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Editor’s Introduction

Family history is a point of departure for this issue of Adams County History. In our lead article, Melissa M. Gettys and Amanda A. Howlett review the military career of their ancestor, James Gettys. Their piece is the result of rich, archival spadework, and presents new information about the American Revolution and early national period as experienced by Gettysburg’s founding father. In the second piece, a lovingly written and prolifically illustrated article on Rev. Jacob Stewart Hartman and his descendants, author Sue Majer shares with our readers an invaluable trove of documents, photographs, and original sources. Both pieces are a testament to the diligent efforts of Adams County Historical Society members, who continue to unearth fascinating new details of our shared local past. I invite members to contribute articles large and small to the journal. Your passion for the past keeps it alive.

Brian Matthew Jordan
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