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Second Annual Meeting.

... Another happy assembly ...

ANTIETAM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION held its second Annual Meeting on April 19, 2012, at The Lodge at Blue Ridge Summit. Forty-three persons from three States assembled to hear Mr. William S. Stanley, of Mount Joy, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, narrate an illustrated presentation titled "Walter Reed, Yellow Fever, and Blue Ridge Summit."

A grant from the Franklin County Visitors Bureau made the event possible.

During the social hour preceding dinner, Miss Sally Stanley, Mr. Don McIntire, and Mr. Stanley exhibited memorabilia related to Dr. Walter Reed, U. S. A., and his family. Among the items displayed were numerous books, a woven bowl which Dr. Reed acquired during his tour of duty in the West, a silver waste bowl from the Reeds' tea service, Dr. Reed's dress sword, a blown-glass stocking darning, a vessel from an old

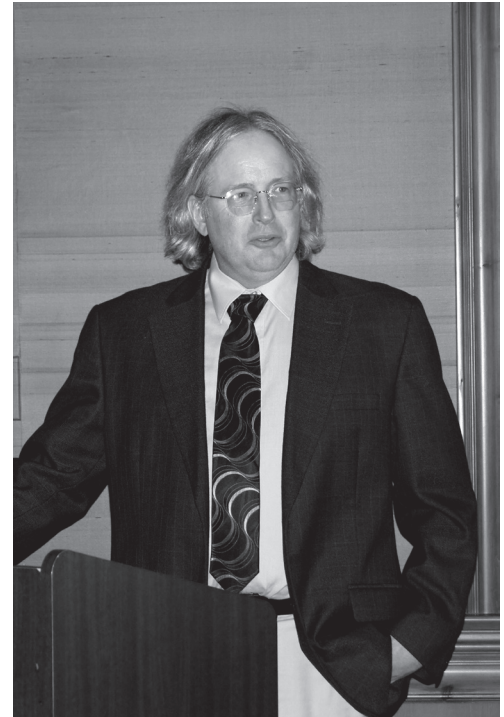
still, and an array of photographs.

The exhibit excited a great deal of reminiscing among those in attendance, particularly persons who had known the Reed and Stanley families.

The AHA photographer, Mr. Sidney E. Miller, was present, and documented the event with numerous photographs. These pictures can be viewed on the AHA website and our Facebook page.

Among those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. David Kelley Smith, AHA fellows from Fox Chapel (Pittsburgh), Pennsylvania, who combined their attendance with a pleasant day touring the Gettysburg National Military Park.

The weather was indeed beautiful, making it all the more understandable why such Washingtonians as the Reeds had chosen the lush woods of Blue Ridge Summit and its environs as the



MR. WILLIAM S. STANLEY.

site for their summer residences.

Following the social hour, President Rock welcomed the assembly. Mr. Sidney E. Miller invoked the Divine blessing upon the meeting, and dinner was served.

Following a meal catered by the Carriage House Inn, of Emmitsburg, Maryland, President Rock announced the establishment of the Herbert C. Bell Fellowship. She bestowed upon Mr. John C. Frye, of Hagerstown, Maryland, the first award of this honorary designation, of which more shall be told anon.

President Rock then presented Mrs. Darlene S. Weddle with a certificate evidencing her induction into the Captain Thomas Wallace Society of The

Blue Mountain Station (left) on the Western Maryland Railroad, at which many a distinguished American alighted from the cars to spend a vacation amid the scenic grandeur of the Blue Ridge Mountains between 1883 and 1913.



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Hereditary Societies of Waynesboro. Mrs. Weddle's lineage is set forth in Number 6 of *THE RIVULET*. She is a Subscribing Fellow of AHA and the second person to be accepted into the Captain Thomas Wallace Society.

Walter Reed, Yellow Fever, and Blue Ridge Summit.

Vice-President Dorsett then introduced the speaker. Mr. Stanley, of whom a capsule biography appears in the sixth number of *THE RIVULET*, educated the audience about Dr. Walter Reed, his role in conquering yellow fever, and his summer residence near Blue Ridge Summit, where Mr. Stanley was reared.

Mr. Stanley's presentation included many photographs from the heyday of the summer resorts on South Mountain where it straddles Mason and Dixon's line. He encouraged the audience to participate, and infused a great deal of humour into his speech.

The speaker's sister, Miss Sally T.



Among the AHA fellows attending the second Annual Meeting were (from left) Miss Shirley A. Zeigler, Mrs. Eunice G. Statler, and Mrs. Angela Grove Weagly, pictured here during the social hour. (AHA Photographs by Mr. Sidney E. Miller.)

Stanley, of Blue Ridge Summit, assisted with the technical aspect of the presentation. She is a Subscribing Fellow of AHA. Both Mr. Stephen L. Monn, of Waynesboro, and The Lodge provided equipment for the programme.

Judging from the audience's discussion of the featured topic, the laugh-

ter during Mr. Stanley's presentation (exploding, of course, at the appropriate cues), and the ovation with which the evening concluded, it would seem as if the assembly were contented with their evening of enlightenment and fun as they departed The Lodge for their respective homes.



