

So far as I know, what I have written is the first attempt by anyone to put into a single publication a biographical sketch of all the men from this county who served in Congress from the beginning of the government to the present time. I trust it may be appreciated by the reader.

Postmasters and Postmistresses of Lancaster

By WILLIAM FREDERIC WORNER

ON Saturday evening, January 11th, 1930, a dedication dinner, celebrating the opening of Lancaster's new Federal building, was enjoyed at the Stevens House. A program of the dedicatory exercises of Lancaster's new post-office, located at the corner of West Chestnut and North Prince streets, was presented to The Lancaster County Historical Society by Mr. C. H. Martin, an invited guest. On the inside cover of this program appears a list of the postmasters and postmistresses who have served Lancaster since 1790. The list, obtained from the Postoffice Department in Washington, D. C., is as follows:

NAME	DATE APPOINTED	NAME	DATE APPOINTED
Samuel Turbett.....	Feb. 16, 1790	Henry W. Hager.....	Apr. 5, 1869
John Stone.....	Apr. 25, 1793	Mrs. E. W. Hager.....	Jan. 15, 1872
Henry Willcocks.....	Oct. 1, 1795	J. H. Marshall.....	Jan. 17, 1876
Wm. Hamilton.....	Jan. 1, 1797	H. E. Slaymaker.....	Apr. 28, 1886
George Moore.....	Apr. 1, 1797	Elwood Griest.....	Dec. 20, 1889
Ann Moore.....	July 1, 1798	Elwood Griest.....	Jan. 31, 1893
Ann Moore.....	Oct. 13, 1818	John E. Malone.....	Jan. 12, 1894
Mary Dickson.....	Apr. 11, 1829	A. C. Reinoehl.....	Mar. 13, 1900
Mary Dickson.....	July 9, 1836	S. Clay Miller.....	Feb. 8, 1901
Mary Dickson.....	July 2, 1840	S. Clay Miller.....	Mar. 22, 1906
George W. Hamersly....	Nov. 9, 1850	Harry L. Trout.....	July 30, 1909
Henry M. Reigart.....	Apr. 4, 1853	Louis N. Spencer.....	Oct. 30, 1913
Hiram B. Swarr.....	Dec. 30, 1856	Louis N. Spencer.....	Feb. 4, 1918
John J. Cochran.....	March 22, 1861	Edwin L. Whitson....	Feb. 28, 1922
Jay Caldwell.....	Aug. 27, 1866	J. M. Groff, Act. P. M....	Feb. 1, 1926
	C. H. Stormfeltz.....		July 3, 1926

Ann Moore seems to have served from 1798 to 1829, a period of 31 years; and her successor, Mary Dickson, from 1829 to 1850,—21 years; a total for the two of more than a half century. Ann Moore served under five Presidents:—John Adams, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe and John Quincy Adams; and Mary Dickson held the same office under Jackson, Van Buren, Harrison, Tyler, Polk and Taylor—a total for the two of eleven Presidents. These included every President, save Washington, during the first sixty years of our national existence,—truly, a remarkable record!

From 1905 to 1928, inclusive, the receipts of our local post-office increased from \$113,386.37 to \$666,075.75. Last year, 1929, the receipts decreased to \$650,824.90.

Meeting to Prevent the Introduction of Slaves into any Territory or State Admitted into the Union

By WILLIAM FREDERIC WORNER

ON Tuesday, November 23rd, 1819, a largely-attended meeting of citizens was held in the court house in Lancaster for the purpose of consulting upon measures that might prevent the introduction of slavery into any territory or state hereafter to be formed, or admitted into the Union. The Hon. Walter Franklin was appointed chairman, and William Jenkins secretary.

A committee, consisting of James Hopkins, James Buchanan and William Jenkins, appointed to frame resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting, reported as follows:

“Whereas, the people of this state, pursuing the maxims and animated by the beneficence of the great Founder of Pennsylvania, first gave effect to the gradual abolition of slavery by a national act, which has not only rescued the unhappy and helpless African within their territory from the demoralizing influence of slavery, but ameliorated his state and condition throughout Europe and America; and

“Whereas, it would illy comport with these humane and Christian efforts to be silent spectators when this great cause of humanity is about to be agitated in Congress, by fixing the destiny of the new domains of the United States: Therefore,

“Resolved, That the representatives in Congress from this district, be, and they are hereby most earnestly requested, to use their utmost endeavors, as members of the National Legislature, to prevent the existence of slavery in any of the territories or states which may be created by Congress.

“Resolved, As the opinion of this meeting, that, as the Legislature of this state will shortly be in session, it will be highly deserving their wisdom and patriotism to take into their early and most serious consideration the propriety of instructing our representatives in the National Legislature to use the most zealous and strenuous exertions to inhibit the existence of slavery in any of the territories or states which may hereafter be created by Congress; and that the members of assembly from this county be requested to embrace the earliest opportunity of bringing the subject before both houses of the Legislature.

“Resolved, That in the opinion of this meeting, the members of Congress who at the last session sustained the cause of justice, humanity and patriotism in opposing the introduction of slavery into the state then endeavored to be