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## Third Annual Meeting.

... Yet another happy assembly ...

**ANTIETAM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION** held its third Annual Meeting on April 23, 2013, at Fountain Head Country Club, Hagerstown. Thirty-six persons assembled to hear Dr. Steven L. Hatleberg, of Hagerstown, narrate "Copper Mining around the South Mountain."

Support from both the Franklin County and Hagerstown-Washington County visitors bureaus made the event possible. Mrs. Nickson W. Oyer, a Marion P. Grove Fellow of AHA, sponsored the Association at Fountain Head Country Club.

Messrs. Scott K. Parker and Terry

L. King assisted Dr. Hatleberg with an exhibit of maps, books, and specimens from mine sites of Hamiltonban township, Adams county, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Terry L. King provided floral arrangements for the tables, and both Mr. Parker and Fountain Head Country Club provided technical assistance.

AHA photographer Sidney E. Miller documented the event with numerous photographs, which can be viewed on the AHA website and Facebook page.

Following the social hour, President Rock welcomed the assembly. Mr. Miller invoked the Divine blessing

upon the meeting, and then a delicious chicken cordon bleu meal was served.

After dinner, Vice-President Dorsett introduced the speaker. Dr. Hatleberg, of whom a capsule biography appears in the ninth number of *THE RIVULET*, educated the audience about the copper mines of Hamiltonban township.

Beginning with an explanation of plate tectonics, Dr. Hatleberg recited millions of years of geological history to illustrate why copper deposits exist on South Mountain. His presentation included photographs of what remains of the prospecting ventures on the mountain as well as maps indicating the juxtaposition of the several mines.

With good food, good fellowship, and a fascinating presentation, the meeting continued the annual theme of fun and scholarship, to which AHA is firmly committed; and we hope that our Fellows and their guests returned to their respective homes wiser and happier for having attended. 🍷



(From left) Messrs. Allen Baumgardner, Duke Martin, and Edward Orndorff during the social hour.



Dr. Steven L. Hatleberg with a specimen of native copper from Adams county, Pa.



Mrs. Nickson W. Oyer at dinner.

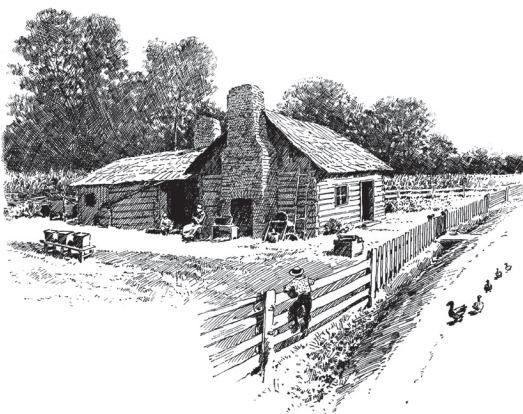
This new AHA crime study group continues to flourish. These intrepid historical sleuths meet the second Tuesday of every month, and have resolved not to suspend their meetings during the summer months as more faint-hearted organizations often do.

At the March meeting of the Potomac Street Irregulars (PSI), twenty-five persons heard Vice-President Dorsett's presentation on Gerard R. Peabody and his four-man bank robbery gang, more fully described in the ninth number of *THE RIVULET*. PSI Franklin Shockey, a Supporting Fellow of AHA, acted as moderator.

The April meeting set several records as nearly seventy persons from four States reserved seats for PSI Frank Bock's presentation on the unsolved 1946 murder of Miss Betty Jane Kennedy. The brutal slaying of the young Hagerstown woman, whose body was found on the mountainside above Rouzerville, has fascinated the local people and cold-case enthusiasts for more than half a century. PSI Bock, who is likewise a Supporting Fellow of AHA, posed the question, Was it the soldier, the farm boy, the cabby, the cabby's wife and an accomplice, or someone else?

Of course, PSI Bock's question was not answered, but it inspired much discussion, including input from Kennedy family members, at least one law enforcement officer, and a law student.

