

Collections for the Poor in 1795

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A MEETING of the "Association for the Relief of the Poor," of the borough of Lancaster, was held at the house of Christopher Brenner on Monday, November 2nd, 1795. John Joseph Henry occupied the chair.

The committees appointed to collect funds, reported that it had attended to that duty and had turned over to the treasurer, David R. Barton, the following amounts:

"From the North-east Ward,	£ 34	9	10
" " South-east Ward,	24	11	2
" " South-west Ward,	19	5	2
" " North-west Ward,	28	4	9
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"Total	£106	10	11"

The treasurer made the following disbursements:

"For the purchase of bread, tea, coffee, sugar, blankets, etc., for the use of the poor and medicine for the sick	£ 29	9	5
Balance in the treasury	77	1	6
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"Total	£106	10	11"

The Lancaster Journal of Friday, November 6th, 1795, stated that accounts were in the hands of Jacob Carpenter, Esq. Contributors to this worthy charity, who desired to examine them, could do so by applying to him.

The committees which solicited the contributions, were as follows:

North-east Ward.

Matthias Young,	Christopher Meyers,
Philip Diffenderfer,	Jacob Carpenter,

South-east Ward.

John Messencope,	Emanuel Reigart,
Jacob Martin,	Leonard Eicholtz,

South-west Ward.

Frederick Stoneman,	John Bowsman,
Peter Getz,	

North-west Ward.

Jacob Frey,	Peter Gaunter,
Jacob Lahn,	Casper Fordney,

The Lancaster Journal of Saturday, November 18th, 1797, contained the following announcement:

"The contributors to the fund established in the year 1796 for the relief of the distressed poor, are requested to meet on Wednesday next [November 22nd], at six o'clock in the evening, at the house of Christopher Brenner, to receive the report of the committee of distribution."

From the foregoing, it is evident that collections were also made in the fall of 1796. Whether the "Association for the Relief of the Poor," was responsible for the good work, or whether some other agency accomplished the task, is not known.

Lancaster's Contribution to Fayetteville in the Fire of 1831

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ON Sunday, May 29th, 1831, a disastrous fire in Fayetteville, North Carolina, left a large part of the town in ruins. More than two thousand people were rendered homeless, and the property loss was estimated to be in excess of one million dollars. Fortunately, no lives were lost.

Pursuant to a call issued by John Mathiot, mayor, a meeting of citizens of Lancaster was held at the court house, on Thursday, June 16th, for the purpose of considering the distressed condition of the suffering inhabitants of Fayetteville; and to devise means for securing funds for their relief. Mayor Mathiot was made chairman, and George Louis Mayer, secretary. A committee, consisting of three persons from each ward, was appointed as follows: Henry Keffer, George Louis Mayer, George Daley, John Eberman, John F. Heinitsh, Dr. Peter Bier, George Musser, John Ehler, Jacob Dorwart, George H. Krug, Benjamin Ober and Charles Gillespie.

The committee was authorized to call on citizens for the purpose of receiving contributions, and all monies collected were to be deposited in the Farmers Bank, and transmitted by the mayor or cashier to the persons authorized to receive contributions for the benefit of the sufferers.

The Lancaster Journal of Friday, July 15th, 1831, stated that the following sums were collected:

By Henry Keffer, George Louis Mayer and George Daley,.....	\$170.63
By John Eberman and John F. Heinitsh,.....	78.97
By John Ehler and Jacob Dorwart,.....	120.97
By George H. Krug and Benjamin Ober,.....	114.25
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	\$484.82

Messrs. Gillespie, Musser and Bier do not seem to have rendered any help.