

# **The Saint Patrick Benevolent Society of Lancaster**

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**O**N Thursday evening, August 22nd, 1816, a number of Irishmen, and descendants of Irishmen, met at the tavern of Archibald McLenegan on East King street, in the borough of Lancaster, and formed an association designated by the title of "The Saint Patrick Benevolent Society of Lancaster." William Clark Frazer, Esq., was appointed president, and Michael Galligher, Jr., secretary. The purpose of this organization was to render assistance to the sick and distressed poor of the community.

On Saturday evening, August 31st, the second meeting of the society was held at Archibald McLenegan's to receive applications from any who desired to become members. At this meeting William C. Frazer and Archibald McLenegan were appointed a committee to solicit subscriptions from persons friendly to the purposes of the institution.

At a meeting held on Saturday, September 14th, George Daly, Michael Gallicher, Jr. and Archibald McLenegan were appointed a committee to receive the applications of Irishmen, and descendants of Irishmen, who desired to become members of the society.

On Monday evening, October 14th, 1816, a meeting was held at the house of Mr. James Coyle, innkeeper. The constitution of the society was presented for approbation and signature. How long it continued to exist is not known. Unfortunately, subsequent issues of local papers do not contain any references to its activities. This is to be regretted, as the purpose of the organization was a most worthy one.

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# **The Lancaster County Society for Promoting Agriculture, Manufactures and the Useful Arts**

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**T**HE Intelligencer & Weekly Advertiser of Wednesday, March 25th, 1800, states that a large and respectable number of citizens in the borough and county of Lancaster, in order to encourage industry, frugality and American manufactures, formed an association known as "The Lancaster County Society for Promoting Agriculture, Manufactures and the Useful Arts." Mr. F. A. Muhlenberg was chosen president.