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The editorial board of *Adams County History* encourages and invites the submission of essays and notices reflecting the rich history of Adams county. Submissions should be typed double spaced. Contributors should retain copies of the typescript submitted. If they desire return of their submissions, they should enclose a self-addressed envelope with sufficient postage.

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Notes from the Editor

This, our third issue of *Adams County History*, covers a full spectrum of the county's rich historical heritage. The editor of this journal summarizes his research into the virtually forgotten lives of four area British Loyalists whose fidelity to a government other than that which prevailed in Pennsylvania and the rest of the United States brought upon them the wrath of the patriots.

Society Assistant Director Elwood W. Christ once more—for his third appearance in these pages!—graces *ACH* with another noteworthy discussion: on this occasion, he explores how the complex system of roads which evolved to converge on Gettysburg made it a likely place for two rival armies to come together where they did in July of 1863.

Former society president Mary Lou Schwartz provides insight into the career of Adams county suffragette Lavinia Dock, whose sister, Mira, also achieved fame and acclaim for her determined efforts to reforest Pennsylvania around the turn of the century.

Even as we go to press with this issue, volume four is fast taking shape, with two articles on Gettysburg Civil War soldiers in preparation. We enthusiastically invite interested readers to submit articles or outlines (typed double-space) of proposals for articles which they might like to see included in what already promises to be a distinguished gathering of essays on Adams county history for the 1998 issue.