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Scholarship News...

2019 H. C. Harned Scholarship Winners!



Zoey Betker

Is planning on
attending Clarion
University and will be
majoring in nursing.



Kaileigh Holliday

Is planning on attending
Northeast Lakeview
College in Texas and will
be majoring in
Architecture/Engineering.



Sadie Riskus

2015 graduate of Turkeyfoot Valley

Graduated Cum Laude from Duquesne University in 2019 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology and a minor in Psychology. Sadie is the daughter of Teresa Nolf and Carl Riskus. She was a 2015 recipient of the H.C. "Joe" Harned Historical Scholarship. She is currently employed by Duquesne University conducting chronic pain research experiments. After interviewing at colleges in Boston, Ohio & Pittsburgh, Sadie has accepted an offer from the University of Pittsburgh where she will pursue her PHD in Neuroscience in the fall.



Exhibit hosted in partnership between the Historical & Genealogical Society of Somerset County and the Turkeyfoot Valley Historical Society.

Join us for a
Members-Only
Preview Reception*
on
Friday, July 19th
6:00 pm
at the
Somerset Historical
Center

*Wine and light hors d'oeuvres

We Can Do It! WWII explores how Western Pennsylvania affected World War II and how the war affected our region.

For Somerset County, the traveling exhibit will be located at the Somerset Historical Center in partnership with the Turkeyfoot Valley Historical Society.

July 20 — September 17, 2019

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

Upcoming Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society Events

www.wpgs.org



All-Day Conference



Saturday, June 22, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, at the Carnegie Museum of Art, Museum Theater, Lower Level, 4400 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

Rick Sayre, CG, CGL, FUGA., an expert in Western Pennsylvania and Ohio records, will be the Presenter for the 2019 WPGS Annual Meeting and Seminar on Saturday, June 22, at the Carnegie Museum of Art Theatre. The day-long seminar begins at 10 am and is free and open to the public. No registration required. Map: https://cmoa.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/z_map-for-websites.pdf

There will be three presentations focused on research in this region and the intricacies of cemetery research. The exact order of talks will be announced as the seminar begins.

What's Available at the Pennsylvania Archives?

Monday, June 24, 7:00 PM, at LaRoche University, 9000 Babcock Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15237



Pennsylvania Historical &
Museum Commission

WPGS is sponsoring Aaron McWilliams for an overview of what's available at the Pennsylvania Archives. The Pennsylvania State Archives collects, preserves and makes available for study the permanently-valuable public records of the Commonwealth, with particular attention given to the records of state government. The State Archives also collects papers of private citizens and organizations relevant to Pennsylvania history. This presentation is sponsored by the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society at the Genealogical Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP). Free and open to the public. No registration required.

Share and Share Alike: The Rules of Genealogical Privacy

Monday, July 15, 2019, 7:00 PM, at LaRoche University, 9000 Babcock Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15237



Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL, aka "The Legal Genealogist" will present "Share and share alike: the rules of genealogical privacy." Doing family research doesn't mean giving up all semblances of personal privacy. nor is it a license to invade the privacy of others — family or not. All researchers need to follow the rules, both legal and ethical, when we share genealogical information. This presentation is sponsored by the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society at the Genealogical Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP). Free and open to the public. No registration required.

For additional information, contact Amy Welch, Program Committee, Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society, email: programs@wpgs.org, 4400 Forbes Avenue, Third Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15213-4007

Correspondence...

I'm buying the house which was the old school house on Lower Whites Creek Road plus the church beside it. Would anyone be willing to share photos of the old school house? I'd like to have a copy to put up in the house.

~ Tiffany Stark
tiffanystark88@outlook.com
814-395-3222

Subject: Blacks Funeral Home on Oden Street

To whom it may concern:

I am trying to find out in what year Blacks Funeral Home was built. It was my grandfathers and fathers until 1940ish (I'm not sure of exact year).

Any help will be appreciated.

Thanks,
Samuel C. Black
samuel.black1@verizon.net

I was wondering if you knew of anyone who may have any personal, possibly genealogical, documents that may have been left by Rev. Norman Bruce Firestone or his Family?

Rev Norman Bruce Firestone
Birth 11 Dec 1863
Ursina, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, USA
Death 12 Aug 1933 (aged 69)
North Versailles, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, USA
Burial: Mount Lebanon Cemetery
Mount Lebanon, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, USA

Lillian B Polhemus
Birth 31 Mar 1883
Death 9 Mar 1973 (aged 89)

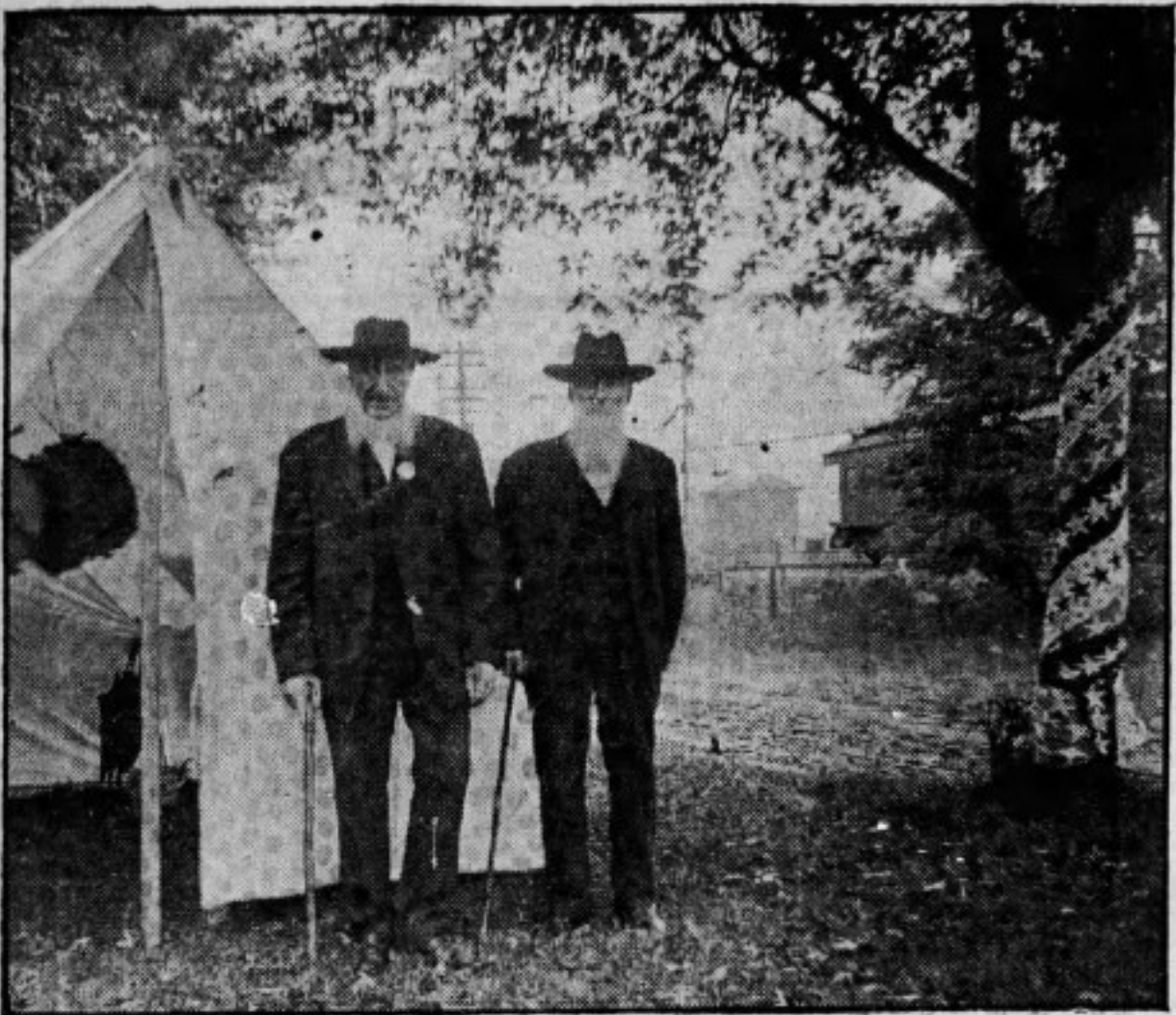
Burial: Forest Lawn Memorial Park (Hollywood Hills)
Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California,

Alberta M Firestone
Birth 29 Oct 1911
Death 21 Jun 1971 (aged 59)
Burial: Forest Lawn Memorial Park (Hollywood Hills)
Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California

Thanks for your time and information.

Matthew Prinkey
matthewprinkey@yahoo.com

Veterans In Attendance At Confluence Reunion



TWO MEXICAN AND CIVIL WAR VETERANS.

Noah Bird, to the right, lives at Harnedsville, Pa., and is 86 years old. He was in Co. H, 2nd Pennsylvania Infantry, in the Mexican War, and in Co. L, 3rd Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, in the Civil War.

Eli Shockey, on the left, is 85 years old, and lives at Stoyestown, Pa. He was in Co. M, 1st U. S. Artillery, in the Mexican War, and in Co. C, 54th Pennsylvania Infantry, in the Civil War.

They are the only two survivors of the Mexican War residing in Somerset County.

Founding Father...

Thomas Jefferson

- His portrait is on the \$2.00 Dollar Bill.
- Thomas Jefferson was a very remarkable man who started learning very early in life and never stopped.
- At 5, began studying under his cousin's tutor.
- At 9, studied Latin, Greek and French.
- At 14, studied classical literature and additional languages.
- At 16, entered the College of William and Mary. Also could write in Greek with one hand, while writing the same in Latin with the other.
- At 19, studied Law for 5 years starting under George Wythe.
- At 23, started his own law practice.
- At 25, was elected to the Virginia House of Burgesses.
- At 31, wrote the widely circulated "Summary View of the Rights of British America," and retired from his law practice.
- At 32, was a delegate to the Second Continental Congress.
- At 33, wrote the Declaration of Independence.
- At 33, took three years to revise Virginia's legal code and wrote a Public Education bill and a statute for Religious Freedom.
- At 36, was elected the second Governor of Virginia, succeeding Patrick Henry.
- At 40, served in Congress for two years.
- At 41, was the American minister to France and negotiated commercial treaties with European nations along with Ben Franklin and John Adams.
- At 46, served as the first Secretary of State under George Washington.
- At 53, served as Vice President and was elected President of the American Philosophical Society.
- At 55, drafted the Kentucky Resolutions and became the active head of the Republican Party.
- At 57, was elected the third president of the United States.
- At 60, obtained the Louisiana Purchase, doubling the nation's size.
- At 61, was elected to a second term as President.
- At 65, retired to Monticello.
- At 80, helped President Monroe shape the Monroe Doctrine.
- At 81, almost single-handedly, created the University of Virginia and served as its' first president
- At 83, died on the 50th Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence, along with John Adams.

Thomas Jefferson studied, the previous failed attempts at government. He understood history, the nature of God, His laws and the nature of man. A founding father who's words can lead us in the future...

John F. Kennedy held a dinner in the White House for a group of the brightest minds in the nation at that time. He made this statement: "This is perhaps the assembly of the most intelligence ever to gather at one time in the White House, with the exception of when Thomas Jefferson dined alone."

"When we get piled upon one another in large cities, as in Europe, we shall become as corrupt as Europe."

-- Thomas Jefferson

"The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not."

-- Thomas Jefferson

"It is incumbent on every generation to pay its' own debts as it goes. A principle which if acted on, would save one-half the wars of the world." -- Thomas Jefferson

"I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people, under the pretense of taking care of them." -- Thomas Jefferson

"My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government."

-- Thomas Jefferson

"No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms."

-- Thomas Jefferson

"The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government." -- Thomas Jefferson

"The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants." -- Thomas Jefferson

"To compel a man to subsidize with his taxes, the propagation of ideas which he disbelieves and abhors, is sinful and tyrannical." -- Thomas Jefferson

IN OUR 4TH QUARTER 2018 ISSUE WE WERE LOOKING FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE PHOTO OF THE MEN ON THE STAIRS AT THE CONFLUENCE CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND DR. MOUNTAIN.

~THANKS TO SAM EVERHART FOR DOING THE RESEARCH AND PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.



Men on stairs at Confluence Christian Church

While I am now pretty sure that the picture was taken around the end of May or early to mid-June time frame in 1930, I cannot validate any of the names.

I noted that all of the men pictured were bearded or at least had some pretty serious mustaches and also wore some type of what appears to be a ribbon or medal similar to those worn by military veterans during the day.

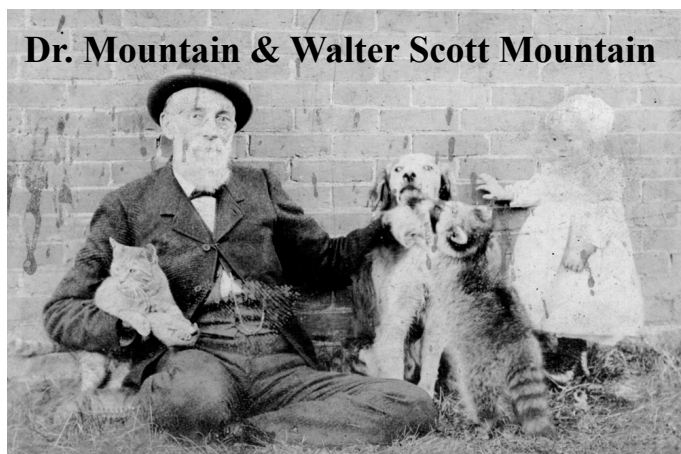
The style of these beards and mustaches, along with the ribbons/medals, remind me a lot of the men that attended and celebrated Memorial Day each year and were affiliated with the G. A. R. Civil War or Mexican War Veterans' Posts around the area.

On the picture of Dr. Mountain & Walter Scott Mountain, I found that it was likely taken in Confluence at either Dr. Walter Scott Mountain's home or at his son's, Dr. Lloyd Lott Mountain's home, probably ca 1900 (explained below).

The infant leaning against the wall is Walter Scott Mountain II at about age 1 or 2, the Doctor's grandson, and Dr. Lloyd Lott Mountain's son. Walter Scott Mountain II also became a doctor as did his son, Walter Scott Mountain III. Both the II and III lived, attended HS and College and died in Gettysburg, PA.

Dr. Walter Scott Mountain's son, Lloyd Lott Mountain, out of respect for his father, named his first child and son Walter Scott Mountain II.

Walter Scott Mountain II was born on May 6, 1899, which means that the picture was



Dr. Mountain & Walter Scott Mountain

probably taken sometime in 1900, but could have also have been taken in 1901, but the latter is less likely.

A biography of Dr. Walter Scott Mountain is included with an obituary on his brother are also attached. Both provide details not found in the other about the family background.

Not sure what the animal menagerie is all about except that it is unusual for a cat, dog and raccoon to be so friendly around each other.

Walter Scott Mountain, M.D., a successful physician and surgeon of Confluence, PA, and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in Lower Turkeyfoot, August 31, 1838, son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Pringey) Mountain.

John Mountain, the Doctor's grandfather, who resided in Petersburg, PA (Addison), and followed the carpenter's trade, was accidentally killed. He left a large family. The maiden name of his wife was Hannah Drake.

Jonathan Mountain, the father of Dr. Mountain, was a native of Petersburg, PA (Addison); and his active period was there devoted to agricultural pursuits. He was a leading spirit in the township affairs and a citizen of worth and influence. He was a member of the Disciples Church. His wife, who was a daughter of John and Abigail Pringey (Prinkey), of Lower Turkeyfoot, became the mother of eleven children, namely: William, who resides in Confluence; Joseph, a resident of Iowa; Harrison, who served in Company K, Eighty-fifth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, in the Civil War, and died of fever at Seven Pines, Virginia; Walter S., the subject of this sketch; Noble, of Placerville, California; Levi, of Iowa; Martha, who died in that State; Newton, who died in 1865; Ross and Mary, both of whom reside in Iowa; and Howard, of Montana. Jonathan Mountain died in 1858, aged fifty-three years; and his wife, Elizabeth, who survived him, died in Iowa in 1895.

Walter S. Mountain acquired his early education at the common and high schools of his native town.

He assisted in carrying on the home farm until October 8, 1861, when he enlisted in Company H, Eighty-fifth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, under Captain J. B. Treadwell and Colonel J. B. Howell. He participated in the battles of Yorktown, Williamsburg, Seven Pines, and Malvern Hill, and was discharged as a Corporal on January 25, 1863. Re-enlisting on January 25, 1864, as Sergeant in Company L. Third Regiment, Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, under Captain J. B. Bismar and Colonel Roberts, and being made Lieutenant of his company one month later, he was present at the battle of Chapin Farm. While stationed at Fortress Monroe he frequently met Jefferson Davis, who was confined there after his capture. He was discharged as Lieutenant on November 9, 1865. Upon his return from the South he began his medical studies under the direction of Dr. H. Brubaker, of Somerset, with whom he remained two years; and then, entering the Philadelphia University of Medicine and Surgery, he was graduated in 1870. Since 1871 Dr. Mountain has been engaged in the practice of his profession at Confluence, making a specialty of surgery; and he opened the first drug store in this township, which is now carried on under the firm name of W. S. Mountain & Son. He is a member of the County and State Medical Associations, the Baltimore and Ohio National Association of Railroad Surgeons, and the Tri-State Medical Association, comprising the States of Pennsylvania, Maryland, and West Virginia. He is Surgeon for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, and is now United States Pension Examiner for Somerset County. He has served as School Director and upon the Borough Council.

He was appointed Postmaster in 1889, serving four years, and was also Post-office Inspector. In politics he is a Republican.

On June 24, 1873, Dr. Mountain was united in marriage with Alvira Watson, daughter of Lott and Catherine (Mosier) Watson, of Addison. They have one son, Lloyd Mountain who is a graduate of the Philadelphia School of Pharmacy and is in business with his father. He married Mary Grace Grof, daughter of ex-State Senator Fred Grof, of Meyersdale.

Dr. Mountain belongs to Somerset Lodge No. 358, F. & A. M.; Somerset Lodge, No. 361, I. O. O. F.; the Junior Order of United American Mechanics; and is

Surgeon and Past Surgeon of Ross Rush Post, G. A. R., of Ursina. He was one of the organizers of the Disciples Church in Confluence, and had full charge of constructing the handsome edifice.

Pages 184 & 185 of the Biographical Review on Leading Citizens of Bedford and Somerset Counties, Pennsylvania.



OBITUARY of Howard Mountain (Dr. Walter Scott Mountain's brother)

Howard Mountain of Confluence died September 7, 1938, after a long illness. Funeral services were held in the Turkeyfoot (Jersey) Baptist Church, September 9, 1938, at 2:30 o'clock. Reverend Henry Knoell officiated. During the service, Mrs. Charles Beggs, Misses Janet and Dorothy Beggs, and Mrs. S. Whitaker were in charge of the special music. Burial followed in the Jersey Cemetery. Pallbearers were Harry Ankeny, Calvin Younkin, George Frazee, Homer Rush, A. L. Bird, and Francis Gerhart. Mr. Mountain was born in Lower Turkeyfoot Township, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, July 6, 1853. At the age of seventeen he, with his family, moved to West Liberty, Iowa, where he started work as a retail Druggist. A number of years later he sold his drugstore and located in Placerville, California, where he engaged in the gold mining business with his brother, Dr. Noble Mountain. They were quite successful for a while but finally business dwindled and Mr. Mountain opened a chemical laboratory in San Francisco. He later moved this laboratory to Des Moines, Iowa, and again later to New York City. He was very fond of music and had a good tenor voice. During his residence in New York he was a member of the "Great Tabernacle Choir." He traveled extensively, having toured Alaska, Canada, and New Mexico. Finally he settled in his old home community and continued his chemical work.

Howard Mountain was a brother of the late Dr. Walter S. Mountain and an uncle of Dr. Lloyd L. Mountain of Confluence. His great-great grandmother was a Drake, having descended from Sir Francis Drake of England. The Mountains are of a very old family, natives of France. The original founder of this branch was Pietre De La Mountain, meaning Peter of the Mountain. When the family moved to England the name was changed to Montague. But on coming to America the original name, Mountain, was again used.

Historical Character

A Short Sketch of Captain Andrew Friend, One of the Noted Pioneers of Western Pennsylvania.

By A. Marshall Ross.

Another frontiers man who has quite a reputation as an Indian fighter was captain Andrew Friend. He had lived the last 25 or 30 years of his life at the historic Turkey-Foot and died there at an advanced age. He sleeps in the old burial grounds on the west bank of the Casselman River near and south of the approach or abutment of the county from bridge across that stream in the borough of Confluence on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, 85 miles east of Pittsburgh. His grave is unmarked and unknown.

He was born in the valley of Virginia. His ancestors were for centuries very prominent socially and politically in England. One of them was a dean of Canterbury, and to another at his death a monument in his memory was erected and still remains in Westminster Abbey. Sir John Friend another was arrested tried convicted and beheaded, titles attained and estates confiscated during the reign of William and Mary for complicity in various Jacobite plots for the restoration of the throne of the male line of the Stuarts.

The first settlement made in this country by the Friends was in Virginia. From there they removed to Pennsylvania, somewhere in the Eastern part of the province where most of them remained. But John and Joseph, brothers, concluded to go further West, and soon moved again and settled with their families in the beautiful and fertile valley afterward name for them and still known as Friends Cove. It is in Colerain Township, Bedford (then Cumberland County). They were both great hunters. Andrew Friend, the subject of this sketch, was a son of either John or Joseph but which is not exactly known though it is supposed of John.

Being naturally of adventurous disposition and a very enthusiastic hunter and having heard of the vast mountains full of game, he left his home when young and went to and stopped at the mouth of Hills Creek or Fort Cumberland, now the city of Cumberland, Maryland, which was then one of the outposts of civilization. He remained there some time making frequent hunting excursions into the great wilderness west of that point. It was while on one of these excursions that the party he was with, being attacked near the falls of the Youghiogeny (Ohio Pyle) by a much larger party of Indians. Had to retreat to Fort Cumberland. They did this making a stand occasionally but holding the acreage in check long as they could, then falling back and crossing the mountains. A very large colored man, who was with the hunters, and had display great bravery to assisting to repel advances of the Indians was mortally wounded. He could not be carried and as his death was only a question of time it was suggested to leave him.

Friend would not agree to this and at great risk he remained with him, until he died, and buried him, and taking an extra-neous route, manage to get around the Indians between them and the Fort and after several narrow escapes, he reached it in safety. The mountain range has been known ever since as Negro Mountain.

Sometime after this, Captain Friend located permanently near the Turkey-Foot. This was a very noted and widely known place in "ye olden time." It derived its name from the not altogether fancied resemblance in the confluence or flowing together of the Youghiogeny and Castleman Rivers and Laurel Hill Creek. When seen from one of the surrounding hills to the tracks made by of the foot of a turkey. The flat land near it on which the borough of Confluence is now located was called the Turkey-Foot Bottoms and quite a large scope of surrounding territory, more than one-sixth of what is now Somerset County, with a wide strip of Fayette, was known as the Turkey-Foot region.

A great many evidences indicate that at a time ante-dating any knowledge we have of the past, so far as regards that part of

the State, as well as afterward, until the whites became too numerous, the Turkey-Foot Bottoms was the place of assembling at intervals of the Indians. Arrow and spear heads, skinning knives, bones, and other interesting relics of the red men are found there more especially in the soft flat ground of the peninsula or point between the two rivers, which was undoubtedly a favorite camping place in 1878. A vase was exhumed there and is now in the custody of as a loan of the museum, connected with the Allegheny City Carnegie Free Library. It has a capacity of about a pint and in shape and color resembles a coconut. Is very smooth inside but is rough finished, in cross lines, with considerable skill. Outside opinions differ as to whether it is a relic of the Indians or an older race.

The Turkey-Foot region at the time of Friends settlement was full of game—squirrels, rabbits, wild turkey, etc. Deer were very plenty, elk were frequently killed, and some, but not many, buffalo, panthers, bears, wildcats, and other wild animals of that kind were all over the country. Fish were very abundant in the streams, it was claimed by that wonderful and powerful confederation of Mohawks, Oneidas, Onandagos, Cayugas, Senecas and Tuscararas, the famous six nations but by their permission was occupied and used by our brothers the Delawares and are cousins the Shawnees, as hunting grounds.

During the Revolutionary War, Friend was captain of a company of mounted scouts and his services in the cause of independence were honorable and distinguished. He also commanded local companies organized at different times for defense against the Indians. It is said, but cannot now be clearly verify that he was a scout with Washington on his first two “visits” to the French, also with Braddock in his exhibition, to capture Fort Duquesne and at his unexpected and disastrous defeat on the Monongahela, that he afterwards served in the English American Army during the French and Indian war and in what is known as Pontiac’s War.

If true, and there is no real reason to doubt it that would account for the fact he was so frequently, afterwards and just before, he made his home at Turkey-Foot, put in command of military organizations and reconnaissances and for other well known fact of his great antipathy to the Indians, especially the Delaware Shawnee and Mingos. The meanest, most perfidious, cruel blood thirsty, villainous and contemptible red devils of the time or these same dirty, greasy dog-in-the-manger, Delawares, Shawnees, Mingoes and others that used to run around loose over “the Hill O’ Somerset” and Fayette Counties. The assertion “the only real good Indian, is a dead Indian” may not be true, but it is very certain that he is quite quieter and generally safer dead. Friend “culed” a number of them, but tradition says he never killed an Indian squall, a child, or a man in wantonness or unless in a fight in self defense or for protection of his own or a neighbor’s property. And never tortured are permitted torture of a prisoner.

Captain friend was always very popular wherever known. He was a genial, kind hearted, generous man, never quarrelsome or contentious and “without any frills” or any fringes, either except on his buckskin hunting jacket. He was of a modest, retiring disposition, and not given to talking about himself or anxious as so many are for notoriety. He was a man of considerable education, of good a dress and presence. In size he was not large though pretty tall, was slim and very strong, active and wiry. He had unnatural agility, a very quick eye and step, was a fine marksman and well versed in woodcraft. He was straight as an arrow, even in his old age and carried himself erect. His personal habits were excellent, was not addicted to the use of intoxicants, did not gamble was truthful and was never known to make use of profanity. His only explicative, of under any circumstances, even the most trying being “Z-O-U-N-D-S”- only this and nothing more. His wife was the sister of a comrade, Captain Oliver Drake and was descended from a younger brother of Admiral Sir Francis Drake, the celebrated and successful British sea rover and busy buccaneer. They had three sons.

Captain Friend had, of course, a great many adventures. There are enough legends, many well authenticated, others not, about him around the country to fill, if written in detail, this entire issue of “The Sunday Post.”

Several lineal descendants of his are members of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Sons of the Revolution. He has many descendants too, in Somerset and Fayette Counties and numerous other relatives. They are all proud of the old Pioneer, as well they may be. He was a manly man, a true gentleman, one of nature’s nobleman. Among the many things told of him, in song and story around the firesides of the community, in which he lived so long and was known so well, that no one has ever made accusation against him of a single mean cowardly or dishonorable act. His integrity bravery and Patriotism were beyond question.

—*Pittsburgh Daily Post (Pittsburgh, PA) Dec. 3, 1899, Sunday, Page 20*

Heinz History Center Programs...

April 15

“First Ladies of Western Pennsylvania”

Presented by Judy Sutton

A biographical sketch of fifteen women who were first in their respective fields. Have you heard of Jane Grey Swisshelm, Ida Tarbell, Nellie Bly, Daisy Lampkin, Helen Richey, Mary Lou Williams or Bertha Lamme? These ladies all are from Western PA.



June 17

“The Trade”Power of Steam: Pittsburgh’s Role in the Birth of Western Riverboat”

Presented by Leslie Przybylek

The birth of an American icon, the Western River steamboat and why it all started here. In 1812, the steamboat, New Orleans traveled the waterways from Pittsburgh to New Orleans. The individuals responsible were Robert Fulton, Robert Livingston and Nicholas Roosevelt.

September 16 at 6:30pm

“The Pittsburgh Homefront During the Civil War”

Presented by Perry Blatz

The War brought many challenges home to Pittsburgh, from the dangers of making ammunition and weapons to the struggles of caring for soldiers and their families along with paying the bills.

We thank the following for their corporate donations to the Historical Society which have paid for the July 2018 to June 2019 year.

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As far as Individual and Husband/Wife memberships, we have 82% paid so far for this year. That means 18% have yet to be paid. If you have not yet paid, we hope you will do so before June of this year. A note in your newsletter will remind you. If you do not receive a note with your newsletter, then you are considered paid up. ~ Ron Schaeffer