IN MEMORIAM
HENRY KING SIEBENECK
1872-1956

Henry King Siebeneck, member, friend, and benefactor of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania, for thirty-nine years, died suddenly at his home about 4:00 P. M. on the 12th day of May, 1956. He had recently recovered from a respiratory attack which threatened to develop into pneumonia and was gradually returning to normal routine. His mind was characteristically alert and he was reading when a heart block terminated an active life in its 84th year.

Mr. Siebeneck was the son of Joseph S. and Estelle King Siebeneck and was born in old Allegheny in 1872. His father, at one time, was the owner and editor of the Pittsburgh Chronicle, an afternoon newspaper. As a youth, Henry attended private schools, later he was graduated from Princeton University in the class of 1894. Two years later, or in 1896, he was admitted to practice before the Allegheny County Bar and shortly thereafter formed a partnership with Warren I. Seymour and H. H. Patterson. He served for a time as special attorney-general and assisted in shaping the Allegheny County Smoke-Control Law. He was a co-founder of the Pittsburgh Law Club and of the Pittsburgh Economic Club.

In the field of history he wrote articles from time to time and many of them appeared in the Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine. The subjects show his wide range of interest: "Cornplanter," "Glassmakers of the Pittsburgh District," "Justus Erich Bollman," "The Life and Times of Robert King, Revolutionary Patriot," (an ancestor), "Hervey Allen vs. Arthur St. Clair," "Pittsburgh's Civil War Fortification Claims," and "John Tyler—Our First Accidental President."

He gave and interested many others in giving during his years as member, trustee and vice president: books, manuscripts, newspapers,
pictures and pieces of furniture to this society. He was instrumental in bringing to this country one of the first portraits in oil of General John Forbes. It was copied from one in possession of the Royal Scots Greys Regiment at Aldershot England.

In 1939 he was adopted into the Seneca Indian Tribe and was given the name Ho-noe-gab, a descriptive title said to mean “Chief White Hair.” This act proved such a source of continual pleasure and discussion for him that it is deemed worthy of mention.

There are few men who have shown greater interest in and devotion to this society and in his death we have lost a sincere and generous friend.

Robert D. Christie