

Harrison County
WEST VIRGINIA
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

Fall 1978

ANNUAL TOUR

The bus carrying members of the Harrison County Historical Society and guests of members on the annual tour of the Society Sunday, September 17, 1978, will travel over roads well known by travelers from Harrison County to the East before the Northwestern Turnpike opened in 1838. Even light carriages between 1800 and 1838 could travel a route that ran through Pruntytown, via Gladesville to Dunkard's Bottom (Kingwood) and on through present Terra Alta to the East.

Tour members will stop at Grimes Tavern and the Americana Museum (Teets) in Terra Alta before traveling to Alpine Lake for dinner after which the bus will return to the Vance House.

The tour will leave Vance House at 12:01 p.m. on September 17. Please use the form at the bottom of page 2 to make reservations before the September 9, 1978, closing date for refunds and reservations.

CORRECTION

Historical sketch No. 12 "Samuel Hall Young, Explorer and Missionary", which was part of Harrison County Historical Society Newsletter Spring 1978, contains two errors. On page 5 of the sketch is the statement: "A memorial service was held at French Creek on Sunday, September 4 [1927], after which his body [Dr. Young] was sent to Syracuse, New York, for interment." The source for the statement was Clarksburg Telegram, September 3, 1927.

A granddaughter of Dr. Young stated in a letter, received by the Society after the newsletter had gone to press, that Dr. Hall Young was interred in Butler, Pennsylvania.

During further research a book was found in the library of a member of Dr. Young's church in Butler with the following title: Through Succeeding Years: A History of the First Presbyterian Church, Butler, Pennsylvania, 1813-1938. Butler, Pa. : Miller-Mickley Printing Co., n.d. In the book are these statements: "In 1852 a new cemetery was laid out on the beautiful hill north of town. It was later to be the resting place of many of the church's honored dead, including Reverend Loyal Young and his famous missionary son, S. Hall Young, and other members of his family. [page 23]. Many members remember him [Dr. Samuel Hall Young] on his frequent visits to the Butler church he loved so well and his instructive talks on Alaska. A vivid scene comes to mind of him showing pictures of polar bears and their young to the children of the Sabbath School, with whom he was a great favorite. It was with a great thrill of joy that we as a church unveiled a bronze tablet to his memory on September 16, 1928. A headstone was set at his grave by the congregation in the spring of 1938." (page 26).

On page 6 of historical sketch No. 12 one line of the poem written by Dr. Young is omitted. Stanza 2 should read:

My soul undimmed, alert, no question blinking;
Let me die thinking!

THE HAYMOND CABIN ON ZACK'S RUN

Floral Hills Memorial Gardens, the cemetery company which owns the land on which the Haymond cabin stood on Zack's Run, two years ago notified agencies interested in preserving historic sites in Harrison County that the cabin would be given to anyone interested in moving it.

In the spring of 1978 John Randolph, director of Fort New Salem, viewed the cabin. He found the logs too deteriorated to be moved. He salvaged a portion of the structural parts of the building and the stones of the chimney and moved them to Fort New Salem. Sometime in the future the fireplace will be reconstructed at the Salem site.

ACCESSIONS TO THE COLLECTION IN VANCE HOUSE MUSEUM

Scale model of a log cabin built in 1806 by John and Margaret Sherman Haselden at Mt. Clare, Harrison County. The cabin is furnished and mounted on a stand. It is the gift of Virginia Haselden from the estate of her brother, Sherman Haselden, of Grafton.

Quilt. The gift of Rebecca Jarvis Gordon (Mrs. Walter L. Gordon, Jr.) of Richmond, Virginia, in memory of her mother, Lily Norris Jarvis (Mrs. Cecil Jarvis). The quilt was used by the family of Lt. John Hull who was stationed at Fort Pitt (Pittsburgh) in the years following the American Revolution. It descended through his daughter, Jane Hull, Mrs. Jarvis' great-grandmother who was born in the Fort 1799, to Mrs. Jarvis and at her death to Mrs. Gordon.

Dr. Robert S. Wilson has given the Society two matching needle point covers for the Honor dining room chairs.

Jack Sandy Anderson has loaned us a Soldiers Memorial which reads:

3rd regiment / Company F / W. Va. Mnt'd Inf. / Mustered into the United States Service / at Clarksburg, Va., / by Colonel D. T. Hewes, U. S. A. / June 25, 1861 / Pub. by J. L. Anderson.

The memorial includes a list of engagements in which the unit was involved.

VANCE HOUSE HOSTESSES

Hostesses at the Amy Roberts Vance House during June, July, August 1978 (open Saturday only) were: Helen Ash, Florence Berisford, Dorothy Davis, Audra Kincaid, Madge McDaniel, Elizabeth Sloan, Sue Stout, Lucille Stryker, Frances Watson, and Nina Watson.

Verna Shingleton and Lucille Stryker answered genealogical questions by mail. Elizabeth Sloan answered historical questions by mail.

SOCIETY BUSINESS

Because the exterior of the Vance House has not yet been painted, the final report on the spending of \$1817 contributed by members for repairs and maintenance of the museum will not be published until the Spring 1979 Newsletter. The painter promises to begin work in August.

The total membership of the Society is 236. Of this number 147 are individual memberships; 62, family; 6, contributing; 3 institutional; 2 student; 2 honorary; 14, life.

Financial Statement:

Checking account:	
General fund:	\$1578.83
Paint & Repair fund:	<u>1417.00</u>
Total:	\$2995.83

Assets:

Tetrick and Robinson bequests have recently been converted into a \$3000, 8-year certificate of deposit at 7¼% interest.

Certificates of deposit owned before July 1, 1978, by Society: \$3930 (est.).

Book Fund checking account: \$349.41

HOSTESSES SEPTEMBER 1978 - MAY 1979

If you are willing to serve as a host or hostess at the Vance House on Saturday 2-4 p.m. from September 1978 through May 1979, please check and mail this form to Harrison County Historical Society, Post Office Box 2074, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26301.

1978	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1979	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
	2__	7__	4__	2__		6__	3__	3__	7__	5__
	9__	14__	11__	9__		13__	10__	10__	14__	12__
	16__	21__	18__	16__		20__	17__	17__	21__	19__
	23__	28__	25__	23__		27__	24__	24__	28__	26__
	30__			30__				31__		

Signature _____ Telephone _____

TOUR

Harrison County Historical Society Tour September 17, 1978

Tour of the Americana Museum (Teets) at Terra Alta, West Virginia, with a stop at Grimes Tavern on the way.

CLOSING DATE FOR RESERVATIONS AND REFUNDS: Saturday, September 9, 1978

Make Checks payable to Harrison County Historical Society

Mail this slip and check to : Harrison County Historical Society
Post Office Box 2074
Clarksburg, W. Va. 26301

Number of reservations for Bus, Tour, and Dinner @ \$15.00 _____

Amount of check enclosed _____

Signature _____