

BRONZE TABLET TO THE MEMORY OF JOHN WRIGHT, PIONEER FERRYMAN*

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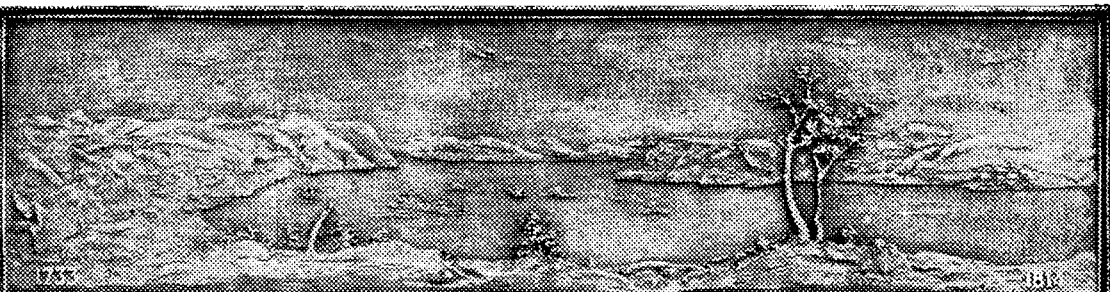
.. The fine service rendered by John Wright, pioneer ferryman, and one of the foremost builders of a transportation link that opened the great West to early settlers, was fittingly recognized on Tuesday morning, June 23rd, 1931, by State and county officials at the unveiling of a bronze memorial tablet to perpetuate his memory, by The Pennsylvania Society of The Colonial Dames of America.

The exercises, held in the armory at Columbia, were attended by approximately one hundred and fifty persons.

Characterized as a man of keen foresight and a master builder, who forged the first link in a transportation chain that has played so large a part in the rapid development of the ferry system between Columbia and Wrightsville, Mr. Wright's distinguished service was recalled, with high appreciation, by the speakers at the memorial exercises.

"The granting of a patent to John Wright, to operate his ferry some two

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NEAR THIS BRIDGE WAS LOCATED THE FIRST
IMPORTANT FERRY OVER THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER
GATEWAY FOR EMIGRATION INTO THE GREAT WEST

MAINTAINED AND OPERATED FROM 1792 UNTIL THE FIRST BRIDGE WAS BUILT IN 1811
BY JESSE WARRICK SENIOR ENGINEER JUDGE OF THE COURTS MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY

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