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ANTIETAM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

is pleased to announce publication of Waynesboro As We Knew It, by Todd Andrew Dorsett. In two hundred fiftysix pages, this quarto volume tells the history of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, through personal reminiscences, diary and journal entries, newspaper retrospectives, letters, anecdotes, and a profusion of photographs, drawings, documents, and maps—some in full colour.

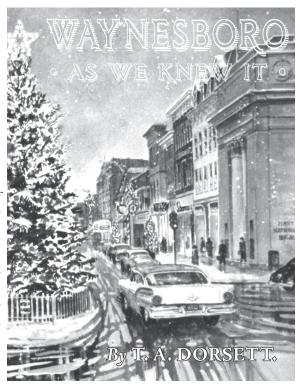
The book's introduction contains general information concerning Waynesboro's beginnings and some reminiscences of its very early years. The story begins in earnest, however, in 1852, when the author's family moved into town from a nearby farm, and chronicles five generations of local progress.

Waynesboro As We Knew It retails for \$49.95 plus tax. AHA fellowship discounts apply. Please visit our website or telephone (717) 762-2006 to purchase copies.



The dust jacket of Waynesboro As We Knew It (right) is a detail from the late Landis Brent Whitsel's watercolour of downtown Waynesboro as it appeared in Winter 1958.

Whitsel's work is lauded for its historical accuracy and attention to detail.



What people are saying about "Waynesboro As We Knew It."

"Enjoying looking at my beautiful copy of "Waynesboro As We Knew It"! My husband is amazed at the photos, glossy pages, and well assembled collection of memories!"

—Mrs. John Doub, Waynesboro, Pa.

"Thank you for the beautiful books. My daughter Lisa was thrilled when I gave her one as an early Christmas gift. You did a wonderful job."

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"I had to pry it from my mother's hands at her bedtime."

—John E. N. Blair, Esq., Waynesboro, Pa.

Happy Holidays

from Antietam Historical Association.

An old-time Christmas



*** at Blue Ridge Summit.

On May 20, 1874, the Catoctin Clarion contained the following interesting retrospective about the high old times once had during the Christmas season at what is now Blue Ridge Summit. The "Mountain House" mentioned in the article stood along the south side of the present Charmian road, near the corner of the Monterey Country Club golf course, and was for many years the property of Lewis Ripple, ancestor of AHA Secretary Paula E. Fischer.

After fire destroyed Ripple's tavern, a subsequent owner, Samuel Buhrman, erected a larger, brick hotel at the present intersection of Charmian road and Monterey lane, where for many years the late Joseph B. Bradley resided. This place was christened "Monterey Springs" and became a fashionable resort. During the aftermath of the Battle of Gettysburg, the hotel at Monterey was in the midst of the struggle now known as the "Battle of Monterey Pass." In the latter half of the Nineteenth century, the Monterey estate came into the possession of Baltimore capitalists, including Thomas and Adrian Hughes, ancestors of AHA Treasurer Sally T. Stanley. They greatly enlarged and improved the hotel. Fire claimed this building in 1942, and it was



never rebuilt.

It was in a cottage on the grounds of the Monterey Springs hotel that Miss Bessie Wallis Warfield, afterwards the Duchess of Windsor, first saw the light of day, around 1896.

Here is what the *Clarion* had to say:

"Some fifty years ago and more when Lewis Ripple kept the Mountain House, where the Monterey Springs are now located, about Christmas time it used to be a jolly place in mid-winter. It used to be a great place for the wagoners from Franklin county, the Sheelys, Nicodemus, the Stoners, Snivelys, Tronts, Funks, etc., etc. Here the lads and lasses from Frederick and Washington counties, Md., and Franklin and Adams counties, Pa., used to assemble in large numbers, and dance the old regular country dances and jigs, and

enjoy life in fine style—with the flowing bowl of apple jack and eggnog, and mince pies and roast turkey and goose.—The days were devoted to sleighing to Waynesboro' and Emmitsburg, Hagerstown and Millerstown, etc., and the nights to pleas-

antry and fun. Mr. Abraham Welty, of Emmitsburg, and Mr. Peter Rouzer, of Mechanicstown, two venerable octagenarians still living, remember the time very well! Those were real Christmas days to be enjoyed in the honey moon of life, and the mountain was vocal with good cheer!"

