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A Brief Sketch of the Moravian Indians

THEIR MIGRATION IN 1772

On Their Journey Passed Through Centre, Clearfield and Jefferson Counties—Some of the Hardships They Endured.

In an earlier chapter we made a brief reference to the immigration of the Moravian Indians in 1772, intending later to furnish an account in detail. Mr. S. B. Row, of Philipsburg, had the kindness to furnish us a compilation of this interesting and notable event, made by him several years ago, which we substitute, as it fully covers the incidents of the migration of these Christian Indians, as follows:

Among the events that occurred in the history of Pennsylvania while yet a colony, none is more interesting, and of which less is perhaps generally known, than the exodus of the Christian Indians, in the year 1772, from Friedenshutten, on the Wyalusing Flats, to their new settlement of Friedensstadt, on the Big Beaver, in Lawrence county, no great distance from the Ohio State line. Rev. John Ettwein, a Moravian minister, who was the leader of the emigrants, kept a journal in which he set forth graphically the experiences of these good people on the long, toilsome and adventurous trip which they had undertaken.

The migration was not an impulsive movement, but one that had been fully considered, and the time of departure definitely determined. "During the 8th, 9th and 10th of June," as it is expressed in the journal, "all was bustle in Friedenshutten with preparations for the impending journey, and the pestles of the corn-mortars were plied day and night." Early on the morning of the 11th the population met for the last time in the town for divine worship, and to commend themselves to the Lord's guidance and keeping whilst on the way.

At the close of the service, "the bell was taken from its turret, the window sashes from out of the church, and the dismantled windows nailed shut with boards." After that the canoes were laden, among other effects being the bell and window sashes, which were designed for use in the construction of a new chapel at their destination. "At two p. m.," continues the narrative, "brother and sister Roth in their canoe set out, followed by others, thirty in number. Timothy, who carried the bell in his canoe, rang it for some time as the squadron moved down the stream, never again to ring out its call to the house of prayer over the waters of the lovely Susquehanna."

The emigrants were divided into six divisions, each of which had one or two leaders. There were 140 persons in Brother Roth's party, which was to descend the North Branch to its junction with the West Branch, and then ascend the latter until they met the overland divisions. Rev. Ettwein, who had charge of the land party, was accompanied by 54 persons, and these were to be followed by others from Sheshequin, so that the entire emigration would number 211 souls. They took with them sixty head of cattle, and fifty horses and colts. It required careful watching to keep the stock together, and some mornings the drivers had to go back several miles to bring in animals that had attempted to return home. They, however, lost only one young cow from the entire herd.

Rev. Ettwein, before going, locked the doors of the chapel and missionaries' houses, and on taking leave of Job Chilloway, gave him the oversight of the property, "to which he consented and at the same time made fair promises." The old man and his wife shed tears, and were the only persons who appeared to regret the departure of so many others. The people under Rev. Ettwein took a southerly direction and were led, like the Israelites of old, "through the way of the wilderness," towards the mouth of Muncy creek, there to await the arrival of those who had taken the water route. At the start, they left the river, crossed the mountain to Sugar run, now in Bradford county, and there entered "the great swamp," which extended many miles along that stream to its source. The undergrowth was so dense at places that persons could see one another only at a short distance, and as the path was frequently indiscernible, it was a laborious task to drive the stock through it at all. At the first night's encampment, two of the brethren lost themselves while in search of straying cattle, and several hours elapsed before they could be reached by shouts and signal guns.

Once out of the swamp, they crossed the divide at the headwaters of the Loyalsock and Muncy, and in drenching rains passed through forests of sugar-

maple, tall lindens, ash, oak and white pine, which Rev. Ettwein lauds as "the noblest timber he had seen in America, excepting the cypresses of South Carolina and Georgia." The path then led along, and "thirty-six times across, Muncy creek," and at intervals through "exceedingly rich bottom lands." On June 14th, Trinity Sunday, the emigrants met for worship, but "the incessant lowing and noise of the cattle drowned all attempts at discourse and singing." In the course of the next day they passed into an extensive and beautiful region of plains, (Muncy valley) where they encamped, and from which point several brethren were sent to meet the voyagers coming down the North Branch. During their stay here, the hunters in two days shot fifteen deer, the meat of which was dried at the fire for use on the journey. On the 18th they "proceeded to Schoonover's plantation, one mile above Wallis," not far from the confluence of Muncy creek and the West Branch, but a distance of over fifty miles from Friedenshutten.

