

of John Hannum was a commodious stone building used as a tavern in the present village of Concordville, Concord township, Delaware county, Pa., nine miles west of Chester, Pa. The petition had probably been presented by John Roberts, the constable of Conestogoe.

A petition from the inhabitants of East Conestogoe and Pequea townships was as follows:

“To the worshipping his Majesties Justices of the Peace at the Court of General Quarter Sessions, held at Chester ye 30th day of August, 1726.

“The Humble petition of Hans Grove & William Clark most Humbly showeth:

“That the Taxable Townships or districts, Called East Canestogoe and Peque, have not Supervisors of the Highways appointed in them

“Ye most Humble petitioners do humbly pray that your worships will nominate and appoint Jacob Bear, Supervisor for East Canestogoe and Daniel Cookson and John Williams Supervisors for Peque.

“And to issue out ye order for the cutting and clearing of the Road Laid out through the sd. Districts from the mouth of Cocalico to the Philadelphia Road, at John Ferrie land.

“And ye most Humble Petitioners shall, as in duty bound, for you ever pray.

“Hans Graff
“Wm. Clark.”

“Backed August 1726

“The Supervisors in

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PILGRIMAGE OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF BERKS COUNTY

By WILLIAM FREDERIC WORNER

ON Friday, October 9th, 1931, one hundred members and friends of The Historical Society of Berks County, made a pilgrimage to places of historic interest in Lancaster city and county as the guests of The Lancaster County Historical Society, under the guidance of Dr. Frederick Willson, chairman of the Pilgrimage

committee. The tourists traveled in automobiles and were met at Grand View Heights, a suburb north of the city, by two policemen on motorcycles, who escorted the visitors into Lancaster and extended to them many courtesies. The first stop was at the headquarters of The Lancaster County Historical Society. The pilgrims were received in the hall of the Society's building, 307 North Duke street, by a committee consisting of Prof. Herbert H. Beck, Mrs. J. Roland Kinzer, Mrs. Albert K. Hostetter, Miss Laura J. Falck and Miss Gertrude H. Haldy.

After a brief address by Hon. T. Warren Metzger, mayor of Lancaster, in which he warmly welcomed the visitors to "the oldest inland town in Pennsylvania," the tourists were conducted down Duke street to the fine, historic old Trinity Lutheran church. After parking their cars on East Mifflin street, they proceeded to the grave of Thomas Mifflin, the tombstone of which is erected in the west wall of the church building. A wreath was placed on the grave of this distinguished citizen, Revolutionary officer and governor of Pennsylvania, by one of the visitors,—J. Bennett Nolan, Esq., member of the Reading bar and author of numerous books and pamphlets relating to the history of Berks county, and of Reading, its county seat. Thomas Mifflin was an extensive landowner in the adjoining county of Berks and is regarded as having been one of its most distinguished sons.

Entering the venerable church, the visitors listened to a history of the congregation, delivered by the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Aden B. MacIntosh. He was followed by Dr. Harry A. Sykes, organist of the church, who gave a description of the fine organ in the building. A part of the instrument was built, more than one hundred and fifty years ago by David Tanneberger, a master organ builder of Lititz, Pa. Dr. Sykes entertained the pilgrims with a brief selection from Bach, which was greatly enjoyed.

The sight-seers then proceeded to Wheatland, going north on Mulberry street past Shreiner's cemetery, in order that, as they drove by, they might have a view of the tomb of Thaddeus Stevens, the Great Commoner. Entering the spacious grounds of historic Wheatland, home of James Buchanan, fifteenth President of the United States, the party proceeded to the century-old mansion, in the door-way of which the guests were cordially received and welcomed by Miss Mary Willson Rettew, the present owner and



(1) Dr. Frederick Willson, Chairman of the Pilgrimage Committee. (2) J. Bennett Nolan, Esq. (3) Rev. Dr. Lee M. Erdman. (4) Charles B. Montgomery. (5) H. Seidel Throm, Esq. (6) Mr. George M. Jones. (7) Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh Apple. (8) Prof. Herbert H. Beck. Miss Gertrude H. Haldy is the second person to the left of Mr. Charles B. Montgomery, and Miss Laura J. Falck, who served with her on the Reception Committee, is beside Prof. Beck on the left.

gracious hostess of this attractive old home which received nationwide attention when President Buchanan was at the height of his political fame. After a masterly address on "James Buchanan," by one of the visitors—Mr. George M. Jones—delivered on the portico of the famous dwelling, the guests were escorted through the spacious building, the rooms of which contain furniture and many other interesting mementos of Pennsylvania's only President.

