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**Report to the Birmingham Township
Historic Commission
October 26, 2010**

Re: Civil War Cannons at Wylie Road and in Sandy Hollow Park

Background:

In the early part of the twentieth century there appeared to be significant interest in the Battle of the Brandywine and the preservation of relics and artifacts regarding the battle, which occurred primarily in Birmingham Township, Chester County. Prior to December 11, 1996, Chadds Ford Township was known as Birmingham Township, Delaware County. These dual townships including the present Thornbury Townships, were due to the creation of Delaware County out of Chester County in 1789. Occasionally, in the attachments, reference will be made to both Birminghams.

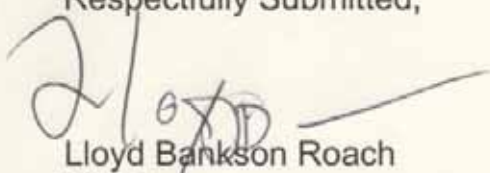
On September 11, 1915, there was a huge celebration in Birmingham Township, which was attended by thousands of local residents and visitors from as far away as London and Paris. Birmingham residents and members of the Chester County and Delaware County Historical Societies organized the event. In addition to local elected officials, the Governor of Pennsylvania, two members of Congress and the U.S. Senate participated. Also present were military representatives from the United Kingdom, British Attaché, Lt. Colonel Murrough O'Brien and Jean J. Jusserand, French Ambassador to the United States, whose nation's, ironically, were fighting the 1st World War as allies at the time.

From what I was able to gather from significant research I performed the Chris Sanderson museum and the Chester County Historical Society, the cannons were placed at their present location before this event in 1915. I found no written mention of precisely when the cannons were placed in Birmingham. According to a Birmingham RPOS brochure, the cannons were mounted in 1900. However, I have yet to find any hard evidence of this. According to the RPOS account, the cannons are Civil War Siege Cannons, placed at the sites in 1900. According to another account, the cannons are U.S. Naval Guns donated by "Citizens of Pennsylvania" in 1895, which were installed at the same time as the Lafayette marker in front of the Garrison house. The 1915 event seems to be the culmination of several years of planning and historical research. Then U.S. Congressman Thomas Butler and Colonel F.C. Hooten seem to have been driving force to memorialize Birmingham's roll during the battle on September 11, 1777.

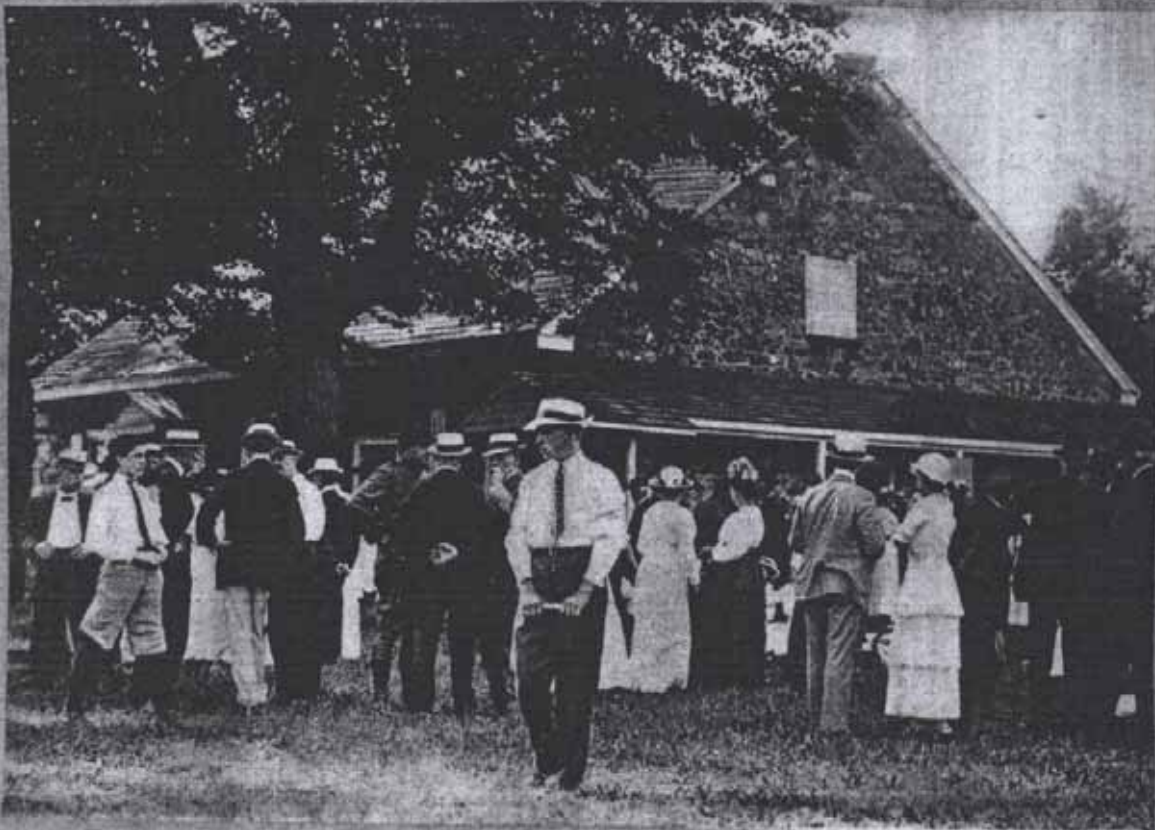
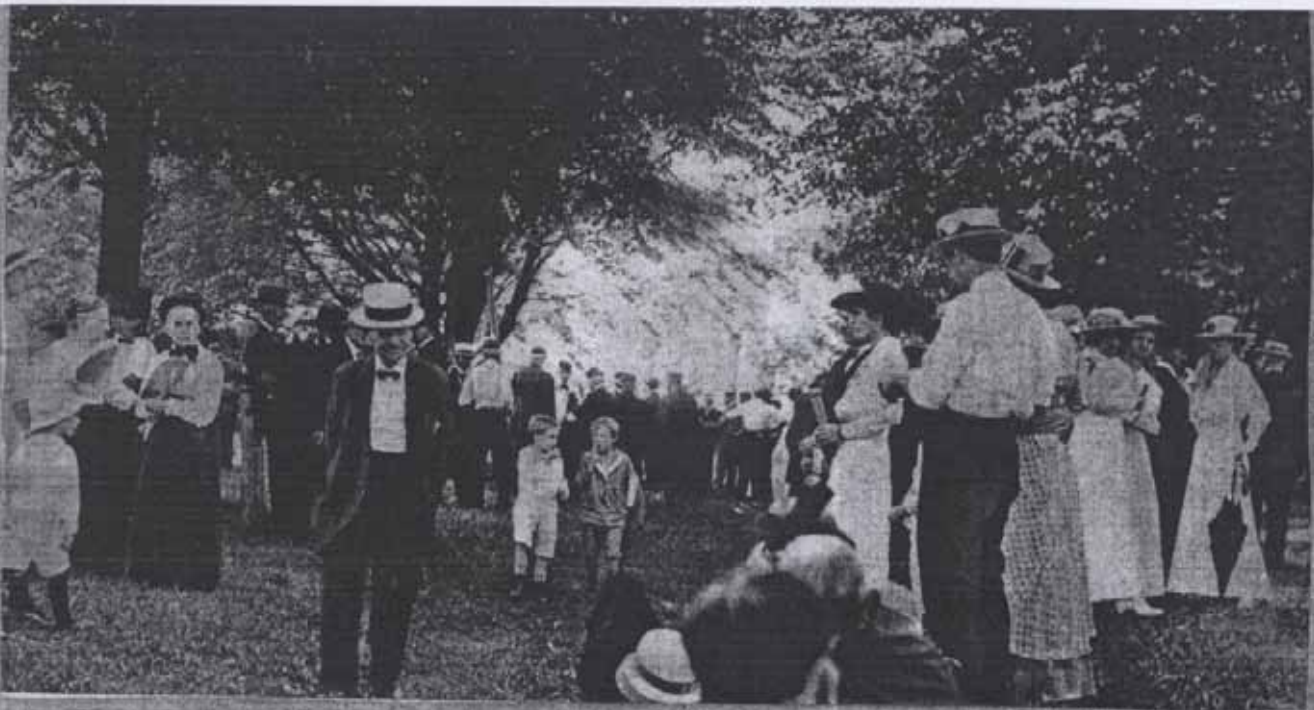
Attached to this report are photocopies of newspaper articles, which appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer, Philadelphia Evening Bulletin and Daily Local News in August and September of 1915. Also attached, is a copy of the Sandy Hollow brochure and a historical map, produced by the National Highways Association in 1922. Both cannons are noted on the 1922 map.

I plan to continue my search for contemporary documentation as to precisely when the cannonade was placed on the two locations mentioned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lloyd Bankson Roach
Member



The scene on the lawn of old Birmingham Meeting House during the ceremonies marking the 132th anniversary of the Battle. French and English dignitaries joined with historical societies of Chester and Delaware counties and the Penna. Historical Commission in placing markers to indicate details in connection with the Revolutionary struggle. [From Phila. paper Sept. 1915]

ON BRANDYWINE BATTLEFIELD



French Ambassador and British Attache Join in Services With Americans

FITTING exercises in commemoration of the 138th anniversary of the Battle of Brandywine were held yesterday afternoon on the battlefield by the Historical Societies of Chester and Delaware Counties, acting under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Historical Commission.

More than 4000 persons attended the services, which were held in a tent on the grounds of the Birmingham Friends' Meeting House. Among the notables in attendance were Jean J. Jusserand, the French Ambassador to the United States, and Lieutenant Colonel Murrough O'Brien, military attache of the British Embassy at Washington.

Previous to the services in the tent the members of the historical societies erected 16 tablets on the battlefield to indicate how and where the battle waged. The markers cost about \$150. Of that sum \$100 was contributed by the Pennsylvania Historical Commission, while the balance was raised by the historical societies.

Judge William H. Broome, president of the Delaware County Historical Society, delivered the address of welcome and presided at the exercises. The invocation was given by the Rev. Dr. Philip H. Mowry, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Chester.

"Americans are able to remember and mark places associated with the early events of the country's history as an inspiration for others," said Ambassador Jusserand. "Your young nation has been civilized from its birth and has a great many advantages."