Heavy rains and high winds retarded the progress of the division under Brother Roth. After advancing eight miles a halt was made, and the brethren, having disembarked, had to put up huts for shelter during the night. The next day high winds caused their canoes to rock roughly on the water; in the evening they worshipped "standing in the woods," and the weather was so cold they could not sleep during the night. A start was again made in the morning, and at noon the canoes passed "Lechawachenc." As they floated by, spectators lined the fort, and one man played spiritedly on a violin. The voyagers that evening encamped further down, on the stony beach of the river, where they "were disturbed at night by some drunken fellows." On Sunday, the 14th, they passed the falls below "Wyomik," and next day arrived at Nescopec, which signifies "a nasty, deep hole." "Here the canoes were worked over the falls, in part by hand, in part by means of ropes, and not without much anxiety."

On account of Ann Elizabeth being ill with the measles, they had to lay over on the 17th, but resumed the journey on the following day, and on the 20th effected a junction with Rev. Ettwein's party, having been ten days on the way from Friedenshutten. While at Schoonover's, the emigrants had "a market day in camp." Mr. Wallis purchased from them fifteen head of cattle and some canoes. "Other persons bought bows, frkins, tubs, buckets, chains, and diverse ironware." Twenty cwt. of flour, purchased with the money donated to the Indians by friends in Philadelphia, were here distributed.

Breaking up camp was commenced on the 23rd, and all the emigrants moved on in a body. The Loyalsock was crossed at the spot where "the sainted disciple," Count Zinzendorf, had visited thirty years previously, and next day they arrived at Lycoming creek, which was the boundary line of the land purchased from the Six Nations, in accordance with the treaty made at Fort Stanwix in 1768. White settlers were found at both these places, and it was deemed a matter worthy of mention that good grass for the cattle was abundant in the woods. That night they encamped at Lary's creek, and on the 25th opposite Long Island, (at Jersey Shore) where Rev. Ettwein says "rattlesnakes seemed to bold undisputed sway," and where a horse died after it had been bitten by one of the venomous reptiles.

Several perplexing delays having occurred, and another being experienced at this stage of the journey, he assembled all the men and expressed the fear that if they did not make more rapid headway the company would come to serious want. He considered it prudent therefore, to leave at that place a sick woman, her husband and friends, as well as the sick with Nathaniel Davis' party when they arrived, and that men and fresh horses would be sent back for them from "Chincklacamoose," to which place it was likewise resolved that "the strongest should proceed in five canoes with the sisters' baggage." When they arrived at Mr. Campbell's at the upper end of the Island, on the 27th, they learned through a Mr. Anderson that the water was too shallow for navigation, and this dissuaded them from attempting to ascend the river in the way indicated. As a consequence, they deemed it proper to sell their canoes and "sundry utensils," the four church windows, one box of glass, and one keg of nails. The 28th being Sunday, Rev. Ettwein held religious services, which were attended by the white settlers, to whom he "proclaimed the counsels of God respecting their salvation," and baptized a son of Antoine White, and the new-born daughter of a Frenchman named Fournay.

On Monday the emigrants "set out from the Island by land," and traveled 14 miles to Beech Creek, a branch of the Bald Eagle. After encamping here, the men returned with horses to bring up the

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VARIETY OF COUNTY NEWS

Items of Interest Gathered From All Sections

SHORT AND TO THE POINT

What Transpired Worthy of Brief Mention, the Past Week—News From Over the County—For Hasty Readers—A New Department.

John Shreck, of Lemont, moved to Brisbin.

Cattle about Linden Hall are reported having a disease.

Howard Neff and family, of Johnsonburg, have moved to Howard Pa.

The Bald Eagle valley is besieged by a pest of green caterpillars which are playing havoc with every kind of fruit trees.

Centre County Pomona Grange will meet in the hall of Walker Grange, at Hublersburg, on Tuesday 28th at 10 o'clock a. m.

Frank Wallace, of Milesburg, who had been seriously ill for some time, is around again as usual and gaining in strength quite rapidly.

Henry Willis Hartsock, of Buffalo Run, has received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity from the Drew Theological Seminary at Madison, N. J.

The valuable pointer dog "Dick," owned by the Harter Bros., at Coburn, died recently from the effect of poison which was put out to kill rats.

The Alumni of the Philipsburg high school will give a reception and banquet at the Potter House in honor of the class of 1901, on the evening of May 31.

A servant girl in the city of Philipsburg swallowed a \$3 bill while under arrest for larceny, and after hard work with a stomach pump the doctor recovered it \$1.25.

