

EARLY HISTORY OF PENN STATE

Steps Leading to Founding and Description of Early Life at the College

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(Continued from Last Week)

At the second meeting of the board (convened July 18th, 1855) the committee reported in detail, but in view of the importance of the problem and the desire to give full and free opportunity for all claims to be heard, decision was postponed. At the third meeting of the Board, September 12th, 1855, the proposition of General James Irvin of Centre County, was accepted. The offer included a gift of 200 acres of good limestone land, an option for five years on 200 additional acres at \$50.00 per acre, together with a paper signed by E. N. McAllister, James Irvin and Andrew Gregg Curtin pledging the citizens of Centre and Huntingdon Counties to the amount of ten thousand dollars. Plans were also submitted and the contract let for the Main Building, the barns and outbuildings. The legislature of 1856 was appealed to for funds, but no response was made until the following year. The act appropriated \$25,000 toward the building, and an additional \$25,000, provided a like sum was raised by the Board. This was practically accomplished, and the institution had at its disposal to erect buildings, furnish and equip the school the following:

Penna Agricultural Society	\$10,000
Center County Citizens	10,000
Estate of Elliot Cresson	5,000
State of Pennsylvania	50,000
Additional by subscription	25,000
Total	\$100,000

The panic of 1857 caused serious embarrassment to the contractors and to the Board of Trustees. Pledges of money were not wholly redeemed, and some of the Trustees made great personal sacrifices to provide funds to meet the obligation with the Commonwealth. It was evident, too, that the builders would not be able to carry out their contract, creditors were pushing for money, unpaid laborers refused to work, and gloom settled over the entire project. It was finally decided to carry upward about one-third of the building, leaving the other part with only the basement walls up. With a zeal and devotion not surpassed by our earliest educational institutions, the Trustees and building committee overcame all obstacles, and at the time appointed February 16th, 1859, The Farm School opened to receive students.

To complete the building was now the Herculean task to which the friends of the institution turned, but as the war clouds were, the difficulties increased. Successive appeals were made to the legislature to save the institution from the impending abandonment of its hopes. Friends waved the strongest pleas before it, but the few who would not yield eventually won. The legislature of 1861 appropriated a sum sufficient to complete the building.

The Federal Land Grant Act of 1862 and its acceptance by the State of Pennsylvania in 1863 placed an endowment upon the struggling college, and introduced a wider sphere of power and influence. Its relation to the State, however, is what these two and subsequent legislative enactments make it to be—an institution founded by the State (chapter of 1855), in organic connection with a State Institution, the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society. Again by the legislative act of 1863, the State of Pennsylvania pledged at least one institution (The Pennsylvania State College) in which the "leading object shall be, without excluding other scientific and classical studies, and including military tactics, to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts in such manner as the Legislature of the State may prescribe, in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in both several pursuits and professions of life."

Subsequent legislation by both State and Nation has served and is serving the compact as well as carrying out the pledged faith of the Commonwealth.

The land market was glutted, and much of it sold as low as fifty-eight cents per acre. The total amount realized, was \$479,186.50. In 1872, the legislature upon recommendation of the Surveyor General, raised this to \$500,000.00, issued a bond to the college payable fifty years hence and bearing six percent interest.

The fundamental idea of the Agricultural College writes Dr. Pugh in 1902 "is to associate a high degree of intelligence with the practice of agriculture and the industrial arts, and to seek to make use of this intelligence in developing the agricultural and industrial arts, and to seek to make use of this intelligence in developing the agricultural and industrial resources of the country, and protecting its interests." The controlling idea of the Farm School writes Mr. Waiving in 1879 "is to unite the acquisition of knowledge with daily toil, to impart interest to the one and add dignity to the other." This "new light" (as the college was called) about to dawn upon the agricultural community of the state is to be kindled by labor, at first, of the most strenuous kind, clearing these

hard acres of stones, and preparing the soil for the healthy and fertile which mark these later days. That these men builded well, witness the speech of Judge Watts on the occasion of the meeting of the delegates to the Trustees on September 2nd, 1857. No part of the Main Building was then under roof. "An excellent dinner" was served to the Board of Trustees and about two hundred visiting friends by the ladies of the neighborhood. It was served in the barn of The Farm School surrounded by the rolling foliage and fringed by the straining strains of the live-stock "orchestra" Judge Watts in the course of a speech said "Provision will be made for ample scientific mathematical training, and engineering practice, and all the branches of natural science will be fully illustrated and taught. Moral and civil science, and all the arts of practical life, excluding nothing but what is exclusively literary as the acquisition of the dead and foreign languages. Thus, while reducing costs very greatly, it will educate better and fit men for every business relation of life."

Other addresses followed, and as a closing scene "The proceedings were here interrupted by a call of 'Stage for Spauce Creek', and after a lively adjournment and a general discharge of kind wishes and farewell expressions, one of the intelligent, philanthropic, liberal and important conventions by which Pennsylvania was ever represented from Erie and Berks was dissolved."

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6:20 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	1:30 P.M.	8:25 A.M.	6:45 A.M.	8:00 A.M.
7:30 A.M.	7:45 A.M.	5:45 P.M.	1:50 P.M.	9:15 A.M.	12:30 P.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:45 A.M.	*10:30 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	10:00 A.M.	2:00 P.M.
1:00 P.M.	1:15 P.M.		*10:50 P.M.	1:30 P.M.	3:40 P.M.
*2:30 P.M.	*2:45 P.M.			1:10 P.M.	5:10 P.M.
4:00 P.M.	4:15 P.M.			4:45 P.M.	6:30 P.M.
5:15 P.M.	5:30 P.M.			*10:30 P.M.	*11:10 P.M.
6:45 P.M.	7:00 P.M.				
*9:00 P.M.	*9:15 P.M.				
9:30 P.M.	9:45 P.M.				
*10:00 P.M.	*10:15 P.M.				

*Saturdays Only †Wednesdays and Saturdays Only

SUNDAY					
Bellefonte to Mifflsburg	Mifflsburg to Bellefonte	Bellefonte to Pleasant Gap	Pleasant Gap to Bellefonte	Bellefonte to State College	State College to Bellefonte
9:10 A.M.	9:25 A.M.	9:45 A.M.	10:15 A.M.	7:00 A.M.	8:15 A.M.
1:30 P.M.	1:45 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	2:20 P.M.	9:50 A.M.	12:30 P.M.
4:10 P.M.	4:25 P.M.	5:00 P.M.	5:50 P.M.	1:10 P.M.	2:00 P.M.
7:00 P.M.	7:15 P.M.			3:30 P.M.	7:00 P.M.
9:10 P.M.	9:25 P.M.			8:15 P.M.	9:00 P.M.

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