"The Battle of Brandywine was of great importance to your country. It was in that battle that a man with a French name and an American heart fought for liberty. That man was Lafayette. He came here with a pure heart to serve your cause."

Above, Lieutenant Colonel Murrough O'Brien; below, State Senator William C. Sproul; side, Ambassador Jean J. Jusserand.

"France did not help America because of its hatred of the English. The thing most in our mind was liberty. The love of liberty was in the bosom of every Frenchman. The Frenchman wanted liberty and it was your liberty he was given his first opportunity to fight for. Frenchmen fought to put liberty into the world and now it where people were willing to die for it."

"You are a neutral country, I suppose. I represent a nation against whom war has been declared. You cannot expect that I am a neutral. Today is not only the anniversary of the battle of Brandywine, but is also the anniversary of the battle of the Marne, which saved Paris, saved France and saved, I doubt not, the ideals which we have in common with you."

"In your neutrality we have greatly admired your humane feeling and the aid you have given suffering refugees. When Americans appear on the battlefields in Europe our wounded smile. The action of the United States since the outbreak of the present war has endeared her to my nation more than anything that went before. In the midst of calamity one thing stands out, and that is your humanity to your co-republicans. The increasing Franco-American friendship is to last forever."

member of the Pennsylvania Historical Commission, explained that the erection of tablets yesterday was one of the first steps taken by the commission to educate the people of Pennsylvania and to inculcate the spirit of patriotism.

He asserted that most of the history of Pennsylvania's connection with the war was written by New England writers. He said it was time the history

was studied from a nearer viewpoint instead of from the rocky hills of New England.

"If there is one thing that this war bids us," said Senator Sproul, "it is the hope of destruction of militarism forever and the return to true culture." "Republican as I am, I must express my appreciation and approbation of the course so far pursued by the President of the United States. Quaker as I am, I expect to stand by the preparations to keep this nation out of war and to prepare for war whenever that dire calamity is necessary for the preservation of our national integrity."

Other speakers included Professor Smith Burnhama, Judge Isaac Johnson, Miss Lydia E. Baker, registrar of the Delaware County Chapter, D. A. R. A poem was read by Professor John Russell Hayes, librarian at Swarthmore College. Among the interesting features of the program was the singing of the "Marseillaise" and "God Save the King."

The battle of Brandywine was of great significance during the war because it was preliminary to the British occupation of Philadelphia. It was during that battle that Lafayette was wounded.

Because of the conflicting accounts carried to Washington regarding the ad-

vance of the enemy, Washington, according to history, was prevented from striking a telling blow at the battle of Brandywine. Prior to the battle Washington and Lafayette rode their horses in front of the advance detail of the enemy, which was hidden, and only the humanity of Major Ferguson, a British officer, saved their lives.

Major Ferguson had ordered two sharpshooters to shoot them down, but later countermanded the order. He later learned the identity of the two men.

Cornwallis gained an early advantage on the day of the battle when he led his troops across the Brandywine and surprised Washington. The Continental forces of Sullivan and Sterling were driven from their positions at Birmingham Meeting House before Washington and Green could render assistance. Meanwhile Wayne was forced from his position at a fording place by the Hessians. Then the Continental forces began a general retreat.

The Continental army proceeded to Chester and on the following day to Philadelphia. The British encamped at Dilworthtown for five days. Then followed engagements at "Great Valley," in East Goshen township, Chester County, the Paoli massacre, the battle of Germantown and the capture of Philadelphia by the British. The American troops went into camp at Valley Forge in December.

Aiding the committee in charge of the exercises were two details of Civil War veterans. They were the General Henry P. Guas Post, of West Chester, and the General George A. McCall Post, No. 21, of West Chester. The First Aid Corps of the West Chester Y. M. C. A. was in charge of a temporary hospital on the grounds.

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THE BIRMINGHAM CELEBRATION

The Bronze Tablets Are Being Completed—Arrangements for the Exercises.

George B. Johnson, Esq., of West Chester, the chairman of the general committee of the Chester County Historical Society, having in charge the arrangements for the proposed celebration on Saturday afternoon, September 11th, at old Birmingham Meeting House, in connection with the dedication of sixteen bronze markers and tablets on the battlefield of the Brandywine, reports things being nicely completed. The markers are being finished and will be placed in position prior to the ceremonies. They are in shape of the keystone, the design officially adopted by the Pennsylvania State Historical Commission, and are of various sizes, according to the inscriptions thereon. Some of these markers are to be placed on large native flint boulders to be located alongside the public roads, at spots mentioned in a recent issue of the Local News.

MILITARY TO ATTEND.

Plans are being completed for the presence at the celebration of the four companies of the nearby battalion of the Sixth Regiment, N. G. P., including Companies B and C, of Chester; Company H, of Media; Company I, of West Chester. The three Delaware county commands will make the trip to Brandywine battlefield in large autos furnished by residents of those towns, and Capt. John C. Croft, of this borough, is trying to secure the use of several large auto-trucks owned in this vicinity to convey the West Chester soldier boys to the scene. The Historical Society has not sufficient funds to pay for the transportation of the troops. If it were possible, all the soldiery of the two counties would be present.

All the G. A. R. Posts of the two counties have been specially invited to attend the exercises, and there promises to be a large turnout of the uniformed veterans of Gen. George A. McClellan Post, No. 11, of this borough, who will make the trip in a number of autos offered by friends.

The event promises to surpass anything of the kind ever undertaken by either of the historical societies of the two counties.

Besides the exercises that will be of interesting and varied nature, there will be an exhibit of historical relics, under care of Christian C. Sanderson, Francis D. Brinton, and others.

Plans are being completed for the visit of the French Ambassador to Washington, D. C., Hon. Jean M. Jusserand, who will make a few remarks. He will be accompanied to Birmingham by Hon. Wayne MacVeagh, a distinguished son of Chester county, former Attorney-General of the United States.

L 9-6-1915

BIG TIME AT BIRMINGHAM

The Battle of the Brandywine Celebration, on September 11th.

Bronze Tablets Are Finished and the Arrangements for the Proposed Exercises Are Completed.

The arrangements for the big celebration of the anniversary of the Battle of Brandywine, to be held at Birmingham Meeting House, on next Saturday afternoon, the 18th anniversary of the battle which occurred on September 11, 1777, are now about completed, and the several committees of the Historical Societies of Chester and Delaware counties, are now awaiting for the day, with good weather, when the sixteen bronze tablets and markers on the battlefield and the nearby approaches, will be formally dedicated with imposing and elaborate exercises, including addresses by prominent men of the country, music, etc.

Lewis K. Stubbs, Treasurer, of the Chester County Historical Society, has been hard at work preparing the handsome and valuable souvenir programme,

1. Address of welcome, Hon. Wm. B. Broomall, of Chester, President of the Delaware County Historical Society.

2. Invocation—Rev. Dr. Philip H. Mowry, First Presbyterian Church, of Chester.

3. Address—Hon. Wm. C. Sproul, of Chester, President of the Pennsylvania State Historical Commission.

4. Music—Mixed quartet, First Methodist Church, Chester.

5. Original poem—Prof. John Russell Hayes, Swarthmore College.

6. Address—"The Story of the Battle of Brandywine," Prof. Smith Burnham, West Chester State Normal School.

7. Address—"The Plowshare Has Succeeded the Sword," Hon. Isaac Johnson, Judge of the Delaware County Courts.

8. Address—"Some of the Revolutionary Women," Miss Lydia E. Baker, of Chester, Registrar of Delaware County Chapter, D. A. R.

9. Address—Hon. Jean J. Jusserand, French Ambassador to United States.

10. Address—"National Preparedness," Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, U. S. Army.

11. Music—Quartet.

In the official programme will be printed the names of all the officers of the Historical Societies of Chester and Delaware counties, with facsimiles of the Societies' respective seals; officers of the State Historical Commission, with coat-of-arms of the Commonwealth; members of the several committees of the two Societies—General Arrangements, Reception, Badges, Entertainment, Printing and Invitations, Publicity, Programmes, Markers, Local Arrangements, Music, Finance.

There will also be a copy of a painting of George Washington painted at Valley Forge, 1778, by Charles Willson Peale; photo of the Friends Meeting House, at Birmingham, erected 1763; also map of the battlefield, showing route of the armies engaged in the struggle.

THE MARKERS.

There are sixteen markers erected by the Committee consisting of George B. Johnson, Prof. Smith Burnham, Charles R. Hoopes, Lewis K. Stubbs, J. Carroll Hayes, Francis D. Brinton and Christian C. Sanderson. These will be of bronze, on the official design of a keystone, adopted by the State Historical Commission. They are completed and will be in place before next Saturday.

At the meeting of the Delaware county committee in Chester Friday afternoon, encouraging reports were submitted, indicating that the coming celebration will prove one of the most impressive and interesting ever held in this section.

The invitations have been engraved and issued; a plan for the transportation of the guests has been completed; the official badges are in readiness for distribution to the members of the committees; the entertainment and finance committees reported progress.

THE TABLETS AND MARKERS.

As previously mentioned in the Local News, the Committee on Markers have selected sixteen spots to be marked with the tablets, which have been made for the occasion.

Upon each of these markers appears this inscription on the bottom: "Erected by the Pennsylvania Historical Commission, and the Chester and Delaware County Historical Societies, 1915."

These tablets are of pretty design, and most of them will be placed on pedestals set in concrete bases, and others will be securely fastened to boulders placed along the highways, where they may be readily seen by the traveling public and those interested.

The location and the inscriptions on the tablets are as follows:

No. 1. On a huge native flint boulder, along the public road between Kennett Square and Red Lion, with this inscription: "The British Army, which had disembarked at the head of the Elk River and was advancing for the capture of Philadelphia, divided at this point early on the morning of September 11, 1777. Knyphausen's Division of the Hessians and British followed the old Chester Road direct to Chadd's Ford, while Gen. Howe with Cornwallis' Division marched north to Trimble's Ford, on the western Brandywine, and thence east to Jefferis' Ford, on the eastern Brandywine, in order to outflank the American Army, under Washington, at Chadd's Ford."

No. 2. Kennett Meeting House. "Here the Americans, under Maxwell, opened fire upon the advancing Hessians, thus beginning the Battle of the Brandywine, Sept. 11, 1777."

