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Some Interesting Data About Early Settlers

ANDREW BOGGS THE PIONEER

Was the First Emigrant to Centre County and Settled Near Milesburg—Early Incidents in the Bald Eagle Valley.

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The first emigrant to Centre county was Andrew Boggs. His settlement was upon the Joseph Poultney warrant.

Andrew Boggs settled upon that part of the Poultney now owned by John M. Wagoner, and his house stood on the creek bank just east of the road where it turns northerly, where remains of it are visible. The present old log house west of the road is not the original Andrew Boggs house. The site is in the neighborhood of a hundred rods from the mouth of Spring Creek, on the north side of Bald Eagle.

The deposition of Margery Boggs, widow of Andrew Boggs, was taken Nov. 15, 1806, before William Petrikin, Esq., at the late dwelling house of Robert Boggs, Esq., deceased, in the presence of James Harris and John Dunlop, who were present for Wallis' heirs and John Holt, in an ejectment to April term, 1800, in Mifflin county, between Wallis' heirs and John Holt.

Mrs. Boggs states they came the year the office was opened: "I believe it was in 1769." She was asked whether she ever noticed a tree on this place where you now live marked "J. P." She answered, "No, I never saw the tree; but Joseph Poultney told me that he had drawn this place at the lottery, and that he had put his name on a tree, pointing there with his finger to where the tree stood, and where there was then a bopen, but the tree was cut down. He told me at the same time if he could be any use to me in helping me to the place he would do it."

She then goes on to state her knowledge of Christopher Cottenton, who, she says, lived on the same tract "where John Holt now lives" (1806.) but in a house above his (towards Milesburg.) "I was many a time at Cottenton's house; his wife died there, and I was there often during her sickness, when she died and when she was buried. I do not know how much clear land he had, but myself and two or three neighbor women went there one day and asked his wife where he was; she said he was down on the bottom clearing some land. The bottom lies below where John Holt now lives. On the island he had cleared land and raised hemp, the largest stock I ever saw, and had it snugly put up when we were driven away. He was a very industrious man, in good circumstances, and had a parcel of good working boys. He remained until he was driven away by the Indians; he went away before us, but they were all gone away before us except three families. He told my husband often he was to buy the land of Wallis. He had horses, cows, and oxen, farming utensils. He lived on the place three years or more, and, as I heard, died on the road. John Kerr lived near Cottenton's. I cannot recollect when Cottenton and Kerr came, or which was first, but Kerr was gone before Cottenton was driven away. None of Cottenton's heirs ever returned to look after the place. John Kerr had no character for sobriety, industry, or anything. I have seen him walk arm and arm with the Indians, drunk frequently; he was always with the Indians if they had any liquor among them. He had neither horse nor cow nor anything I recollect of but his wife and children; his wife was a smart, active woman. He went off, I guess, of his own accord; there was nobody driven off by the Indians for a great while after that. Kerr went to the Big Island, and lived on Capt. Parr's land there; after he was there a while he enlisted and went off, and I believe he never came back again.

"John Turner came to Cottenton's place after the war. John Turner had lived before the war, and before he was driven away by the Indians, where Joe Boggs lived, on top of the hill on the tract Richard Malone bought of Samuel Wallis."

Cross-examined by John Holt. Do you remember to see my father and Capt. Callender out here? I remember to see Capt. Callender here and several men with him, but do not know whether your father was one or not. I remember to see your father here with yourself; you was then a little boy.

Do you remember that I came out here after the war and shot a turkey? I do; you came out on the 27th of March, the year after Turner came. Was it the same house Cottenton lived

in before the war that I came to when I moved up after the war?

It was the very same house Turner lived in; but you never lived in that house, except a little while before your wife came out; there was no other house then in the place but one.

The following is from a letter of John O. Henning, of Hudson, Wis., dated Feb. 25, 1880:

"I have it by tradition that my great-grandfather, Boggs, settled in the Bald Eagle valley previous to the Revolution. My grandfather, Robert Boggs, was born a short distance below Milesburg, and my mother and myself were born on the same farm. There was an old hollow butonwood tree near the Bald Eagle creek, on the Boggs farm, called the Eagle's Nest, from the fact that the old Indian chief, Bald Eagle, had occupied it for his wigwam. The story of my grandfather shooting an Indian who attempted to decoy him into ambush, by imitating a wild turkey, may still be remembered by some of your oldest citizens."

Rev. John Harris Boggs, of Boone, Boone Co., Iowa (Sept. 15, 1882.) says his grandfather, Andrew Boggs, and the first settlers crossed Muncy, Nittany, and the Seven Mountains to a mill on the Juniata for flour, and carried their wheat to market at Northumberland in canoes, returning home with their year's supply of necessities, encamping on the bank of the river or creek every night.

