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THE JAMES BUCHANAN [MEMO]RIAL FUND.

Mrs. Harriet Lane Johnston died in July 19[03], and left by her will the sum of \$100,000 to William A. Fisher, of Baltimore, Calderon Carlisle and E. Francis Riggs of Washington, and Lawrason Riggs of Baltimore as Trustees, to provide first, a monument at Stone Batter near Mercersburg, Pa., the birth place of her uncle, President Buchanan, and second, to secure from the Congress of the United States the designation of a suitable site in the city of Washington to be approved and accepted by them, the trustees aforesaid, and the permission and consent of Congress to erect on said site a statue in bronze or marble of her uncle James Buchanan, the said statue to be paid for by her trustees out of the fund hereinbefore provided. And the said trustees were authorized forthwith to procure proper designs or models for said statue with a view to the selection of a suitable design and the submission of the same to Congress in connection with their application for the necessary authority and permission in regard to the site. Mrs. Johnston further directed that on the pedestal of the statue the trustees aforesaid should place, in addition to other appropriate inscriptions, the noble and truthful words applied to her uncle by the Honorable Jeremiah S. Black, "The incorruptible statesman whose walk was upon the mountain ranges of the law."

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

Under the Direction of U. S. GRANT, 3D, Director of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital.

MAJOR DOUGLAS H. GILLETTE   EARL G. MARSH   FREDERICK D. OWEN

General decorations and plan of unveiling by FREDERICK D. OWEN

A donation of carrier pigeons, liberated at the time of the unveiling, by W. F. DISMER, Washington, D. C.

Guard of grounds, U. S. Park Police under Capt. R. C. Montgomery, U. S. A.

GUARDS

Headquarters Company, Washington, D. C.. Captain A. [R]. Bolling. U. S. A., Commanding Naval Detachment, Lieutenant B. B. Bierer, Jr., S. C., U. S. N., Commanding Marine Guard, Captain Dudley S. Brown, U. S. M. C., Commanding

MUSIC

U.S. Marine Band, CAPT. TAYLOR BRANSON. Leader

Incidental Music before and after ceremony by Lancaster Newsie Cadets Band

PROF. E. A. LIST, Director

Vocal Solo by Comrade Pietro Gentile of Los Angeles Post 339, American Legion



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WHEREAS, it is fitting that the birthday of James Buchanan, who was President of the United States, diplomat and law-maker, should be suitably observed with honor by the community of Lancaster, where he resided; and

WHEREAS, this year is the 100th anniversary of the year in which he returned to Lancaster after serving for four years as Secretary of State with credit and distinction;

Therefore I, DALE E. CARY, Mayor of the City of Lancaster, hereby proclaim Saturday, April 23, 1949, his birthday, as "JAMES BUCHANAN DAY" in the City of Lancaster and urge the display of flags in celebration thereof.

[signed]

Dale E. Cary



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