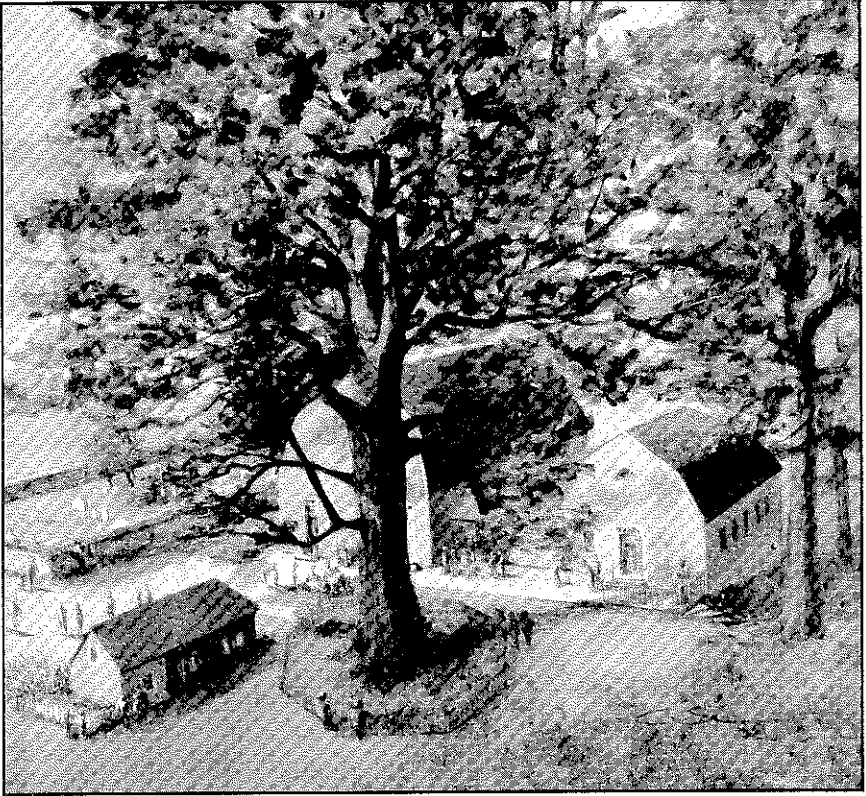


Donegal Society



DONEGAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FOUNDED 1721

DONEGAL SPRINGS, LANCASTER COUNTY, PA.

91st ANNUAL REUNION

Thursday, June 17, 2004

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10:00 A.M. Reception
Tea and Scones on the Church Grounds



11:00 A.M. Reunion Program

PRELUDE — *Trumpet Voluntary* J. Travers
Ann Gecelosky, Organ

INVOCATION Rev. Thomas J. McKinnon, Jr.
Pastor, Donegal Presbyterian Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NATIONAL ANTHEM

WELCOME REMARKS Joseph H. Lisi
President, The Donegal Society

PIANO SOLO — *On Eagle's Wings* M. Joncas
Ann Gecelosky, Piano

ANNOUNCEMENTS Joseph H. Lisi

HYMN — *Faith of Our Fathers*

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER Joseph H. Lisi

ADDRESS “*The Migration of the Scots-Irish
to the Susquehanna Valley*” George Leyh

TREE DEDICATION — In memory of Thomas M. Shand, President 1968-1970

PIANO SOLO — *Londonderry Air* Irish Folk Tune
Ann Gecelosky, Piano

HYMN — *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies (V. 1 & 2)*

BENEDICTION Rev. Thomas J. McKinnon, Jr.

