

Adams County History
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Volume 1 (1995)

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Preparations for the Forbes Expedition, 1758, in Adams County, with Particular Focus on the Reverend Thomas Barton

By James P. Myers, Jr. (Pages 4 - 26)

Thomas Barton (1728-1780) was an itinerant missionary for the Church of England. He served as a chaplain with military forces during the Forbes Expedition.

Anatomy of a Log House in Adams County, Pennsylvania and Its Unspoken Language

By Elwood W. Christ (Pages 27 - 44)

Christ examines several structures in what is now Adams County utilizing the 1798 US Direct Tax.

Catherine Mary White Foster's Eyewitness Account of the Battle of Gettysburg, with Background on the Foster Family Union Soldiers

Edited By David A. Murdoch (Pages 45 – 67)

Foster lived at 155 South Washington Street during the Battle of Gettysburg. This reprinted memoir is an outstanding eyewitness account of the battle by a civilian with biographic information of her family members.

Funeral Practices in Upper Adams County

By Nancy DeLong (Pages 68 - 91)

DeLong examines practices in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries in the northeast section of the county.

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The Jameson Raid (1758) as a Focus for Historical Inquiry

By Charles H. Glatfelter (Pages 4 – 40)

Glatfelter details the abduction of white settler Mary Jameson by Shawnee Indians in current western Adams County during the French and Indian War.

A Tour of Gettysburg's Visual Battle Damage

By Timothy H. Smith (Pages 41 – 71)

Licensed Battlefield Guide and the Society's research assistant, Tim Smith writes a detailed article on the artillery shells lodged in buildings in Gettysburg as a result of the Battle of Gettysburg. Smith separates fact from fiction.

William and Isabel: Parallels between the Life and Times of the William Bliss Family, Transplanted New Englanders at Gettysburg, and a Nineteenth-Century Novel, Isabel Carrollton: A Personal Retrospect, by Kneller Glen
By Elwood W. Christ (Pages 72 – 87)

The Bliss family resided in what became the fields of Pickett's Charge on July 3, 1863.

World War II: On the Home Front-M. Francis Coulson
Interviewed By Jenny Sonnenberg (Pages 88 – 100)

This oral interview with Coulson focuses on home front activities in Adams County during the Second World War.

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The Bermudian Creek Tories

By James P. Myers, Jr. (Pages 4 – 40)

Myers chronicles the lives of four loyalists to the British Crown living in modern Adams County during the Revolutionary War.

Building a Battle Site: Roads to and Through Gettysburg 1747 - 1863

By Elwood W. Christ (Pages 41 – 70)

Christ tells the story of how the roads in Gettysburg and Adams County were formed and how that led to the concentration of Union and Confederate forces July 1, 1863.

Lavinia Dock: Adams County Suffragette

By Mary Lou Schwartz (Pages 71 – 79)

Schwartz writes about Lavinia Dock (1858 – 1956) a native of Adams County as well as an early champion of women's rights.

Volume 4 (1998)

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Some Culp Family Members in the Civil War

By David A. Culp (Pages 5 – 14)

This short essay details the lives of Adams County natives Wesley Culp, William Culp, and David Culp during the war.

Adams County in the “Splendid Little War” April Through August 1898

By Timothy H. Smith (Pages 15 – 60)

Smith looks at Adams County servicemen in the Spanish-American War. This article includes a list of known Adams County soldiers and sailors who served in the conflict.

“Raising Kane Takes Its Toll on the Old Chambersburg Turnpike”: A Tale of Photographic Detection

By Elwood W. Christ (Pages 61 -67)

Christ examines images given to the Society which turn out to be photographs of the Chambersburg Pike.

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Some Early Adams County Communities, Their Churches, and Church Lands

By Charles H. Glatfelter (Pages 4 – 42)

Glatfelter examines several local communities in the eighteenth century and focuses on the Episcopal residents of Huntington Township, Adams County.