No. 3. On the public road, between Kennett Meeting House and Chadd's Ford. "The American Light Infantry, near this place, vigorously resisted the advance of the British at the Battle of Brandywine, Sept. 11, 1777."

who had advanced from the westward. The main battle took place about two miles to the northward, where the British Army, under Howe and Cornwallis, flanked the American right wing under Sullivan, and compelled the retreat of Washington's army towards Chester."

No. 5.—Tablet at John Chadd's House. "Proctor's American artillery occupied several redoubts near this house, at the Battle of Brandywine, September 11, 1777."

No. 6. At Trimble's Ford. "September 11th, 1777, while on the march to the battlefield of the Brandywine, the British army, under Howe and Cornwallis, crossed the Brandywine at the ford just south of this point."

No. 7. Jefferis' Ford. "The British army, led by Howe and Cornwallis, crossed the Brandywine at this ford, September 11th, 1777."

No. 8. Sconnetstown. "Cornwallis' Division of the British army halted here Sept. 11, 1777, on its march to the Brandywine Battlefield."

No. 9. Osborne's Hill. "From this ridge, Howe directed the movements of the British army at the Battle of Brandywine, Sept. 11, 1777."

No. 10. At Street Road. "The British attack upon the American right wing, under Sullivan, at the Battle of Brandywine, September 11, 1777, began along this road."

No. 11. Birmingham Friends' Meeting House. "Erected in 1763, and used as a hospital by the British, September 11, 1777."

No. 12. On boulder at forks of road below Seal Post Office, on land of Miss Christine Biddle. "The right wing of Washington's army had its main position in the Battle of Brandywine, Sept. 11, 1777, upon the high ground just east of this point. Here the Americans fought heroically for some time, but at last were forced to retire towards Dilworthtown."

No. 13. Sandy Hollow. "The hottest fighting in the Battle of Brandywine, Sept. 11, 1777, was in this vicinity."

No. 14. Where Lafayette was wounded. "General Lafayette was wounded a short distance southwest of this point. In this vicinity Gen. Greene checked the British advance and covered the American retreat towards Chester, at the Battle of Brandywine, Sept. 11, 1777."

No. 15. At Dilworthtown. "The Battle of Brandywine, Sept. 11, 1777, ended a short distance southeast of this place."

No. 16. "Headquarters of General Howe, at Battle of Brandywine."

L 9-7-1915

Erected Historic Tablets.

This morning the Corcoran Construction Company erected the bronze tablets at Birmingham Meeting House, which will be dedicated with appropriate ceremonies on next Saturday.

L 9-7-1915

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Committee of Arrangements for the Celebration of September 11th.

In preparation for the proposed celebration on Saturday, September 11th, at the dedication of the markers and tablets at old Birmingham Meeting House and on Brandywine Battlefield, both the Historical Societies of Chester and Delaware counties have appointed committees to make joint arrangements for the event.

Judge Wm. B. Broomall, of Chester, the President of the Delaware County Society, has appointed a general committee consisting of Henry G. Ashmead, Anna M. Bunting, John M. Shrigley, Richard J. Baldwin and others, while Dr. G. M. Phillips, President of the Chester County Historical Society, has appointed the following committee to join with the Delaware countians in making arrangements for the dedication of the markers: George B. Johnson, Chairman; John R. Bingham, Thomas A. Beck, Douglas Brinton, Francis Brinton, Gilbert Cope, Pierre S. du Pont, Col. H. H. Oikkyson, Dr. J. E. Harlan, J. F. E. Hause, J. Carroll Hayes, Charles R. Hoopes, Charles L. Huston, Addison L. Jones, W. W. MacElree, Samuel Marshall, Samuel L. Martindale, Arthur T. Parke, Dr. J. Cheston Morris, Edward Paxson, Edwin S. Phillips, Jesse E. Phillips, William E. Pitt, William M. Poits, Dr. J. T. Rothrock, Mrs. Wm. P. Sharples, Mary I. Stille, Louis K. Stubbs, William Wayne, Gen. E. E. Wood, G. M. Phillips, ex officio.

L 8-14-1915

SEARCH FOR OLD GRAVE

Committee of the Chester County Historical Society Take Trip to Birmingham.

Following the Battle of Brandywine, near Chadd's Ford, on September 11, 1777, the old Friends' Meeting House, in Birmingham, was occupied as a hospital for the care of the wounded, and it is related that several British officers died there and were buried in the neighborhood, including Lord Percy.

Some time ago, Dr. Cheston Morris, of Birmingham, gave information to the Chester County Historical Society, that a British officer had been buried on his farm.

Thursday, a committee of the Historical Society took a trip to the Morris farm, and did some digging but were unable to find any traces of the alleged grave, though the absence of such traces does not disprove the reported burial of the officer at the place indicated. Near the spot is an oak tree, planted as a mere twig in 1855, and is now more than three feet in diameter. The growth of this tree may have disturbed the burial place of the officer.

L 8-21-1915

WEEDS AT BIRMINGHAM

New Mower Will Cut Them Before Great Celebration Occurs There Next Month.

During the present week an officer of the Chester County Historical Society paid a visit to Birmingham-LaFayette Cemetery and there found in the old ground weeds in height estimated at from six to ten feet. Inquiry was made of C. Wesley Talbot, President of the Cemetery Association, who explained that a horse mower had just been purchased, half the payment being made with the money from the Seal legacy and half from the funds of the Association. This mower will be set to work at once and the weeds cut, that all may be in readiness for the big celebration which occurs on Brandywine Day, September 11th.

Mr. Talbot is much interested in the celebration and some years ago when he was President of the School Board, all the pupils of the public schools went out to assist in the exercises of Brandywine Day.

L 8-27-1915

THE BIRMINGHAM CELEBRATION

Several More Committees Appointed to Arrange for the Affair.

The Historical Societies of Chester and Delaware Counties Actively at Work Completing Arrangements for the Exercises on September 11th.

The several committees of the Historical Societies of Chester and Delaware counties are now quite actively engaged in completing their plans for the coming big celebration at old Birmingham Meeting House, on Saturday afternoon, September 11th, when varied and elaborate exercises will be held in connection with the dedication of sixteen bronze markers to be erected on the Battlefield of the Brandywine, and its approaches, in the neighborhood of Kennett Square, Dilworthtown, Chadd's Ford, Trimble's and Jeffers' farms, etc.

His Excellency, M. Jusserand, the French Ambassador to Washington, expects to be present, and will make a few remarks, while Gen. Taaker H. Bliss, U. S. Army, Associate Chief of Staff, is preparing his address on "Military Preparedness." He will attend the ceremonies as the personal representative of President Woodrow Wilson.

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THE EXHIBITS.

A special committee, of which the Chairman is C. Christian Sanderson, of Chadd's Ford, is planning to have an exhibit of old relics and various things of historic interest. The public is invited to contribute to this exhibit, and assurance is given that all articles will be carefully guarded.

THE OFFICIAL BADGES.

The Committee on official badges consists of A. R. Geary, Chas. R. Long and Josiah Smith, of Chester, representing the Delaware County Historical Society, with Miss Mary L. Stille, of West Chester, special representative of the Chester County Historical Society. This Committee has designed an official badge of limited number, for the members of the committees and for invited guests.

They are of handsome appearance and will make a coveted souvenir. Upon a large medallion, two to three inches in diameter, will appear a fac-simile of the coat-of-arms of Pennsylvania; at the bottom will be a small photo of the old Birmingham Meeting House; on the left a vignette of Gen. Washington, and on the right, a vignette of Gen. de la Fayette; in the center will appear the Betsy Ross flag, of thirteen stars.

Suspended from this medallion will be two silk streamers, one of buff and the other of blue. On one will be printed in gilt: "Battle of Brandywine, Sept. 11, 1777," on the other: "Marking the Battlefield, Sept. 11, 1915."

ORGANIZATIONS INVITED.

Many of the military and patriotic organizations of Chester and Delaware counties will be invited to attend the dedicatory exercises, including all the G. A. R. Posts of the two counties, the Sons of Veterans, and the Spanish-American War Veterans.

It has also been suggested that the commands of the N. G. P., of the two counties be invited to be present, and the two companies in Chester are already planning arrangements for the trip. If proper transportation can be arranged for Company L, of this borough, Capt. John C. Groff and Lieutenant W. Butler Windle, will have the men attend in uniform and fully equipped.

The local Committee, of which Francis D. Brinton, of East Bradford, is Chairman, will hold a special meeting at Birmingham Meeting House, to-morrow afternoon, to complete the arrangements for the erection of the speakers' stand, the seats for the visitors, the decorations, etc.

The Markers' Committee has given the order for the bronze tablets, and they will be erected as soon as completed. Some of them are to be placed on large boulders, of native flint, located along the public highways, indicating the route of the troops on the day of the battle, in 1777.

THE LOCAL COMMITTEE.

Francis D. Brinton, of O'Connell, near town, is Chairman of the Local Committee of Arrangements, with these able workers: Samuel L. Martindale, West Chester; Miss Christine Biddle, James P. Sharpless, George L. Jones, Henry Bennett, William Jones, Horace W. Sinclair, Hugh E. Steele, Henry Faucett, Jonathan Eldridge, Joseph H. Brinton, Christopher Noble, Isaac A. Passmore, Norris T. Marshall, Harvey Darlington, Birmingham; Christian Sanderson, S. C. Walker and Hon. H. J. Baldwin, Chadd's Ford.

THE RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

Gen. Edward E. Wood, Chairman; Dr. C. M. Phillips, ex-officio; Geo. H. Johnson, Chairman of General Committee; Treasurer Lewis K. Smith, Francis D. Brinton, George B. McCormick, Casper P. Faucett, Mrs. Wm. P. Sharpless, Miss Mary L. Stille, Dr. Joseph T. Rothrock, Gilbert Cope, Samuel Marshall, Charles

Christian Sanderson, Chadd's Ford; Harvey Darlington, Birmingham. The committee will make arrangements for receiving the invited guests either at Chadd's Ford or West Chester, and then conveying them by auto or teams to Birmingham Meeting House, where the exercises will be held. Arrangements will also be made for this section of the speakers' stand, and seats for the assemblage.

L 8-30-1915

THE BIRMINGHAM CELEBRATION

Plans Made for Parking and Caring for Autos and Teams—The Transportation Committee Making Arrangements for Conveying the Visitors.