Among the Blue Ridge Summit residents in attendance at the second Annual Meeting were (from left) Mr. Don McIntire, Miss Sally T. Stanley, and Mrs. L. P. Pascoe. Miss Stanley and Mr. McIntire contributed items to the Reed exhibit.

Bell Fellowship recognizes accuracy in Antietam History.

AHA has established an honorary lifetime fellowship recognizing accuracy in Antietam History. The Herbert C. Bell Fellowship is named for Herbert Charles Bell (1868-1935), a professional historian, editor, farmer, and Lutheran clergyman.

Herbert C. Bell was born in the Antietam country, on a farm in Leitersburg district, Washington county, Maryland. He graduated from Bloomsburg University in 1885 and later attended Wittenberg College, the University of Cincinnati, White Bible Training School, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, and the University of South Carolina. He received his M. A. degree from the last-named institution.

Bell began writing and editing historical works as early as his nineteenth year, when he was engaged to assist in the preparation of histories of Bucks and Columbia counties in Pennsylvania (1887). He followed with *History of Venango County, Pennsylvania* (1890) and *History of Northumberland County, Pennsylvania* (1891).

After completing these works, Bell returned to the farm and in 1895 established a registered herd of Jersey cattle. He also was an agent for sale of the Delaval Cream Separator.

In 1898 he wrote and published what has become his best known work, *History of Leitersburg District, Washington County, Maryland*. This masterful work was completed at a time when many local histories were composed largely of inflated biographical sketches and historical information of questionable authenticity. But Bell's *Leitersburg District* has withstood a great deal of scrutiny. It obviously is based on painstaking original research, and its biographical sketches give no hint of subjectivity. Bell therefore stands at the forefront of Antietam historians for accuracy and objectivity; hence his recognition with this AHA fellowship.

After publishing *Leitersburg District*, Herbert C. Bell settled in Clark county, Ohio, where he farmed for a number of years. There he appears to have decided on the ministry, and around 1901 he married a lady who was active in Christian endeavours. During this period he contributed to the *Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois*. After turning his attention to theology, he wrote "The Philosophy of St. Augustine" (1914).

Bell's first charge as a Lutheran clergyman was at Granitesville, South Carolina, where he served from 1914 until 1918. During this period he also served the congregation of St. Paul's, at Aiken, South Carolina. He became interested in the plight of the children of that district, who worked in cotton mills. Consequently, he wrote one of the first laws on compulsory education.

While ministering at Granitesville, Bell wrote *A History of Lutheranism*

in *Granitesville, South Carolina* (1917). During that same year, he wrote "The West India Trade Before the American Revolution," which appeared in the January 1917 issue of *The American Historical Review*.

Bell resided briefly in the State of Texas but then accepted the pastorate of Grace Lutheran Church, Lakeland, Florida, before declining health caused him to retire to St. Petersburg, Florida, where he died. About this time he wrote "The Valid Administration of the Lord's Supper" (1920).

During his retirement, Herbert C. Bell wrote a "Guide to British West Indian Archive Materials, in London and in the Islands, for the history of the United States" (1926).

Mr. JOHN C. FRYE, the first Herbert

Free Library.

Additionally, Mr. Frye is a charter member of the American Canal Society, a member and past director of the C&O Canal Association and the Pennsylvania Canal Society, and is a member of the Virginia Canal Society. Numerous other historical organizations benefit from his support.

AHA selected Mr. Frye to receive the Herbert C. Bell Fellowship because of his dedication to accuracy in local history. As director of the well established Western Maryland Room, he has the opportunity to guide numerous researchers along the correct path to accuracy. He also lectures to other organizations about accuracy in local history, sometimes stating what his audience loathe to hear: some local tradi-



President Rock presents Mr. John C. Frye with his certification as the first Herbert C. Bell Fellow of Antietam Historical Association.

C. Bell Fellow of Antietam Historical Association, is a lifelong resident of Washington county, Maryland. He served with the United States Army during the Korean War, and was later director of the map department of the Western Maryland counties. He has served as a National Park Service ranger on the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal, and is the long-time and highly respected director of the Western Maryland Room of the Washington County

tions just are not true!

One of Mr. Frye's proteges summed up things very succinctly when his conversation with our subject was interrupted so that we might ask Mr. Frye to accept the Bell Fellowship. When he received our apologies for interrupting his session with Mr. Frye, he said simply, "There's only one John."

Mr. Frye is married and has four children, at least one of whom is also well known in historical circles. *bb*

Spring Garden Fest.

AHA held its second Spring Garden Fest on May 19, 2012. This year's event was held at "Antietam Farm," the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Allen M. Baumgardner, located on Lyons road, a few miles south of Waynesboro.

Mrs. Sally Lay, harpist, played in the gazebo while Keystone Classic Carriage Company provided visitors with rides in a horse-drawn carriage. Mesdames Darlene S. Weddle and Terry L. King were on hand to guide visitors and explain the flora on the property. Our hosts mingled with visitors while friends of AHA served refreshments.