POSTLUDE — *Allegro* W. Boyce
Ann Gecelosky, Organ

12 Noon — Donegal Society ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
(Immediately following the Program)

12:30 P.M. — LUNCHEON

Tickets \$10.00 by reservation

Luncheon prepared and served by the members of Donegal Church

Coordinators: Althea M. Johnson and Judy Weidman



INCOMING PRESIDENT

Althea M. Johnson

This June Althea M. Johnson becomes the 35th President of the Donegal Society. She was born and raised in the Finger Lakes Region of New York State. She graduated from Elizabethtown College in 1968 with a B.S. in Elementary Education. After one year of teaching third grade in New York, she married Noble P. Johnson, past president of the Donegal Society and whose family are lifelong members of Donegal Presbyterian Church.

While a fourth grade teacher at Rohrerstown Elementary School in the Hempfield School District, she earned her M. Ed. at Millersville University in 1975. Althea left the teaching profession in 1977 to become the mother of their son, Nathan. In May of 1980, Noble and Althea established Country Haus, Fine Gifts and Collectables on East High Street in Elizabethtown, which is currently in its 25th year of operation. Althea has been a member of Donegal Presbyterian Church since 1974, and is a lifetime member of the Donegal Society.

Service

- former Sunday School teacher and choir member at Donegal Church
- Stephen Minister
- currently serving on the Physical Plant Team for the expansion to Donegal Church
- Co-chaired the Capital Campaign for Donegal Church
- Co-chaired the Visiting Stewards for the Capital Campaign
- Elder, Donegal Church
- Member of the Elizabethtown Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; currently serving second term as President
- Member of the Advisory board of the Elizabethtown Economic Development Corporation

Interests

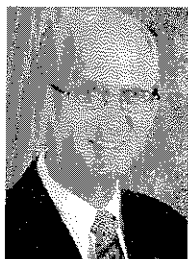
- Gardening
- Floral designing



PRESIDENTS OF THE DONEGAL SOCIETY

1911 – 1920	Martha Bladen Clark
1920 – 1926	Hon. H. Burd Cassel
1926 – 1929	Bernard J. Myers
1929 – 1935	Samuel C. Slaymaker
1935 – 1946	John P. Schock
1946 – 1948	W. Sanderson Detwiler
1948 – 1950	Samuel C. Slaymaker
1950 – 1952	Henning W. Prentis, Jr.
1952 – 1954	W. W. Heidelbugh
1954 – 1956	John Milton Rauck
1956 – 1958	Clair R. McCollough
1958 – 1960	Lt. Gen. Daniel B. Strickler
1960 – 1962	Benjamin E. Mann
1962 – 1964	Samuel R. Slaymaker II
1964 – 1966	William F. Herr
1966 – 1968	Robert F. Vanderslice
1968 – 1970	Thomas M. Shand
1970 – 1972	Bruce P. Ryder
1972 – 1974	Donald H. Betty
1974 – 1976	Samuel M. Altdoerffer
1976 – 1978	Jacob W. Heisey
1978 – 1980	Frank L. Snavely
1980 – 1982	A. H. Weidman, Jr.
1982 – 1984	George F. Johnston
1984 – 1986	Rollin C. Steinmetz
1986 – 1988	John K. Herr III
1988 – 1990	Bruce R. Limpert
1990 – 1992	Michael H. Ranck
1992 – 1994	Noble P. Johnson, Jr.
1994 – 1996	David Wagenseller III
1996 – 1998	Joan S. Betty
1998 – 2000	Samuel C. Slaymaker III
2000 – 2002	David S. Martin
2002 -- 2004	Joseph H. Lisi

GEORGE LEYH



George Leyh is presently serving as a social studies teacher in the Hempfield School District, Landisville, PA, where he teaches general, college preparatory, and honors courses to senior high students. Courses taught include American History, from the Civil War to the present and World Cultures, a survey of non-western history and culture. In addition, Dr. Leyh is an adjunct professor of History at Immaculata College and Lancaster Bible College.

Leyh has a BA degree in history from Temple, Masters of Religious Education from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, MA in History from Millersville University, and a Doctor of Philosophy from Temple University.