The "Sheelys" referred to were probably instead the *Sheelers*. Lewis Ripple's daughter Julia married Martin Sheeler, and Ripple's son Joseph wed Sheeler's sister Mary. The latter couple were the great-grandparents of the late Mrs. P. J. Fischer, one of the incorporators of AHA, and consequently the great-great-grandparents of Miss Paula E. Fischer, AHA secretary.

The Stoners and Snivelys intermarried numerous times, and were the ancestors of, among others, AHA Charter Fellow Scott K. Parker.

"Tronts" may be a typographical corruption of "Frantz"; for Lewis Ripple and Christian Frantz, ancestor of the late J. Herbert Frantz, were close friends.

Millerstown became "Fairfield"; Mechanicstown became "Thurmont"; and somewhere along the way the jolly spirit of old-fashioned Christmases on the mountain passed into history.



Potomac Street Irregulars.

An informal discussion and research group.

ANTIETAM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION has inaugurated an informal research and discussion group called the "Potomac Street Irregulars." The purpose of this subculture of AHA is to study crime in the Antietam country. If the work of the Irregulars results in something worthwhile, then AHA will publish their findings.

While it would be creditable to the group, it is not necessary that they solve any crimes.

The plan is for the Irregulars to meet once a month at some eatery in the Antietam country, preferably along the road leading from Waynesboro to Sharpsburg and known as "Potomac" street or avenue in the various communities through which it runs. (In Hagerstown, it bears both designations.)

The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 8, 2012, beginning at 6:30 p. m., at The Waynesburger, 100 West Main Street (corner of Potomac), Waynesboro. Seating is limited, so persons interested in attending need to telephone AHA at (717) 762-2006

by January 6 to be enrolled as an Irregular. AHA asks also that attendees purchase something from the menu of the hosting establishment.

The Potomac Street Irregulars take their name from the Baker Street Irregulars, a group of urchins employed by Sherlock Holmes to assist him in gathering evidence for his crime-solving in the detective stories written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

Among the best known crimes in Antietam history was the murder of Emanuel Monn, a young woodchopper from the vicinity of Glen Forney. The murder occurred somewhere in the mountains among the Antietam headwaters. After Monn's body was discovered, one Henry Heist was arrested, convicted, and hanged for the murder.

Heist, who had a bad reputation, proclaimed his innocence to the end, and students of local history still weigh the evidence in the case. A contemporary newspaper had this to say:

"Gettysburg, Pa., Jan. 17.—Henry Heist was hanged here this morning. He mur-



HENRY HEIST.

From a photograph made by Gettysburg photographer William H. Tipton two hours before Heist's execution.

dered Emanuel Monn. Heist and Monn were woodchoppers, living in a small cabin in the mountains west of this place. The theory of the Commonwealth as to the motive for the crime was that Heist was jealous of the attentions of Monn to a disreputable woman. The evidence was entirely circumstantial" (New York Sun, Jan. 18, 1894).

To learn more about this and other fascinating regional crimes, please join the Potomac Street Irregulars.

New Fellows.

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

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Our Facebook Success.

In our first number, The Rivulet noted that AHA hoped to garner one hundred Facebook fans by the end of 2010. AHA reached its goal for that year, and now has two hundred seventy-two (272) Facebook fans.

Our research discloses that AHA thus ranks third among regional historical organizations maintaining Facebook pages. Frederick County Historical (Md.) Society is first (766), and Cumberland County (Pa.) Historical Society is second (312). Renfrew Museum and Park comes in fourth (264).

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(As of December 20, 2012)

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Errata.

IN our last number, when listing the contributors who made possible the harp music of Mrs. Sally Lay for the Second Annual Spring Garden Fest, The Rivulet neglected to mention the generous donation of Mr. Richard D. Boyer, of South Mountain, Pa. We thank that popular gentleman for his support.

Also in the last number, The Rivulet asserted that, amongst his other accomplishments, Herbert C. Bell, author of *History of Leitersburg District*, had written about the history of the West India Trade. David A. Holzworth, Esq., a vigilant J. H. Stoner Fellow of AHA, through strong Internet research, found that that assertion was incorrect.

Believe it or not, there were two historians named Herbert C. Bell working contemporaneously on different continents. The English counterpart of our Antietam boy deserves credit for the West India Trade works, and this Editor stands corrected.

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