

SOCIETY AND SURVEY NOTES

At the opening meeting of the society for the 1935-36 season on October 29, Dr. J. Ernest Wright, research associate on the staff of the survey, presented a paper affording "Glimpses of Pittsburgh in the Seventies," and Dr. Theodore Diller followed with a discussion of the subject, "Pittsburgh's Historic Monuments."

Thirty persons were elected to active membership in the society at the October meeting: Joseph Conrad, Wilbur C. Douglass, Thomas H. Eddy, Miss Katherine May Edwards, Miss Helen Dorothy English, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin G. Faust, James Grove Fulton, J. Howard Greig, Bruce Harrison, G. Kirby Herrington, James Wallace Hopkins, William K. Johnson, Burt H. Leonard, John Dravo McCreery, Walter Griffith Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Becker Reinhold, Hiram Schock, William R. Scott, John O. Wicks, and Frank K. Willmann, all of Pittsburgh; Frank H. Hunter of Allison Park; Rev. William W. McKinney of Ambridge; Arthur G. Boughner of Confluence; Nicholas D. Bigley of Coulter; William J. Laughner of Greensburg; T. F. Soles of McKeesport; Miss Charlotte A. Davis of Verona; and Charles B. Glasgow of Wilkinsburg. Miss Edwards was enrolled as a life member, Mr. Johnson as a sustaining member, and Mr. Faust and Mrs. Reinhold as associate members. All others were enrolled as annual members.

The society lost two members by death during the quarter ending September 30: Joseph N. Mackrell, August 17; and James A. Hemstreet, June 13, both of Pittsburgh.

Among the 184 visitors to the museum during the past quarter were residents of California, Oregon, Washington, Colorado, Tennessee, and Florida, and of Canada and France.

Those who have followed the work of the Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey, established in September, 1931, under the auspices of the society, the University of Pittsburgh, and the Buhl Foundation, may look forward with quickening anticipation to developments in the remaining months of its five-year term. By September, 1936, it is expected that the survey will have completed the manuscripts of some ten volumes relating to various periods and aspects of the history of the region. Included will be a history of "The Planting of Civilization in Western Pennsylvania," by Dr. Solon J. Buck, former

director of the survey, a work that deals with the establishment of human society in the region and with its social, economic, political, and cultural development to about 1812; "Whiskey Rebels: The Story of a Frontier Uprising," by Dr. Leland D. Baldwin, which presents the first objective study and broad interpretation of the nationally significant insurrection in western Pennsylvania in 1794; a definitive study of "Indian Relations in the Upper Ohio Valley," by Dr. Randolph C. Downes; a scholarly review of "Early Western Pennsylvania Politics," by Dr. Russell J. Ferguson; "Pen Pictures of Early Western Pennsylvania," a collection of travelers' accounts edited by Mr. John W. Harpster; "The Evolution of Pittsburgh," an impressionistic story of the development of the city from a frontier trading post to the metropolitan center of the present day, by Dr. Baldwin; an illustrated guidebook to points of historical interest in the region, by Dr. Downes; and two books of history and stories of pioneer days suitable for young people of upper grade and high school ages, by Dr. J. Ernest Wright, newly appointed research associate on the staff of the survey.

ADDITIONS TO COLLECTIONS

An interesting Civil War poster addressed to drafted men in Allegheny, Butler, and Armstrong counties has been presented by Mr. M. K. Renshaw of New Kensington. The poster, dated July 27, 1863, gives notice of the postponement of the dates on which drafted men in the aforesaid counties were to report for service, in order that they might first finish the harvesting. The terms by which a man might be exempted from the draft are given in detail.

A York County school contract dated August 2, 1848, guaranteeing to pay the teacher at the rate of 62½ cents per month for each subscriber, and a program for the August, 1848, graduation exercises of Duquesne College, a Pittsburgh school founded in the early forties, have been presented by Mr. Galen C. Hartman. Duquesne College was later absorbed by the University of Pittsburgh and its graduates were enrolled as alumni of that institution.

