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Cumberland County Historical Society
2014 Annual Report & 2015 Newsletter

Girl Scouts at Pine Grove c. 1930
Looking Back ...

I am happy to report that CCHS is moving forward with some very exciting initiatives in 2015 and 2016. As you will note, last year laid the ground work for many of these new initiatives, some of which are now highlighted in our section Looking Forward on page 6. In 2014, CCHS hired consultant Blair Williams to spearhead the Gardner Digital Initiative and patrons and members have responded overwhelmingly to share their stories in the Society’s new oral history studio. Articles for the online component of the project continue to be submitted and the Gardner website launch is imminent. Our Board of Trustees also worked diligently with staff in 2014 to formulate our Access to History Plan and also our recently approved 2015-2020 Strategic Plan. Both plans are now available in the CCHS lobby and soon to be posted online at www.historicalsociety.com. Looking forward, our Water-Powered Mills of Cumberland County, PA publication is now available for purchase! This corresponds with our feature mill exhibit and county-wide mill bus tours. Thanks to the generous support of the George B. Stuart Foundation, in tandem with grant funds from the Cumberland County Housing and Redevelopment Authorities, the Society will open its new History Workshop adjacent to History on High the Shop in September 2015. Finally, thank you to our Board of Trustees, volunteers and staff for the wonderful work you do to preserve and share our county’s history with visitors, patrons, scholars and history lovers alike.

- Jason Illari, Executive Director

Library

During 2014, the Cumberland County government records that had been maintained by the Historical Society were moved to the County Archives location. This will allow all of the County’s historic records to be housed in one location.

Deborah Sweaney continued to conduct genealogy sessions with Cara Curtis. In 2014, we went back to the basics and looked at what types of records are available and where to find them. Cara also did a genealogy program for the Simpson Library in Mechanicsburg. Class sessions were also provided to Shippensburg students in the Introduction to Museum Studies Class. A behind the scenes tour of the library was given to State Archives interns. The library and education departments teamed up to provide an introduction to resources for students from Carlisle for their History Day projects.

The library has been at work on many projects. Over the summer, library intern, Angelique Krohn, helped to create a revised index for the Carlisle Indian Industrial School newspapers. We are also working on a transcription of the Civil War Enrollment ledgers which we hope to make available online sometime in 2015.

- Cara Curtis, Librarian
Museum

Once again, the museum staff, committee, docents, and volunteers helped to produce a year of fun and inspiring artifact-based education. In 2014, we had over 2,400 visitors and hosted 10 group tours. Volunteers and interns donated over 3,000 hours of their time to the museum. Thank you to all of the generous donors who have improved our collections; the museum received a total of 55 new accessions this year.

Our main exhibition and family day for 2014, Follow the Paper Trail, highlighted the treasures held in our archives. Megan Culkin, an intern from Shippensburg University, particularly focused on this year’s holiday exhibit and family program. Titled “In Hopes that St. Nicholas Soon Would be There...” the exhibit was based on the poem “The Night Before Christmas.” We also prepared for the “year of the mill” by planning the major 2015 exhibit Mills of Cumberland County.

In 2014, the Craighead House brought their artifacts into Todd Hall to share with us. Volunteer Chelsea Rahal helped with our museum updates and in addition to our regular design work and changes to the museum, we were able to include a complete overhaul of the military section thanks to volunteer Michael Collins. The “Save yOur Stuff” exhibit successfully saved three items this year and they will be on display in 2015 as they are conserved. Thank you all for a loyal following and we will see you next year!

- Rachael Zuch, Curator

Photo Archives

The major focus in the Photo Archives this year was the mills of Cumberland County. We added significant numbers of mill related photo to the collection from a wide variety of sources. These were used for book illustrations, a mill DVD, programs, mill exhibits, and to make new sale items for HOH the Shop. A second area of focus was the large and many faceted Milton Em- bick Flower Collection, donated by Tom Flower and Pam Bowman. The photos from this rich collection were a very significant addition to our archives.

