

LODGINGS IN LANCASTER, OF STATE SENATORS FOR 1809-1810

By William Frederic Worner

For one day, September 27th, 1777, the borough of Lancaster was the capital of the United States. On that day the Continental Congress held a brief session in the court house that stood in Penn Square. The borough was also the capital of Pennsylvania from the summer of 1799 until the autumn of 1812.

Carefully preserved among the archives of the Lancaster County Historical Society is an interesting old handbill, published in 1809 by the then well-known printer of Lancaster, William Greer. It is headed, "A List of the Members and Officers of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for the Session 1809-10. With Their Places of Residence in the Borough of Lancaster."

The names of the then senators, the names of the landlords of the taverns in which they lodged, and the districts which they represented, appear on the handbill as follows:

District No. 1.—Composed of the city and county of Philadelphia.

Edward Heston,	William Ferree's, East King street.
William Binder,	Leonard Eicholtz's, East King street.
John Connelly,	Mrs. Cochran's, South Queen street.
Clement Humphreys,	Mrs. Cochran's, South Queen street.

District No. 2.—Delaware and Chester counties.

Isaac Wayne,	Adam Weaver's, North Queen street.
Jonas Preston,	Mrs. Musser's, corner of Queen and Duke streets.

N. B. In the story of "State Senators for 1809-10," appears an error. In other words, in this paper I state "Mrs. Musser's, corner of Queen and Duke Streets." I looked up the original hand bill we have in the society and I find that this is the way it is stated on this hand bill. While, of course, this cannot be a fact for so far as we know, Queen and Duke Streets never crossed each other. It is a mistake. But where Mrs. Musser's tavern was, I do not know. I am leaving it as it appeared on the original hand bill.

I merely draw this to public attention so that all may understand the mistake was not made by me. It appears on the hand bill from which I got my information.

District No. 3.—Bucks.

William Erwin,	Adam Weaver's, North Queen street.
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District No. 4.—Lancaster.

Christopher Mayer,	East King street.
Amos Slaymaker,	Samuel Slaymaker's, East King street.

District No. 5.—Berks.

Gabriel Hiester,	William Bausman's, East King street.
Daniel Udree,	John Bausman's, East King street.

District No. 6.—Dauphin.

Melchoir Rahm,	Adam Weaver's, North Queen street.
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District No. 7.—Montgomery.

Jonathan Roberts, jun.	Mrs. Cochran's, South Queen street.
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District No. 8.—Northampton and Wayne.

Matthias Gress,	Leonard Eicholtz's, East King street.
James Wilson,	John Michael's, North Queen street.

District No. 9.—Luzerne and Northumberland.

Nathan Palmer,	Samuel Slaymaker's, East King street.
James Laird,	John Messenkope's, East King street.

District No. 10.—Lycoming, Centre, &c.

John Burrows,	John Messenkope's, East King street.
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District No. 11.—York and Adams.

Thomas Campbell,	Mrs. Cochran's, South Queen street.
William Gilliland,	Mrs. Cochran's, South Queen street.

District No. 12.—Mifflin and Huntingdon.

Ezra Doty,	Leonard Eicholtz's, East King street.
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District No. 13.—Cumberland.

James Lowry,	Samuel Carpenter's, North Queen street.
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District No. 14.—Bedford, Somerset, and Cambria.

Jacob Blocher,	John Michael's, North Queen street.
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District No. 15.—Franklin.

Archibald Rankin,	William Findlay's, North Queen street.
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District No. 16.—Westmoreland, Armstrong &c.

James Brady,	Adam Weaver's, North Queen street.
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District No. 17.—Fayette.

Presley C. Lane, Speaker

District No. 18.—Greene and Washington.

Isaac Weaver,	Mr. Sidenbender's, West King street.
James Stevenson,	

District No. 19.—Allegheny, Beaver, and Butler.

Abner Lacock,	Leonard Eicholtz's, East King street.
Francis M'Clure,	Samuel Carpenter's, North Queen street.

District No. 20.—Mercer, Erie, Venango, &c.

Wilson Smith,	John Messenkope's, East King street.
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Joseph A. M'Jimsey,	Clerk, Mrs. Cochran's, South Queen street.
George Harrison,	Assistant-clerk, Mrs. Cochran's, South Queen street.
William Wilson,	Sergeant-at-arms, Thomas Wentz's, North Queen street.
Adam Hart,	Door-keeper, Adams-town.
William Greer,	Printer of the Journal, in the English Language, East King street.

Jacob Schnee,	Printer of the Journal, in the German Language, Lebanon.
Hugh Hamilton,	Printer of the Bills, South Queen street.