On the Trail of Sidney O’Brien: An Inquiry into her Family and Status: Was she Slave or Servant of the Gettys Family of Gettysburg? Was Her Daughter, Getty Ann, a Descendant of James Gettys.

By Elwood W. Christ (Pages 43 – 57)

Christ attempts to unravel the mystery of African American Sidney O’Brien of Adams County.

The Civil War Letters of Chaplain Jeremiah Mickly of Franklin Township, Adams County

By Eric Ledell Smith (Pages 58 – 74)

Mickly was a German Reformed pastor from Adams County who served in the 177th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment and as chaplain of the 43rd United States Colored Troops during the Civil War.

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The Gettysburg Battlefield, One Century Ago

By Benjamin Y. Dixon (Pages 5 – 53)

An extensive article, Dixon examines the Gettysburg Battlefield in 1899.

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Adams County Gravestone-Cutters, 1770 -1918

By Nancy DeLong (Pages 5 – 42)

This article contains biographical information on early county stone cutters.

“Not only for...Material Progress...but for the General Good and Uplift”: a History of Guernsey and Its Humpback Bridge

By Elwood W. Christ (Pages 43 – 89)

Christ analyzes the Guernsey wooden bridge in Butler Township, Adams County and the community surrounding it.

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Barton's Report of 8 November 1756
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Barton's Forbes Expedition Journal, 1758
(Pages 21 -63)

Myers edits this fascinating eyewitness account of the French and Indian War.

The Benjamin Loan Mills

By Barbara and John Senier (Pages 64 – 72)

This article focuses on a mill in present day Butler Township, Adams County.

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Slaveholders and Slaves of Adams County

By Larry C. Bolin (Pages 4 – 92)

Bolin writes of slavery in the county and includes lists of slaves and slaveholders from census records.

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A "Typical Country Doctor": Robert B. Elderdice, McKnightstown

By Kevin L. Greenholt (Pages 4 – 21)

Greenholt details the life of an Adams County Doctor Robert Breckenridge Elderdice (1846 – 1936).

Statistical Analysis of Dr. Elderdice's Ledger

By Sheryl Hollis Snyder (Pages 22 – 61)

Snyder examines Elderdice's list of births he attended from 1867 – 1882.

Veterans Residing in Adams County, Pennsylvania, 1840 – 1930

By Kevin L. Greenholt (Pages 62 -100)

This article compiles data from the 1840, 1890, 1910, and 1930 Federal Census listing service men from Adams County from the Revolutionary War through World War I. The large list of veterans is from the Civil War.

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Jack Hopkins' Civil War

By Peter C. Vermilyea (Page 4 – 21)

Vermilyea writes of the life of African American John Hopkins (1806 – 1868) a janitor at Gettysburg College during the nineteenth century which included the Battle of Gettysburg.

Mt. Pleasant Church, Conewago Township

By Larry C. Bolin (Pages 22 – 38)

A research article on Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church located in southeast Adams County.

"A Visit to the Battlefield"

Edited By Michael J. Birkner and Richard E. Winslow, III (Pages 39 – 44)

Birkner and Winslow edit this wonderful eyewitness account of a visit to the Gettysburg Battlefield by Joseph H. Foster (1825 – 1885) of Portsmouth, New Hampshire in late July 1863. Foster traveled to Gettysburg in order to reclaim the body of Henry Richards of Company F, Second United States Sharpshooters mortally wounded in the battle.

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George Arnold and a Town Immortalized

By Charles H. Glatfelter (Pages 4 – 28)

Glatfelter records the history of one of Gettysburg's most successful businessmen, George Arnold (1799 – 1879).

March Into Oblivion

By Larry C. Bolin (Pages 29 – 64)

A transcription and editing of two diaries, with one dated 1794 from the Whiskey Rebellion and the other dated 1800.

Thaddeus Stevens in Gettysburg: The Making of an Abolitionist

A Book Review

By Peter C. Vermilyea (Pages 65 – 66)

Vermilyea reviews this in-depth biography of Thaddeus Stevens by Dr. Bradley R. Hoch.

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