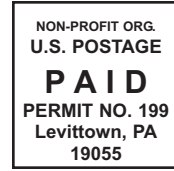




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This Is The Month of Historic Bristol Day #35

In last month's issue there were several articles that highlighted some of this year's theme for Historic Bristol Day. The 150th Anniversary of the American Civil War (1861 - 2011) is where the emphasis is being placed for many of the activities, tours and displays of the day. We hope that you saw the actual photograph of Michael Dougherty, one of two Bristol recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor, in our September issue. He was pictured standing on the extreme right in the group photograph of members of the Henry Clay Beatty Post No. 73 Grand Army of the Republic organization of Bristol. (It is the statue of Michael Dougherty that stands on Jefferson Avenue at the Canal Lagoon.) In this issue is an article about Henry Clay Beatty, a

Bristol attorney who gave his life for the Union cause. Be sure to read the other articles that deal with the Civil War in this issue. Hopefully you will find them of interest.

One of the best ways to further appreciate Bristol and the Civil War is to attend Historic Bristol Day between 10 AM and 5 PM on Saturday, October 15th. To help kick off the event, there will be a free historic tour entitled "Bristol and the Civil War", which will be led by three of our walking tour guides on Friday, October 14th beginning at 6:00 PM at the Mill St. Wharf. That tour will last approximately one hour. You may find some of the information told during that tour to be fascinating.

BCHF Calendar of Events for 2011

OCTOBER - Tues, Oct. 4. Bus trip to NYC, featuring Tea & Tour at Gracie Mansion, free time at Eataly's (Iron Chef Mario Batali's massive, new supermarket), and tour of Cathedral of St. John the Divine. \$76 for BCHF members; \$79 for non-members. **SOLD OUT!** Waiting list being taken at 215 788-6630

OCTOBER - Sat., 10/15, 10 am - 5 pm. 35th Annual Historic Bristol Day. House tour & tea, sailing regatta, crafts, walking tours, entertainment, exhibits, food & more. Fee for house tour & tea. Discount on advance ticket purchase.

NOVEMBER - Wed., 11/16, 7:00 p.m. BCHF's

annual business meeting including election of Board Members, followed by program and refreshments. Free. BCHF Headquarters.

DECEMBER - Tues., 12/13 Brooklyn Christmas Lights Bus Tour incl. 4-Course Dinner. \$88 for BCHF members; \$91 for non-members. **SOLD OUT!** Waiting list being taken at 215 788-9408.

- BCHF Headquarters are at 321 Cedar Street, Bristol

- For current information about activities and events, check out our web site at www.bristolhistory.org.

Bristol Riverside Theater - 2011

"Barrymore" - - October 11 - October 30, 2011

"Gypsy" - - December 6, 2011 - January 15, 2012

Phone 215 785-0100 for tickets, dates and additional information.

25th Anniversary - Congratulations, Bristol Riverside Theatre

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October's Requirement for BCHF

BCHF will have the "Annual Meeting" on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at 7:00 PM in our headquarters at 321 Cedar Street, Bristol. At that time, prior to the evening's program, the election for the members of the Board of Directors will be held. Only members of the organization with dues paid for 2011 may vote in this meeting. Membership dues follow the CALENDAR YEAR, January through December.

Letters of Self-Nomination are required for anyone wishing to be considered as a member of the Board of Directors of B.C.H.F. These letters should be addressed to B.C.H.F., P.O. Box 215, Bristol, PA 19007 and marked for the attention of the "Nomination Committee". The letters of self-nomination for the Board of Directors are due not later than Tuesday, November 1, 2011.

Important Program and Meeting

Seven o'clock in the evening on Wednesday, November 16th is scheduled for our ANNUAL MEETING and PROGRAM at which time our membership will have an opportunity to vote for Members of our Board of Directors. This meeting is free and is being held in our headquarters, 321 Cedar St., Bristol. In attendance that evening will be Colonel William McCandless (1834 - 1884). The Colonel was a member of the Second Reserve regiment of Pennsylvania in the Civil War. He was a prominent Philadelphia attorney. His life will be portrayed by Ron Zononi.

