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❁❁❁ Aqua 103 restaurant to benefit AHA on Monday, August 1. ❁❁❁

On Monday, August 1, 2011, from 11:30 a. m. until 9:00 p. m., Antietam Historical Association (AHA) will benefit from the luncheon and dinner receipts at Aqua 103, one of the newest upscale restaurants in the Antietam country.

Serving "Progressive American Cuisine," Aqua 103 is located in Suite 103 of The Lyles Center, 12916 Conamar Drive, Hagerstown, Maryland (just south of the intersection of Leitersburg and Marsh pikes, near the new northern post office).

The management of the restaurant have agreed to give AHA fifteen per cent. of their revenue on the specified date. The gift is part of a series of fund-raising events the restaurant conducts to benefit local charities.

Guests of Aqua 103 enjoy a variety of food and spirits in a casual yet chic atmosphere.

The luncheon menu at Aqua 103 includes sandwiches, wraps, soups, and salads; also, such entrees as Chicken Stir Fry, Pan Seared

Mariner's Catch, and Single Crab Cake.

For dinner, the patron of Aqua 103 may choose from a variety of appetizers and entrees. Dinner entrees feature seafood, chicken, pasta, rack of lamb, duck breast, surf and turf, and steak.

And of course no special dining experience would be complete without a lovely dessert. Aqua 103 has those too.

More details are available on the restaurant website, www.aqua103.net.

As Calvin Coolidge once noted, "Have to eat somewhere!" So why not enjoy a good meal with your friends in an inviting atmosphere—and benefit a good cause in the process?

The officers of AHA are grateful to the management of Aqua 103 for this opportunity for fledgling entities to help each other.

THE RIVULET urges all AHA supporters to ask their friends to join them in dining at Aqua 103 on Monday, August 1, and help the Association prove itself a worthy fund-raising partner. ❁❁❁

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(This event comes in the wake of the successful Spring Garden Fest, of which more details appear in other pages of this issue.)



THE RIVULET's colourless format does no justice to either the striking decor or the cuisine of Aqua 103, the new Hagerstown restaurant which will benefit AHA on Monday, August 1, 2011.

. . .On The Horizon. . .

Wine and Cheese Soiree.

Bring Your Own Bible Party.

*John D. Frederic
Photography Event.*

Second Annual Meeting.



First Annual Meeting

... a happy assembly ...

ANTIETAM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION held its first Annual Meeting on March 24, 2011, at The Lodge at Blue Ridge Summit. Forty-two persons from six States assembled to hear Dr. Denise A. Seachrist read from her new book, *Snow Hill: In the Shadows of the Ephrata Cloister*.

Arrangements were in charge of Vice-President Dorsett. M&M Electronics, Inc., of McConnellsburg, donated the technical services. Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Gunder and Thaw Group, LLC, contributed cash towards defraying expenses. Dr. Howard A. Parker graciously denuded his Virginia garden of its daffodils and narcissus for the table arrangements. And Mr. Sidney E. Miller, the accommodating photographer from Mont Alto, documented the event with numerous photographs. These pictures can be viewed on the AHA website and our Facebook page.

President Rock conducted the meeting with elan. After a pleasant social hour during which Dr. Seachrist inscribed copies of her book, Mr. F. M. Rock offered an invocation, and dinner was served.

Among those in attendance were the two surviving offspring of the late Mrs. Walter Y. Grove, in whose memory the highest level of AHA support is named. Six members of the family of the late J. H. Stoner, for whom the second highest level of support is named, came from afar to add their good cheer to the occasion.

Dr. Howard A. Parker, president of Little Antietam Creek, Inc. (which co-sponsored the programme), made brief remarks and led the group in wishing former State Representative Patrick E. Fleagle a happy sixtieth birthday.

President Rock gave an overview of the year's progress. Among other things, she noted that AHA had assisted researchers, participated in Waynesboro Market Day, and inaugurated The Hereditary Societies of Waynesboro. She then announced the establishment of the B. M. Nead Fellowship, of which more shall be told anon.