The Photo Archives received and processed 46 new accessions that included several thousand new images for our collection. We processed 52 orders for clients that amounted to about $6,000 of income. We also provided images for Paul Hoch’s book Murder in the East End. Volunteers made significant progress with the organization, numbering and cataloging of photos. We concentrated particularly on our slide collection, Tire & Wheel Collection, Sentinel Collection, new family collections, and photos of mills, Two Mile House, and the West Shore. Thank you to all our volunteers for their work in the Photo Archives, and for all who donated images in 2014.

- Richard Tritt, Photo Curator
Education

In an effort to increase outreach, the Education Department formed many new partnerships, especially within the local retired communities. All this was done while continuing to provide programming for our traditional public, private and home school audiences. During 2014, generous grants from the St. Johns Boy’s Investment Club and the Cumberland Valley Appalachian Trail Club made possible the purchase of a cache of camping equipment. These supplies will be used for weekend long service-learning camping excursions to Pine Grove Furnace State Park. The educational focus will be on the role the iron industry played on slavery, the Underground Railroad, and the environment of Cumberland County, while providing a volunteer service project to the park and community.

Over the past year, several interns provided valuable research projects and programming, while learning about the workings of a multi department historical society. The Education Department would like to thank Lauren Ross, Nicole Witmer, and Allison Lunde for their service and wish them success in future endeavors.

- Matthew March, Education Curator

Carlisle Journeys

The first in the biennial series of Carlisle Journeys conferences entitled “American Indians in Show Business,” was held October 9-10, 2014 at the historical society. Thanks to the help of many volunteers, staff, invited speakers and responders to a call for papers, this inaugural conference featured conversations with descendants who have been influenced by the far-reaching effects of the Carlisle Indian School (1879-1918). Performance sketch comedy artists, a famous Osage actor, an Anishinaabe film critic, CIIS student relatives, and academics specializing in Native Studies gave presentations about films, shows and performance experiences of American Indians in all facets of show business. We are especially grateful for the sponsorship of the University of East Anglia along with several generous donors who made this event possible. We look forward to our next conference scheduled to be held October 7-9, 2016, “Carlisle Journeys: Celebrating The American Indian Sports Legacy.”

- Barb Landis, CIIS Specialist

Two Mile House Manager

I’m honored to have joined such knowledgeable, passionate and dedicated team of professionals. Since starting work at the historical society, I have been impressed with just how much it has to offer; its staff, board members, and volunteers are striving to move the institution forward, it is truly a pleasure to work here. I hope to continue this trend through my work at the Two Mile House.

When I arrived here back in July I began a maintenance campaign with the repainting of the fence and corncrib; this work will continue through 2015 with the painting of the Two Mile House and most of its outbuildings by the end of the year. We focused on improvements to the grounds of the Two Mile House too, buy pruning
trees, removing some more of the ivy, and clearing more land. We also began advertising the Two Mile House on a number of popular wedding and bridal shower websites, which has been very successful in attracting potential rentals. The McLain Festival was once again a success attracting around 1500 visitors; a special thanks to Joan McBride for all of her hard work over the years.

- Kurt Lewis, Manager

History on High – The Shop

This year, we welcomed 5,956 visitors to the shop and 519 visitors who signed into the Cumberland Valley Visitors Center. Our 12 Shop Volunteers logged in 626.25 hours and the visitors center volunteers gave us 414 hours. Our year began with old man winter being cruel to us all. This affected the visitation and sales numbers, but we were able to almost catch up by the end of the year. Dickinson College offers us work-study students: Sofie Anderson and Leeanne Hoppers returned for the year, and a new student, Madonna Enwe joined us last fall. Sofie and Leeanne are valuable helpers in many ways in the shop and Madonna is working on reprinting in-house a few of our favorite CCHS books that are out of print. The Cumberland County Architecture book is finished.

Cosmetic changes were made to the interior of the shop with updated the paint color and we rearranged the main book shelves; with very kind reviews. The new blue paint really accents the tin ceiling and beauty of the stained glass.

History on High offers a variety of scheduled events throughout the year and we participate with Carlisle events such as First Friday, Car Shows, Summer Fest, and Harvest of the Arts. It is a delight to give goodies to the children at the Easter Hop and Trick or Treating. This year our featured artists were Charles Clevenger and Jonathan Frazier with an art show titled “A Little Bit Country and A Little Bit Rock ‘n Roll”. Other events were four Felting Classes taught by Bonnie Tweedy Shaw, Jewelry Trunk Shows by Richelle Dourte’s metalledwith, and a Jewelry Trunk Show and Book Signing by Brenda Leach. An additional sixteen book signings featured authors from around the county. We also participated with our CCHS 140th Anniversary Block Party and McLain Festival. I’d like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one who volunteers, shops and is our friend – here and on Facebook.