The Indian Logan lived at Hecla Gap, and my grandfather had gone to Philadelphia to recruit his stock of goods, and my grandmother was alone with the children. Logan's wife took a sack of corn on her pony to the mill on the Juniata, had it ground, and on her return, thinking that Mrs. Boggs might possibly be out of meal, instead of going home came around by the end of the mountain (Lemont,) crossed into Bald Eagle valley and down to Boggs', and, not finding her at home, told her little girl to get something to put some meal in, and thereupon emptied out about one-half the meal for them, threw the sack upon the pony, and recrossed Muncy Mountain to her home. This was the woman who was afterwards so cruelly murdered, in April, 1774, near the mouth of Big Yellow Creek, not far from Wheeling, W. Va., by Greathouse and his party.

Jonas Davis settled near to Andrew Boggs. He was a quiet, orderly man, and his wife a religious woman. But he had a brother who was a ruffian, strong, very quarrelsome, and abusive, so much so that other settlers were under the necessity of carrying arms to protect themselves from his abuse. He would visit his brother on Sunday, and in order to vex Jonas' wife, would compel him to take his axe and fell trees. When Andrew Boggs, who was a powerful man, would get out of patience, he caught Davis and gave him a flogging, which would keep him in order for some time, and when necessary would repeat the operation.—Linn.

Killed at Lock Haven.

The following account of the death of Geo. Viehdeffer at Lock Haven, last Wednesday, 3rd, is from the Democrat:

The residents in the vicinity of Bald Eagle and Vesper street were awakened between 12 and 1 o'clock Wednesday morning by the loud cries of a man. A few gentlemen hurried to the P. and E. tracks and there found the remains of George Viehdeffer, of Snow Shoe, scattered along the rails and Henry Gunsaulus, of Beech Creek, in a badly injured condition at a point farther down the road.

Viehdeffer and Gunsaulus are cousins and were employed by Brooks & Ewens, jobbers for F. A. Blackwell, on Young-woman's creek. The two men arrived in this city last evening on the 6 o'clock train.

Viehdeffer's one leg was ground off at the hip and the other leg was severed below the knee. His neck and nose were both broken and a hole was inflicted in his head.

Gunsaulus' one leg was fractured below the knee, and he was somewhat bruised.

Viehdeffer's relatives were notified, and two brothers arrived and had the remains sent to Snow Shoe. Viehdeffer was about 30 years old. His mother, four sisters and five brothers survive.

Fund for Indigent Soldiers. Among the bills that Governor Stone will not act on soon is one authorizing county commissioners to levy a tax not exceeding one-tenth of one mill per dollar on the assessed value of property in each county for the purpose of creating a fund for relief of honorably discharged indigent soldiers, sailors and marines and for indigent wives, widows and minor children under fifteen years of age of indigent or deceased soldiers, sailors or marines.

"All's fair in love," they say, but some of the loveliest girls are very dark.

PHILIPPINE VETERANS

A Royal Welcome Home to the Returning Soldiers

A MAGNIFICENT RECEPTION

At Bellefonte on Monday Evening—Splendid Display of Fireworks and Monster Street Pageant—Large Gathering.

Monday evening witnessed a demonstration in our city that was a splendid welcome home to the returning veterans of Centre county, from the Philippine campaign. The following is a list of those known to have been in the service and expected home at this time: Sergeant E. R. Taylor, Corporal G. W. Sunday, Corporal Jesse Underwood, James Vallance and Samuel Meese, of D Company, 47th Regiment; Sergeant Clyde Z. Long, Corporal Samuel Switzer, Milton Reed, Milton Robb, Fred T. Tebbis, Joseph Grassmire, and Fred E. Fries, of Co. G, 47th Regiment; Frank T. Scott, of the 40th Regiment, and Eddie Hill, a gunner on the gun boat Montongabela. They were mustered out at San Francisco early last week and when they started east found that they were given different transportation by which the party was divided, and some delayed so that only Taylor, Sunday, Vallance, Long, Underwood, Scott and Hill were on time for the reception.