❁ ❁ Dr. Seachrist gives featured address.

Vice-President Dorsett then introduced the featured speaker. Dr. Seachrist, whose resume is fully set forth in the first number of *THE RIVULET*, gave delightful readings from her book, full of historical information as well as warm and humorous anecdotes from her own experiences at Snow Hill and in the local community. So interesting were the passages she read, that the brisk sales of her book resumed after the meeting.

Among the salient points of her work were the old Snow Hill music, which formed the basis of her doctoral dissertation; her innocent entry into a congregation torn asunder by a suit in equity; her adventures with a peculiar member of the Snow Hill Society

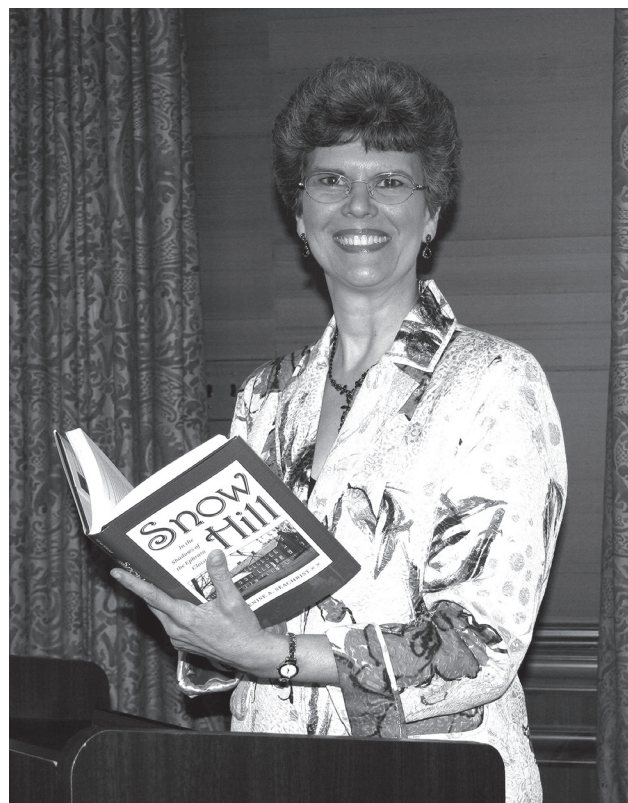
Right: Dr. Denise Seachrist prepares to read from her new book on Snow Hill. Photograph by Mr. Sidney E. Miller.

sometimes known in the community as "Crazy George"; her eventual embrace of all the assorted church members; and the auction of the personal property from Snow Hill, which she herself videotaped for posterity while her heart bled for the Snow Hill she had grown to know and love.

Following a rousing ovation, Dr. Seachrist promised the party that she would arrange a special performance of Snow Hill music for AHA. The assembly then dispersed to their respective homes, seemingly contented with their evening of enlightenment and fun.

❁ ❁ Nead Fellowship recognizes literary efforts.

The B. M. Nead Fellowship is an honorary fellowship recognizing "significant literary contributions to Antietam History." The lifetime award is named for Benjamin Matthias Nead (1847-1923), and entitles the recipient to style himself the "B. M. Nead Fellow of Antietam Historical Association."



B. M. Nead was born in Antrim township, Franklin county, Pennsylvania, within six miles of Waynesboro. He spent most of his youth, however, at Chambersburg. He obtained his early education in that town, and graduated from Yale University with the Class of 1870.

In 1872 Nead began the practice of law at Chambersburg. Several years later he moved to Harrisburg where he spent six years as State-tax deputy for the Auditor General. He was also legislative correspondent for various Pennsylvania newspapers during the same period. From 1881 until his retirement around 1921, he practised law in the capital city.

In 1887 Nead served as editor-in-chief of the Harrisburg *Daily Patriot*. In 1888 and 1889 he owned and edited the Harrisburg *Morning Call* in partnership with his brother Dr. Daniel W. Nead, a physician and noted genealogist.

