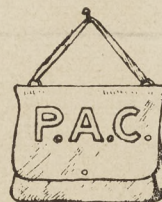
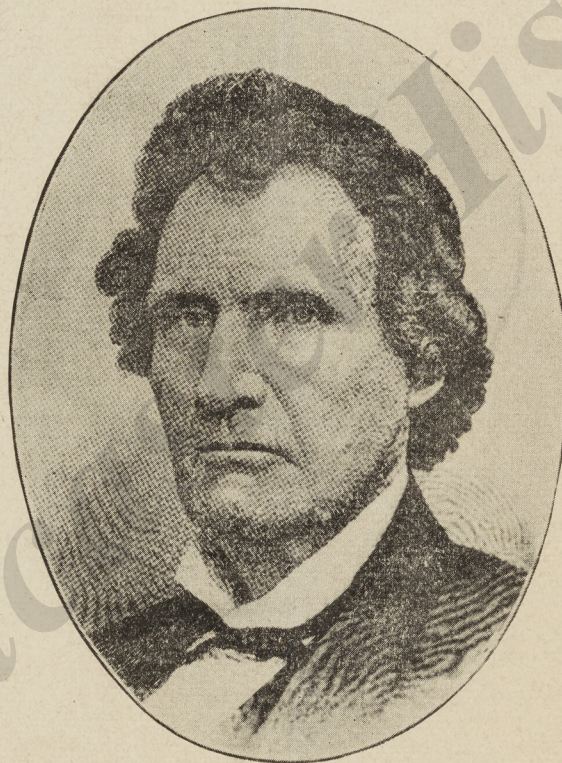


Program of the Dedication  
of  
Restoration of Stack of Caledonia Furnace  
and  
Memorial Tablet to Thaddeus Stevens

The Friend of the Mountaineer Children of Pennsylvania

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THADDEUS STEVENS

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# THE LIGHTHOUSE

DEDICATED TO

THADDEUS STEVENS

BY

CELESTE SHAFFER HENDERSON

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## PROLOGUE

"Give light and the people will find their own way"

'Twas written by Dante of a bygone day:  
Six centuries later, a Vermont lad  
Reading these words, a vision had  
Of a Lighthouse of Knowledge in every State,  
'Tis the Vermont lad we now celebrate.

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## The Story of John Jones and John Fisher

John Jones was a southern mountain boy,  
'Way down in Tennessee.  
O'er the Raccoon Mountain he roamed with joy  
And shouted with childish glee.

His playhouse was in Nick-a-Jack Cave,  
His playthings were fossil shells,  
A horseshoe for luck, and a rabbits foot  
To protect him from witches' spells.

John Jones knew the name of every tree,  
Bird-calls, to him were no mystery;  
The wild rabbits played round his cabin door,  
The curious chipmunk came oft to explore.

Then, when at last came eventide,  
With Dad and Mother side by side,  
When grace was said he did partake  
Of milk a glass, and Johnny cake.

At Mother's knee his prayers were said;  
Then, nestled in his trundle bed,  
In dreamless sleep 'til morning light  
And twittering birds had vanished night.



There came a night when suddenly from sleep  
His father roused him,—bade him silence keep;  
“The bandits are upon us! hide in Nick-a-Jack Cave  
While I your Mother’s life will try to save.”

From the casement window, to the cold, dark ground  
John’s father lowered him; then with a bound  
Threw his arms ’round his wife; but alas, too late!  
The bandits were upon them: theirs the usual fate.

When the sun’s first rays illumined the cave  
John crept forth, trying hard to be brave.  
He ran to the cabin,—in ashes it lay!  
The bandits had taken the bodies away.

He ran to the neighbors,—two miles away,  
Crying,—“The bandits have taken my parents away:”  
“I’m tired and hungry, give me food I pray;  
Our cabin is burned, oh, please let me stay.”  
“And, please Sir, Dad said to school I must go.”  
“To school!” said Farmer Smith, “Boy, you’re a fool:”  
It’s only rich men’s sons goes to school.”  
“They’re aint no schools for boys like you.

“If you want to eat, to work you’ll go;  
Corn and sweet potatoes you’ll learn to grow.  
You don’t need book-larnin’—and beside,  
Watch your step, or you’ll feel this rawhide.”

John Jones turned away, and from that day  
His beautiful soul no solace knew.  
The world of books to him denied,  
Alone he lived,—alone, he died.

John Fisher, a Northern Mountain lad  
Whistled a tune, right merry and glad;  
His chores were done, to school he must go,  
There were so many things he wanted to know.

“Readin’, writin’ and ’rithmetic  
And Joggerfy too.” “Now, John, travel quick!”  
“Yes, Mother, I was just talking to myself.”—  
And away he ran,—the merry elf.

At recess, the boys and girls at play  
Chose their parts in a merry game;  
One girl said, “I’ll be Queen of the May.  
I choose Goldilocks for my name.”



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DOCTOR JOSEPH S. ILLICK - - - - -	Chairman
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RIGHT REVEREND J. HENRY DARLINGTON, D. D., LL. D. - - - - -	Invocation
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"Thaddeus Stevens"	
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DOCTOR H. H. SHENK - - - - -	Address
State Archivist "How Stevens Saved the Public School Bill"	
MRS. CELESTE SHAFFER HENDERSON - - - - -	Reading
Jersey City, N. J., formerly of Renovo, Pa. "The Lighthouse," Poem on Thaddeus Stevens	
COLONEL THOMAS W. LLOYD, Williamsport - - - - -	Presentation
First Vice President Pennsylvania Alpine Club, and Personal Friend of Thaddeus Stevens	
MISS KATHRINE WILLIAMS - - - - -	Unveiling
Daughter of John R. Williams, Forester	
HON. CHARLES E. DORWORTH - - - - -	Acceptance
Secretary Department of Forests and Waters of Pennsylvania	
HON. DONALD P. McPHERSON - - - - -	Address
President Judge, Adams and Fulton Counties	
PROFESSOR WILLIAM A. BOURNE - - - - -	Address
Superintendent Thaddeus Stevens Industrial School, Lancaster	
REVEREND W. L. MUDGE - - - - -	Benediction
Pastor Falling Springs Presbyterian Church, Chambersburg	



John Fisher said,—“As for me  
Governor of Pennsylvania I'll be.”  
The girls hooted, the boys howled  
Until John's dog, Sport, angrily growled.

“You don't know enough, John,”  
With one voice they cried;  
“Governors are smart and rich, John,  
They're haughty, filled with pride.”

“I'm going to School,” John stubbornly said,  
“'Til I know enough; then money I'll earn.  
Then the people's Governor I will be;  
And this will come true, as you some day will learn.”

Pennsylvania's Free Schools for the mountain boy  
Helped make John Fisher's dream come true;  
To Thaddeus Stevens the Vermont lad  
John's thanks and ours are due.

On a fair May day in 1835  
Stevens made the impassioned appeal  
That stirred the hearts of his fellow men  
And defeated the Free School Repeal.

## EPILOGUE

THADDEUS STEVENS, PENNSYLVANIA'S son by adoption,  
Your fame we now celebrate.  
We offer our homage for the priceless gift  
Of Free Schools to the KEYSTONE STATE.

—CELESTE SHAFFER HENDERSON.

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