Like the two Shockey shooting deaths in the vicinity of Beartown, featured at the February meeting, the Kennedy murder will most certainly be revisited at a future PSI gathering.



## Potomac Street Irregulars.



In May, PSI Timothy Shockey was lead detective for the presentation on the 1830 massacre of the John Newey household near the top of South Mountain in northwestern Frederick county, Maryland. That crime is historically important because it resulted in the first Maryland murder conviction and execution based solely upon circumstantial evidence.

Approximately forty persons attended the May meeting, including Miss Cheri Hull, of Harrisburg, a relative of the Newey family. She brought with her a considerable amount of research she has performed on her ancestry which, she has found through PSI connexions, includes another possible murder victim on the PSI case list: Peter King, of Washington county.

PSI Shockey, who has provided the sound system for the last two PSI meetings, related the basic facts of the case: On New Year's Eve, someone entered the two-storey log dwelling house of John Newey, murdered Newey, his wife (*nee* Lydia Tressler), their two daughters, Mrs. Newey's father (Jacob Tressler), and a hired boy (John Coombs). The perpetrator then set the Newey house afire. Newey's nephew John Markley had been heard to say on several occasions that he would get revenge on Mr. Newey for testifying against him in a theft case which resulted in Markley's incarceration for several years. Later, when Markley was arrested, he had in his possession several items belonging to John Newey. Based on these facts, the jury found him guilty, and he was executed at Frederick amidst a crowd of four thousand spectators.

Markley protested his innocence. Many years later, a physician using the

*nom de plume* "Medicus" submitted to a Cincinnati newspaper a story which related how another medical man had once told him that Markley was innocent; that an elderly and respectable man residing in Frederick county had confessed to him that he had in fact murdered the Neweys. The old man's motive had been twofold: revenge for Newey's having beaten him in a suit over land and revenge for both Mr. and Mrs. Newey's thwarting his courtship of a young woman who dwelt in their household. The confession also addressed the presence on Markley of the incriminating evidence.

Who, then, murdered the Newey family? Several PSI have vowed to undertake further investigation into the confession and other developments for a future presentation.

The June meeting will be held at the Parlor House restaurant, Waynesboro. It will feature a discussion of this region's version of the Robin Hood legend: David Lewis, commonly referred to as "Lewis the Robber."

David Lewis was a young, handsome, athletic scion of a respected Cumberland county family. With sandy hair and whiskers—and a charismatic personality—he wooed women, helped the poor and needy, and was the scourge of the wealthy traveller in the early Nineteenth century. His activities occurred in several States, but south-central Pennsylvania was his home base, and in his peregrinations he certainly traversed the Antietam country.

In July, PSI J. Michael Logan will serve as lead detective regarding the Shockey counterfeiting operations which centred in the Antietam country during the Revolutionary War. ❖❖❖❖

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# Antietam Ramblers

. . . exploring the Antietam country.



**ANTIETAM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION** also sponsors a field study group called the "Antietam Ramblers." The purpose of this subculture of AHA is to make casual field trips to natural and historic sites in the Antietam country. As part of our observance of the centennial of the destruction by fire of the Blue Mountain House, the inaugural ramble was a hike from Pen-Mar Park to the site of the famous hostelry on Saturday, March 9, 2013.

The charter Ramblers, comprising twenty-four persons aged fourteen to eighty-two, gathered for breakfast at Golden Corral, Wayne Heights. Following explanatory remarks and exhibits, the group motored to Pen-Mar, where the hike began. Messrs. Brett Reichard and Jared Wagaman, both Subscribing Fellows of AHA, led the ramble. Part of the route followed the Appalachian Trail, but the Ramblers then diverged onto the old Blue Moun-

tain avenue and made straight for the ruins of what was once the playground of many prominent Americans.

The previous weekend, Mr. J. R. Cowdrick, whose family formerly owned the hotel site, explored that part of the mountain with Messrs. Reichard and Wagaman and Vice-President Dorsett. Mr. Cowdrick located numerous points of interest and shared many interesting facts with the group but was unable to attend the ramble itself.

