

Trustees of Franklin College in 1813

By WILLIAM FREDERIC WORNER

An election of trustees of Franklin college, Lancaster, was held on Thursday, June 17th, 1813. The following persons were elected:

His Excellency, Simon Snyder, Governor of Pennsylvania, and Hon. William Tilghman.

From Philadelphia: Rev. Samuel Helfenstein, Rev. William Hendel, Dr. Casper Wister and Peter Lex.

From Lebanon: Hon. John Gloninger and Rev. George Lochman.

From York: Rev. George F. Smucker.

From Reading: Rev. Philip Pauli and Rev. Henry A. Muhlenberg.

From Montgomery: Rev. Frederick Herrman.

From Easton: Rev. Christian Endres.

From Lancaster: Hon. Walter Franklin, Rev. John H. Hoffmeyer, Rev. Constantine Miller, Rev. Joseph Clarkson, Dr. Frederick Kuhn, William Haverstick, Christopher Myer, Casper Shaffner, Jr., Adam Reigart, Jr., Robert Coleman, Charles Smith, William Montgomery, James Hopkins, Andrew Elicott, William Reichenbach, George Musser, William Jenkins, Samuel Humes and William Kirkpatrick.

The list was published in the Lancaster Journal, of Friday, June 25th, 1813, by order of the board of trustees, of which John Hubley was president.

Music in a Rural Church

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ON Thursday, March 19th, 1812, a concert of sacred music was held in the Upper Octorara Presbyterian church, under the direction of Mr. Nathaniel Coburn. An address, well adapted to the occasion, was delivered by the Rev. James Latta, immediately before the performance.

The Lancaster Journal, of Saturday, April 11th, 1812, in an editorial, stated:

“The strict decorum observed by the performers reflected much honor upon themselves; and their practical acquaintance

with the principles of musical harmony evinced their assiduity as well as the capacity and fidelity of their instructor.

"A numerous and respectable audience attended, who behaved with the utmost propriety, and appeared much gratified with every part of the solemn exercises. How gratifying to the pious mind to observe the human voice, with its admirable powers of melody, consecrated to the noble purpose of celebrating the wonders of creating and redeeming love!"

Meetings on Currency

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ON Wednesday, January 28th, 1818, a meeting of citizens of the borough of Lancaster convened, pursuant to public notice, at the Red Lion tavern on West King street, conducted by William Cooper. John Neff, of Strasburg, was appointed chairman, and George R. Porter secretary.¹

The object of the meeting, it was stated, was to agree, if possible, on some plan which might have the effect of making the circulating currency of the county at par with Philadelphia bank notes. A committee, consisting of Adam Reigart, John Myers, Francis Kendrick, Benjamin Ober and Jacob Grosh, was appointed to propose a remedy to relieve the inconvenience arising from the large quantity of bank paper of every description then circulating in the county. The committee recommended to storekeepers, iron masters, millers, distillers, farmers, and citizens generally, to refuse or discontinue to take, after the first day of April, 1818, any bank paper, except of Lancaster county, or such as was at par with the Philadelphia bank paper. The committee also recommended that on and after March 1st, 1818, no checks or notes, of a denomination less than a dollar, be accepted. The citizens in the boroughs and townships of the county were urged to hold meetings to assist in carrying these recommendations into effect.

On Saturday, March 28th, 1818, a meeting of citizens of Warwick township, Lancaster county, convened, pursuant to public notice, at the house of Christian Hall, in Lititz.² Jacob Leib was appointed chairman, and John Levering secretary. The object of the meeting was to consider the measures recommended by the county meeting in Lancaster on January 28th, 1818, namely: to bring good bank paper into circulation in place of the depreciated notes which were circulating at a loss to citizens of the county.

A committee, consisting of Peter Hole, Jr., John Keller, Sr.,

¹ Lancaster Journal, Friday, January 30th, 1818.

² Lancaster Journal, Wednesday, April 1st, 1818.