The local Committee of Arrangements for the proposed celebration at Birmingham Meeting House on September 11th, held a meeting at the meeting house on last Saturday afternoon, when among those present were Francis D. Brinton, the Chairman of the committee, with Geo. H. Johnson, Esq., of this borough, the Chairman of the General Committee, with about a dozen of the committeemen residing in the vicinity. Many plans were considered for the welfare and comfort of the big crowd of visitors expected.

A large tent will be secured and will be erected on the near by lawn, to be used in case of storm.

James F. Sharpless and Hugh E. Steele were appointed a sub-committee to make arrangements for the seats; George L. Jones will look after the erection of the speakers' stand and the decorations.

Harvey Darlington, who owns the adjoining property, will look after the care of teams and autos. The teams will be hitched around the field to the fences enclosing the same, and the autos will be parked in convenient rows in the centre of the field. These vehicles will be in charge of competent men, and a small fee will be charged.

Refreshments will be served in the rear by school house by the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Chester County Hospital, under the direction of Mrs. Benjamin W. Haines.

EXHIBIT OF RELICS.

The exhibit of Revolutionary relics, in charge of Christian C. Sanderson, of Chadd's Ford, and Edward S. Paxson, of West Chester, will be held in the eastern portion of the old meeting house, and all articles of interest will be well cared for by the committee. The public is invited to loan articles of historic value and interest.

The entire space under the trees surrounding the meeting house will be in charge of the trustees of Birmingham Meeting, and will be reserved exclusively for the visitors, and no teams nor autos will be permitted to enter that space.

THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

Casper P. Faucett, of West Chester, is the active Chairman of the Chester County Committee on Transportation, and is completing plans for conveying residents of this place to the scene of the celebration. He has conferred with the owners of several taxicabs and jitneys in this place and a fixed price of 25 cents for the trip one way has been agreed upon and accepted by the auto owners. Others who have autos and will permit their use for the occasion are requested to notify Mr. Faucett, who will be in position to thus use the cars in conveying people to the grounds. In Chester, the Delaware County Committee will have the use of about 150 jitneys, and these will carry several hundred people to Birmingham. Many farmers near Chadd's Ford will loan their big wagons in which to convey visitors from Chadd's Ford Station to Birmingham.

Most of the West Chester people will go by auto, though some will go by trolley to Scenelictown and from there walk to Birmingham via Osborne's Hill and other points of interest.

Mr. Faucett suggests that all the autos running between this place and Birmingham on that day use the Wilmington pike to Darlington's Corner, then turn to the right and then to Birmingham by the first

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11. Address—"National Preparedness," Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, U. S. Army.
12. Music—Quartet.

In the official programme will be printed the names of all the officers of the Historical Societies of Chester and Delaware counties, with facsimiles of the Societies' respective seals; officers of the State Historical Commission, with coat-of-arms of the Commonwealth; members of the several committees of the two Societies—General Arrangements, Reception, Badges, Entertainment, Printing and Invitations, Publicity, Programmes, Markers, Local Arrangements, Music, Finance.

There will also be a copy of a painting of George Washington painted at Valley Forge, 1778, by Charles Willson Peale; photo of the Friends Meeting House, at Birmingham, erected 1763, also map of the battlefield, showing route of the armies engaged in the struggle.

THE MARKERS.

There are sixteen markers erected by the Committee consisting of George R. Johnson, Prof. Smith Burnham, Charles R. Hoopes, Lewis K. Stubbs, J. Carroll Hayes, Francis D. Brinton and Christian C. Sanderson. These will be of bronze, on the official design of a key-stone, adopted by the State Historical Commission. They are completed and will be in place before next Saturday.

At the meeting of the Delaware county committee in Chester Friday afternoon, encouraging reports were submitted, indicating that the coming celebration will prove one of the most impressive and interesting ever held in this section.

The invitations have been engraved and issued; the plans for the transportation of the guests has been completed; the official badges are in readiness for distribution to the members of the committees; the entertainment and finance committees reported progress.

THE TABLETS AND MARKERS.

As previously mentioned in the Local News, the Committee on Markers have selected sixteen spots to be marked with the tablets, which have been made for the occasion.

Upon each of these markers appears this inscription on the bottom: "Erected by the Pennsylvania Historical Commission, and the Chester and Delaware County Historical Societies, 1915."

These tablets are of pretty design, and most of them will be placed on pedestals set in concrete bases, and others will be securely fastened to boulders placed along the highways, where they may be readily seen by the traveling public and those interested.

The location and the inscriptions on the tablets are as follows:

No. 1. On a huge native flint boulder, along the public road between Kennett Square and Red Lion, with this inscription: "The British Army, which had disembarked at the head of the Elk River and was advancing for the capture of Philadelphia, divided at this point early on the morning of September 11, 1777. Knyphausen's Division of the Hessians and British followed the old Chester Road direct to Chadd's Ford, while Gen. Howe with Cornwallis' Division marched north to Trimble's Ford, on the western Brandywine, and thence east to Jefferis' Ford, on the eastern Brandywine, in order to outflank the American Army, under Washington, at Chadd's Ford."

No. 2. Kennett Meeting House. "Here the Americans, under Maxwell, opened fire upon the advancing Hessians, thus beginning the Battle of the Brandywine, Sept. 11, 1777."

No. 3. On the public road, between Kennett Meeting House and Chadd's Ford. "The American Light Infantry, near this place, vigorously resisted the advance of the British at the Battle of Brandywine, Sept. 11, 1777."

No. 4. On a boulder at Chadd's Ford. "The Battle of Brandywine took place in this vicinity, Sept. 11, 1777. Within sight of this point, the Americans, under Washington and Wayne, engaged the British and Hessians, under Knyphausen, who had advanced from the westward. The main battle took place about two miles to the northward, where the British Army, under Howe and Cornwallis, flanked the American right wing under Sullivan, and compelled the retreat of Washington's army towards Chester."

No. 5. Tablet at John Chadd's House. "Proctor's American artillery occupied several redoubts near this house, at the Battle of Brandywine, September 11, 1777."

No. 6. At Trimble's Ford. "September 11th, 1777, while on the march to the battlefield of the Brandywine, the British army, under Howe and Cornwallis, crossed the Brandywine at the ford just south of this point."

No. 7. Jefferis' Ford. "The British army, led by Howe and Cornwallis, crossed the Brandywine at this ford, September 11th, 1777."

No. 8. Scenelldown. "Cornwallis' Division of the British army halted here Sept. 11, 1777, on its march to the Brandywine Battlefield."

No. 9. Osborn's Hill. "From this ridge, Howe directed the movements of the British army at the Battle of Brandywine, Sept. 11, 1777."

No. 10. At Street Road. "The British attack upon the American right wing, under Sullivan, at the Battle of Brandywine, September 11, 1777, began along this road."

No. 11. Birmingham Friends' Meeting House. "Erected in 1763, and used as a hospital by the British, September 11, 1777."

No. 12. On boulder at forks of road below Seal Post Office, on land of Miss Christine Biddle. "The right wing of Washington's army had its main position in the Battle of Brandywine, Sept. 11, 1777, upon the high ground just east of this point. Here the Americans fought heroically for some time, but at last were forced to retire towards Dilworthtown."

No. 13. Sandy Hollow. "The hottest fighting in the Battle of Brandywine, Sept. 11, 1777, was in this vicinity."

No. 14. Where Lafayette was wounded. "General Lafayette was wounded a short distance southwest of this point. In this vicinity Gen. Greene checked the British advance and covered the American retreat towards Chester, at the Battle of Brandywine, Sept. 11, 1777."

No. 15. At Dilworthtown. "The Battle of Brandywine, Sept. 11, 1777, ended a short distance southeast of this place."

No. 16. Headquarters of General Howe, at Battle of Brandywine."

ANNIVERSARY CEREMONIES

Arrangements Planned and Discussed for Battle of Brandywine Celebration

Further arrangements were discussed yesterday afternoon by the general committee of the Delaware County Historical Society for the anniversary ceremonies in commemoration of the Battle of Brandywine to be observed Saturday, September 11, at the Birmingham Friends' Meeting House. The meeting was held in the law office of Judge William B. Broomall, Law Building, on East Fifth street. Henry Graham Ashmead presided at the session. Encouraging reports were submitted by the various sub-committees and indications point to the celebration being the most impressive ever held in this county.

Frederick A. Howard, chairman of the Transportation Committee, reported that arrangements had been made to transport visitors from West Chester and Chadd's Ford stations to the Birmingham Meeting House by automobile service at reasonable rates. Also, that persons going from this city can be taken direct to the place of meeting in automobiles for a charge of 75 cents each way. Arrangements have also been made to convey visitors in automobiles over the battlefield to view the various points of interest, at a moderate charge.

Charles Palmer, chairman of the Invitation Committee, reported that the engraved invitations had been received and a copy mailed to each member of the society and others. The exercises are open to the public and no formal invitation is required, but an engraved copy will be given to anyone desiring it.

The Badge Committee, through A. B. Geary, Esq., chairman, stated that a handsome badge had been designed in honor of the occasion which will be sent to each member of the society and the guests attending the exercises. Those not members may procure the badges, if desired, at a price slightly in excess of the cost, as long as the supply lasts. It is expected that there will be a great demand for these badges.

Joseph H. Hinkson, Esq., chairman of the Entertainment Committee, reported that his committee had held several meetings and will see that the invited guests are properly entertained. This will be done principally, however, by personal friends of the committee members.

The Finance Committee, of which Col. James A. G. Campbell is chairman, asserted that a number of letters were sent out asking for contributions towards defraying the expenses of the celebration, and several responses had been received. More funds are necessary, however, to conduct the exercises in a fitting manner, as the occasion will be one long to be remembered.

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Numerous cannon balls are displayed, and it was said that the ball which left a big dent on the kitchen wall at the Jones farm might be there.

A Hessian hat of Revolutionary times, with a framed bill to King George for damages done by the invading army, and a Gazette containing orders given by General Washington at Chester, are from the State Normal School's collection.

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Table was brought from Birmingham, England, about 1750, by William Burton, and was in his house at time of the Revolution. His house was near Millworthtown, near which the American army retreated. It is now in possession of St. Julian Order, the first-west-guest friend.