- Kim Laidler, Shop Manager

Programming

Our 2014 year started out great with 54 people attending a special presentation by the Dill’s Tavern representatives on how rye whiskey was made in the 18th and early 19th centuries. We continued the enthusiasm with 300 people attending the Wednesdays In Winter, followed by the exhibit opening for “Follow the Paper Trail.” Throughout the year, the Society hosted numerous talks, bus trips, and special events including the McLain Celtic Concert, Fall History Series, CCHS Golf Tournament, and Carlisle Journeys Initiative. We finished off the year with 150 people participating in our Holiday Family Program.
New this year were Mini Tavern Bus Tours which took us East and West of Carlisle and the celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Two Mile House. It is very exciting for the Society to have a total of 2,221 people attend our 2014 events.

- Lynda Mann

The Elizabeth V. and George F. Gardner Digital Library

The Historical Society’s digital library initiative kicked off in 2014 with a number of volunteer contributions to the initiative’s encyclopedia including Camp Michaux, Amelia S. Given, and Camp Hill among many others. The Oral History portion of the project conducted nine interviews with an additional twenty Oral Histories held by the Library digitized for inclusion in the Digital Library. A number of these interviews have been transcribed greatly increasing their accessibility and making it easier for users to conduct research.

Initial testing of the website was begun with a basic framework established. The site will use the same Content Management System used by the White House, Harvard, and many non-profit organizations ensuring that it remain accessible and up to date long into the future. The Gardner Digital Library project has also increased the Society’s ability to present programs on the web with the most notable example being ten sessions from Carlisle Journeys which may be found at http://www.carlislejourneys.org/speakers.html or on the Historical Society’s new YouTube Channel at https://www.youtube.com/user/cumberlandcountyhist

Looking Forward...

Partnership Offers Free Historical Society Passes

The Cumberland County Library System now offers library card holders a Cumberland County Historical Society Library Pass to visit and use the resources offered by the Hamilton Library and Museum at no charge. The new pass program is the result of discussions between the Historical Society and Library System to find ways in which the two organizations can work together to make the Historical Society’s resources more readily available to people across Cumberland County. Each library in Cumberland County now has two Historical Society Library Passes available for a one-week loan, at no charge to card holders. The pass can be requested just like a book or DVD through the library system’s online catalog and may be renewed if others have not requested it.
A very big thanks to WPS for sponsoring the fun at this year’s Block Party!

LeTort Exhibit
Thanks to the LeTort Regional Authority for installing a Spring and Summer exhibit about LeTort Spring Run in Todd Hall. It shows how this group helps protect and preserve the stream and its watershed by promoting flood control and developing access and recreational opportunities within the watershed.

History On High
History on High has already scheduled book signing, jewelry trunk shows and demonstrations, felting classes and art shows. Jonathan Frazier offered to return this September for a one-man art show and in 2016, the Seven Lively Artists want to have their 60th Anniversary Show here.

Education
CCHS is planning its first overnight campout June 20, 2015 at Two Mile House. This will be a one night sleepover, where participants learn historical and practical skills from several different eras throughout history. The cost is $20 per camper, which includes all programs, breakfast, and dinner. Contact CCHS to reserve your spot!

The most exciting news is the creation of a new educational space. Through a grant from the G.B. Stuart Foundation, a new History Workshop is being developed in the Odd Fellows building on High Street. This area will give the department a face on Carlisle’s main street. This shift in locations will open up the possibilities for new types of programming while increasing the amount of walk-in patrons.
Two Mile House

The 2015 year is bringing a host of new events to the Two Mile House such as, cocktail parties, mill tours, a father’s day camping trip, and picnics. We have an Eagle Scout project that will focus on restoring a portion of the grounds to its original 1930s look. The McLain Festival is undergoing some changes; the event will have access to more land thanks to the Carlisle Regional Medical Center and Brad Wenger, and free space for vendors.