Monday afternoon G. W. Reese in charge of a body of prominent citizens went to Tyrone as an escort committee and met some of the veterans. When the evening train arrived here from Tyrone High street was a surging mass of humanity. Cannon crackers fairly shook the earth, colored lights illuminated the thoroughfares, rockets and candles sent fiery trails of flame high into the vaulted dome of night. As the boys in their kaki uniforms appeared a great cheer arose while eager friends with extended hands crowded about them temporarily blocking the way and impeding access to the awaiting carriages. In a short time the parade formed in the following order:

Chief Marshal—John I. Curtin. Chief of Staff—Capt. H. S. Taylor. Aides—Col. Amos Mullen, W. F. Reader, Geo. A. Bayard, Dr. R. G. Hayes, Henry Taylor, William Conley, F. H. Clemson, Capt. Geo. M. Bond, Dr. Theodore S. Christ, Capt. W. H. Fry, Samuel B. Miller, J. B. Pheasant, Joseph L. Montgomery, Capt. S. H. Bennisson, John M. Shugert, Robert Morris, Edward Hoy, Dr. J. D. Geisinger, Frank T. Wallace.

FIRST DIVISION. Col. Austin Curtis, Commanding. Coleville Band. Company B, 5th Regt., N. G. P. G. A. R. Posts. Spanish-American War Veterans. Philippine Soldiers in Carriages. Speakers and Reception Committee in Carriages.

SECOND DIVISION. Dr. M. J. Locke, Commanding. Milesburg Castle, K. G. E. American Mechanics. Carriages with Boro and County Officials.

THIRD DIVISION. Thomas Shaughnessy, Commanding. Pleasant Gap Band. Logan Fire Company. Undine Fire Company. Milesburg Fire Company.

FOURTH DIVISION. Col. W. Fred Reynolds, Commanding. State College Band. Mounted Soldiers and Citizens.

The line of march was up High, out Spring, up Bishop and out Allegheny to Linn where they countermarched to Howard, down Spring and countermarched on High assembling on the Diamond. The conclusion was the occasion of a grand pyrotechnic display in which two balloons were sent up that released colored fireworks at a great height.

Next in order, after some of the ambitious bands and noisy drummers were notified to dispense with their efforts, the exercises were called to order at the stand in the Court House yard. Here Col. D. F. Fortney in his customary efficient style acted as master of ceremonies. Rev. W. P. Shriner offered an opening prayer after which appropriate addresses were delivered by Hon. John G. Love, Burgess Ed. Blanchard, Senator William C. Heinle and Capt. H. S. Taylor. Chairman Fortney proposed three cheers for the boys and it came with a will when the formal reception was concluded. Again friends thronged about the stand and for over a half hour the veterans were greeting friends. Later the Daughters of the American Revolution tendered the boys a luncheon at Ceder's parlors.

For this event special return trains were run over the Bellefonte Central R. R. of Pa., and the Pennsylvania Railroad held Bald Eagle an hour. An immense crowd was in attendance.

By Wednesday noon all the Centre county veterans arrived home except Samuel Solt who, it is said, remained at San Francisco.

CENTRE COUNTY STATISTICS.

The following is a copy of the return made July 31st, 1901, by the County Commissioners to the Secretary of Internal Affairs showing the number of taxables, the amount taxed, etc., for state and county purposes for this county:

Taxables	14,867
Cleared land	203,287
Timber land	142,527
Value of all real estate	12,531,555
Value of real estate exempt from taxation	1,680,925
Value of real estate taxable	10,850,630
Number of horses, mares, geldings and mules over the age of 4 years	77,910
Value of same	801,449
Number of neat cattle over the age of 1 year	114,180
Value of same	1,177,839
Aggregate value of all property taxable for county purposes at the rate of 3 mills on the dollar	11,778,839
Aggregate amount of county tax assessed at the rate of 3 mill on the dollar	35,336
Amount of money at interest including mortgages, judgments, bonds, notes, stocks, etc.	2,452,774
Value of stages, omnibuses, cabs, hacks, etc.	4,231
Aggregate value of property taxable for state purposes at 4 mills on the dollar, including money at interest, stages, omnibuses, cabs, hacks, etc.	2,457,007
Aggregate amt of state tax assessed	9,828
Debt of county	NONE

CENTRE CO. TAX RETURN

The following is the substance of a report filed with the Department of Internal Affairs July 8, 1901, for the year ending May 31, 1901, showing the entire amount of taxes collected for various purposes in Centre county:

For support of poor	\$ 41,033.09
For streets, roads and bridges	80,801.15
For school purposes (excluding apportionment)	77,791.82
Amount of all other taxes not included in above	57,442.54
Total of above	\$257,068.60
On personal property	18,093.69
On occupations	11,741.77
On all licenses, including liquor licenses	11,129.21
On real estate of E. E. corporations	49,479.93
On real estates of corporations other than railroads, including limited partnership	10,548.91

The Heated Term.

