

Fulton County Historical Society News

January 2003

A New Look at the French and Indian War

Members and guests are invited to attend the winter meeting of the Fulton County Historical Society on Thursday evening, January 23, 2003, at 7:00 PM in the Fulton House, McConnellsburg.

With the upcoming 250th anniversary of the French and Indian War, the Society has invited retired professor Allan Powell of Hagerstown to speak on "Maryland Compared with Pennsylvania - A New Look at the French and Indian War." Allan has authored six books on the forts and events of this time period and will have copies available for purchase. John Nelson, author of your Society's 1992 book on "Frontier Forts of Fulton County" will introduce the speaker and give insight into how these events affected our local community.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend. In case of bad weather, we will meet the following Thursday, January 30. If our local schools close on the afternoon of January 23, our meeting will automatically be postponed until January 30.

Fall activities

Bill Hammond and Anna Maye Sigel again presented a wonderful museum display on "Wheels and Textiles" for folks who could visit the Fulton House during our Fall Festival weekend. The weather was a bit cold and damp, but we had six interesting and lovely Fulton County homes open to the public along with a business office, church, church office and the Fulton House for our second House Tour. One hundred people took the tour, resulting in net income of about \$1,300 for the Historical Society. First National Bank of McConnellsburg covered printing and part of the advertising costs. Our thanks to them, the house tour committee, the museum and house volunteers, and especially to the house owners for all the work involved. It was an enjoyable event. Finally, our thanks to Roger Elvey for donating the white pine roping across the Fulton House porch at Christmas.

Minutes of our fall meeting and a treasurer's report appear at the end of this newsletter.

Upcoming events

The Society's annual spring dinner will be held Tuesday, April 29. Featured guest will be Abe Lincoln, as portrayed by Jim Getty. You are invited to submit nominations now for

new Society officers to be elected at the April dinner; offices open each year include president, vice president, secretary, plus two Director openings for a 3-year term. The annual House Tour is being moved to the second weekend of June this year in conjunction with the Strawberry Festival and Civil War event, with details in the next newsletter.

Library

The US Census of 1930 for Fulton County has been released and is available at the library on computer disk and on computer-printed sheets, but is not indexed. Our Historical Society room at the Fulton County Library had 404 visits during 2002, with the largest number of researchers (50) appearing in the month of March. Bill Turner and Genaiavie Stafford are very active in photocopying and arranging obituaries, and Bill continues to make and donate copies of courthouse records. If you haven't used our library, the hours are 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 9:00-9:00 on Tuesday and Thursday; and 9:00 to 4:00 on Saturday. We appreciate the family histories and the many other documents you have donated for researchers to use.

Fulton House owners

Descendants of two early proprietors of the Fulton House were in McConnellsburg in September. David Djupe's ancestor was Andrew and Jane Lindsay who owned the Fulton House from 1816-1836. This was the period when the east end (Historical Society side) of the Fulton House was constructed, and also the time period shown in Brian Tucker's painting "The Relay - Circa 1830." In return for a print of this painting, Dave made a generous donation of \$500 to the Society.

When Don and Janet Hoke Garner of Illinois visited, they brought with them the original ledger of Henry Hoke who owned the Fulton House from 1861-64. It contained the list of damages caused when Confederate General Steuart made his headquarters at the Fulton House in June 1863, and also showed passenger names and amounts paid to ride the stagecoach on the Chambersburg-Bedford Turnpike. They intend to have a professional copy of the ledger made for us. Coincidentally, both Jane Lindsay and Henry Hoke moved to Peoria County, Illinois, after selling the Fulton House.

In Memory

The Society is saddened by the death in 2002 of several faithful supporters of the Historical Society including the following life members: Bertha Johnston King, Ken Eichelberger, Helen Corman Stahley, Carl N. Mellott, and Helen McLaughlin. Please notify the Society if we've overlooked anyone. Our sympathy goes to their families, and to families of other deceased members, all of whom will be missed.

New membership brochure

Two copies of our new membership brochure are enclosed in this mailing. Please share one with a friend who may want to join our Society. Also check your mailing label to see if you need to renew in 2003; the date shown is when your membership will expire. A new membership list will be prepared in March so notify the Society soon by mail or e-mail if you want to add a new inquiry, family research name, or e-mail contact with your address.

The 2003 book on Folk Tales of Fulton County will not be a large one, but we think you will find it entertaining. Thank you for your continued support.

By Glenn Cordell, Administrator

Fulton County Historical Society Minutes • Fall 2002 Meeting

The Fulton County Historical Society held its Fall Meeting at the Fulton Theater on October 18, 2002. About 35 persons attended. The meeting was called to order by vice-president Ken Keebaugh.

Treasurer's Report indicated that the Society had 2002 income of \$3,800 and expenses of \$8,000, including \$4,000 on the annual booklet. A new printing of the 4th grade history is also on order.

There was no old business to discuss. In new business, the Society adopted a Resolution of Gratitude to the homeowners who have so graciously opened their homes for the Society House Tour during the Fall Folk Festival. The Resolution was adopted unanimously upon the motion by Dwight Harvey, seconded by Ron Mitchell.

A very interesting program, demonstration and display of muzzleloaders, made locally in Fulton County, and in the surrounding counties, tracing their history and details of manufacture and craftsmanship was presented by Denny Donharl of Fayetteville, Bill Shearer of Spring Run, and Art Decamp of Huntingdon. Light refreshments were served.

Respectfully submitted,
Dwight C. Harvey, Secretary

Todd Alexander shows off a family heirloom to society members. This long rifle, which was Todd's grandfathers was stored in the attic with the ramrod fitted with a grease patch and down the barrel. Although it hasn't been shot for many years the experts agreed that it was in firing condition.

Presenters Denny Donharl of Fayetteville, Bill Shearer of Spring Run, and Art Decamp of Huntingdon discuss different schools of rifle making.

 Todd Alexander family heirloom

 Dick Miller

Dick Miller holds a well balanced, very light hunting rifle which was made in Fulton County, approximately 1840 by J. Cook.

 3 presenters

Photos courtesy of Dwight Harvey.

Fulton County Historical Society • Treasurers Report 9/30/02

	Balance 30 June 2002	\$7,687.40
Receipts 7/1/02 to 9/30/02	Disbursements	
Dues	\$270.00	Sales Tax \$25.72
Books	\$642.00	Speaker - dinner \$4.67
Interest-CD & MM	\$280.41	Misc \$15.00
Donations	\$186.00	Postage \$29.12
Postage	\$37.60	Administrator \$1,100.00
Interest-checking	\$2.17	Membership-Chamber \$25.00
Dividends	\$49.50	Library-rent \$1,200.00
Cemetery Disks	\$25.00	Insurance \$137.00
Life Member	\$250.00	Transfer to Life Member \$250.00
House Tour	\$300.00	House Tour \$351.71
Books-no tax	\$39.00	Total Disbursements \$3,138.22
Postcards	\$4.60	
Total Receipts \$2,086.28	Net Gain (loss)	(\$1,051.94)
	Balance (9/30/02)	\$6,635.46

Jane MacDonald, Treasurer

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