Thank you, Fast Signs!

Check out our new banner installation visible from High Street! We are actively looking for exhibit sponsors to take advantage of this new feature!

“Pennies for Preservation”

Since January 1st, 2015, students all around the Carlisle Area School District have been collecting and finding pennies. Their goal – help preserve the Odd-Fellows Lantern on High Street! Each of the schools is competing against each other to see who can raise the most money and win a spot at the opening event in October. The total amount collected so far is $449.09 – which is a LOT of pennies!

Molly Pitcher

Friday, October 9th at 7 p.m. at the Historical Society multi-talented Kim Hanley of the American Historical Theatre will portray Molly Pitcher following her husband to the Battle of Monmouth.

Hey, Jude check your attic!

Our major exhibit for 2016 will be the 1960s in Cumberland County and we need your help. We are looking for items to exhibit that are good examples of any of the following categories from that decade: household, school, toys and children’s, war or protest, service organizations, politics, music, work, churches, civil rights, cold war, advertising, sports, pop culture, clothing, home movies, or photos.

The Great Cumberland County Clock

CCHS was recently the fortunate recipient of this circa 1876 – 1877 electric clock created by local inventor Daniel Drawbaugh of Eberly’s Mills. He built several of these clocks to secure a patent and encourage investment in his invention. This particular clock was his fourth prototype and is notable as the first of the series to have a compensating pendulum. Join us as we work to raise the $1,750 to have the case of this magnificent time-piece restored. The clock was given by the Daniel and Margaret Drawbaugh Family.
**FESTIVAL ENTERTAINMENT 2015**

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Auxiliary of Brindle Camp #50
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of the Civil War
Baker, Pastor Wayne D.
Bear, Joanne
Bear, Robert L.
Berwick, Mary
Bixler, Jean
Bogar, Bill
Bone, Beverly
The Estate of Eleanor Lehman
Bowman
Bowman, Pamela
Bowman, Robert K.
Bradley, Jim
Brady, Mike
Brennan, Michael and Carol
Bressler, Barbara
Brinton, Gerald S., Estate of
Brumbaugh, Alice
Bucher, Vilma
Buford, Kathleen
Burg, Steven
Caernarvon Historical Society
Carlisle Area Newcomers Club
Carlisle Fortnightly Club
Carlisle High School
The Carlisle Housing
Opportunity Corporation
Carlisle Musical Arts Club
Carlisle Sentinel Newspaper
Collins, Daniel “Mickey”
Coolidge, Beth and Thomas
Cumberland County Commissioners
Curtis, Cara
Davids, Brent Michael
Davis, Carl, Jr.
Davis, Mark
Devor, Richard
Dickinson Presbyterian Church
Dickinson School of Law
The Daniel and Margaret
Drawbaugh Family
Duey, Peggy A.
Eckman, Walter
Emery, Rev. Larry S.
Epstein, Connie
Everett, William H.
Fahnstock, Doris
Fear-Segal, Jacqueline
Flower, Thomas and Bowman, Pam
Foshag, William F.
Fralish, John C., Jr.
Gardner, George and Elizabeth
Garn, Lynn
Gateway Historical Society
Gelinas, Kitty
Goodling, Mark E.

Goyer, Marion (Shultz)
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania,
Independent Order of Odd Fellows
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Hershey Community Archives
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Historic Carlisle, Inc.
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Kline, Teresa F.
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of the Carlisle Area
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Luciano, Lorraine
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Mazias, Tommy
McBride, Joan
McElwee, Geraldine DeWalt
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Association
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Newville Historical Society
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Pincus, Diane
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Rathmell, Roxanne
Raudabaugh, Amy
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Rogers, Mary Katherine
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| Changes in net assets related to collection items not capitalized and net realized/unrealized gains (losses) | - | (623) | - | (623) |
| Net realized/unrealized gains (loses) on investments | 104,318 | - | (7,268) | 97,050 |
| Changes in net asset | 17,427 | 156,909 | (7,268) | 167,068 |
| Net asset, beginning | 5,440,128 | 257,200 | 5,370,049 | 11,067,377 |
| Net assets, ending | $ 5,457,555 | $ 414,109 | $ 5,362,781 | $11,234,445 |