Meantime, a light snow fell, but the Ramblers were undaunted. They made the journey through the mountain in an enchanting scene carpeted in white under a canopy of crisp, azure sky. Ramblers Sally Stanley, Darlene Weddle, and Scott Parker made photographs and shared them with AHA for use on the AHA website and Facebook page.

At the Blue Mountain site, the Ramblers broke into small groups, each exploring different parts of the huge com-

plex's ruins. We were most fortunate in having with us Mr. Scott K. Parker, an archaeologist and Marion P. Grove Fellow of AHA. Using his professional skills and the various plans included in the ramble packet, he was able to determine fairly easily the identity of various masonry vestiges of the three-hundred-room hotel and its dependencies.

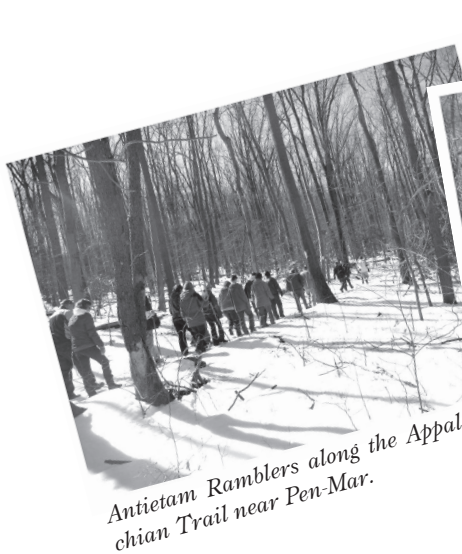
Everyone seemed to enjoy the outing, and most expressed the desire to return on a snowless day.



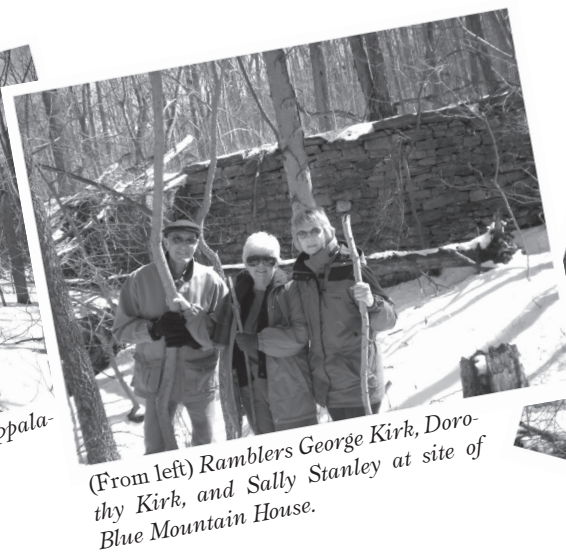
The second Antietam Ramble will visit the sites of old distilleries in the Antietam country on Saturday, June 29, 2013. The event will begin at 9:00 A.M. at the Parlor House, South Potomac Shopping Center, Waynesboro.

Rambler H. Wayne Bartholow will lead the tour. After opening remarks and exhibition, the Ramblers will embark by motor caravan to the sites of such old whiskey manufactories as Linden Spring, Indian Spring, Blue Mountain, Pen-Mar, and various other distilleries in Franklin and Washington counties.

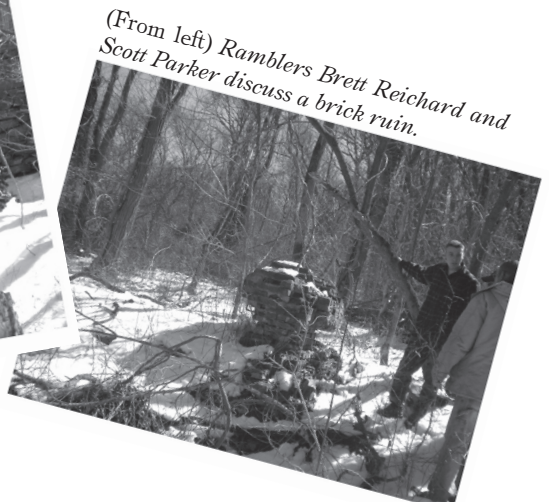
Persons interested in participating in the June ramble should make reservations by contacting AHA no later than June 25, 2013. All participants must order breakfast from the restaurant. 🐾



*Antietam Ramblers along the Appalachian Trail near Pen-Mar.*



*(From left) Ramblers George Kirk, Dorothy Kirk, and Sally Stanley at site of Blue Mountain House.*



*(From left) Ramblers Brett Reichard and Scott Parker discuss a brick ruin.*

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## Restoration Classes.