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Six old chests between the years of 1771 and 1773 are loaned by Thomas Cheyney, of East Oak street, the having belonged to his ancestor, Squire Thos. Cheyney, who gave Washington valuable information regarding the approach of the enemy. There are also two antique mirrors, which formerly belonged to the same worthy.

Local 9.3.1915

THE BIRMINGHAM 9.3.15 SOUL CELEBRATION

The Bronze Tablets Are Being Completed—Arrangements for the Exercises.

George B. Johnson, Esq., of West Chester, the chairman of the general committee of the Chester County Historical Society, having in charge the arrangements for the proposed celebration on Saturday afternoon, September 11th, at old Birmingham Meeting House, in connection with the dedication of sixteen bronze markers and tablets on the battlefield of the Brandywine, reports things being nicely completed. The markers are being finished and will be placed in position prior to the ceremonies. They are in shape of the Keystone, the design officially adopted by the Pennsylvania State Historical Commission, and are of various sizes, according to the inscription thereon. Some of these markers are to be placed on large native flint boulders to be located alongside the public roads, at spots mentioned in a recent issue of the Local News.

MILITARY TO ATTEND.

Plans are being completed for the presence at the celebration of the four companies of the nearest battalion of the Sixth Regiment, N. G. P., including Companies B and C, of Chester; Company H, of Media; Company Y, West Chester. The three Delaware county commands will make the trip to Brandywine battlefield in large buses furnished by residents of those towns, and Capt. John C. Croft, of this borough, is trying to secure the use of several large auto-trucks owned in this vicinity to convey the West Chester soldiers to the scene. The Historical Society has not sufficient funds to pay for the transportation of the troops. If it were possible, all the soldiery of these two counties would be present.

All the G. A. R. Posts of the two counties have been specially invited to attend the exercises, and these promises to be a large turnout of the uniformed veterans of Gen. George A. Meade's Post, No. 31, of this borough, who will make the trip in a number of autos offered by friends.

The event promises to surpass anything of the kind ever undertaken by either of the historical societies of the two counties. Besides the exercises that will be of interesting and varied nature, there will be an exhibit of historical relics, under care of Christian C. Sanderson, Francis D. Beaton, and others.

Plans are being completed for the visit of the French Ambassador to Washington, D. C., Hon. Jean M. Jusserand, who will make a few remarks. He will be accompanied to Birmingham by Hon. Wayne MacVane, a distinguished son of Chester county, former Attorney-General of the United States.

Old Walnut Tree for Souvenirs.

Latest among propositions for the raising of funds for Birmingham is that of cutting down the old Walnut tree which stands near the octagonal school and converting it into souvenirs, as napkin rings, vases, bread trays and the like. The school building has just been painted a bright green, which matches the leaves but the tree has outlived its day and will be felled soon. The Birmingham School Board, which has the use of the school for the care and expense of keeping it in order, would have the disposal of the tree.

Local 9.9.1915

WANT TRAFFIC COPS 9.9.15 FOR BIRMINGHAM

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9.7.1915

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THE CELEBRATION AT BIRMINGHAM

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The transportation committee, of which Casper P. Faucett, this borough, is chairman, is preparing to accommodate all who desire to go down from this place, and autos will be operated from Market Street Station to carry passengers at the rate of twenty-five cents for one way. Most of the residents of West Chester, who have autos, have arranged to carry their families and friends to the scene, and a number of vehicles will be used to carry the G. A. R. Veterans and members of Guss Post.

Many invitations have been issued by the local committee, under supervision of Miss Mary I. Stille, this borough, but the General Committee desire it to be thoroughly understood that invitations are not necessary, but are merely used as one method of securing the attendance of the members and friends of the Historical Societies. The public is cordially invited to attend, and are urged to be present and participate in the elaborate and interesting programme prepared.

It is also announced that the Gen. Washington's Headquarters, near Chadd's Ford, occupied by Christian C. Sanderson and mother, will be open for inspection to the public and all interested are invited to look over the house and its relics.

There will be a large and varied collection of historical relics in the eastern portion of the old meeting house, in charge of Christian C. Sanderson, Edward S. Paxson and Francis D. Brinton, and some others of that committee. Persons having relics that they will loan are requested to at once notify Mr. Sanderson, at Chadd's Ford, or Mr. Paxson, at West Chester. Everything will be well-cared for and guarded.

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SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED By Transportation Committee for Birmingham Celebration of Battle of Brandywine.

Arrangements have been made by the Transportation Committee to handle the crowd who desire to attend the ceremonies in commemoration of the Battle of Brandywine, to be observed on Saturday next at the Birmingham Friends' Meeting House.

The schedule was prepared by the Chester County Historical Committee, of which C. P. Faucett is Chairman:

Trains leave Broad Street Station for West Chester, 6.30, 8.21, 11.03 a. m. Returning leave West Chester for Philadelphia, 4.28, 6.07, 6.43, 9.30 and 10.42 p. m. Trolley service from 60th St. Station to West Chester every half-hour, leaving 60th St. Station on the half-hour and West Chester on the quarter-hour.

Automobile service has been arranged for to meet all trains and trolleys and ply between West Chester and Birmingham Meeting House throughout the day, from the Court House; 25 cents has been fixed for the fare each way.

Any one desiring to make a tour of the battle field or to any of the points of interest can do so by arranging with the automobile drivers.

The exercises for the day will commence at 2 o'clock.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Chester County Hospital will serve lunch on the grounds during the day at moderate cost.—Adv.

No Tickets to Birmingham.

Dr. Benjamin F. Lissett, of Concordville, has been making some inquiry as to whether or not the historical celebration at Birmingham on Saturday was in any sense a private affair. The answer is given that anybody and everybody can go, if prompted by patriotism, which will be the prevailing note of the day. On such occasions the Chester County Historical Society issues a special invitation to a number of prominent men or strangers, like Governors and noted historians and other celebrities, but this does not bar the way of any others, and efforts are made to make the affair a people's day. It is expected that several walking parties will be formed among the residents of West Chester, who will go direct down New street until they come to the battlefield.

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Montgomery Visitors Coming.

A number of the members of the Historical Society of Montgomery county will accept invitations of the Chester County Historical Society to attend the exercises at Birmingham Meeting House, on next Saturday, members of the Board of County Commissioners here from Norristown yesterday state.

Old Scales With a Story.

At the last meeting of the Chester County Historical Society, Francis D. Brinton, of O'rmead, presented a pair of old-fashioned scales which had been used by a farmer. It was related that the farmer had been without weights and he had bought at the store a pound of soap to use as a weight. He prepared several pounds of butter which he took to the

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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME FOR BIRMINGHAM

Brandywine Day Celebration Attracts Notice in Many Quarters and Promises to Be an Immense Affair.

To-day the committee in charge of the official programmes for the Battle of Brandywine celebration to-morrow, has received a few advance copies, and to-morrow will have a considerable number. The pamphlet contains twenty pages and it has lists of the officers and committees, a cut of Peale's Washington which is held by the State Normal School; cuts of the bronze tablets with the inscription thereon, a map of the district where the battle was fought, and much other information regarding the day and its meaning. The cover is of blue with gilt lettering, and the inside pages are of yellow paper, with an American flag in the red, white and blue of patriotism.

It is expected that the celebration to-morrow will attract the largest assemblage ever seen in Birmingham, and in addition to the automobiles from a distance there will be private conveyances from West Chester, from the Baltimore Central trains at Chadd's Ford, and from the Wilmington and Northern Railroad at Lenape and Pocopson.

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"I do not know why I should be doing this except to save somebody's life," remarks C. P. Faucett, Chairman of the Transportation Committee to-day at noon, "but I look for a regular mob at Birmingham to-morrow, and I am afraid there will be some serious accident unless the people are careful. Captain John C. Groff, of Company I, has promised to be out there with a squad of men, and they will help in directing traffic."

"My suggestion is that the travel go down High street from West Chester to the second cross roads, Darlington's Corner, then turn to the right and take the cross road to the left."

"On the way home I would suggest that the people come by Brinton's quarries and New street or else take the Cornwallis route by Strode's mill and the Lenape road to West Chester."

"If they will all go in the same direction they ought to be able to avoid any accident."

Auto Fare to Birmingham.

An instance of traffic regulation under amicable conditions is shown in West Chester, where the committee in charge of the Brandywine Day celebration to-morrow has fixed the auto-hack charges to Birmingham. All the jitneys and other gasoline vehicles from neighboring towns have been invited and concessions have been secured for them, with the understanding that they are to charge twenty-five cents a person each way, the service beginning at the Court House corner. C. P. Faucett, Chairman of the Committee on Transportation, has letters from people in Philadelphia, Lancaster and other places who are coming to town and want to be assured of a way to get to the meeting house. Once on the ground, travelers will find the tent open to everybody, free of charge.

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WILSON FAVORS BRANDYWINE DAY

President Writes He Is Sorry Not to Be Here This Afternoon.

ALMOST EVERYBODY ELSE THERE

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of Miss Mary I. Stille, Historian of the Pennsylvania State Chapter, for several years past. Mrs. McLean was invited to attend the Birmingham celebration today, but is unable to come, and has wired to Miss Stille: "I highly appreciate the invitation to the anniversary ceremonies of the Battle of Brandywine, and profoundly regret my inability to accept. Greetings to the assemblage."

Quite a large representation of the several Chapters of the D. A. R., in this section will attend the exercises at Birmingham, and a prominent member will be Miss Emma A. Crowell, State Regent.

Another prominent visitor to Birmingham to-day will be Harry Lewis Raul, of Easton, the designer of the soldiers' and sailors' monument on the Court House lawn, this place. Mr. Raul arrived in town this morning, making the trip here in his auto and displaying one of the Betsy Ross flags with the thirteen stars.

THE OFFICIAL BADGES.

Miss Stille, of the Badge Committee, has received the official badges for the members of the Committees. These badges consist of a medallion containing the vignette of Gen. Lafayette on the left and Gen. Washington on the right side, the coat-of-arms of Pennsylvania on the top, and photo of Birmingham Meeting House on the bottom, and a United States flag in the center. One silk streamer is of yellow with this inscription printed in gilt: "Marking Battlefield, September 11, 1777." The other streamer is blue silk with this: "Battle of Brandywine, September 11, 1777."

THE ORDER OF THE CINCINNATI.

