

Early History of the Coke Industry in Western Pennsylvania" based on data compiled by Mr. C. S. Wardley and Mr. M. A. Burriss. Accompanying the summary is a facsimile of an interesting "Bird's Eye View of the Connellsville Coke Region" in 1890.

ADDITIONS TO COLLECTIONS

Mr. B. I. Mathews of Ligonier has presented to the society a collection of several thousands of letters and papers relating mainly to persons and events in the Ligonier Valley in the period, roughly, from 1810 to 1875. The papers had come into the possession of the donor from the well-known Laughlintown collector and dealer, the late Charles L. Armor, and they comprise a portion at least of the papers left by Robert Louthier (1799-1888), a Laughlintown attorney whose work as a conveyancer and executor of estates touched intimately the fortunes and activities of many of the propertied people of the section, notably those of Colonel Jacob D. Mathiot, local ironmaster, militia officer, and state representative. In addition to correspondence and numerous legal documents relating to real estate holdings, there are letters and accounts relating to the manufacture, transportation and sale of iron and iron products—those produced by the Ross, Washington, Madison, Lucinda, and Aetna iron furnaces or works, for examples; occasional documents relating to salt manufacture, the construction of the Pennsylvania Canal, the building of roads, difficulties with the currency, and the early schism in the Harmony Society; personal memorandum books, inventories of estates, bills for postage before the days of stamps, lists of newspapers and periodicals locally subscribed for, prescriptions, and a receipt for "freedoms" due an indentured servant upon her release; and numerous signatures of and references to residents of the region—all, in short, shedding light from many an angle on life in the Ligonier Valley in the middle of the nineteenth century.

A typewritten copy of an extended account of "Samuel Craig, Senior, Pioneer to Western Pennsylvania, and His Descendants," compiled by Jane Marie Craig and printed at Greensburg in 1915 for private circulation, has been received as a gift from Mr. Jos. T. Miller of Wilkinsburg.

The Civic Club of Allegheny County, through its secretary, Miss H. Marie Dermitt, has transferred to the library of the society a considerable accumulation of reports published by the city of Pittsburgh or by civic agencies in the

years from 1891 to 1928, including annual reports of city departments and special reports of agencies concerned with transportation problems, parks, and other aspects of city planning.

President Fisher has presented to the library copies of *Conrad Weiser and His Memorial Park*, by Dr. P. C. Croll (1926), and of a souvenir of *The Tulpehocken Bi-centennial*, commemorated in a four-day celebration at Womelsdorf, Pennsylvania, June 28 to July 1, 1923.

Some twenty books and several groups of papers, pictures, and newspapers relating to Pennsylvania history and to other interests of the late William H. Stevenson, civic leader and president of this society, have been presented by Mrs. Stevenson.

Miss Margaret Townsend Scully of Pittsburgh, a member of the society and a Pennsylvanian of the eighth generation, has augmented the society's collection of western Pennsylvania authors by the gift of a presentation copy of her recently published volume of poetry entitled *White Rose of Essex*.

Through the kindness of the Reverend R. C. Fullerton of New Alexandria the society has been enabled to salvage some portion of a sixty-year accumulation of western Pennsylvania and other newspapers in the farm home, near New Alexandria, of the late W. J. Patterson. Several hundred issues of Pittsburgh, Greensburg, and Latrobe newspapers ranging in date from about 1858 to 1906 and including fairly continuous runs, for varying periods, of the *Pittsburg Times*, the *Greensburg Tribune and Herald*, and the *Greensburg Press*, have thus been added to the society's collections.

Three albums of photographs of associates in public life of James K. Moorhead of Pittsburgh (1806-1884), Civil War congressman, canal builder, and pioneer in commercial telegraphy, have been presented to the society by his granddaughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Moorhead Vermorcken. Included are portraits, many of them autographed, of Lincoln, Grant, Seward, Welles, Stanton, Chase, and members of Congress from Pennsylvania and from all other parts of the country.

Henry K. Siebeneck, Esq., of Pittsburgh, has presented to the society and to allied institutions fine reproductions of a portrait of General John Forbes, captor of Fort Duquesne in 1758, copied from a painting in the possession of the Royal Scots Greys Regiment at Aldershot, England.

The University of Pittsburgh has presented photographs of several of its early principals and teachers, and views of its earliest buildings, which were used in displays arranged by representatives of the university and of the society in connection with the celebration of the sesquicentennial of the university. Additional pictorial matter received includes a photograph of Allegheny Commons, presented by Miss Mary E. Bakewell; engravings of Civil War scenes, presented by Mr. Thomas Mellon II; and colored lithographs of the Civil War monitors *Umpqua* and *Monogunk*, built by Snowden and Mason, contractors of Pittsburgh, lent by Mrs. Edward Henesey. Examples of the work of a distinguished amateur photographer, consisting of about a hundred lantern slides and photographs of recent Pittsburgh, have been donated by his widow, Mrs. H. C. Torrence.

Henry Lambert Lodge, I. O. O. F., has lent an oil portrait of the founder of the lodge, Henry Lambert, who was also controller of the city of Pittsburgh, 1858-59.

To the collections of china and glass displayed in the museum have recently been added a twenty-seven piece china dinner set of the period of the 1830's, given by Mrs. Josephine McNeil; a fish plate bearing the monogram of the O'Hara family; and a water goblet of early Pittsburgh manufacture, presented by Mrs. M. K. Larson of Mesa, Arizona.

Other recent accessions include a section of iron rail from the railway system of the horse-car days, donated by Mr. J. L. McGrath, and wooden pegs used in constructing an eighteenth century log house recently razed at Franklin, Pennsylvania, presented by Mr. Cage Wilson of Franklin.