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STAFF CHANGES

On May 9, 1973, the Board of Trustees announced the appointment of Dr. John Quentin Feller, Associate Professor of History at the University of Scranton, to the newly created position of Executive Director. A member of the Society for the past four years, Dr. Feller served on the Board of Trustees during the past year, a position he relinquished upon his present appointment. In addition, the Director has served as a member of the House and Program committees, as well as chairman of the revived Accessions Committee. In his role as Director, Dr. Feller will be in charge of the overall operations of the Catlin House museum and its staff.

Patricia Watch has been appointed staff secretary of the society, according to an announcement made by the Reverend William Lewis at the annual dinner meeting on May 22. Miss Watch is a 1973 graduate of the University of Scranton, with a bachelor's degree in history. In addition to working at the society's headquarters, she will continue her studies at the University in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

The following individuals were elected at the annual dinner meeting to serve for the 1973-74 year. As the result of a reorganization of the Board of Trustees, the Board membership was redistributed into classes over a three year period. The number in parentheses after each name indicates the class in which the Board member belongs, as well as the year in which his (her) term expires.

OFFICERS

Rev. William P. Lewis	President
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Mrs. Robert Y. Moffat (honorary)
Mrs. J. Elmer Williams (honorary)

RETIRED SECRETARY HONORED

Among the more than one hundred persons who attended the Society's annual dinner meeting on May 22 was Miss Dorothea E. Mattes, secretary of the historical society for fourteen years. Miss Mattes, who retired from her position in November, 1972, was given Life Membership.

IN MEMORIAM

On March 21, 1973, Mr. Henry H. Null, III of Clarks Green died. With his passing, the Society lost a generous member and valued friend. For the past several years, Mr. Null served as a member of the Board of Trustees and as Editor of the *Bulletin*. The Society shares with the Null family a deep and abiding sense of loss.

COMMITTEE REACTIVATED

The Accessions Committee, a standing committee provided for in the Society's by-laws, was reactivated recently at the recommendation of the Board of Trustees. Serving on the committee are Mrs. Paul Uhl and Dr. Feller (co-chairpersons), Mrs. A. M. Cigarran, Mrs. Robert H. Dymond, Sr., and Mr. Carl Ellis. An initial meeting of the committee was held on June 21, at which rough guidelines were established regarding gifts and temporary loans. The Board has instructed the committee to determine acquisitions policies and to terminate the existing custom of accepting indefinite loans.

LIBRARY RENOVATION

The Director has announced plans for the renovation of the library at the Catlin House. The library room, adjacent to the staff secretary's office, formerly contained about one-half of the Society's book collection, the map collection, the curator's desk and work area, and miscellaneous artifacts.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees recently approved a proposal for the installation of approximately 220 feet of shelving, plastering and repainting, and the laying of wall-to-wall carpeting. The completed library room will hold

almost twice as many volumes as before. This will permit the relocation of hundreds of volumes on the second and third floors to a central location on the main floor, which will greatly facilitate research. Furnishings for the renovated library will be simple and include a large table and several chairs for the convenience of serious researchers.

In addition the room may also be used occasionally for committee meetings.

Because of the unanticipated expenditures necessary for library renovation, the Society would be very grateful to any members who may be willing to make donations in order to defray expenses. Donations should be marked "for the library" and directed to the attention of Patricia Watch, staff secretary and librarian.

RECENT DISPLAYS

Two new exhibits have been placed in the small parlor on the main floor of the Catlin House. Examples of silver flatware and hollow-ware from the Archbald and Catlin families have been featured in a special exhibit that will continue through September. A second exhibit of interesting but disparate pieces of Victoriana has been set up, including a fine Staffordshire figurine of Queen Victoria, a John Rodgers grouping entitled "Coming to the Parson", and a good example of Parian.

The Costume Committee, under the direction of Mrs. James K. Peck, has rearranged several of the manikins on display. Two dressed figures have been placed in the dining room for the first time, as part of a general rearrangement of furniture and accessories on the main floor.

An unusually large and handsomely decorated glass vase, cut by Howard Wickham, has been placed in a special case on the second floor. On temporary loan from Mrs. T. Harold Campion, the vase may be seen through September.

LHS RECEIVES \$5000 GRANT

The Society has been awarded a \$5000 grant from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission to conduct a study of the immigrant miner of Scranton, with special emphasis being placed on the Welsh, Irish, and the Poles. Named as project director is Dr. John L. Earl III, second Vice President of the Society and Professor of History at the University of Scranton.

Work on the project began on June 11. Dr. Earl is being assisted by Dr. Michael DeMichele, Daniel Prisco, and Angela Vauter. Data on the immigrant miner is being gathered from various sources: local newspapers and records, photographs, taped interviews, and the like. The Anthracite Museum being planned for this area will serve as the repository for the collected material.

Of the total grant allocated for the project, the Society will receive approximately \$450 for the use of its facilities.

NEW MEMBERS

The Society has been particularly fortunate to increase its membership by a very substantial number of new applicants during the months of May and June. Hopefully, this increase reflects a growing, community-wide interest in the future of the Society and the Catlin House.

At the Spring meeting of the Board, there was a consensus that an effort should be made to attract additional membership in the Society, if the organization is to continue to carry on its work and maintain its position as a living force in the county.

Dues are not high. Individual, family, contributing, and sustaining memberships remain for the time being at \$5, \$8, \$15, and \$30 per year respectively.

Members are encouraged to give this information to friends who they feel would be interested in joining the Society. A facsimile of the "Application for Membership" has been printed on the bulletin, which may be cut out and used by a prospective applicant.

NEW MEMBERS

Paul A. Barrett
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Mary McGraw
Sarah Jane McHale
Bonnie Maciak
Mr. and Mrs. Jack L. Middleton
Patrick J. Mullaney
John F. Murphy
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Eugene J. Peters
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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I hereby present my application for membership in
the Lackawanna Historical Society and enclose \$ in payment
of dues for one year.

Signed

Address

Membership: Individual, \$5.00 per year Family, \$8.00 per year
Contributing, \$15.00 per year Sustaining, \$30.00 per year Life (Individual) \$100.00