

In accordance with the request of the mayor and councils of Lancaster, an eulogium on the life and character of General Lafayette, one of the champions of American liberty, and the first among the benefactors of his day, was delivered by George Washington Barton, Esq., to a congregation of ladies and gentlemen that filled Trinity Lutheran church, on Tuesday evening, July 1st, 1834. The Washington Grays, a handsome and well-disciplined company from Philadelphia, on a visit to Lancaster, marched, in full uniform, into the church, with the excellent military band that accompanied the soldiers, playing "Hail Columbia," followed by "The Marseillaise," the national air of France. After a prayer by the Rev. Dr. John C. Baker, pastor of Trinity Lutheran church, Mr. Barton pronounced his eulogium. He was followed by the Rev. J. T. Marshall Davie, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, who delivered a prayer.²

The Lancaster Journal of Friday, July 4th, 1834, made the following comment:

"The eulogium, though the time allowed for preparation was by far too short, did honor to the young orator, who drew a lively and true picture of those great sacrifices and struggles in the cause of mankind unexampled for their triumphs, heroic perseverance, suffering and duration."

The address was printed in full in the Lancaster Journal of Friday, August 1st, 1834.

¹ Lancaster Journal, Friday, June 27th, 1834.

² Examiner and Herald, Thursday, July 3rd, 1834.

Meeting Held in Lancaster to Nominate Buchanan for Vice-President of the United States

By WILLIAM FREDERIC WORNER

The Lancaster Journal of Friday, March 11th, 1831, contained the following announcement:

"The undersigned citizens of Lancaster county view, with great pleasure, the feeling evinced in different parts of the state in behalf of our fellow-citizen, James Buchanan, in introducing him to public attention as a suitable candidate for Vice-President of the United States; and believe that a time has arrived when it would be culpable to withhold the expression of the sentiments of Lancaster county on this important subject. They, therefore, give this public notice that a general county meeting will be held at the court house in the city of Lancaster on Wednesday, the 16th day

of March, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to which all those disposed to further this object are respectfully invited to attend."

The call was signed by the following gentlemen:

William Albright.

Christian Bachman, John Barber, William Bausman, George F. Beigler, Peter Bier, Peter Bier, Jr., John Bohn, J. Henry Bohn, Jacob Bower, John Bower, George W. J. Boyd, Samuel Boyd, Jacob Brenneman, Jacob Brenner, Christian Burg.

James Cameron, Abraham Carpenter, E. W. Carpenter, Henry Carpenter, Robert D. Carson, Andrew Charles, William Child, Edward Clarke, W. H. Clarke, G. Clarkson, James Clyde, John Connelly, Henry T. Cooper, William Cooper, Thomas Cox, Robert Crozier, Thomas Curtis.

George Danner, Jacob Diffenderfer, William Diffenderfer, Adam Diller, James Donnely, William Downey, Jacob Drepperd, John H. Duchman.

George L. Eckert, Henry Eckert, Henry Eichholtz, Robert Elliott, Isacchar Evans.

Samuel Fahnstock, Robert Fitzsimmons, Jacob Fordney, Jacob Forney, Christian Franciscus, C. Freeman, M.D., C. Freeman, Jr., J. Fry.

John Gamber, John Getz, Charles Gillespie, Nicolas Gilman, Isaac Girvin, Samuel Girvin, Jacob Graeff, John Graeff, Abraham Greenewalt, Benjamin Grimler.

Bernard Haag, C. Hager, Charles Hambright, William A. Hambright, William Hambright, David Hanafious, George Haughman, George Haverstick, A. Lightner Henderson, William Henderson, Christian Hess, George Hinkle, George Hoffman, Benjamin F. Houston, James H. Houston, Robert W. Houston, John Huber, William C. Hull, James Humes, Samuel Humes, Samuel Humes, Jr.

Thomas Jefferies, William W. Jefferies, William Jenkins, James Johnson, Michael R. Johnston.

Bernard Keenan, Henry Keffer, George Keller, Samuel Keller,

Jacob King, William Kirkpatrick, Robert Knox, John Kreiner, Jr., Benjamin Kreiter, George H. Krug, Jacob Kurtz.