To the society's growing collection of photographic reproductions of important inaccessible materials have been added during the past quarter extracts from three letters written by François M. de Ligneris, commandant at Fort Duquesne, to the Marquis de Vaudreuil on October 18, 20, and 23, 1758, concerning conditions at the fort just prior to its capture by the English; seven unpublished letters written by Stephen H. Hayes on his trip from Maine to the

West in 1845, the last of which contains an account of the author's journey from Cumberland, Maryland, to Uniontown; and a German immigrant's letter written from Pittsburgh on September 15, 1867, describing conditions and opportunities for immigrants in this section.

Two detailed maps drawn by the author accompany a manuscript history of Brownsville entitled "Thomas Brown's Town," recently deposited with the society by the author, Jesse Coldren of Brownsville.

A typed copy of the diary kept by the La Bar family on their journey from Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, to West Hollinsheads, Wisconsin, in 1839, from the original in the possession of Mr. D. E. La Bar of Delavon, Wisconsin, has been received from the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

A copy of a letter written from Pittsburgh by George Clymer on April 15, 1778, wherein the author refers to the general "disagreeableness" of the town, has been presented by the Honorable James R. MacFarlane. The original letter, once in the donor's possession, has been destroyed.

A photograph of a map of "Pittsburgh, 1795," drawn in 1869 by A. G. Haumann, "civil and mining engineer and geologist," has been presented by Dr. William A. Hamer of Pittsburgh.

Information on Allegheny County cemeteries, including their name, location, sexton, and total number of graves, recently compiled by the veterans' grave registration survey sponsored by the local work division of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, is contained in "Cemeteries, Graveyards and Private Burial Places in Allegheny County," which has been received from Kenneth Ketchum, property accountant of Allegheny County.

Recent additions to the newspaper files include a copy of the small camp paper, *Pennsylvania Thirteenth*, published by the Thirteenth Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers at Camp Tennally, D.C., for January 18, 1862, from Mr. Alan D. Riester of Pittsburgh; and a copy of the *Christian Witness* for July 10, 1839, a weekly paper published by the executive committee of the Western Pennsylvania Anti-Slavery Society, from Mrs. Kate Oudrey Findley of Sewickley.

A family history of special merit, *Earhart, Boyd and Allied Families, A Genealogical Study with Biographical Notes* (1935) has recently been presented by the compiler, Lida B. Earhart, her sisters, Mrs. Fred H. White of Duluth and Mrs. Amos L. Warner of Minneapolis, and her brother, Mr. Harry

B. Earhart of Ann Arbor. Members of the Earhart and Boyd families were among the earliest settlers of Westmoreland, Allegheny, Butler, and Indiana counties, as were also those of the allied Barnes, Craig, Fulton, and Altman families; members of the Morrison and Culbertson families were prominent in the early history of Greene County. Attractively printed and illustrated, written in an interesting fashion, and including much authentic historical information as well as family tradition, the book should prove a real contribution to western Pennsylvania genealogy.

The library has received from the author, Edward R. Barnsley, a copy of *Presses and Printers of Newtown before 1868* (61 p. c1935), an expansion of a paper presented before the Bucks County Historical Society on September 22, 1934. The pamphlet is profusely illustrated with reproductions of early Newtown imprints and contains quotations from handbills, newspapers, and books published there. Pertinent information is given in footnotes and in legends accompanying the illustrations.

Mr. Louis H. Jennings of Schellsburg has presented *The History of Slavery and the Slave Trade, Ancient and Modern*, by W. O. Blake (1859), interesting chiefly for its pre-Civil War discussion of the "political history of slavery in the United States"; and *The Boy Spy*, by Major J. O. Kerkey (1892), a novel of secret service during the Civil War.

Among other recent library accessions of note are *Sketches of America*, by Henry B. Fearon (1819), the narrative of a five-thousand mile journey through the United States, including parts of western Pennsylvania, in 1817 and 1818, for the purpose of gathering reliable information for prospective English emigrants; *Personal Narrative of Travel in Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky . . . 1817-1818*, by Elias P. Fordham (1906), edited by Frederic A. Ogg and illustrated with facsimiles of the author's sketches and plans; *Agricultural Tour in the United States and Upper Canada*, by Captain Barclay of Ury (1842), who traveled in a stagecoach from Erie to Pittsburgh and Wheeling in June, 1841, to survey the agricultural possibilities of the region; *History, Structure, and Statistics of Plank Roads in the United States and Canada* (1851), an early manual for road construction by W. Kingford; *The Principal Stage, Steam-Boat, and Canal Routes in the United States; with the Population of Each State, and Other Statistical Information; being an Accompaniment to Mitchell's Traveller's Guide* (1834); *The Tourist's Pocket Map of Pennsylvania, Exhibiting Its Internal Improvements, Roads,*

Distances &c., by J. H. Young (1834); and *The Molly Maguires, the Origin, Growth, and Character of the Organization*, by F. P. Dewees (1877), the story of the lawless organization that terrorized the anthracite coal regions of Pennsylvania during the middle eighteenth century.

From Mrs. W. H. R. Hilliard has come the gift of two copies (one an enlargement) of an interesting photograph of the "First Train over the Pennsylvania Railroad at East Liberty" and a group of its passengers, members of the train crew, and railroad directors. The picture, according to accompanying correspondence of officials of the railroad, was probably taken in the fall of 1851; the road from Pittsburgh to Brinton, east of East Liberty, was opened in December of that year.

Several prominent western Pennsylvanians, among them Mr. Henry Coulter of Greensburg, the Reverend Charles McCrea of Oakmont, Samuel W. Miller, Esq., of Blairsville, and Mr. S. Jarvis Adams and the Honorable Charles Kline, of Pittsburgh, may be identified in the photograph of a Kiskiminetas School student group taken in the spring of 1890, recently presented by Mrs. Robert H. McCrea of Oakmont.

The museum's pictorial collection has been further increased by the addition of a studio photograph of Colonel George Bayard, son of Colonel Stephen Bayard, from Mr. Richard T. Wiley of Elizabeth; a large photograph of "Homewood," the home of William Wilkins, from Miss Belle McMillen; a photographic reproduction of an early engraving depicting Washington and Gist crossing the Allegheny River in 1753, from Mr. Charles Wunderly; a photograph of the Blue Ball Inn, which operated at Laughlintown about 1820, from Miss Ilka M. Stotler; a photograph of the old stone stack of the Westmoreland Furnace built in 1792 by Christopher Lobinger, from Miss Emma D. Poole; and three ambrotypes of the Civil War period, from Mr. Harry D. Kuhn.

Mr. Thomas Mellon II has augmented the collection of Spanish War material relating to Admiral George Dewey with a number of small personal items from the Dewey family.

Various implements used in a pioneer household have been presented by Mr. W. H. Newcomer of Pittsburgh. The group includes a six-candle mold and a large zinc toasting fork.

To the collection of china and pottery has been added a Chinese Lowestoft platter of a type used in early western Pennsylvania homes and a Stafford-

shire pottery vegetable dish, from Mrs. Harold F. Stockslager of Pittsburgh; an old American sugar bowl and a Staffordshire tureen and platter, from Miss Ilka M. Stotler; and a majolica plate used about 1850, from Miss Emma D. Poole. A porcelain advertising plaque for "James Park Jun' & C°, Importers of Tin Plate, Queens Ware, Glass & China & Dealers in Copper & Pittsburgh Manufactures" about 1850, has been presented by Mr. Charles E. Clapp of Bedford Hills, New York.

Other recent museum accessions include a pen used by Colonel John P. Glass when he was Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 1867, from his son, Major John D. Glass; a chair used in the old Compass Inn at Laughlintown about 1825, from Miss Emma D. Poole; and a physician's balance and sander used by Dr. John Cowden of Butler County about 1785, from Mrs. Albert J. Boone and her sister, Mrs. T. G. Christie.