The famous Order of the Cincinnati will be represented at the Brandywine celebration, when about ten or a dozen members from various sections of the State will be entertained here by H. Elroy Sprout, of Thornbury, not far from the battlefield. The visitors will take dinner at the Mansion House Hotel, this borough, and then after the ceremonies will be the guests of Mr. Sprout at his country place.

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Table was brought from Birmingham, England, about 1670, by William Brinton, and was in his house at time of the Revolution. His home was near Dilworthtown, past which the American army retreated. It is now in possession of St. Julien Ogier, the great-great-great grandson.

Two rush chairs of John and Hannah Forsythe, said by Hannah Forsythe to be 100 years old at the time of their marriage in 1783. The house of Hannah Forsythe stood one-fourth mile west of Osborne's Hill, her land extending thereto, over which the British troops marched. These chairs were in the house at the time.

Three-cornered chair owned by Phillip Price, who lived in Nantmeal, Chester county, at the time of the battle. In 1791 he moved to East Bradford, near Strode's mill, the English army passing within 100 feet of the house.

Six old deeds between the years of 1774 and 1775 are loaned by Thomas Cheyney, of East Gay street, the yvaying belonged to his ancestor, 'Squire Thos. Cheyney, who gave Washington valuable information regarding the approach of the enemy. There are also two antique mirrors, which formerly belonged to the same worthy.

Parking Automobiles.

Arrangements have been made for parking automobiles on the Jones farm, adjoining the burial ground, at the rear of the Meeting House. A section of wire fence has been removed to let the machines in and there is space for many. The Jones house also will be a popular resort for the reason that it is convenient and well equipped and is of interest because of a cannon ball which struck the building during the battle. The cannon ball is on exhibition.

EATING AT BIRMINGHAM

Attractive Young Women Serve Good Things for Benefit of County Hospital To-Day.

Pretty girls in colonial costumes in and about the old octagonal school house at Birmingham to-day lend a touch of realism to the backward glance through the centuries that every visitor to the historic meeting house is asked to take today.

In caps and kerchiefs, members of the local branch of the Women's Auxiliary to the Chester County Hospital are dispensing sandwiches, coffee, tea, milk, lemonade and ice cream to the hungry folks in the crowd, and the harvest of nickels which they hope to have reaped by evening will go to swell the fund which will be turned into the treasury this Fall.

The enterprise is in charge of Mrs. B. W. Haines, assisted by Mrs. Francis D. Brinton, President of the branch; Mrs. J. Pennock Williamson, Mrs. Harry Owen, Mrs. Benjamin Eric, Mrs. Chas. Ont, Miss Laura Embree Woodward.

ning, Miss Caroline Green, Miss Dorothy Kay, Miss Mary Hagan.

The committee's work began some days ago, when Mrs. Haines, Mrs. Brinton, Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. Owen went to Birmingham in the Williamson car and waged war against the dust which cannot but accumulate in any unused building. With brooms and dusters they put the place in fine trim for to-day's activities and proved that the modern woman has inherited to the full the antipathy for dirt that her grandmother possessed.

With a clear day and plenty of sunshine it is believed that a brisk business in eatables will be done.

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On Sale at

N. T. Marshall's Store,

Near BIRMINGHAM MEETING HOUSE,

Saturday, Sept. 11

Sandwiches, Ice Cold Milk, Cakes, Lemonade, Candies, Cigars and Cider fresh from the press. Also, Souvenir Post Cards of the Meeting House. 14

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BRANDYWINE DAY

GREATEST EVER

Historical Societies of Two Counties Score a Marked Triumph.

FRENCH AMBASSADOR A FAVORITE

Tent Which Holds a Thousand People Holds Interested Audience Three Hours While Many Speakers Comment on the Revolutionary Battle and What It Meant to America and the World. Overflow Crowd Spends Social Afternoon on Lawn About Meeting House at Birmingham.

Three thousand people who arrived in a great caravan of automobiles and other vehicles took part in the celebration of Brandywine Day at Birmingham Friends' Meeting on Saturday. The occasion was the greatest and most successful the Chester County Historical Society and the Delaware County Historical Society have yet managed, and though the weather was intensely hot everybody seemed to enjoy the event and feel a sense of gratitude to those who had arranged it.

For three hours the tent, which held a thousand people, was filled with men and women, who listened with interest, and although there was no tremendous tumult of demonstration, the audience was sympathetic and frequent ripples of applause encouraged the speakers.

Among those who spoke the French Ambassador was given first place in point of interest, although some of the home speakers were remarkably able and were received with much favor.

The big success of the celebration far exceeded the expectations of the most enthusiastic members of the several sub-committees of the local Historical Societies, who had labored strenuously and actively for some weeks past, so that President G. M. Phillips and the entire corps of assistants were elated with the splendid time so thoroughly enjoyed by the thousands of visitors.

EXERCISES IN THE TENT

Delightful Programme of Varied Exercises Proves Extremely Interesting.

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THE BIRMINGHAM

Local CELEBRATION

Plans Made for Parking and Caring for
Autos and Teams—The Transportation Committee Making
Arrangements for Conveying the Visitors.

The local Committee of Arrangements for the proposed celebration at Birmingham Meeting House on September 11th, held a meeting at the meeting house on last Saturday afternoon, when among those present were Francis D. Brinton, the Chairman of the committee, with Geo. B. Johnson, Esq., of this borough, the Chairman of the General Committee, with about a dozen of the committeemen residing in the vicinity. Many plans were considered for the welfare and comfort of the big crowd of visitors expected.

A large tent will be secured and will be erected on the near by lawn, to be used in case of storm.

James F. Sharpless and Hugh E. Steele were appointed a sub-committee to make arrangements for the seats; George L. Jones will look after the erection of the speakers' stand and the decorations.

Harvey Darlington, who owns the adjoining property, will look after the care of teams and autos. The teams will be hitched around the field to the fence enclosing the same, and the autos will be parked in convenient rows in the centre of the field. These vehicles will be in charge of competent men, and a small fee will be charged.

Refreshments will be served in the near by school house by the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Chester County Hospital, under the direction of Mrs. Benjamin W. Haines.

EXHIBIT OF RELICS

The exhibit of Revolutionary relics, in charge of Christian C. Sanderson, of Chadd's Ford, and Edward S. Paxson, of West Chester, will be held in the eastern portion of the old meeting house, and all articles of interest will be well cared for by the committee. The public is invited to loan articles of historic value and interest.

The entire space under the trees surrounding the meeting house will be in charge of the trustees of Birmingham Meeting, and will be reserved exclusively for the visitors, and no teams nor autos will be permitted to enter that space.

THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

Casper P. Faucett, of West Chester, is the active Chairman of the Chester County Committee on Transportation, and is completing plans for conveying residents of this place to the scene of the celebration. He has conferred with the owners of several taxicabs and jitneys in this place and a fixed price of 25 cents for the trip one way has been agreed upon and accepted by the auto owners. Others who have autos and will permit their use for the occasion are requested to notify Mr. Faucett, who will be in position to thus use the cars in conveying people to the grounds. In Chester, the Delaware County Committee will have the use of about 150 jitneys, and these will carry several hundred people to Birmingham. Many farmers near Chadd's Ford will loan their big wagons in which to convey visitors from Chadd's Ford Station to Birmingham.

Most of the West Chester people will go by auto, though some will go by trolley to Seconnetown and from there walk to Birmingham via Osborne's Hill and other points of interest.

Mr. Faucett suggests that all the autos running between this place and Birmingham on that day use the Wilmington pike to Darlington's Corner, then turn to the right and then to Birmingham by the first or the second road to the left, both leading to the meeting house. These roads are wider and in better condition than South New street or the road by way of Strode's mill from this place.

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McCall Post at Birmingham, 917

On Saturday afternoon about fifty members of General George A. McCall Post, No. 31, G. A. R., of West Chester, in full uniform, went to Birmingham in automobiles and other vehicles furnished by friends and members. The Post was under charge of Commander S. T. Smith, while Joseph N. Marshall and S. O. Fern-walt were color bearers and Charles Riley drummer. The veterans left headquarters at about 1:30 o'clock and made a quick and dusty trip. At the meeting house they alighted and were drawn up in line in the sun. There were no formal ceremonies on the part of the veterans, but they listened to the ceremonies and returned to West Chester tired and hot.

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Members of General Henry R. Gues Post found enough automobiles and trucks at headquarters, on South Church street, Saturday afternoon, to take them to Birmingham. Several owners had promised, but did not respond, but in the end there were more places than men. First Sergeant Brinkley H. Haley counted over eighty men on the grounds about the Meeting House. Most of them sat on the grass and watched the crowd, preferring this to the heat of the tent.

Among those who had promised to send their automobiles were:

Thomas T. Crosley, Edward Whitton, Bell Telephone Company, Horace W. Sinclair, Sellers Hoffman, Cloyd R. Baldwin, Rodney P. Jeffers, Charles W. Manley, B. H. Haley, Truman D. Wade, Howard S. Conner, Oscar Thomas, Mr. Engerth, Myers Moore, David T. Sharples, Theodore Golder, Joseph Taylor, P. M. Sharples, Harry F. Taylor, Edward Walter, Elijah Thomas, Abner Few, Wilmer T. Nields, E. Vinton Phillips, Edmund H. Brown, Congressman Thomas S. Butler, J. Gilbert Scott, John Bishop.

WHAT "JITNEYS" SAID AND DID

Gasoline Transportation From West Chester to the Scene of Festivities.

"This is a bum town."
"Tutty nice girls here."
"What's the price o' gasoline?"
"Is that the city hall; fine old shack."
"These guys a little shy, ain't they; what are you askin'?"
"Nicer streets 'an we got, and bigger buildin's."
"I was here onct, when 'them noteds' beat us to a finish—lost my wad and—"
"Gwan, Lutton pitched ball and Tom News played second, and Richardson and Tricky France and all Delaware county played on the bench, puttin' up against your own."
"Birmingham? Only a quarter man; new car, just—"
"Here you are, quarter to!"
"Jim got four faras out o' that—what-d'ye holler price fur; they'd paid a half-buck."
"I'm waitin' for that old guy; he's got a bunch comin'—Birmingham, all the way for a quarter."
"Say, Bill, how's the beer here? Any good; let's hit one."
And so on.