B. M. Nead was also one of the foremost Pennsylvania historians of his time. He authored numerous books, pamphlets, and speeches. Today, *Waynesboro: Centennial History, 1797-1900*, is probably his best-known work. During his lifetime, however, *Some Hidden Sources of Fiction* (1909) brought Nead critical acclaim in both England and the United States. It is a comparison of certain fictional characters with their authentic Pennsylvania originals, and was notable mostly for its sharp criticism of Sir Gilbert Parker's novel *The Seats of the Mighty*.

In 1917 Franklin and Marshall College bestowed upon B. M. Nead the honorary Doctor of Letters degree in recognition of his literary accomplishments. He died at Chambersburg, and lies buried in Harrisburg Cemetery.

✿ ✿ T. A. Dorsett first Nead Fellow.

Vice-President T A. Dorsett is the first recipient of the Nead Fellowship. He abstained from the resolution granting him the fellowship.

Vice-President Dorsett is a native of Waynesboro. He holds degrees from both Mount Saint Mary's and Wake Forest universities. He practised law at Waynesboro for twelve years but is now managing member of Thaw Group, consultants. He has written and edited numerous historical, genealogical, and biographical works. A number of years ago he wrote an unpublished bicentennial companion to Nead's history of Waynesboro. In 1984 he wrote the chapter on Washington Township and Waynesboro for the official bicentennial history of Franklin county.

In 1983 Vice-President Dorsett founded the genealogical quarterly *Antietam Ancestors* and edited its first seven volumes. He has also edited two volumes of the *Papers Read Before the Kittochtinny Historical Society*. In 1999 he edited and, with his late mother, co-published *Alma Mater*, the history of the former Waynesboro Senior High School and East Junior High School. Currently he is preparing a compilation of reminiscences titled *Waynesboro As We Knew It*.

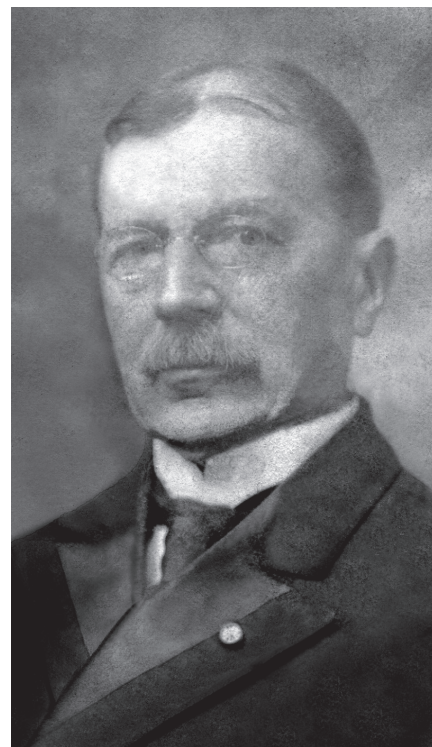
On selecting Vice-President Dorsett as the first Nead Fellow, President Rock emphasized "the sheer volume, breadth, and quality" of his contribution to Antietam History over the past forty years. She also noted the close parallel between his and Nead's careers.

Both Nead and Dorsett had ancestors who lived in the Antietam country of Washington county, Maryland. Both men practised law in Franklin county, Pennsylvania. Both were active in politics but never held elective office. Each probably edited as much material as he wrote. Nead and Dorsett both wrote some of their work anonymously. Both were officers in several historical organizations. Nead frequently gave "magic lantern" talks; Dorsett narrated slide presentations. Like Nead's *Some Hidden Sources of Fiction*, Dorsett's genealogical work on the Broadbent family of West Yorkshire has received notice in both England and America.

Ultimately, both men's historical research and literary pursuits eclipsed

their professional careers, and "nervous breakdowns" ended both of their law practices.

In accepting the Nead Fellowship, Dorsett said he felt greatly honored.



BENJAMIN MATTHIAS NEAD.