John C. Lefevre, Jacob Leibly, William Lemmon, John Leonard, John Leonard, Jr., John Light, Joel Lightner, Jr., John Lightner, Nathaniel Lightner, John Lintner, Francis Litle, Thomas Logan, John Longenecker, Gilbert D. Lowe, Thomas Lynch.

John Maglauchlin, Charles Meridith, John Mathiot, Hugh Maxwell, George Louis Mayer, John McCallister, Thomas T. McCausland, James McChesney, Neal McCloy, Patrick McCoy, Robert McDonald, George McDonnel, Peter McDonough, John McGlaughlin, Bernard McGonigle, Michael McGrann, George D. McIlvaine, Robert McIlvaine, Thomas McIlvaine, George Messen-

kop, John Messersmith, Adam Metzgar, Jacob Metzgar, William

Michael, Alexander Miller, Samuel Miller, S. Miller, John R. Montgomery, William Montgomery, George Morry, Joseph Mosher, F. A. Muhlenberg, William Murphy, George Musser, Socrates Myer.

Charles Nauman, William Nauman, William Norris, James Nugent.

Benjamin Ober, Cyrus H. Ober, Joseph Ogilby.

William Pearson, Jacob Peelor, Jacob Peterman, G. B. Porter.

George Quigley, James Quigley.

Jacob Rathfon, George Redsecker, Isaac Redsecker, Jacob Redsecker, Samuel Redsecker, Adam Reigart, Emanuel Reigart, P. Wager Reigart, P. Reitzel, John Reynolds, Robert Richardson, Henry Rogers, John Ross, John Rupley, Francis Russel, William Russel, Peter Ruth.

N. W. Sample, Jr., E. Schaeffer, John Schaubel, Jacob Senior, Jacob Sherer, George C. Shindle, David Shirk, Sr., John M. Shirk, John L. Slaymaker, John Slaymaker, Jr., Mathias Slaymaker, Isaac Smoker, John Stauffer, John F. Steinman, Stacy Swem, Christian Swentzel.

John Taggart, Sr., George Trissler, John Turner.

Daniel Vondersmith.

Jacob Wagner, Valentine Waltz, Richard Waters, D. Watson, Peter Wealand, Jacob Weaver. Daniel Weidler, William White, John K. Wieland, Thomas S. Wiley, John Williams. Michael Wimer, John Winour, Lewis Wisler, George B. Withers, G. Withers, Michael Withers, Ingham Wood.

Henry Yost, Sr., John Yost, John Young.

In response to this call, a largely attended meeting of the Democratic Republican citizens of Lancaster county friendly to the election of the Hon. James Buchanan as Vice-President of the United States, was held at the court house in Penn Square, Lancaster, at the time indicated — Wednesday, March 16th. 1831. James Humes was appointed president; Samuel Boyd, John Lightner, John Light, Gardner Furness. Robert McIlvaine and John Dunlap, vice-presidents; Nathaniel W. Sample, Jr., John Musselman, Christian Bachman, Robert S. Curry, John Mathiot and George Louis Mayer, secretaries.

General George B. Porter explained the object of the meeting.

A committee, consisting of Henry Bear, Francis Boggs. Moore Connel. Benjamin Grimler, James H. Houston. William Jenkins, Michael R. Johnston, Robert Patterson, George B. Porter, William Russel and J. S. Sterret, prepared an excellent address in which Lancaster's distinguished townsman James Buchanan was characterized as a most desirable candidate for Vice-President of the United States.

The following action was taken:

"Resolved, That having the most unlimited confidence in the exalted talents, tried patriotism, and democratic republican principles of James Buchanan, and being convinced, from his great experience and his long and useful career in public life, that no one is better qualified nor could any one be offered more acceptable to the citizens of the United States, this meeting unanimously nominates James Buchanan for the office of Vice-President of the United States.

