Looking Back, Looking Forward

Cumberland County Historical Society Annual Report 2013



Greeting from Executive Director Jason Illari

2013 was a time of transition for the Historical Society. Not only was I extremely honored to join the Historical Society's team last October, but several new Trustees stepped up to fill terms of service. Thank you to Chip Fenton for his presidency and also to our current President Paul Hoch for guiding the Society through its

transitional phase.

We are extremely appreciative to Linda Witmer for her many years of service, guiding and building the Society for over 25 years. Throughout this Annual Report, you will read vignettes highlighting some of our various accomplishments from 2013. There is also a new section titled *Looking Forward* where you can read about upcoming programs and activities.

In the months and years to come members, visitors and patrons will see an added emphasis on the concept of *story* at the Society. Every individual, community, object, piece of paper, painting or building has a unique story to tell. Staff,



volunteers, interns and Board members will hone in on this concept as we finish CCHS' Strategic Plan before the end of 2014. Finally, the future success of CCHS hinges on the work of volunteers and members. Your time and commitment empowers the staff to accomplish great things for preserving and promoting the history of Cumberland County. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Society staff, thank you!

Looking Back

Museum, Rachael

The CCHS museum cares for over 9,000 artifacts related to Cumberland County history. Through our changing exhibits, we are able to use these artifacts to attract, engage, and educate our visitors. The museum received a total of 68 new accessions in 2013! Thank you to all of the generous donors who have improved our collections. The museum also had 3,285 visitors and hosted 5 group tours. Volunteers and interns donated 1,800 hours of their time to the museum.



Our main exhibition for 2013 was 1863: Invasion in the Valley, about Cumberland County in the Civil War. The exhibit and related events, including a Civil War family day, were sponsored by the Pennsylvania Humanities Council. Interns Meagan Bricker, Caroline Wulf, and Krissy Kramer helped work on this exhibit as well as independent projects. With the volunteer help of Bob McCrea, 2013's holiday exhibit and family program, All Aboard! featuring trains was wildly popular.

Partnership work for the year continued from previous projects, including the Shippensburg University class, Letort Quilters, and Molly Pitcher Stitchers. The museum committee and membership went above and beyond this year to ensure the acquisition of the Hendel coffeepot, and the resulting celebration was a tangible expression of thanks for the work of the committees, artifact lenders, docents, and volunteers who make the museum, special exhibits, and museum programming possible.

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History on High-The Shop, Kim

Every year we grow in visitation, knowledge, experience and support from you, our customers and friends. Thank you so very much for being an integral part of our Society shop. In 2013 History on High – The Shop welcomed 7,061 visitors. We were blessed by having 16 fantastic volunteers and 17 equally great volunteers in the Cumberland Valley Visitors Center. The volunteer time for the year totaled 880 hours. Dickinson College offered a program providing Work Study Students, and in 2013 we were fortunate to have 3 students; Olivia graduated in June, Sofie was here both Spring and Fall semesters and Leanne joined us in the Fall of 2013.



The shop offers a variety of events and extended hours during First Fridays and during the Car Show weekends. Other special events included Bessie Jamieson's Fine Jewelry Trunk Show, 5 different Felting Classes, taught by Bonnie Tweedy-Shaw, Ellie Swank held a Pysanki Egg demonstration and Richelle Dourte of metalledwith held a Jewelry Trunk Show. We celebrated new books with book signings by authors Tony Peluso, Joe Cress, Larry Kerr, Randy Watts, Tony Zizzi, Dr. Daniel Felix, and Paul Hoch. Claire Beadon Carnell was our featured artist of the year and we held an artist's reception and show in May.

We are grateful to the Cumberland Valley Visitors Center for their space within the shop which provides a variety of maps and pamphlets offering information and events taking place in our beautiful valley. Through the Center we have seen an additional 748 visitors.

Thanks again for your continued patronage and support.

Programming, Lynda

Our 2013 year started out great with 676 people attending the Wednesdays In Winter and Matinees In March programs. We continued the enthusiasm with 150 people attending the opening of our exhibit, "1863 Invasion in the Valley." To excite children about the Civil War, we held a family Civil War program with 75 people attending. Throughout the year, the Society hosted numerous talks and special events. Here are just a few!

- The Irish Brigade and Their Friends from Carlisle Presented by Hubert X. Gilroy
- The Politics of Civil War in the Cumberland Valley Presented by Matthew Pinsker
- Fighting the Civil War: Historical Treasures of the Conflict of the National Civil War Museum Presented by Wayne Motts
- Family Fun day, Civil War theme, held at Two Mile House
- Deborah Sweeney, a frequent lecturer and genealogist, provided genealogy workshops
- Our Fall History series, a seven week presentation every Tuesday evening called, *Crossroads of History* by Jeff Wood which focused on momentous events in County history
- We even took some bus trips to the Brandywine River Museum, The Barnes, National Museum of Civil War Medicine and Cumberland County's Manor of Lowther.