Mrs. Weddle, Mr. and Mrs. Baumgardner, Mr. and Mrs. Terry L. King, and T. A. Dorsett readied the gardens.

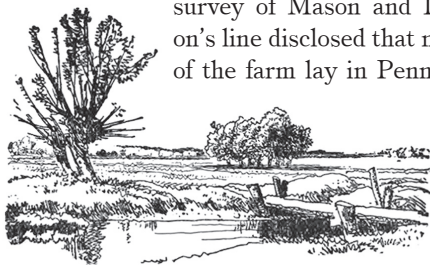
These businesses supported Spring Garden Fest: Antietam Dairy, Eichholz Flowers, TG Designs, Green Arbor Flower & Shrubbery Center, Lovell's Nursery, Philips' Seeds & Garden Center, Snively's Garden Corner, and Russell Long, Tree Specialist.

The harp music was courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Baumgardner, Mr. Robert L. Monn, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen L. Monn, Miss Shirley A. Zeigler,—and Kulla, Barkdoll, Ullman & Painter, P. C., Attorneys at Law.

Hostesses were Miss Grace M. Baylor, chairman; Mesdames Malcolm Angle, Wendy Haugh, George Kirk, Susie Mason, Darryl McClain, Stephen L. Monn, Kathleen Renninger, Lewis S. Stouffer, and Misses Sally T. Stanley and Shirley A. Zeigler.

"Antietam Farm."

In 1753, the proprietor of the province of Maryland, Lord Baltimore, granted the land now called "Antietam Farm" to Jacob Gans. Around ten years later, the survey of Mason and Dixon's line disclosed that most of the farm lay in Pennsyl-




vania. In 1784 Gans deeded the land to John Miller, and it later came into possession of one John Funk.

The farm descended through five generations of the Funk family, including John Funk (son of the above John), Jacob Funk, Abraham Barr, Dr. I. N. Snively, and the Snively heirs. The present farmstead was the nucleus of the mansion farm of the Funks and Abraham Barr; but the Snivelys used it as only a summer residence.



In 1917 Chester A. Lyon and his father-in-law, W. S. Bostwick, of East Orange, New Jersey, established the Bostwick-Lyon Bronze Company at Waynesboro. Around 1926 the company merged with the Chicago Bearing Metal Company. One year later, the latter corporation merged with the Magnus Company, Chicago. These transactions allowed C. A. Lyon to realize his dream of being a stock raiser. He purchased "Antietam Farm," settled there, and established a world-renowned herd of Golden Guernsey cattle. Thus was founded Waynesboro's celebrated Antietam Dairy.

C. A. Lyon and his wife, *nee* Florence I. Bostwick, continued purchasing land until their holdings south of Waynesboro totalled nearly six hundred acres. Throughout their tenure on "Antietam Farm," they had the faithful assistance of Caesar Chatman Johnson (1893–1990), a native of Berryville, Virginia. For some years, Johnson resided in the tiny house still standing between the dwelling house and bank barn.

Following C. A. Lyon's death in 1952, Mrs. Lyon continued farming. She established a reputation as a breeder of thoroughbred horses, even owning progeny of "Seabiscuit." Upon her death in 1973, Mrs. Lyon endowed the Antietam Humane Society, which now operates on part of her former estate. In 1977 the mansion farm became the property of Mr. and Mrs. Baumgardner, our genial hosts for SPRING GARDEN FEST 2012. 

IN YEARS GONE BY.

By T. S. K.

Where Antietam's waters silently glide
'Neath the shade of the willows that grow by its side,
An azure-eyed maiden in years long ago
Was the light of a cottage as white as the snow;
As gay as the wood-lark that merrily sings,
Like the butterfly soaring on bright-colored wings;
The moss-covered hills and the woodland along
With the flower-decked valleys, grow glad with her song.

Oh! shall my lone spirit be greeted once more
With a semblance as bright as the visions of yore?
Ah, yes I remember the fountain and brook,
The wild blooming flowers and the cool, shady nook,
Where the wide spreading oak and the sycamore
grew,
And the willow its shade on the Antietam threw,
As I strayed with the maiden in years long ago,
Or communed in the cottage as white as the snow.

But the fragment of songs only memory now sings,
Her harp is unstrung and her lute without strings;
And the river of time in its turbulent flow,
Is calmed by the tones of years long ago.
On the Antietam's banks still the willow tree grows,
On the hillside above blooms the moss-covered rose,
But my own lost *bride* once blithesome and free
Is sleeping in death 'neath the church-yard tree.

—*Village Record*, July 18, 1861.

IN MEMORIAM

JEAN STONER HOCKETT

New Fellows.

We are pleased to list the persons who have become Fellows of AHA since the last additions were published:

SUPPORTING FELLOWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen M. Baumgardner
Mr. and Mrs. Terry L. King
Edward F. & Anne B. Orndorff
Mr. and Mrs. William H. Smith

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Mrs. Edward (Connie) McGinley
Mr. Sidney E. Miller

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