

MEETING IN COLUMBIA IN MEMORY OF CHARLES CARROLL

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IN Vol. XXXIV, p. 180, of the Proceedings of The Lancaster County Historical Society, appears an article entitled, "Resolution on the Death of Charles Carroll,¹ Signer of the Declaration of Independence." Since that paper was written my attention has been called to a meeting of the "Columbia Grays" and "Columbia Hunters" which was held in the town hall in Columbia, Pa., on Saturday evening, November 17th, 1832. Captain Michael Way was appointed president, Captain James Haughy vice-president, and Moses Montgomery and John Wisler secretaries. The president stated that the meeting had assembled for the purpose of paying a tribute of respect to the memory of Charles Carroll of Carrollton, the last of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

A committee consisting of Henry Brimmer, John McMullen, John Swartz, John Enny and James Stundley prepared the following resolutions which were adopted unanimously:

"Whereas, the death of the venerable Charles Carroll of Carrollton, the last of the patriot band who subscribed that precious document by which their lives, fortunes and sacred honors were pledged to work out and secure the liberty and independence of a people who had long groaned under the yoke of oppression and the trammels of tyranny, has left a blank on the bright escutcheon of our happy country which can never be filled, and which cannot but have cast a shade of sadness over every heart of every scion of the tree of liberty which he so eminently assisted to uprear; and

"Whereas, we deem it a duty as well at the pleasure of every freeman to offer some testimonial, however slight it be of his affection for the glorious dead whom he so much loved, to honor while living, therefore,

"Resolved, That this meeting recommend to the members of the volunteer companies of this borough, to wear crape on the left

¹The Lancaster Examiner of Thursday, November 22nd, 1832, with columns edged in black, announced the death of Charles Carroll.

arm of their uniform for twelve months from the present time; and that an eulogy of him whose whole life gives warrant for the warmest praise, the venerable and good man and true patriot, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, be pronounced on Sunday, the 25th instant, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

"Resolved, That the committee request the chief burgess, assistant burgess, town council and citizens to join in procession on the occasion.

"Resolved, That there be martial music in time of marching." 2

The committee adjourned to meet in the town hall on Friday evening, November 23rd, at 7 P. M.

Whether the eulogy was pronounced on Sunday, November 25th, or not, we are unable to state positively as the file of The Columbia Spy, and Lancaster and York Record³ is missing from October 27th to December 29th, 1832.

² Lancaster Journal, Friday, November 23rd, 1832.

³ This file is in the library of The Lancaster County Historical Society.

AGNES NOBLE AGNEW

By HELEN NOBLE WORST

AGNES NOBLE was born January 30th, 1781, at Nobleville, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of Margaret McWhorter and James Noble, an elder in the Associate church of Octorara, and a granddaughter of William Noble, who was one of the founders of this church, which, with the neighboring congregation of Oxford, formed the original seat of Associate Presbyterianism in America.

Agnes Noble was first married to Rev. Ebenezer Henderson, whose father, Rev. Matthew Henderson, was sent to this country by the Associate Synod of Edinburgh, together with Rev. John Mason, they being the fourth and fifth ministers of that church

* Nominated by Miss Helen Noble Worst for inclusion in the "Book of Honor" to be placed in the Strawberry Mansion, Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, Pa. The article was published in the Public Ledger, Philadelphia, Pa., on Wednesday morning, March 18th, 1931, under the heading "Pennsylvania's Notable Women."