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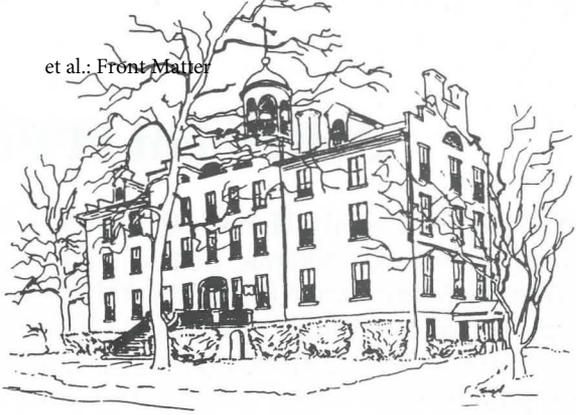
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Statement of Purpose

The Adams County Historical Society is committed to the presentation of the social, economic, political, and religious history of the county and to the promotion of the study of that history. Expressing its commitment, the society maintains museum displays and a valuable library of publications, and archival and manuscript material which includes estate papers, deed books, land surveys, and newspapers. In addition, it publishes important historical studies and reprints of earlier studies on Adams county history, a monthly newsletter, and a journal.

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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Note From the Editor

With this, the premier issue of *Adams County History*, we at the Adams County Historical Society undertake an initial endeavor to open new possibilities for the study and appreciation of Adams county history. Already energetically committed to a policy of distribution and publication, the Board of Directors has enthusiastically chosen to support this further effort to publicize areas and topics of local historical interest. Whether or not *Adams County History* will see a second issue very much depends upon readers' submitting manuscripts for future publications—we cannot publish what we have not seen, what we do not have. One idea we are exploring for future issues is reprinting important material from the society's archives. Always, we are open to suggestions and comments.

The present issue brings together four essays as diverse in their appeal as they are representative of a wide span of history. First because it deals with an event that occurred historically the earliest, the Forbes Expedition of 1758, the editor's own article reflects the most recent direction his life-long fascination with the French and Indian Wars has taken. It explores the largely unknown role Adams countians played in General John Forbes's march on Fort Duquesne and suggests where additional information may be found.

Elwood ("Woody") W. Christ, research assistant at the society, discusses the Adams county log house—its widespread, often hidden-to-the-modern-eye occurrence, its construction and restoration. After explaining the physical building itself, Woody engagingly speculates on the primitive structure's cultural and historical symbolism.

Pittsburgh attorney David A. Murdoch edits and annotates the eye-witness account of the battle of Gettysburg written down by his ancestor, Catherine Mary White Foster. Determined not to leave their brick house on Washington Street, Catherine Mary's family hosted soldiers of both sides, hid a Union soldier eluding capture, endured being robbed at gunpoint, and survived shelling by artillery.

Having over the years researched, spoken, and written on attitudes toward living and dying in early Adams county, Nancy DeLong presents here an absorbing discussion of funeral practices in upper Adams county, an area where she lives and in which many of her ancestors settled long ago. Her investigations rely upon published material, family records, and interviews with those whose memories reach far-back into local history and thus orally maintain a bridge between present-day and olden-times.

We hope that the diverse coverage and professional presentation of these articles will encourage enough readers to submit material so that the society will be able to bring out next year its second issue of *Adams County History*.