The hot term which lasted about two weeks, broke on Sunday night, when mercury dropped to 60. This was a record breaker for continued heat, and some 500 deaths from sunstroke and heat prostration resulted, mostly in the large cities. One singular fact about this heated spell is that it was hotter in the northern than in the southern states. In none of the southern cities did mercury register as high a degree as in the northern towns, which is a reversal of the usual thermal action. While the heat was scorching in our county, yet no deaths from sunstroke are reported, and prostrations from heat were comparatively few in most of country districts elsewhere, and farmers went about their work same as in cooler periods notwithstanding the unusual sting of the rays of the sun.

Took Poison.

Celia Woodring, a young woman, aged about 27 years, made an attempt at suicide Sunday night at Altoona by taking carbolic acid and laudanum. The rash act was committed in the house of Frank Delaney, on the second floor of 1417 Union Avenue. She was his house-keeper and had been alone. It is not likely that she will recover. Celia Woodring was better known among her associates as Helen Forney. She came to Altoona from Port Matilda, where her parents reside.

She died in the hospital there an hour after she had been admitted. She never regained consciousness. The unfortunate girl's father is John Woodring, of Port Matilda.

A Sad Accident.

On Sunday 30th, Prof. Shed and family, of State College, went to Stone Creek, in Stone Valley, on a camping expedition. Sometime during the afternoon the Prof's son, Philip, aged 14, was playing with an old fashioned musket when it was accidentally discharged, the load entering his right arm shattering it badly. He was taken to his home at State College where he was attended by Doctor's Robinson and Hayes, who were finally compelled on Monday to amputate the arm between the wrist and elbow.

Improved Train Service to Philadelphia.

On and after July 15th, 1901, Bald Eagle Valley Express due at Bellefonte at 1:20 p. m., will make connection at Lock Haven with Buffalo Day Express No. 15, and also Day Express, No. 8, which is the east bound vestibule flyer from Buffalo to Harrisburg, Baltimore, Washington, and Philadelphia, arriving at Philadelphia at 7:52 p. m. This makes a trip of 6 hours from Bellefonte to Philadelphia.

A Tax Now on Store Orders.

Governor Stone has signed a bill taxing orders, checks, dividers, coupons, pass books or other paper representing wages or earnings of an employe, not paid in cash to the employe or member of his family; to provide for a report to the auditor general of the same, and the penalty for the failure to make reports.

A country seat—the top fence-rail.

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.

Grasshoppers are plenty in some sections of Pennsylvania.

Henry H. Weaver, of Curtin, has been granted a pension of \$6 a month.

John Gunsaulus, of Snow Shoe, has had his pension increased to \$10 a month.

A cow belonging to Miles Morrison, of Philipsburg, fell into a tannery vat Sunday night and was drowned.

Great Island Presbyterian Sunday school, of Lock Haven, will picnic at Hecla park on Thursday July 25th.

The following fourth class postmasters were appointed on third, in this county: Fiedler, Charles H. Wolf; Spring Mills, Charles A. Krape.

The St. John's English Lutheran Sunday school, of Lock Haven, with the congregation and friends, will hold their annual picnic at Hecla park, Wednesday July 17.

Clarence L. Peasley, Esq., of Williamsport, will deliver the principal address at the annual meeting of the Clinton County Veteran's association at Hecla park on August 10th.

A large meeting was held in firemen's hall, Osceola, on Monday afternoon 1st for the purpose of effecting an organization which would proceed to bore for oil and gas in that vicinity. The company capitalized at \$22,000.

At a meeting of the Philipsburg school board, the same corps of teachers was re-elected, with the exception of Misses Buzzell and Kinsell. Misses Margaret Bollinger and Henrietta Hewitt were elected in their stead.

At a recent meeting of the board of directors of Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pa., Prof. Harry W. Morris, of Rebersburg, this county, was elected to a responsible position on the teaching force of said institution. He was born at Wolf's Store just 24 years ago. He was principal of the Rebersburg High school ever since his graduation in 1899.

A big cave in occurred about three and one-half miles west of Woodward, on the farm of Jacob Reed, occupied by William Homan. Several parties tried to explore it but they could not get down more than about twenty-five feet, on account of it being too perpendicular. To all appearances, they say, it is about eighty feet deep and twenty feet in diameter.

Mr. Clements, the Centre Hall well-driller, says that owing to the peculiar geological formation of the limestone strata in Nittany valley well drilling is an extremely difficult undertaking and in all his experiences he has drilled in the valley only one well in which the limestone lay perfectly flat. Also in all the rest there was a slant in the rock which was inclined to lead the drill out of its course, coupled with the fact that there are numerous subterranean caverns into which the drill might suddenly drop and break the machinery which might make great financial loss to the driller.

IN ADJOINING COUNTIES.