The jitneys from Chester had no picnic. They worked hard and made money, and dust, though. One man who had bags and energy and a clean looking car made round trips between 12 m. and 6 p. m., and went back to the weedy city of catfish without a puncture. Some jitney drivers are born—not made.

INJURED ON FIELD

First Aid Corps Takes Care of Four Cases in Tent During Brandywine Day.

One of the features of the Brandywine Day celebration was the tent of the First Aid Corps which had become well-known in connection with such occasions. Four cases were treated during the day, one of the patients being Corporal Houck, of Company I, Sixth Regiment, N. G. P., who was run down by an automobile which passed over his ankles and also cut his head.

Another case was that in which a man

Young men who stood ready for emergency work were Norman Pyle and brother, Robert Lee, Howard Colshawer, Morris Yearsley, Jerome Gray, Horace Matthews, Bertram Dills, Burnett Matson.

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CHESTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Monthly Meeting Was Held Last Evening—Some New Members Enrolled.

The monthly meeting of the Chester County Historical Society was held in the Library Building of the West Chester State Normal School, when among those present were President, G. M. Phillips; Secretary, Gilbert Cope; George B. Johnson, Miss Mary I. Stille, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. P. Sharpless, Samuel L. Martindale, Francis D. Kinton, Prof. Smith Burnham, Edward S. Paxson.

One member remarked that there was no evidence that Summer was not still in the saddle.

The principal business was the consideration and approval of bills, mostly connected with the Brandywine Day celebration, on the 11th, over which the members were just bubbling with enthusiasm and praise for those who had worked so hard to make the affair the great success it was. The local committee's good work was especially appreciated.

The cost of the markers set up at various points, the printed programmes, the tent to shelter the few of the many hundreds present, and other items figured up a good round sum, but it is expected the State Commission will relieve the two county societies of the greater part of these.

Some bills for repairs at Memorial Hall were approved.

Additions to the membership of the Society were made by the election of Charles W. Walker, of Downingtown; Mrs. Samuel R. Shipley, of Winden, East Bradford; Benjamin Rush, of Kirkland; Mrs. George M. Phillips, of West Chester; John M. Zook, of Philadelphia; the Misses Clara B. and Sarah C. DeHaven, West Chester; Emma Doan Embree, West Goshen; Laura Emma Woodward, of Trenton, N. J.

A. Daly.
Phoenixville—Aunt M. Dunlap, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Walker, John S. Williams.
Parkersburg—Wm. L. Parson and wife, Benjamin Paxson, Eleanor Hawthorne, Joe C. Paxson and wife, Ferree C. Grossman and wife, R. Preston Shoemaker, Mary R. P. Grossman, Mary A. Parson.
Prospect Park—John Robt. Ogden.
Ridley Park—Mary Jane Spencer, Mrs. G. V. Linton, Mary A. McCullough, C. C. McCullough, Walter V. Linton, Mabel S. Linton, Elliott T. Turner.
Rensselaer—W. A. Patton and wife.
Reading—Miriam A. Shirl.
Spring City—D. M. Brower, Mrs. Wm. Brower, Blanche Brower, Warren R. Kugler, Dr. Wm. Brower, M. E. Hargreaves, Isabel M. Beriolet, Jennie V. Beriolet.
St. Peter's—H. Paul Knauer.
Slatonville—Bessie P. Wassum.
Swarthmore—John Russell Haver.
Steelton—Wm. F. Christman.
Tonkhampton—Janice A. Carpenter.
Taneytown, Md.—Ethel M. Sauerhanner.
Toughkenamon—Rebecca E. McFarlan.
Ulster—Agnes Hustin.
Upland—Wm. McIlvain.
Upper Chichester—Henry F. Ogden, Chas. A. Broomall.
Village Green—Thomas H. Thatcher, Susan V. Thatcher, Anna Dell Thatcher, Raymond Turner, E. H. Pancoast, Susanna P. Roberts, Mrs. H. Franklin Kople.
Wallace, Idaho—Mrs. Weldon B. Heyburn.
West Whiteland—Slater Springs.
Washington, D. C.—E. H. Forsythe, Herbert G. McKean, Edward Forsythe, Grace L. Forsythe, Ella Moore.
Wilmington, Del.—Henry Whiteley, Mrs. Wm. Mendenhall, Lewis H. Brosius and wife, Ida Bartram, Elizabeth Nichols, Frances E. Mason, Blanche M. Behbart, May D. Whittaker, Emma M. Doud, Helen A. McCaulley, Mrs. R. de Vau, Henry Park Mason, C. L. Walker, Mrs. A. E. War, Jas. Griffith, Jas. A. Dougherty, John B. Martin, Mary B. Martin, Hank Stilda and wife, J. F. Stilda and wife.
West Grove—Margaret C. Larmore, Ashby M. Larmore, Jean S. Van Deventer, M. Gertrude Reynolds, Dr. M. E. Conard and wife, Alice M. Conard, Addie S. Larnborn, Dorothy C. Pyle, Helen C. Pyle, Milton C. Pyle.
Wyechonke—Marion Head.
Wayne—Mrs. G. M. Redman, A. M. Thomas, Miss Fannie Evans (D. A. R.).
Wallingford—Mrs. Powell Stackhouse.
York Springs—Ernest M. Kauffman, J. Raymond Kauffman.

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HISTORIC ECHOES OF BRANDYWINE DAY

Crowds of People Do Much Visiting
Outside the Big Tent and About
the Meeting House.

—The tent which was used on Brandywine day was from Wilmington, a firm there supplying it, taking it on autotrucks to the grounds, putting it up and taking it down. Harvey Darlington permitted the use of the land.

—In the museum Isaac J. Conner had a quartermaster's book 177 years old, giving prices of articles in the Colonial days. Incidentally some one remarked that sometimes on the street Mr. Conner had been taken for Edward Walter, of West Cochen, sometimes for Joseph G. Williams, of Dean street, and sometimes for J. Grier Dain, of East Whiteland. All four men were on the ground during the day, and when seen together it was noticed that while they have some similar characteristics of face, they do not resemble one another closely.

—Congressman Thomas S. Butler missed the celebration as he had been at a funeral in the morning and was to speak at Haverford Friends' Meeting in the evening, thus having a busy day.

—Miss Alice Cochran, Librarian at the State Normal School, led a procession of twenty-two students and teachers about the buildings and grounds, showing them the prominent features. Miss Harriet H. Baldwin, Miss Rebecca Greenburg and Miss Isadore Croyce were in the group.
—Edwin S. Pugh and daughter were there from Oxford, Mr. Pugh having a special interest in historic matters.

—A man who looked like ex-Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker was noticed in the crowds, but he proved to be a different personage.

—Howard Edwards, of Philadelphia, who is distinguished by age, was re-

called this borough.

—State Senator William C. Sproul, of Chester, was greeted as a citizen of two counties, as his ancestral acres lie in New London and he knows more people in Chester county than many of the residents do.

—T. Van C. Phillips, of Newtown Square, exhibited in the museum a sword and belt which had been the property of Colonel Humpton. The sword has an ivory handle and is a handsome weapon. The belt had been questioned as to antiquity because it seemed as though it seems to belong to a later period, but Richard Walker, of Glen Moore, exhibited a revolutionary sword which had a belt of the same pattern, this confirming the age of the Humpton belt.

—Lysees S. Koons, Esq., of Philadelphia, chatted with a number of old friends, several of whom he knew when he was a Normal School student here in 1896.

—Another former Normal School student was Henry S. Borneman, Esq., who was accompanied by Mrs. Borneman and their daughter, Helen, and son, Joseph.

—Hon. William Wayne, Francis D. Erinton and others recommended an overflow meeting, as the great tent would not hold the people, but arrangements for this could not be completed.

—Joseph W. Hunter, former State Highway Commissioner, recalled that he had often visited the Birmingham neighborhood and one night had spoken in Lenape school house. He said he was born not very far from there.

—Emien Darlington, of Pocopson, who was present, accompanied by his family, was asked a number of questions regarding the meeting house and grounds.

—William H. Gibbons and family, of Ardmore, motored down from Coatesville, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Hugh E. Stone.

—Joseph H. Brinton showed some of his friends a grapeshot which had been plowed up in one of his fields a few days ago in an excellent state of preservation. It weighed just a pound. Mr. Brinton remarked that twenty-five of his ancestors and their immediate family had been born on the farm where he resides, and that many are buried in the old meeting house grounds.

—Dr. Ambrose L. Suhrie, of the University of Pennsylvania, was accompanied by Dr. Graves, of the same institution and Prof. Arthur C. Whedon, of the State Normal School.

—At Lafayette Hall, Chadd's Ford, the home of Richard M. Atwater, Mayor of Sea Isle City, N. J., who had come to Pennsylvania for the day, a luncheon was given for the French Ambassador, Hon. Jean J. Jusserand, Madame Jusserand, Hon. Murrrough O'Brien and friend and Dr. and Mrs. George Morris Phillips, the host being assisted by his daughter, Miss Sophie Atwater; his son-in-law, Dr. Arthur H. Cleveland and his grandchildren, Arthur and Ethelyn Cleveland.

—Rev. Alden W. Quimby, of Berwyn, took particular interest in the occasion. Some years ago he had written an article which was published, with illustrations, but yesterday he had opportunity to make further observations of the meeting house and talk with some of the older residents regarding the location of the troops on the day of the battle.

—Rev. Joel S. Gillilan, of Newark, Del., former pastor of Dilworthtown Presbyterian Church, shook hands with numerous old friends.

—Seats in the big tent were borrowed from numerous places. Those on the platform and about it were from the meeting house. Others were from Birmingham Park, where they were loaned by their owner, Horace W. Sinclair, and a third lot belonged to T. L. Eyre and County Commissioner David M. Golder.

—A party of Norristown people noticed chatting with Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Highloy, of Malvern, included Joseph Farnance, Esq., President of the Montgomery County Historical Society; Mr. and Mrs. George K. Kite, Mrs. Lewis M. Childs and Mrs. N. Howland Brown, all of whom had motored from their home to the grounds.

—To veteran soldiers who shook hands

ed at that time and never met until last fall, and then not again until Saturday.

—Truman D. Wade, who was prepared to take a load of veteran soldiers to Birmingham, found only one remaining, John Higgins. He filled the vacant seats, however, finding ex-Treasurer Henry Henry Marshall and Commissioners' Clerk John Parker congenial company.