He noted that nearly all the people who had encouraged his historical efforts are now deceased, but expressed the hope that current and future generations would carry their torch. He acknowledged Nead as one of his primary inspirations, and indicated that even their own similar paths hold an historical lesson for those who fail to choose between demanding careers. 🌿🌿🌿

New Fellows.

Since THE RIVULET last issued, there has been but one change to the roll of Fellows:

SUPPORTING FELLOWS.

Ms. Fay B. Stouffer.*

*Formerly a Subscribing Fellow.

Spring Garden Fest 2011 —

... a pleasant success ...

ANTIETAM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION undertook its first solo fund-raising event on Saturday, May 21, 2011, when more than fifty persons attended Spring Garden Fest 2011 at the Waynesboro residence of Mrs. Darlene Shockey Weddle. Considering the large number of garden and charitable events held in the Cumberland Valley and contiguous regions that same day, the AHA supporters promoting the party were pleased with the turnout.

For weeks, Mrs. Weddle toiled indefatigably in her garden in preparation for the fest. Among those assisting her from time to time were Mr. and Mrs. Terry King, Mrs. William Kolb, and T. A. Dorsett.

At the same time, there seemed to be in sight no end to the rainy weather which saturated the Antietam country during May, and through which Mrs. Weddle worked regardless of the weather. But as if Nature were smiling on this intrepid gardener and AHA, the sun burst forth on May 21 to provide a nearly perfect atmosphere for the planned occasion. On the date set for the fest, large bouquets of helium balloons, donated by Eichholz Flowers, informed those searching for the Weddle residence that they had found their destination. President Rock and Mrs. Lewis S. Stouffer greeted visitors at the admission table.

Under a clear blue sky, guests at Spring Garden Fest not only enjoyed guided tours through Mrs. Weddle's amazing gardens; they were also treated to beverages and desserts made with ingredients from the garden. Mrs. Malcolm Angle presided over the gazebo, where these refreshments were served.

In addition to Mrs. Weddle's creations, an assortment of tea sandwiches and cookies came from these friends of AHA: Miss Grace M. Baylor, Mrs. Brenda Kneasel, Mrs. F. M. Rock, Mrs. Lewis S. Stouffer, and Mrs. Ronald Wolff. Miss Baylor and Mrs. Kneasel arranged these refreshments on trays, which Mrs. Wendy Weddle Haugh and John E. N. Blair, Esq., passed among the visitors.

Throughout the afternoon, Mr. Adam



Rook, classical guitarist, performed under the branches of a large flowering crabapple tree. The law firm of Kulla, Barkdoll, Ullman & Painter sponsored the music.

With countless varieties of flora in bloom, most visitors expressed amazement at the beauty and extent of Mrs. Weddle's garden. The consensus among visitors was that the Spring Garden Fest should be made an annual event.

The Board of Directors of AHA extend to Mrs. Weddle and those who assisted her in this endeavour their most heartfelt thanks for a job well done.

We also thank our friends at Green Arbor Flower & Shrubbery Center and TG Designs for selling tickets. 🌸🌸

Captain Thomas Wallace Society unveiled.

Now descendants of the men who appeared on Captain Thomas Wallace's militia rolls for the years 1789 and 1790 may apply for membership in the "Captain Thomas Wallace Society" of The Hereditary Societies of Waynesboro.

Membership in this new society is open to anyone who can prove his descent from any of the men whose names appear on the two muster rolls, regardless of whether the names are stricken from the list.

During the late Eighteenth century, all males between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years were required to serve in the militia. It appears that names were stricken from Captain Wallace's lists when the subject of the deletion died, exceeded the maximum age for service, or moved away.

Captain Wallace's district was in the southeastern corner of what was then Washington township, which comprised the present Franklin county townships of Washington and Quincy as well as the boroughs of Waynesboro and Mont Alto.

AHA is indebted to Mr. Scott K. Parker, Director of Research for Little Antietam Creek, Inc., and a direct descendant of Captain Wallace, for providing AHA with true copies of the original militia rolls. These have been transcribed, and a copy of each is included as a supplement to this number of THE RIVULET. 🌸🌸🌸

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