The construction of a race track near Lock Haven is being agitated by some of its horsemen.

The Pennsylvania Millers' Association will meet in annual session at Williamsport, September 10.

The Methodist Sunday school, of Lock Haven, have decided to hold their annual picnic on Saturday, July 20, at Hecla park.

Work on the Centre and Clearfield Street Railway company's trolley road will begin at once. An executive committee, empowered to proceed with the building of the road, has been appointed.

Altoona's reception to the returning Philippine soldiers will be held this Thursday evening. Elaborate arrangements are being made for the occasion. About sixty soldiers were enlisted from that place.

By the new judicial bill which the legislature passed, the twenty-fifth district will hereafter comprise two counties—Clinton and Elk. Cameron county is thrown in with Potter, which two counties make the fifty-fifth district.

Two cases of cruelty to animals come from the east end of Nittany Valley. To prevent cows from sucking themselves, two of the animals had their tongues split by the owners. Both cows suffered terribly. The tongue of the one was

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

Too hot to wake, too hot to sleep,
Too hot to laugh, too hot to weep;
Too hot to fast, too hot to eat,
Too hot to part, too hot to meet;
Too hot to go, too hot to stay;
Too hot to work, too hot to play;
But never too hot, whatever you do,
To say, "Is it hot enough for you?"

Hands off—the "armless wonder."

An open attraction—the corkscrew.

Time flies, but the bandmaster can beat it.

The grass widow is not always "in clover."

The deaf mute is generally handy with his talk.

A drawing card—the piece of sticky fly-paper.

A man may be as strong as a bull, and still be cowed.

An attitude is about the only thing the dude dare strike.

The man who reduces salaries is a sort of revenue cutter.

The market reports all point to a squerze in lemons.

Dealers say that the hammock continues to hold its own.

Some families make no bones of the skeletons in their closet.

The dinner given in some hotels make a big din for a little dinner.

Coroners are as difficult to get in the street car as in the market.

"I have about all I can do."

Because a tune sounds natural is no sign it is not in sharps or flats.

Soldiers go to war to bear arms, but a woman bares her arms in society.

It's peculiar that when people get into society they expect to be asked out.

It isn't discouraging to the stovemaker to have a damper put upon his work.

Before marriage a man yearns for woman and afterward he earns for her.

When you have a date with a girl over the 'phone don't forget the engagement ring.

The man who sinks an oil well doesn't object to running his business into the ground.

A man ought to be contented with his lot, especially if he has a lot with which to be contented.

Hecla A. A. vs. Bellefonte A. C.

A very interesting, but one sided, game of base ball was played between the Bellefonte Athletic Club and the Hecla A. A. The latter winning by the score of 15-0. Rine, of Bellefonte, was hit hard throughout the game, twenty seven hits being made off him and gave four bases on balls. Otto got three singles, a two-bagger and a base on balls. Alters had two singles and a two-bagger to his credit, Taylor's playing in centre field was exceptionally well executed. Messrs Smull, Deibler and Walizer in the infield played a very snappy game and the Bellefonte athletics owe their defeat to the support which these infielders gave to "Pitcher" McMullin. McMullin had fifteen strikeouts to his credit at the end of the game. Rine had four strike outs. The Hecla A. A. can feel proud of its team for when a team can administer a shut out to a team which can defeat a college club, they certainly deserve credit. X.

War Tax Changed.

On and after July 1, 1901, revenue stamps will no longer be required upon bank checks, bills of lading for export, bonds, except bonds of indemnity, certificates of damage, certificates not otherwise specified, charter party, chewing gum, commercial brokers tax, express receipts, insurance policies, leases, manifests for custom house entry, money orders, mortgages or conveyances in trust, perfumery and cosmetics, powers of attorney to vote, powers of attorney in sell, promissory notes, proprietary medicines, protests, telegraph messages, telephone messages, warehouse receipts.

Milesburg Schools.

At Milesburg, Tuesday evening, July 9, the following named teachers were elected for the coming school term: Principal and teacher High School—Prof. James Gregg. Intermediate—Miss Nina McCloskey. Primary—Miss Elizabeth J. Stroop. The salaries are \$45 for principal and \$35 for the others. The school term was fixed at seven months, to commence on Monday, September 2nd.

The Smith Farms.

The real estate of Dr. Charles Smith, dec'd, late of Nittany valley, consisting of five farms, as we are informed, has been disposed of mostly or altogether to the heirs. Peter Smith, a son living on the farm at Centre Hill, many years, has taken that farm at about \$35 per acre, the farm at the pike went at about \$50 per acre. There are four heirs and the real estate will be worth something like \$20,000.

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