—Several women who served refreshments worked hard all day, much of that time in the grilling sun, and thus raised money for the hospital. Patrons on the grounds wondered what they would ever do without this source of supply.

—Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mandenhall, of Gradyville, greeted friends in the crowd at Birmingham Meeting House, and invited many to become interested in the Delaware County Farm Bureau now forming.

—Hon. S. E. Nivin mingled with the crowd answering questions about southern Chester county. Many had not seen him since his lengthy illness.

William H. Ridgway, of Coatesville, found many acquaintances in the crowd, who know him through his Y. M. C. A. and Sunday School work.

—A congenial party from near Coatesville consisted of Mrs. Eliza R. Baker, Mrs. Adilda G. Dean and Miss Lucretia Faddie.

—Mr. and Mrs. William D. Marshall motored down from their home at Lyndell, picking up Mrs. Marshall's mother and sister, Mrs. Johnson and Miss Alberta Johnson, as they passed through West Chester.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. Emmett Ramsey, of Mortonville, found many friends and acquaintances on the grounds.

—In the octagonal school house a number of volunteers assisted the regular committee previously reported. Among them were: Mrs. Arthur T. Parke, Miss Anna J. Hibberd, Mrs. L. K. Stubbs, Mrs. J. Howard Lumis.

—The watch set in jewels, formerly belonging to Alexander Hamilton, was pointed out by the owner, T. Van C. Phillips, as one of two watches made by a famous English jeweler. The duplicate of this watch is in the British Museum.

A pewter pitcher and mug on the speakers' stand gave a touch of realism on the battlefield of Brandywine and attracted considerable attention when Prof. J. Russell Hayes took the cup in both hands and drank deeply, as he bowed to the French Ambassador who sat near him on the speakers' stand.

—Ernest Shultz, of Hawley, this State, a graduate of the State Normal School, in 1914, renewed acquaintances with several school friends whom he found on the historic field.

—Milton Mendenhall, whose farm near Mendenhall station, is not far from the line of the British march from Kennett Square to Chadd's Ford, was one of the most interested members of the audience in the big tent.

—Mrs. L. C. Robison and Mrs. George D. Heale, of Coatesville, were among a number of daughters of the American Revolution who listened to the story of their ancestors' prowess on the field. Another of these descendants of patriotic forebears was Mrs. Lewis H. Bond, of Philadelphia.

—A few of the other members of Chester County Chapter, D. A. R., who were on the grounds were: Miss M. I. Stille, Miss J. Howard Lumis, Mrs. Lewis K. Stubbs, Miss Anna L. Whitehead.

—Candidates in great numbers expressed their patriotism and willingness to serve the public.

—One of the oldest persons on the grounds, on Saturday, was Davis R. Smith, of Glen Moore, who registered as 91 years of age.

—In connection with the work of placing and guarding the collection of historical relics, the following young folks of Chadd's Ford took part: Misses Mary Preston and Eleanor Hickman, Jos. McMullen, Ralph Hoffman, Richard Darlington and Robert Vanderer, of the Boy Scouts.

Jitneys Double Rate Charge.

After the committee from the Chester County Historical Society had gone to the trouble of securing concessions for them, that they might be able to run jitneys to Birmingham on Saturday with-out paying a license fee, some of the owners of automobiles charged twice as much as the price agreed upon; twenty-five cents each way. Patrons who knew the charge before entering the cars, had the opportunity to take others at the

Sandy Hollow Heritage Park Commemorating the Battle of Brandywine

September 11, 1777

The location of the most concentrated fighting of the Battle of the Brandywine took place from Street Road to Dilworth with the center of intensity in Sandy Hollow.

This Battle involved the largest number of fighting troops (22,000 to 30,000) of the Revolutionary War and a rare encounter between General George Washington and British Generals William Howe and Charles Cornwallis.

General Howe's intent was to capture the "rebel" capital, Philadelphia, and put an end to the uprising.

Follow the numbered posts and envision the battle taking place.



1. The Battle of the Brandywine took place within a ten-square mile area with the primary points being:

- ♦ To the west, Chadds Ford, where Howe led Washington to believe the primary battle would be waged. However, the wily Howe marched his major forces from 4:30 a.m. under the cover of darkness and fog up the west bank of the Brandywine crossing to the north at Trimble and Jefferis Fords.
- ♦ In a field three miles to the northwest, Osborne Hill, where the opposing forces broke for tea and strategy review.
- ♦ To the southwest, the woods and hills through which Washington, once convinced of Howe's circling strategy, sent Generals Sullivan, Stirling, and Stephens, and troops "double time" from Chadds and Brinton's Fords to Birmingham Meeting, 3/4 of a mile to the north.

Skirmishes broke out between British forward troops and Colonists below the Meeting House at 2 p.m.

The first line of Colonial defense formed along Renwick Run to the Meeting House and east. This line broke in confusion under heavy fire to reform from "Skirmish Hill" to high ground on the east in a wavering but often amazingly courageous defense. Five times the Colonials lost and regained their position under heavy fire.



This cannon is a Civil War siege cannon. Its line of sight marks the old cart road known as Sandy Hollow.

2. Although this cannon is a Civil War siege cannon, rather than a Revolutionary armament, its intent is clear. The line of sight marks the old cart road known as Sandy Hollow. Just above the hollow, the Colonials reformed to make their third stand with Virginia's Lutheran minister, Brig. General Peter Muhlenberg (known as devil Pete by his adversaries) and Brig. General George Weedon. They drew up 1,800 men to oppose 2,200 elite British and Hessian forces. Stephens, Stirling, Nash, and General Greene's forces took part. Washington and Lafayette galloped up from Chadds Ford in the waning moments. The fight became a hand-to-hand battle in which Lafayette was struck by a musket ball and retired from the field.

3. Nineteen year old Marquis de Lafayette represented the French support for Colonial Independence from Britain. A "man of two worlds", Major Lafayette rode beside General Washington. Near this point, he engaged with honor in his first battle. To the west of this marker is the Lafayette memorial dedicated on September 11, 1895. Five thousand people traveled to witness the dedication.

In 1900, Colonel F. C. Hooten, Congressman Thomas Butler and the Post G.A.R. of West Chester arranged for the two 6,000 pound siege cannons to be erected upon the "high ground" (marker 2) and on the corner of Wylie and Birmingham Roads in recognition of the second line of resistance by the Colonial forces. Thirty thousand people attended this remembrance.

A thirteen star Colonial Flag was raised during this ceremony to remind all that the newly created flag first flew over a field of battle during the "Battle of the Brandywine."

4. To the north is the present Spackman property, then known as Wistar's Woods, upon which the Colonists made a strong second stand with its line stretching from "Birmingham Hill" (O'Dell's) and east through the woodlands. Five times, the "rebels" were pushed back by the troops of Howe and Cornwallis and five times, they regained their position.

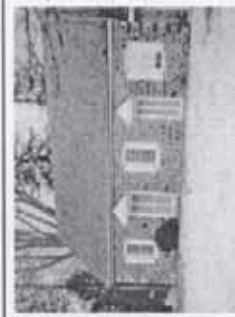
According to a British journal of that time, "There was a most infernal fire of cannon and musket, most incessant shouting...the balls ploughed up the field. The leaves falling as in autumn by grapeshot."

5. This marks the east side of the Sandy Hollow cart way where Weedon and Muhlenberg's forces held the ground allowing a somewhat orderly withdrawal of troops from "Wistar's Woods."

A lieutenant in the 13th Pennsylvania Division wrote:

"We took the front...and we were at first obliged to retreat a few yards and formed in an open field, where we fought without give way on either side until dusk."

To the east of this point is the "Federal House" and directly to its east are the remains of the stone building (1750) that looked down upon the battle field.

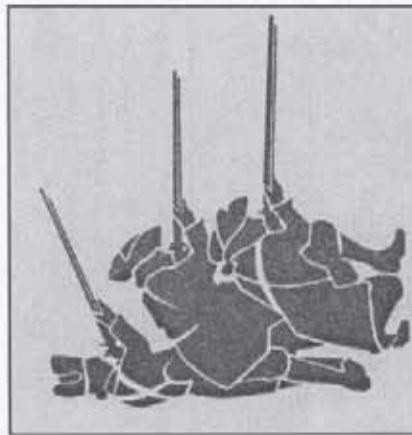


The Birmingham Meeting House served as a hospital for both British and American wounded.

6. This is the high ground of Sandy Hollow Heritage Park and marks the "Sunset Stand" as slowly the Colonials were driven back by overwhelming forces and firepower. Dusk was closing in, ammunition was low, and many of the three and four pounder cannons had been lost. Both sides were exhausted by long marches and a four to five hour battle. It was here, as the Colonials retreated, that Count Casimir Pulaski gained Washington's approval to form an instant cavalry unit which then made a stunning charge against the astonished British forces.

Near here too, Greene's division, under Weedon and Nash, came in behind the pursuing British and inflicted heavy casualties on their 64th and 44th regiments.

According to records by British Jaeger Captain Ewald, "There was a terrible firing and half of the Englishmen and nearly all of the officers were slain."



For more information, visit the Brandywine Battlefield Park
U.S. Route 1, Chadds Ford, PA
610-459-3342
www.brandywinebattlefield.com

7. Pulaski's dragoons brought up the rear for the retreating Continentals as they marched through Dilworth and began the long trek to Chester.

This American stand convinced Howe that the enemy was still a coherent and dangerous force. He had taken heavy casualties and the Americans, although surprised and outnumbered, had not been routed.

The losses on both sides were tremendous and General Weedon wrote that the British casualties were so heavy "that such another victory would establish the Rights of America."

The present Dilworthtown Inn was first built in 1758 and served during the battle as both a hospital for British wounded and a prison for captured rebels.

Birmingham Meeting, 1763, served as a second hospital for both American and British wounded. The Friends or Quakers, a large percentage of the residents of that period, sought only peace...with a few exceptions. General Greene was a "fighting Quaker" and Squire Thomas Cheyney, a strong patriot, alerted Washington to Howe's troop movements down upon Birmingham Meeting House.

Michele Ridge, wife of former Governor Tom Ridge, dedicated Sandy Hollow Heritage Park as a Commonwealth National Treasure in 2001 during Governor Ridge's tenure in office.

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