Two Mile House, Joan

Throughout 2013, the Two Mile House hosted wedding receptions, several bridal/baby showers, a birthday, a bridge luncheon, a book signing, many Christmas parties and other great events! The Carlisle Dog Park and Fortnightly group also hosted programs on the property. Linda Witmer's retirement party was held in the



house in June and staff had a great time celebrating her accomplishments. The Carlisle Civic Club and the Carlisle Garden Club continue to have monthly meetings at the house and we are grateful for their support of the Two Mile House.

The Society's 19th Annual McLain Celtic Festival was held on August 31 and was another huge success attracting over 2000 visitors. Folks had a great time at the Festival the Pre-Event Cocktail Party on August 29 and another Cocktail Party will be held this year on August 28, 2014 6pm-8pm. The Two Mile House witnessed approximately 5000 patrons in 2013.

Library, Cara

Throughout 2013 the Society's Library provided class sessions to Shippensburg University's Applied History program. The library taught an introduction to archives class and a museum technology class. The library was also able to provided genealogy workshops led by CCHS member Deborah Sweaney and CCHS librarian Cara Curtis. We also provided a Past Perfect training session to the PA Fly Fishing Museum. Student scholars visited the library to conduct their research all year long. Students came from several local schools: Boiling Springs,

St. Patrick's, and Carlisle. We also had students and faculty members visit the library from at least twelve colleges and universities including Clarion University, the University of North Dakota and the University of Dundee (Scotland).

The Society received a donation from Elizabeth and George Gardner that will allow for new CCHS digital initiatives. During 2013, we did a lot of preparation work for this project including the creation of a recording studio. This studio will be used to record people's memories about events and for recording oral histories. Work also began to create an online encyclopedia of local events, people, and places. These exciting projects will increase Historical Society's online presence.

Archives and Library Collections Donors

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Photograph Archives, Richard

Staff and volunteers were extremely active last year as we received and processed 48 new accessions that included 1,550 photos (including prints, scans or negatives), 14 photo albums, 680 postcards, 15 CDs, 4 DVDs, and 6 small photo collections! Subject areas included mills, Civil War, the 1936 Flood, Camp Michaux, Carlisle fire companies, Gettysburg monuments, The *Sentinel*'s centennial anniversary, Mechanicsburg churches, Boiling Springs views, the Ritner family and Eden Mills on the Yellow Breeches, Lone Star Dietz and Angel DeCora, Pine Grove Furnace, details of old home interiors throughout the county, a large collection of postcards, Piezo Crystal Company, Carlisle Indian School athletics, and family collections related to the McCulloch, Highland, Brinton, and Sheaffer families.

Our photo exhibit for 2013 in the museum photo gallery featured "Cumberland County Faces of the Civil War."

Many of our images were used in the main Civil War exhibit and we helped with the creation of the ten Civil War videos made by Dickinson College students to accompany the exhibit. In the hall outside the Photo Archives, we had a cased exhibit about Civil War photography, and on the photo boards on the wall we had a general "Cumberland County in the Civil War" exhibit. For the holiday season the hall exhibits featured photos of Christmas trees, model railroads and train postcards. Thank you to all our volunteers for helping in the photo archives room and for all who donated images in 2013!



A visit to the Gettysburg battlefield.

Photograph Collections Donors

Bone, Beverly

Bradley, George

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2013 Finances At A Glance

STATEMENTS OF REVENUE, GAINS AND EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS

	-	Unrestricted	emporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Revenue and gains Membership Contributions Program revenues Investment income Grants Governmental support	4	51,061 115,193 119,890 285,759 9,809 43,363	\$ 84,186	\$ -	\$51,061 199,379 119,890 285,759 9,809 43,363
Gross revenue-fundraising \$ 105,79 Less: fundraising expenses (45,70 Gross rental income 46,10	21)	60,076	-	-	60,076
Less: rental expenses (12,3 Miscellaneous Net realized gain (loss) on property and equipment Net assets released from restriction Satisfaction of spending restriction	56)	33,749			33,749
	_	72,234	(72,234)		000.000
Total revenue and gains	_	791,134	11,952		803,086
Expenses Programs Management and general Fundraising Total expenses	_	553,437 145,994 161,873 861,304			553,437 145,994 161,873 861,304
Changes in net assets before changes related to collection items not capitalized and net realized/unrealized gains (losses)					
Changes in net assets related to collection items not capitalized and net realized/unrealized gains (losses)		(70,170)	11,952		(58,218)
Collection items purchased or donated but not capitalized Net realized/unrealized gains		(42,924)			(42,924)
(losses) on investments	_	260,323		535,662	795,985
Changes in net assets		147,229	11,952	535,662	694,843
Net assets, beginning	_	5,292,899	245,248	4,834,387	10,372,534
Net assets, ending	9	5,440,128	\$ 257,200	\$ 5,370,049	\$ 11,067,377

Looking Forward

McLain Festival

Mark your calendars for our 20th annual McLain Festival, August 30 2014 9am-5pm! Tickets can be purchased at the gate at the Two Mile House or at the 21 North Pitt Street. Adults \$10, children under 10 admitted free.