Ward Schenck, son of Hayes Schenck, of Howard, on Tuesday of last week went to the Lock Haven Hospital where he underwent the operation of having his finger amputated.

Miss Bessie C. Walker, daughter of A. S. Walker, of Pine Grove Mills, and Royal Otis Miller, of Stovestown, Somerset county, were married at the home of Dr. Clara C. Walker, at Baltimore, Wednesday of last week.

George, a son of Ellis Horner, of near Pleasant Gap, had the misfortune to have his fingers caught in a stave saw Tuesday morning. The second and third fingers of the left hand were cut off entirely at the second joint.

The Linden Hall Lumber Company is rebuilding the tram road the entire distance from Linden Hall to the mountains and through its tract of timber lands. The vast amount of hauling done proved too much of a burden for the poor condition of the road.

The most pretty lilac bush to please the eye of the lover of the beautiful in nature is to be seen in the yard of the residence of Daniel Hess, at Linden Hall. It is a charming sight of loveliness, a solid bower of lilacs such as is rarely seen, and is some 15 feet in diameter, a thing of beauty which is a joy.

On Wednesday afternoon 15th, while a young man named Marsden, and Philip Dietz were quarrelling at Howard. Marsden drew a knife and stabbed Dietz near the heart, as it was, the wound was not serious. Had the knife struck him two inches lower it would have been sure death; these men both live in the Ridges north of that place.

While farmer I. G. Tyson, tenant on Mrs. Mary Krape's farm, Ferguson twp., was plowing in one of the back fields, one of his horses suddenly almost disappeared. The ground gave way beneath so that nothing but the head and neck were seen. It took the combined effort of many men to get the horse out. Fortunately he was not injured more than stiffened up somewhat.

The Northern Lutheran Conference convened in the Lutheran church at Pine Grove Mills, last week. The next meeting of the conference will be held at Pleasant Gap, Oct. 8, 1901. About twenty-five ministers and delegates were present. Rev. Charles D. Russell, newly elected pastor of the Philipsburg Lutheran church, was elected president, and Rev. Mr. Herman, of Lock Haven secretary.

Jerry Sharar, whose home is three miles north of Hannah Furnace, while roofing a barn for Samuel Hoover at Hannah, slid down and over the roof alighting on the ground about thirty feet below, on Monday evening. He alighted on his left side, causing the dislocation of the left shoulder, smashing his left hip, breaking the left arm at the elbow, cutting a heavy gash in the side of his head and otherwise bruising and cutting him

in several places. His condition is serious. He is aged about sixty years.

IN ADJOINING COUNTIES.

T. K. Hill, of Sunbury, editor of the Daily Item, appointed postmaster of that place some time ago, assumed his new duties Monday morning.

James G. Crouse, of Snyder county, announces that he will be an independent non-political candidate for president judge at the general election this fall in opposition to Judge McClure.

The outlook for criminal business at the next term of court in Clinton county is not encouraging, as there are no prisoners in the county jail at present. The last prisoner was discharged Thursday.

Governor Stone on Monday signed the bill which authorizes the counties of Northumberland and Union to build a bridge across the river at Lewisburg. The bill was passed by the house and senate, and the governor put his signature to the act.

In a coal mine near Somerfield, Somerset county, which has been worked for fifty years, the discovery has just been made of a four-foot vein under the five-foot vein, which had been worked all these years. The distance between the two veins is only a few feet.

The property of the Hotel Myron, together with all the grounds attached, and three houses and lots situated on Blair avenue Tyrone, have passed into the hands of the present proprietor of the hotel, Mr. Albert S. VonTrott he having closed the sale for the sum of \$15,000.

Ex-Sheriff Smith, of Clearfield, had a narrow escape from death Monday night 13th, while crossing the track his buggy was struck by a freight train and knocked into smithereens. Frank was dragged along for a hundred feet and received several severe cuts about the head and face.

Friday the worst hailstorm in years passed over Jersey Shore. Hall stones half as big as eggs fell to a depth of several inches, making it necessary to shoveel walks. Trees were fairly stripped of leaves, birds killed outright and the plate glass windows were broken. Fruit in that locality is ruined.

The Altoona Tribune says that the Huntington Reformatory is doing a good work, so good that it is a growing belief that a similar institution for the training of young girls who come into the world under disadvantageous circumstances, or who begin to go wrong in childhood, ought to be established by the State.