His service to our country is extensive. These include candidate for state legislature, Commander, 327th Corps Support Battalion, Chairman, Voice of Democracy Program, and Chief of Operations, 1185th U.S. Army Transportation, Lancaster, PA, to mention only a few. Traveling to over fifteen foreign countries, Dr. Leyh has just returned from Ireland including stops at Donegal. His topic at our reunion is entitled: The Migration of the Scots-Irish to the Susquehanna Valley.

Please come and enjoy a day of high interest and good fellowship.

DONEGAL SOCIETY OFFICERS

President—Joseph H. Lisi

1st Vice President—Althea M. Johnson

2nd Vice President—Thomas Ryan

Co-Historians—Mary Karnes, Joan S. Betty & Samuel C. Slaymaker III

Treasurer—Noble P. Johnson, Jr.

Secretary—David E. Wagenseller III

Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus—Donald H. Betty

Membership Secretary—Bruce Limpert

Solicitor—Bruce P. Ryder

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Finance—Noble P. Johnson, Jr.

Trees & Grounds—David S. Martin

Nominations—John K. Herr III

Music—Joan S. Betty

Membership—Joseph H. Lisi

Luncheon Tickets—Margaret C. Heisey

THE COVER:

A watercolor by Grace T. Steinmetz, a life member of the Society, for the celebration of the Seventy-Fifth Reunion of the Donegal Society of Lancaster County, PA.



THE DONEGAL SOCIETY

Resolution June 21, 1979

That the objectives of the Donegal Society shall be to study the lives, the labors, the influence and moderation of the early Scots-Irish settlers, and their successors, so that their memory may be perpetuated, to collect and preserve artifacts, printed and written material that will throw light on the early settlers of our country, and to the contributions to the county, state and nation; to promote the discovery, collection and preservation of the history, historical records and data relating to the Donegal Presbyterian Church; to assist the Trustees of the Church in their effort to maintain, to beautify, and to preserve the grounds, the trees, the spring, the cemetery and the outside of buildings, insofar as the income from the trust funds will permit; to try to contact the descendants of the early settlers who are scattered throughout the nation, and others who may be interested in the objectives of the Society, so that the membership in the Society may be a constantly growing membership; and to plan and promote an annual reunion of the Society.



DONEGAL'S NOTABLE HISTORY AND HERITAGE

As early as 1716, Scots-Irish Presbyterians emigrating from North Ireland began to occupy land in the northwest corner of what was then Chester County. In 1722, this large area populated almost exclusively by the Scots-Irish was named Donegal for the place from which they came. Known for their religious fervor, they soon applied for pastoral supplies by sending Andrew Galbraith to New Castle Presbytery on August 1, 1721. This documented date marks the beginning of Donegal Presbyterian Church.

A small log meeting-house was soon built on the picturesque site chosen for its strong spring and virgin oak grove. In 1727, the Rev. James Anderson was installed as first full-time pastor. The church glebe land was surveyed in 1729 and a patent deed issued in 1740.

In 1732, Donegal Presbytery was organized and held its first meeting here, perhaps in the present stone church which was probably built around 1730. The peaceful site with its ancient burial ground is maintained by a strong congregation and the generous help of the Donegal Society.



Directions to Donegal Church:

From Rt. 230, in Mount Joy, turn left on N. Angle St., then right on Donegal Springs Road, left on Colebrook Road one block, then right again on Donegal Springs Road to church.

From Rt. 283, from the West — at Elizabethtown-Rheems Exit, turn right on Colebrook Road, stay on it several miles including a turn or two, to Donegal Springs Road, then right to church. From the East — at Mt. Joy-Manheim Exit, turn left on Manheim Road to traffic light on Main St., Mount Joy, through light one block, right on Donegal Springs Road, then left a block on Colebrook Road, right on Donegal Springs Road to church.

From Marietta, take either Rt. 743 through Maytown, right on Donegal Springs Road to church. Or take Rt. 141 to Colebrook Road, turn left to Donegal Springs Road, then left to church.