ANTIETAM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION is co-sponsoring, with Little Antietam Creek, Inc., a series of restoration classes aimed at teaching the people of the Antietam country the restoration arts. Professional restoration specialists will teach the courses, which will include such topics as window sash restoration, porch restoration, archaeology and restoration, historic masonry, maintenance of historic structures, and legal compliance.

A free introductory open house will be held at "History House," 119 West Main Street, Waynesboro, on Saturday, June 1, 2013, from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Messrs. Douglas Claytor, David Gibney, J. Michael Logan, and Scott K. Parker will be present to demonstrate their skills and speak with prospective students. Refreshments will be served.

The courses are intended for tradesmen, homeowners, and vocational students. Persons interested in taking classes may register at the open house on June 1.

The Restoration School is an outgrowth of Mr. Claytor's work already in progress at the Stoner farm southeast of Waynesboro. 🌿



## Errata.

In our last number,—

Page 1, column 3, the name "McClean" should read "*McLean*."

Page 2, column 3, Gerard Peabody had been paroled to a nursing home and thus was *not* still a prisoner.

Page 3, column 2, "Blue Mountain Hotel Company" should instead read "*Blue Ridge Hotel Company of Washington County*."

And the Editor begs his readers' pardon. 🌿

## BOYHOOD SCENES.

BY DUNCAN RIPPEY.

Oh, for those early scenes that spread  
Like azure o'er the realms of day—  
The smiles that cheered, the love that led,  
And brightened all with beauty's ray;  
When youth, with gay or pensive eye,  
Made silent vows with early Time,  
Or turned to heave a mournful sigh,  
Beneath that fair Elysian sky.

Then all was new, and strange and bright,  
And pleasure spread her frolic wings,  
And bent her course, in fearless flight,  
To skim the flow'ry waste of things;  
Then range the song of mirth and joy,  
And gladness tripp'd the  
lightsome dance,  
'Till stealthy death came in to cloy  
And dim the reign of young romance.

But where are those that boyhood led,  
The camps of life's undertain way—  
The friends beloved—the kindred dead,  
Whose smiles illumined each  
changeeful day?  
Their homes have lost the  
forms they knew—  
Their tenants to their graves have gone,  
And strangers now, unmindful view,  
What I should sigh to look upon.

Say, ye that rove, does memory cling,  
Enchain'd to naught ye left behind?  
Is there no name whose sound can bring  
A spell to fix the wandering mind?  
Has Earth a land to thee like home,  
When weal or woe thy steps beguile,  
Nor wish'd thy heart to cease to roam,  
And share its pleasures ere it died?

Though feeling deems it hallow'd ground  
Where bled the free, or died the brave,  
So charm'd a place, she never found  
As Boyhood's landscape, sky and wave.  
In search of fame the mind may stray,  
And Earth's immortal relics scan;  
But glory's love shall fade away,  
While home survives its wreck in man.

Oh, for my Boyhood's early scenes!  
Whose verdant walks are far from me—  
Long may thy haunts their hues retain,  
And happy homes be found in thee!  
There, while the light of Freedom glows,  
Embosomed in thy borders green  
May Time a noble race disclose,  
And Nature's fairest charms disclose!  
BALTIMORE, Sept. 1855.

*Waynesboro' Village Record,*  
June 10, 1880.

## New Fellows.

SINCE our last number issued, the following have become Fellows of AHA:

### J. H. STONER FELLOWS

Anonymous  
Dan and MaryAnne Haffner  
Don and Angela Stoops

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