

CONTINENTAL STABLES MARKED BY A BRONZE TABLET

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ON Saturday, June 4th, 1932, the building used during the Revolutionary War as a military stable, 305-313 North Duke street, Lancaster, was marked by a handsome bronze tablet, 12 by 18 inches in size. The tablet, designed by the James H. Matthews Company, of Pittsburgh, Pa., was erected on that part of the venerable building now owned and occupied by The Lancaster County Historical Society.

The exercises incident to the unveiling of the tablet, were in charge of Prof. Herbert H. Beck, president of The Lancaster County Historical Society. At 2 o'clock, P. M., Jack Mooney, boy scout bugler, sounded the call for assembly. Members and friends gathered in front of the building and Hon. T. Warren Metzger, mayor of Lancaster, removed the Washington flag which temporarily covered the bronze plaque.

The assemblage then adjourned to the auditorium of the Society. The city commissioners, members of George H. Thomas Post No. 84, and Admiral Reynolds Post No. 405 of the G. A. R., ladies of Colonel Emlen Franklin Circle, No. 171, G. A. R., officers, members and friends of the Society, participated in the program, which was a part of Lancaster's George Washington bicentennial celebration.

After singing one stanza of "America," by the assembly, brief addresses were delivered by Prof. Beck and Mayor Metzger. A paper calling attention to the fact that June 4th, 1932, the date selected for the unveiling of the tablet, was the 159th anniversary of George Washington's first visit to Lancaster, was read by William Frederic Worner, librarian of the Society. Jacob Hill Byrne, Esq., a member of the Lancaster bar, in a carefully prepared paper, traced the history of the ancient structure, at one time a government stable, from the time that William Penn granted the land upon which it stands down to its present owners. The audience sang "The Star-Spangled Banner," and the meeting adjourned.

Prof. Beck, in his brief but admirable address, called attention to the fact that Washington was a great lover of horses; and that only four great men in history have been exceptional horsemen—Alexander the Great, Andrew Jackson, Prince Bismark and George Washington.

The meeting had scarcely adjourned, when Samuel P. Town, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., and Mrs. Town, arrived at the building. The meeting re-convened and after being welcomed by Washington F. Hambright, adjutant general of the national Grand Army of the Republic and past department commander of Pennsylvania, both were presented to the audience, and delivered brief addresses.

The building was tastefully decorated with flowers and American flags. The committee of arrangements, to which credit was due for the excellent manner in which the exercises were conducted, consisted of David Bachman Landis, Alpheus M. Angstadt and Miss Gertrude Hensel Haldy.