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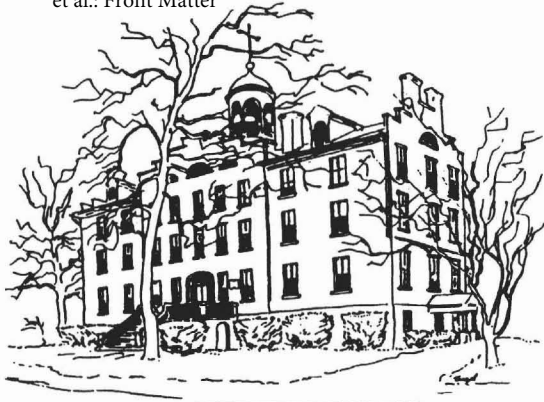
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The editorial board of *Adams County History* encourages and invites the submission of essays and notices reflecting the rich history of Adams county. Submissions should be typed double spaced. Generally, style should conform to that of either the *Modern Language Style Sheet* or the *University of Chicago Manual of Style*. Contributors should retain copies of the typescript submitted. If return is desired, a self-addressed envelope with postage should be included.

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This volume of *Adams County History* focuses principally on the beginnings of what we now know as Adams county. In the curious figure of the Reverend Thomas Barton, we have in this early settler also one of the only persons to have left a written legacy of life on the French-and-Indian-War frontier that was his circuit as a Church of England missionary. Out of his voluminous correspondence, I have reprinted his important letter of 8 November 1756 and from his other writings the journal he maintained during his service as chaplain on the expedition of Brigadier-General John Forbes against Fort DuQuesne in 1758. Imperfectly transcribed once before (in 1971), this last is an invaluable personal record of one of the most important events to take place during the French and Indian War, and in the estimation of some historians during the whole of eighteenth-century colonial history.

Even before Thomas Barton joined his parish in 1755, Quaker Moses Harlan had moved from his home in Chester county to settle about 1737 on the banks of Conewago and 'Possum Creeks in the area of today's Stone Jug Road. One of several fast-moving runs in the area, the Conewago became site for a great many mills, one of which was built on land once owned by Harlan. Although the actual date of the earliest mill is unknown, authors Barbara and John Senier document Benjamin Loan as owner of a mill and mill-site that evolved through many incarnations until 1901, when then owner Christian Deardorff ceased operations. The Seniers' article on the Benjamin Loan mill is but one of a more comprehensive survey they are authoring on the history of Adams county's mills and is sure to whet appetites for their larger work once completed.

We at ACHS hope this year's volume pleases its readers. Although work is already underway on the next year's volume, we encourage interested individuals to submit proposals for articles they feel might be appropriate to *Adams County History*.