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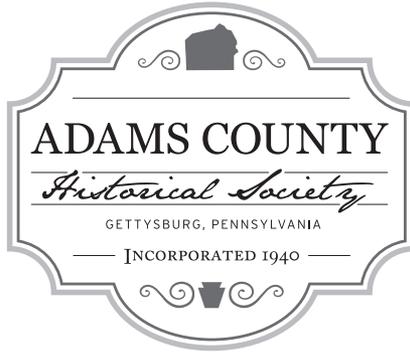
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Statement of Purpose

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

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Editor's Introduction

By Pamela DiVanna

Frances Cunningham Harper wrote "In the Days of my Youth" as a memoir for the benefit of younger family members. Mrs. Harper was a Gettysburg native, born in November 1864 to John and Margaret (Scott) Cunningham. This narrative spans from the Victorian period into the dawn of the 20th century. Her vignettes bring local personalities, customs, and culture of 19th century Adams County to life. Born one year after the Battle of Gettysburg, Frances relays the experiences of her kith, kin and community through oral tradition. Confirmation of persons, events, and descriptions of antiquated language, customs and articles appear in the article's footnotes. This narrative is presented as it was written with the exception of added punctuation and spelling corrections, to facilitate reading.

Frances was a highly educated woman for her day, having attended the Shippensburg Normal School, where she trained as an educator. She began her teaching career at the Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, until the Johnstown flood of 1889 which introduced the threat of pandemic typhoid. After returning to Gettysburg, she soon received an invitation to teach in Lenoir, North Carolina, and travelled by rail to that location. It was here where she found her mate, George Finley Harper. Their well-advertised wedding took place at the Lower Marsh Creek Church, in her beloved hometown of Gettysburg.

An active historian, Frances meticulously researched several branches of her family and her married line of the Harpers. In addition, she wrote a history of the Hill and Marsh Creek churches of Adams County, Pa. Throughout her life, Frances remained active in philanthropic community activities and was a frequent contributor to her local papers--*The Lenoir News* and *The Gettysburg Times*--and contributed information to the Adams County Historical Society (ACHS). She died in 1942, survived by her spouse, a son, and daughter.

The historical society acquired this work from Mr. John W. McGaughy of Reston, Virginia. Mr. McGaughy is the grandson of Mrs. Harper's sister, Margaret Rebecca Cunningham McGaughy (1860-1911).

Accompanying this narrative are photographs from the Cunningham, Scott and related families, courtesy of Mrs. Jane Scott Jackson Bruss. Mrs. Bruss is the daughter of Anne Grace Scott, and granddaughter of William Lincoln Scott. William's father, George Washington Scott, was a sibling of Mrs. Harper's mother, Margaret Rebecca Scott Cunningham. Jane and her husband David Bruss split their time between their home in New Jersey and the G.W. Scott house in Freedom Township.