Festival Schedule- Two Mile House, 1189 Walnut Bottom Road, Carlisle

Music Tent		
Across the Pond	10:15 to 11:00	
Mark Maurer	11:15 to 12:00	
Iona	1:00 to 1:45	
Across the Pond	2:00 to 2:45	
Charlie Zahm	3:00 to 3:45	
Iona	4:00 to 4:45	
Glen		
Celtic Martins	10:00 to 10:45	
Scottish Country Dancers	11:15 to 12:00	
Celtic Martin	1:00 to 1:45	
Coyle School of Irish Dance	2:00 to 2:45	
Fire in the Glen	3:00 to 4:00	
Quittaphilla Highlanders	9:30 to 10:00 a.m. and	
Pipes & Drums	Noon Processional	
Border Collie Demos	10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.	
Highland Athletics	all day	



Gardner Digital Library Project

In 2013, CCHS held a series of meetings dedicated to developing a digital initiative project to combine the possibilities of digital/technical methods with the traditional paper holdings of the library in order to access *and* record the history of the county; at the same time CCHS acquired additional material to expand our collections. With a gift from George and Elizabeth Gardner the Gardner Digital Library Project was initiated and the project will officially launch this fall. We envision a broad-scope effort to bring patrons and researchers to the library and allow more genealogical research to be conducted online. The memory bank oral history studio is also nearly complete



and individuals with county-related stories can contact the Society's new Gardner Project coordinator, Blair Williams at gardnerlibrary@historicalsociety.com for information about how to participate in the project.



Education, Matthew

Matthew March receives funds from the St. Johns Church investment club and also the Cumberland County Appalachian Trail club for the Society's service learning camping trips held each year in the fall. These funds will help purchase new camping equipment for the program in 2014, which participating youth will be able to use at no cost. The education department uses great opportunities for lifelong learning. We look forward to another year focused on creating new and innovative programming to

serve our diverse partners, including additional web content for educators.



Representatives for the Craighead House receive the historic register plaque.

New to the County Register of Historic Places!

William F. and Jeanne S. Martson - George Kline's Print Shop Virginia and Calvin Mowery - Wilson/Sharp House Craighead Organization - Craighead House Ashton and Kimberly Nichols - Frederick Watts House - Creekside Pamela S. Schneider - McCullough's Fancy / Stonehurst Ann and David Smith - Plough and Sheaf of Wheat Tavern

Golf Tournament a Success

2014's June CCHS golf tournament fundraiser was fabulous and we are grateful to the entire planning committee, Cumberland Golf club, Ewing Brothers Funeral Home, sponsors and volunteers for making the day a huge success! The committee has agreed, another tournament is in the works for 2015!



Check Your Attic

Do you have an old headboard in your attic or garage? Would you like to see it painted beyond recognition and used in our holiday exhibit *In Hopes that St. Nicholas Soon Will Be There...*? Please contact Rachael Zuch to donate. Thank you!



Carlisle Journeys Biennial Indian School Conference

The Society is excited to pull together its first in a series of forums to discuss the history of the Carlisle Indian Industrial School this coming October. Speakers and presenters from all over the country will be in attendance, along with descendants of school students. Dance, storytelling, craftsmanship, and film will be hallmarks of this series of conferences. Information about this initiative is accessed via the Society's new conference website www.carlislejourneys.org. The Society is actively fundraising for this event to make it free for attendees. Contact Barb Landis if you would like to make a contribution or visit the contribution page on the Carlisle

Journeys website to support the effort.



Jamie Price lecturing at the Snyder reception.

Special Thanks

We are also grateful to Jamie Price, Conestoga Auctions, and many volunteers who helped make our recent John J. Snyder acquisition possible. The Society hosted a fabulous reception to open the furniture exhibit in Todd Hall on June 19, 2014. Thank you again!

Civil War Drum on Exhibit at Society Saved

An anonymous donor made a special gift of \$2,800 for drum conservation work. Thank you! New objects and their stories will be on display in the Society lobby in the month to come. Next up will be the Dr. Foulk of Carlisle anothecary sign, on display August 2014.



2015 Year of the Mill

The Society is preparing for a series of events and programs along with a major book publication related to mills in Cumberland County in 2015. In March, the Society will open its mill exhibit in the Kramer and Miller galleries. The mill book will be sold at the Society in conjunction with the opening of the exhibit. Lectures about mills in Cumberland County along with county-wide mill tours are in store for members and patrons. To help sponsor the printing of the book, please contact Photo Curator, Richard Tritt.

Leave a Legacy

A planned gift is a gift that will benefit an organization at some future date. Members and friends may support the Society through planned giving. Contact Executive Director Jason Illari at the Historical Society to set up a meeting to discuss planned giving options and opportunities.

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