"Resolved, That feeling as we do a state pride in this matter, and believing that heretofore the interests of Pennsylvania have been too often lost sight of and her just claims too frequently overlooked in consequence of the number of candidates proposed, and no means being adopted to concentrate public opinion on any one of them, it is, therefore, of the utmost importance that Democratic Republican citizens, at their public meetings, express their sentiments on this important subject.

"Resolved, That a committee of correspondence be appointed to aid in carrying into effect the object of this meeting; and that it be earnestly recommended to Democratic Republican citizens, at their public meetings in different sections of the state, to appoint similar committees of correspondence.

"Resolved, That our confidence in Gen. Andrew Jackson is firm and undiminished; that in his administration of the general government the best means have been adopted for insuring the interests of our country; and that the honor and welfare of the nation have been eminently advanced: That we rejoice that he has responded to the call of his fellow-citizens and consented to become a candidate for re-election; being firmly convinced that the affection and efforts of the people of this state will be crowned with a victory more signal than that of 1828, in defiance of the struggles of open enemies and the insidious conduct of pretended friends."

The committee of correspondence for Lancaster city and county, appointed by this meeting, consisted of the following:

Col. James Ankrim.

Christian Bachman, Col. Joel Baker, Col. John Bartuff, David Bauman, Dr. Abraham Bitner, G. Blattenberger, Esq., Col. Francis Boggs, Samuel Boyd.

James A. Caldwell, James Clyde, Esq., Moore Connel, Esq., Robert S. Curry, Esq.

Gardner Furness, Esq.

Col. Isaac Girvin, B. Grimler, John Guy.

George Haverstick, Col. R. R. Heitler, Abraham Hoefgen, J. H. Houston, Robert W. Houston, Dr. Samuel Humes.

William Jenkins, Michael R. Johnston.

Samuel Keller, Michael Kline, Esq.

Isaiah Latchem, Robert Leamon, Joseph S. Lefever, Joel Lightner, Nathaniel Lightner.

John Mathiot, George L. Mayer, Hugh McCullough, Maj. J. McGlaughlin, Robert McIlvaine, John McMullen, John R. Montgomery, Col. S. Morrison, (Drumore), Joseph Mosher, Esq., Col. John Musselman.

William Norris.

Robert Patterson, General George B. Porter.

George Redsecker, Col. S. Ringwalt, William Russel, Esq., Peter Ruth.

Dr. N. W. Sample, Dr. J. K. Sappington, Michael Sides, John Slaymaker, Jr., James A. Sterret, Esq.

Jacob Urban.

The Lancaster Journal of Friday, March 18th, 1831, in an editorial, thus referred to the meeting:

“The county meeting held in this city on Wednesday last, in respectability and numbers exceeded any which we have ever before seen in this county. All quarters of the county were fully represented, and but one mind, one soul, and one sentiment appeared to actuate the whole assembly. It was a proud day for our late representative. The unequivocal approbation of his public conduct by the great Republican party of the county, which he has represented in the councils of the nation, and its unanimous resolve to promote him, if in its power, to the second office in the Union, must be gratifying in the very highest degree.”

Similar meetings were held in different parts of the state.

The Lancaster Journal of Friday, April 1st, 1831, contained a notice that the committee of correspondence was requested to meet at the public house of Mrs. Eichholtz on Saturday, April 9th. Subsequent issues do not contain any references to the subject.

On May 31st, following, Mr. Buchanan was offered the appointment of Minister to Russia, which he accepted on June 12th.



Dinner Declined by Major John Fulton Reynolds

By WILLIAM FREDERIC WORNER

MAJOR JOHN FULTON REYNOLDS, whose gallantry and bravery in the War with Mexico won for him the repeated commendations of his superior officers, spent Christmas, 1848, with friends in Lancaster. The Lancaster Examiner and Herald of Wednesday, January 3rd, 1849, in an editorial, referred to Major Reynolds as follows:

“He left his home five or six years ago an humble lieutenant in the regular army, and returns to us a major in the same service. His promotion has been rapid, but not more so than his brave and chivalrous conduct deserved.”

A number of Major Reynolds's friends and fellow-citizens, justly appreciating his merits as a soldier and his worth as a man, tendered him the compliments of a public dinner. The invitation was as follows: