

HISTORICAL NOTES.

By MR. J. D. MURRAY.

It has occurred to the mind of the writer that an historical account of the Brough of Centre Hall and vicinity would be of some interest to the people of the village as well as to those of the vicinity. The writer has therefore taken the task upon himself to procure such a history of those facts...

The first settlers that we have any account of, who settled on the site of Linden Hall and vicinity were three young Irishmen, brothers, who came direct from Ireland, Wm., John, and Guian Irven, about the year 1794. They were young men buoyant with hope and excited with desires. They were distillers, and were inclined to stay pretty close to each other. They all settled near what is now called Linden Hall.

At that time there was a family lived just down the creek, perhaps three-fourth of a mile, by the name of Watson. They had a mill and a store there, and also owned much land surrounding their home, and they also had what is not so desirable a thing to have—many mortgages on property, but they were a high toned people, and lived in style.

Johnny continued his well laid plans and all the money he could spare he invested in the Watson mortgages and it was not very many years until he proposed buying them out and did. Now he had a mill; the very same old mill that burned down a month ago. He moved over to Linden Hall either in 1811 or 12, where he continued in business until in the fall of 1814 when he died and his estate was settled up.

Among the early settlers about Linden Hall was Jonathan Tressler, who died on his farm only a few years ago, at the age of ninety seven years, although we know of two other families who lived there before him, Boals and Rishels. Rishel died there about the year 1832; his widow was married to John Sweetwood; she had two children when she married Sweetwood, John and Margaret, who are both living.

All that country lying north of Linden Hall was settled at that time by the Stuarts, Keatleys and Guian Irvin, brother of John and Wm. Irvin, and others who were not land owners, but who lived along the mountain and worked for such men as Rev. Stuart and Christie Keatley, and, strange to say, they were all Irish, and if reports are true, they were about all fond of a drop once in a while, even the Rev. Billy Stuart would carefully indulge a little at times; but it was during the days when every Jack had his gill, and if he did not have he was expected to. Rev. Stuart was a man of ability and a good preacher; he belonged to the Huntingdon Presbytery, and was among their best and most learned men.

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S. M. Weber, formerly principal of the Aaronsburg school, but who had recently been engaged weighing mail on the trains between Tyrone and Lock Haven, returned home Thursday, the term for weighing mail having ended. Mr. Weber was highly pleased with the position. J. Allison Shull, who finished his term of school in this place a few weeks ago, departed for Edinboro, Illinois, Tuesday afternoon. It is his intention to enter the Illinois School of Photography of that place, and prepare himself fully for photographic work. Mr. Shull has had considerable experience as a retoucher, and is confident that he will find the work both agreeable and more profitable.

Miss Bessie Walker, of Pine Grove Mills, and Miss Jennie Bittner, of Penn Hall, were the guests of Miss Stella Zertzy Saturday.

CENTRE S. S. CONVENTION.

Meets at Milesburg April 22.—Four Sessions.—Dr. Roads Will be Present. The annual convention of the Centre County Sabbath School Association will meet in Milesburg, Monday and Tuesday, April 22 and 23. Each school in the county is entitled to two delegates, in addition to the pastor and superintendent. The officers of the Association are:

Rev. A. Z. Myers, Philipsburg, President. Rev. J. M. Reiskie, Centre Hall, Vice President. Rev. A. Black, Boalsburg, C. S. Secretary. Mr. S. W. Smith, Centre Hall, Sec. Secretary. Mr. A. Lukenbach, Bellefonte, Treasurer. Rev. D. E. Hepler, Lemont, Sec. Home Dept. Work.

Rev. C. T. Atkins, Pine Grove Mills, and C. M. Bower, Esq., Bellefonte, Ex. Committee. Mr. Geo. Noll, Milesburg, Chairman Local Com. of arrangements. The following is the program to be rendered at the convention.

MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 22, 7:30 P. M. A mass meeting addressed by Rev. Charles Roads, D. D., General Secretary of the State Sabbath School Association. Subject, "Building Nobly Upon the Past." TUESDAY, 9:30 A. M. Worship, Rev. W. F. Carson, Milesburg. Address, "Practical Normal Plans and Drills." Rev. Chas. Roads, D. D.

Response of Welcome, Rev. R. Warton, Milesburg. Address, C. M. Bower, Esq., Bellefonte. Enrollment of Delegates. Appointment of Committees. Address, "Illustrating," Mrs. M. G. Kennedy, Philadelphia, President State Primary Union.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:30 P. M. Worship, Rev. E. C. Hanck, Milesburg. Address, "The High Calling of the Teacher," Rev. E. B. Waite, Williamsport, First Secretary, Lycoming county. Address, "The Spiritual Development of the Sunday School," Rev. J. M. Reiskie, Centre Hall. Election of Officers. Annual address of the President. Annual address of the corresponding secretary. Children's Hour, "A Story," by Mr. Kennedy. Quaker Box, conducted by Dr. Roads.

EVENING SESSION, 7:30 P. M. Worship and Song, Rev. T. W. Perks, Bellefonte. Address, "Our Juniors," Mrs. Kennedy. Music. Address, "Studies in Human Nature," Dr. Roads.

FIRE AT JENKINS & LINGLES.

Foundry and Several Out Buildings Partially Destroyed. Monday evening about seven o'clock fire broke out in the brick foundry building occupied by Jenkins & Lingle, machinists, in Bellefonte, and spread with great rapidity, destroying before it was subdued several thousand dollars worth of valuable property. At one time it was feared that the Gross property and the Poor house would be burned, but fortunately this was averted. Gross' barn was on fire several times but each time the blaze was put out before serious damage was done.

The loss will probably be \$10,000 on buildings and contents, partially covered by insurance, says the Daily News. This is one of the leading industries of the town and will be rebuilt at once. Schools Close. The Primary school closed Tuesday. The little students proudly left the school room and their work feeling that another school term had been creditably finished. The work of the primary room under Miss Anna Bartholomew will bear the closest scrutiny. Parents who have children attending that school will be very agreeably surprised if they go to the trouble of looking over the examination papers, and this they should do.

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Representative of Columbia County Will Succeed J. S. RIDING. It was "Farmer" Cressy. Later "Member" Cressy. Now it is "Chairman" Cressy. Representative William T. Cressy, of Columbia county, was Wednesday afternoon unanimously elected chairman of the Democratic State committee to succeed John S. Riding, of Erie, who declined re-election. A resolution commending Senator Washburn, of Crawford county, was unanimously adopted, and a resolution commending in general terms those Democratic members of the Senate and House who have been inactive in sympathy with the Republican machine, was carried by an overwhelming majority.

"In William T. Cressy," said Mr. Itcker, introducing Mr. Cressy, "we have the man who is everlastingly right, and under his leadership the Democracy can go forward to honor and victory." In his address to the members of the State committee, Chairman Cressy said: "Gentlemen, we are confronted by a great political machine that has been 'ripping up' the governments of our cities, and we know not at what hour it may undertake to control our smaller municipalities. To avoid the usurpation of the majority party, drunk with power, nothing is of more importance than a compact, well-directed and vigilant minority party. To accomplish this the chief requisite is organization. Men must attend primary as well as general elections and nominate honest men to carry out just principles. An honest government, economically administered, is the wish of the people. The Democratic party is pledged to this reform."

Hon. P. Gray Meek, C. M. Bower, Ellis L. Orvis, J. Kennedy Johnston, H. S. Taylor, J. C. Meyer, John Traflet and others represented Centre county at the meeting of the Democratic State Central Committee in Philadelphia Wednesday. The Centre county contingent favored Reiskie for State Chairman, and had their selection been decided upon the Democrats of Pennsylvania would have had an equally efficient leader. PRESBYTERY NOTES. The Annual Session Held at Holidaysburg Last Week. The Huntingdon Presbytery met Wednesday of last week. Among other things of interest done at that meeting were the following. The presbytery accepted the invitation of the First Presbyterian church, Altoona, to hold its fall meeting there October next. The Rev. S. S. Berger and C. H. Move and Elder F. B. Reed were appointed a committee on the general assembly twentieth century fund. The Rev. W. H. Schuyler, Ph. D., and Elders J. A. Beaver and C. P. Long were appointed to take charge of the Penn's Valley graveyard. The committee on the installation of the Rev. E. F. Johnston reported that the installation services at Mann's Choice and Schellsburg, May 30, 1901—at Mann's Choice at 2 p. m., and Schellsburg at 7:30 p. m.—that the Rev. D. K. Freeman, D. D., preside, preach the sermon and propound the constitutional questions; Rev. W. H. Schuyler, Ph. D., charge the congregation, the Rev. J. E. Irwine, Ph. D., charge the pastor.

Transfer of Real Estate. J. B. Ard to Mary C. Ard, March 30, 1901, lot in Ferguson twp.; consideration, \$1.00. Mary Goodhart, to Myra J. Kerr, April 1, 1901, one fourth acre Centre Hall consideration, \$900. A. J. Housman, et. al., to John E. Housman, et. al., June 5, 1900, thirty-three and seven-eleventh perches, Ferguson twp.; consideration, \$100. Wm. Houser, et. ux., to Walker South, Nov. 1, 1896, eighteen acres, sixty-eight perches, Harris twp.; consideration, \$900. W. F. Reiskie, et. al., to Arthur M. Grove, et. al., March 23, 1901, 77 acres, Gregg twp.; consideration, \$3315. W. E. Smith, et. al., to Bella Murray, et. al., March 29, 1901, house and lot in Lemont; consideration, \$450. Frank Thayer, et. ux., to Edward H. Williams, February 20, 1901, house and lot in Boalsburg; consideration, \$425. C. P. Long, et. ux., to A. W. and Laura J. Getzell, Nov. 24, 1869, one fourth acre, in Gregg twp.; consideration, \$75.

Marriage Licenses. Wm. W. Tibbens, Honesdale. Mary M. E. Meekley, Filmore. Calvin M. Sharar, Taylor twp. Arminia Blowers, Taylor twp. William B. Lucas, Howard. John S. Hevory, M. Eagle. James Reley, Boynton. Maggie Clark, Hommer's Notch. Harry L. Mayes, Altoona. Ella M. G. Shaker, Philipsburg. Harry M. Wyle, Aspersburg. Mary J. Wirth, Green Iron. John M. Crowell, Birmingham. Bessie V. Piter, Bellefonte.

Roll of Honor.

Primary School, Anna Bartholomew, teacher.—William Bradford, Musser Coldren, Ira Foreman, "Cora Luse, Harry Mader, John Olenkirk, Mary Reiskie, Isabel Rowe, "Calvin Smith," "Nina Snyder.

John K. Lane Hancock, aged 39 years, of Philadelphia, died at the National Hotel at Lewistown late Saturday night from an overdose of morphine. The examination of applicants for certificates to teach public school in Potter township and Centre Hall borough will be held in this place Thursday, May 30, Decoration Day.

DEATHS.

Prominent Citizens of Centre County Called to Rest.

MISS LIZZIE KELLER. Friday night at eleven o'clock death claimed Elizabeth Keller, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Fisher Keller, of this place. The deceased was a young lady who possessed many of the qualities that go to make up an ideal young lady. She suffered for many weeks from consumption, in fact, it was nearly a year since she took a severe cold that terminated in that dread disease, which finally caused her death. During all this time she bore her affliction with absolute Christian fortitude. This expression is often applied in notices like this, but never with more truth than in this instance.

Miss Keller during her lifetime devoted much of her time to the wants and care of her little brothers and sisters. Although her age was only a few more years than twenty, for years before her sickness she felt a consciousness that her first duty was to aid in the care of the family, which she most cheerfully did.

She was much loved by her associates, and to attest this many flowers were sent to the family as a last tribute. The funeral services, which were largely attended, took place at the home of her parents in Centre Hall Tuesday forenoon. Rev. Kershner, of the Reformed church, of which denomination the young lady was a consistent member since her youth, assisted by Dr. Schuyler, of the Presbyterian church, officiated. Interment was made in the Reformed and Lutheran cemetery.

The pall bearers were the members of her Sabbath school class, namely, Misses Mabel Keller, Lizzie Snyder, Jennie Thomas, Stella Acker, Edith Riter and Carrie Spicher. These young people were intimate friends, and they tenderly carried her to and from the hearse and lowered the mortal remains to its last resting place.

MRS. GEORGE CUSTABERDER.

Mary C., wife of George Custaberder, died at the home of her son-in-law, J. H. Lutz, near Rock Mills, on the 10th inst. Deceased was a daughter of Michael Gorman, of Howard, and was aged about sixty-seven years. She was first married to William Martin, of Bellefonte. J. H. Martin, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Ellen Metzger, of Beech Creek; Mrs. J. H. Lutz, of Rock Mills; Mrs. Wm. Crust, of Laurelton; Messrs. Henry, George and Frank Martin, of Fowler, are the surviving children by her first marriage. Mr. Custaberder, the husband, also survives. She was a member of the Methodist church. Rev. A. A. Black, of Boalsburg, conducted the funeral services.

MRS. CLARA JOHNSTON.

Mrs. Clara Johnston, wife of George W. Johnston, of Graysville, died at her home in that place Saturday morning, of consumption, aged thirty-six years. The deceased's maiden name was Clara Cole and her mother, one brother and several sisters survive her and are residents of Boalsburg. Mrs. Johnston was a devoted member of the Lutheran church, and was highly esteemed in the community in which she lived. The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon; interment at Pennsylvania Furnace.

CHARLES WITMER.

Charles Witmer, at the age of seventy-seven years, died at his home near Bellefonte, Friday morning of last week. Although not feeling well, Mr. Witmer was not confined to bed, and his family had little thought of his sudden death. Mrs. Witmer, who died a few years ago, was Miss Elizabeth Beaker. Fifteen children were the result of this union, eleven of whom survive the parents. Their names are John and Mrs. Moses Walters, of Pine Grove Mills; Allen and Winfield, of Lemont; Mrs. Wm. Hoffman, Edward, Oliver, William, Clayton, Calvin and Emma, of near Bellefonte. The funeral took place Monday, Dr. Laurie, of the Presbyterian church officiating.

Miss Katie Heckman, of Penn Hall, is visiting friends at Tusseyville.

Madison Moyer, of Tusseyville, left for Delever, New Jersey, Wednesday morning.

Sillie Courtier, of Mill Hall, aged fifteen years, stepped from a moving train as it approached Lock Haven and was fatally injured.

Dr. G. W. Kruabine, of Beech Creek, Wednesday came to see his brother John, who is ill at this place. The doctor reports business very fair in his section.

N. L. Dale, of Bellefonte, representing the reliable seed firm of George K. Higbie, Rochester, N. Y., was a caller Wednesday. Mr. Dale is making a circuit of this portion of the county, and is prepared to sell farmers and gardeners the choicest seeds.

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