After bidding farewell to delightful old Wheatland and its charming owner, the visitors drove by Buchanan Park in which is the bronze statue of James Buchanan, the work of Charles Grafly, sculptor, and a gift to the city of Lancaster by the late Dulon F. Buchmiller. The next stop was at Franklin and Marshall College. Here the visitors gathered in Hensel Hall and listened to an able address on the history of the college by the Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh Apple, president of the institution. He was followed by the Rev. Dr. Lee M. Erdman, pastor of St. Thõmas's Reformed church, Reading, who briefly spoke of distinguished sons of Berks county who had attended this fine old institution.

After being escorted by the motorcycle policemen to a point beyond the northern boundary of the city, the visitors proceeded to Lititz, Pa., where luncheon was enjoyed in the General Sutter hotel. A brief address was delivered by Mr. Jones at the banquet table. The visitors then proceeded to the Brethren's House, built in 1759, which is west of the Moravian church. It was in this ancient building, now somewhat renovated, that, following the Battle of the Brandywine, a number of sick and wounded soldiers were nursed,—the building having been commandeered by General Washington.

In the Sunday-school room, which in later years was added to the venerable structure, the pilgrims were addressed by Prof. Herbert H. Beck, president of The Lancaster County Historical Society and archivist of the Moravian congregation at Lititz. Briefly and entertainingly, Mr. Beck reviewed the history of the origin and development of the Moravian church in his native community. A visit was also made to the second floor of the old Brethren's House, in one room of which are preserved records and relics of the congregation, under the watchful care of Mr. Beck.

Following this, the tourists proceeded to the beautiful campus of Linden Hall Seminary, the second boarding school for girls in

point of age in the United States. It was established in 1746, and is under the control of the Moravian church. The seminary buildings are located at the eastern end of the ancient and beautiful quadrangle, with its fine old trees and well-kept lawn.

Emphasis is given to the beauty of the campus by a small pavilion situated on a knoll, near a lovely rock garden. Here the visitors were delightfully entertained with an historical account of the ancient Linden Hall Seminary, delivered by Miss Adelaide Houghton, sixteen years of age, a senior in the institution and a daughter of the Rev. W. H. Houghton, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, New York, N. Y.

The pilgrims then visited the Emanuel Lutheran church, Brickerville, founded about 1730, where they listened to the reading of a lengthy history of the congregation by the pastor, the Rev. F. A. Weicksel.

The tomb of Elizabeth Huber, wife of Henry William Stiegel, famous glass manufacturer, was next visited. It is in the well-kept graveyard adjoining the church. Here also are interred the Old and Mayberry families, and others, whose history is closely identified with Berks county.

After spending a delightful half hour in this fine old graveyard reading the inscriptions on the quaint and curious tombstones, the pilgrims departed for their homes. Judging by the expressions of genuine pleasure and delight heard many times during the day, the outing was thoroughly enjoyed; and Dr. Willson and his committee, who had charge of it, deserve hearty congratulations and thanks for the admirable and successful manner in which it was planned and conducted.

It was a very real pleasure to have these friends as our guests, for they, like ourselves, are inspired by the same laudable ambition to secure and preserve, so far as possible, the authentic history of our respective counties; and the memory of the very pleasant day spent with these kindred spirits amid scenes so intimately associated with thrilling events of the past, and with so many charming traditions of other times, will doubtless

—“haunt us still

When many a year has fled

Like some wild melody.”