphlets, 325.

Complete sets of magazines were sent to the University of Pennsylvania and the New York Public Library.

Earlier numbers of the magazine were furnished individuals in various states.

The number of gifts and loans was somewhat less than during the preceding year.

EMMA D. POOLE,
Librarian.
Map of Early Pittsburgh

MAP OF EARLY PITTSBURGH

1 — Peter Audrian — Smithfield & Cherry Sts.
2 — James Ross — Smithfield and Cherry Sts.
3 — Henderson’s Ferry — “Hogg’s Pond”.
4 — Morrow’s Green Tree Tavern — Market & Wood Sts.
5 — Adamson Tannehill — Market & Wood Sts.
7 — John Ormsby — Chancery Lane & Ferry Sts.
8 — Samuel Sample’s Tavern — Ferry & Water Sts.
9 — John Neville — Ferry & Water Sts.
10 — Isaac Craig — Redoubt Alley & Water St.
11 — Redoubt.
12 — Boat Yard — Short & First Sts.
14 — James O’Hara — Water & West Sts.
15 — Old Fort Pitt — Winter 1758.
16 — Fort Pitt — Summer 1759.
17 — Fort Duquesne built 1754.
18 — Redoubt.
21 — John Scull’s — Market & First Sts.
22 — Watson’s Tavern — Market & First Sts.
23 — Judge Brackenridge — Market Street.
24 — Alexander Addison — Smithfield & Second Sts.
25 — Jean Marie — Fourth & Grant Sts.
27 — Chas. Richard — Ferry & Second Sts.
29 — John Gibson — Ferry & Third Sts.
30 — Benj. Richard — Chancery Lane.
31 — John Wilkins Esq. — Fourth & Wood Sts.
32 — Irwin’s Hall — Market Street.
33 — Black Bear Hotel — Market & Fifth Sts.
36 — First Presbyterian Church — Wood & Sixth Sts.
37 — Battle-ground — Grant Street.
40 — Fort Fayette — Hand & Liberty Sts. & Allegheny River.
41 — James Robinson — Franklin Road & Allegheny River.
42 — J. Lichtenberger — Smoky Island — On Ohio River.
43 — General Wayne’s stable — Stukes Run on Monongahela River.
44 — General Wayne’s Headquarters — West & Second Sts.
45 — First Post Office — Redoubt Alley & First Sts.
46 — John Johnston — Chancery Lane — First Street.
47 — Sand Bar — Between the Ohio & Monongahela Rivers.