At Bell's Landing, Clearfield county, Wednesday, fire destroyed the woolen mill, chop mill, saw mill and 75,000 feet of lumber belonging to James Pontefract & Co. About one-half the finished goods in the woolen mill was saved. The remainder, 2,000 pounds of wool and all the machinery were burned. Loss \$6,000, insurance \$1,500.

Work has been commenced placing the knitting and sewing machines saved from the burning factory, at Woolrich, Clinton county, under cover, and it is expected that by the first of next week work in the sewing and knitting departments of the mill will be resumed. The factory will be rebuilt on its present site as quickly as possible.

Earl Tipton, a well known printer of Altoona, left that place about two years ago, saying he was going to see some of the world before he returned to his home. He accumulated enough money to pay his passage across the ocean. Finding more or less employment in England, he visited the principal cities of that country, then went to the Paris Exposition last summer, he made his way to Ireland, and there he has fallen in with a rosy-cheeked lass whom he is going to marry and bring to Altoona just as soon as he has stuck enough type to pay their passage in style.

Fatal Accident.

On Monday morning while assisting in unloading logs from a car at Criders saw mill, Milesburg, Morgan Lucas, a well known resident of Wallis Run, met with a serious accident. By some mishap the cant hook broke and a log toppled from the car and struck the old gentleman on the shoulder, causing such a serious fracture of the shoulder producing death in the evening at his home to which he was taken after the unfortunate circumstance. Mr. Lucas was an industrious gentleman, respected by all for his kindly qualities and neighborly disposition. Morgan M. Lucas was born on the old Lucas homestead in Boggs township and was 64 years of age, and is survived by his wife and several children. Interment in the Advent cemetery, back of Milesburg, this Thursday morning.

Memorial Day Orators.

The following are some of the appointments we have noted for Memorial Day orators: Clement Dale, Esq., at Martha Furnace; Col. J. P. Coburn, Pine Hall; Hon. A. O. Furst, Pine Grove; D. F. Fortney, Aaronsburg and Rebersburg; Capt. Hugh S. Taylor, Marsh Creek; Hon. John G. Love, Howard, Pa.

COMMERCIAL TELEPHONE

Merged into the United Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Pa.

IMPORTANT DEAL CONCLUDED

Majority of the Stock Secured by them During the past week—A Combination of Independent Companies Was Necessary.

An important telephone deal has been consummated the past week that will be of interest to our readers. The Central Commercial Telephone Company of Central Penn'a, whose offices are located at Bellefonte, has been merged into the United Telephone and Telegraph Company of Pennsylvania, which in the past year has absorbed and now controls all the former independent companies between Altoona and Philadelphia. In the past few years independent companies were organized in all parts of the state, on the same plan as that of the "Commercial" at this place. Having the opportunity of purchasing the latest and most improved electrical appliances, they have been able to erect and conduct telephone exchanges at lower rates than customary. The stock being subscribed in small amounts in the localities also had the effect of increasing their popularity and contributed to their success.

These independent companies lacked the benefit of long distance service and that has been one drawback to the system. For that reason some of the leading capitalists in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and elsewhere organized the "United Telephone and Telegraph Company of Penn'a" to combine all these separate independent companies under one management. In this they have succeeded. Starting at Philadelphia they now have merged most all these independent companies in the central and eastern part of the state under its management, including York, Lancaster, Lebanon, Schuylkill valley, Reading, Harrisburg, Northumberland, Lewisburg, Williamsport, Lewistown, Clearfield, Altoona and others. Thus it will be seen that this new combination had completely surrounded the field of the Commercial Company.

After careful deliberation, of the principal stockholders of the Commercial people, they concluded that it would be to their advantage financially and the securing of a better and more extended service for their patrons to merge with this combination, as the others have done. In fact, a majority of the stockholders of the Commercial gave their prior consent to this change before negotiations were begun.

There is a large number of stockholders of the Commercial who hold a few

This certainly is a very flattering proposition and will prove satisfactory to all.

The effect of this change will be to give long distance service. It is also claimed that the local service will be generally improved and that the popular low rates will be continued. The Bellefonte exchange is now installing a larger switchboard to handle the increase in their district. Lock Haven and Williamsport are also rapidly increasing. Philipsburg and Clearfield will soon be in the new system.

As to what effect this change will have upon the present organization and management of the "Commercial," we can not say, but all seem to be pleased over what has been done. The above was confirmed by Ellis L. Orvis, Pres., John T. McCormick, Supt., and Nelson Robb, Sec'y. They now are engaged in formally notifying the many stockholders of the change to be made and the conditions.

B. H. S. COMMENCEMENT.

The annual Commencement exercises of the Bellefonte High School, Class of 1901, will be held in Garman's Opera House Thursday afternoon, June 6th. The Junior Oratorical Contest for the Reynolds Prize will be held Wednesday evening June 5th at the same place.

The class of 1901 is composed as follows: Misses, Daisy Barnes, Mame Woods, Adaline Olewine, Phinetta Jones, Marilla Williams, Lulu Rhine, Messrs. Charles Thomas, Orrie Ishler, Burt Robb, John Whippo, Bernard Brown, Lee Walker, Wilbur Twitmore and Walter Armstrong.

Miss Daisy Barnes won first honors and will be the valedictorian of her class. She also won the Mathematical Prize of \$10.00 and the General Excellence Prize of \$10.00. The latter prize is given for general excellence during the 4 year's course at the High School.

Miss Phinetta Jones, of Milesburg, won second honors and will deliver the salutatory oration at commencement.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

To steal a kiss perhaps is bliss. And also jolly fun. Yet we must feel 'tis wrong to steal When we can borrow one.

The worry over unpaid bills Has often killed our betters. And yet 'tis safe to say it kills More creditors than debtors.

Say don't you envy children Who almost naked go— Who play about for ever In tropicalist "weaver" In regions where they never Even dream of frost or snow. Think, think of the advantages These little darlings know! For them no frill or tucker, No collar, sash or bow, For them no dangling laces, No buttons, hooks or braces, No cause to make wry faces, Like little So-and-so. Such, such are the advantages These frisky darlings know. —H. V. Lucas, London.

Seen on every hand—fingers. The cooper whoops things up. Adam was married on his wedding eve.

A baker may be out of work and still knead nothing. The loose tongue usually betokens the rattle brain.

Kissing a girl on the chin is like a rare steak—underdone.

Why does an old maid wear mittens? To keep off the chaps. Some people can live on Easy street and not pay their bills.

The mere pruning of a tree does not cause prunes to grow on it. A fellow has to be sick once in awhile to really enjoy good health. No merchant wants to send goods C. O. D. to an M. D. who is N. G.

If you buy your wife a diamond ring she will not need many gloves. Some women divide their time between prayer meetings and bargain sales.

Some maidens are so modest that she would not look at a salad dressing. Some men keep ahead of the landlord by keeping behind with the rent.

The umbrella manufacturer is one who believes in the weather profits. The left bower—the man who isn't recognized by the lady to whom he lifts his hat.

A girl is more apt to fall in love with an every day sort of fellow than with the once a week sort.

When a girl knows she is pretty she usually runs around with a homely girl, to make the contrast striking.

We always feel sorry for the girl who is stuck on a fellow who will spend a dollar for ice cream and chocolates and \$3 for a Sunday buggy ride with her, on a salary of \$6 a week. Somehow we always see visions of barefoot children, a frowsy headed woman over a washtub, tin cans for dishes on the table and a man in the corner. The young man who lives within his means while single usually has means after he is married.

"E" is the unfortunate letter in the alphabet because it is never in cash and never out of danger. The aforementioned exchange forgot that "e" is never in war but always in peace, it is the beginning of existence, the commencement of ease and the end of trouble. Without it there would be no bread, no meat, no water, no gospel, no heaven. Yes and it is the end of life and the beginning of eternity and while we can get along without it in living, we cannot in death.

A Joke Not Relished.

Among the passengers on the mail train east Thursday evening last, says the Kane Daily Republican, was Edwin Rachau, a former member of Company K, 28th regiment, U. S. V., who was on his way home to Madisonburg, Centre county, from the Philippine islands. He had been discharged from service and had his discharge papers and other belongings in a grip, which had been taken out by malicious intent or as a joke when the train reached Kane. The man did not discover his loss until the train reached Johnsonburg, when he informed the conductor, who made a report to the proper officials. Special Officer Joy was detailed to look after the matter and he found the grip in Kane. No prosecutions will follow, but it should be a warning to those who think it funny to play jokes of this character.

The Correct Answer.

A friend came in the other day with what he thought was a conundrum: "Why is the local paper like a woman?" The various answers given were: "Because it has to have someone to run it," "Because both have to be known to be appreciated," "Because both are good advertising mediums," "Because it changes its dress." The correct answer, "Because every man should have one of his own, and not be running after his neighbor's."