**Mark Your Calendar Now For The
BCHF Annual Meeting
November 16, 7 PM**

A Detailed Schedule of Historic Bristol Day is also on our web site. Check it out at www.bristolhistory.org

Invasion of the North

Most of the Civil War was fought in the Confederate States. There had been an attempt by General Lee to invade Union territory in Maryland at Antietam. A battle occurred on September 16-17 in 1862 at that location and the Union was victorious under the command of General McClellan.

A second attempt to invade northern territory occurred in July of 1863. It was here that Pennsylvania was invaded when General Lee managed to march troops in to the central portion of the state west of Harrisburg. It was his hope that he could possibly capture Harrisburg and other northern cities. Lee commanded 75,000 men in the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia. Major General George Gordon Meade commanded 95,000 men in the Union Army of the Potomac.

Gettysburg, Pennsylvania had not originally been thought of as the main site of battle; however, that town in Adams County had ten roads intersect there like the spokes of a wheel. This was a tactical advantage, since Civil War armies were principally road bound. The Union Army was constantly in defense of Washington DC; hence, when the battle opened on July 1, 1863, the Confederate troops were coming from the north and the Union troops were advancing from the south.

July 1, 2, 3 became a horrific blood bath, a time when

Captain Henry Clay Beatty

A Bristol attorney, Henry Clay Beatty, heeded the call by our state authorities for volunteers to form fifteen regiments known as the Pennsylvania Reserves. He received a lieutenant's commission in Company I of the Third Regiment. He was later promoted to the rank of Captain.

At the battle of White Oak Swamp he received a ball in the leg early in the action, but he remained on the field at his post of duty until the end of the battle. The next day he went by the James River to Fortress Monroe and had the ball extracted from his leg; he declined to remain in the hospital. He rejoined his regiment. His commander felt he needed to rest and sent him home on furlough to regain his health. He did not spend his whole furlough at Bristol and returned to his regiment.

Beatty was wounded in the second battle of Bull Run, near Manassas. This time his wound was in his arm in two places and his hand. He did not get medical attention

Commencement Awards Provided By BCHF

As in past years, the Bristol Cultural and Historical Foundation provided award money for Bristol High School students at the June graduation. The awards were given for ART, MUSIC, HISTORY, and LITERATURE. These reflect four areas of our organization's mission statement.

The students are selected by the high school administration for achievement in one of the four above mentioned areas. BCHF provided two-thousand dollars to be

many women became widows. July 4, 1863 saw Lee and his defeated troops slowly marching southward with a wagon train seventeen miles in length of wounded soldiers. This was the South's second failure in invading the North. On that same day in the western Theater of War, July 4, 1863, General Grant managed to gain control of the Mississippi River at the Battle of Vicksburg.

Statistics for the Battle of Gettysburg are as follows: The Union had 3,155 killed and the Confederates had 4,708 killed. There were 14,531 wounded on the Union side and the Confederates had approximately 23,000 wounded. Also into this mix were 3,000 horses killed. Fortunately there was only one known civilian in the town killed. Her name was Jenny Wade and she was killed by a bullet coming through the door of the kitchen while she was baking bread.

It was primarily up to the people of Gettysburg, about 4,500 of them to rid the battlefield areas of those wounded and killed. The 3,000 horses posed the greatest challenge and the smell of the decaying flesh permeated the summer air. The men killed in battle were at first quickly buried in shallow graves and then moved to what has become known as the National Cemetery. Some Confederate dead were buried at Gettysburg; but after the war, southern organizations removed their dead to new graves within their own areas.

until the next day. His arm needed amputation at the shoulder. He was sent to Washington, DC on September 1, 1862 but died on board the steamboat as it sailed up the river from Alexandria. Captain Beatty's remains were brought back to Bristol and he was interred in St. James' Episcopal Cemetery.

Henry Clay Beatty studied law with Anthony Swain, a prominent member of the Bucks County Bar, in 1854 and finished his course in the law office of Charles Gibbons of Philadelphia in 1857. He then completed his law degree in the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania. His father was a former cashier of the Farmers' National Bank in Bristol.

Bristol's Post No. 73 G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic) veterans organization was named in memory of Henry Clay Beatty. Members of that post were pictured in last month's issue of this publication on page six.

divided in the four categories.

Recipients of this year's awards were Meghan Caputa for ART, Shannon Cook in LITERATURE, Taylor Cullen for MUSIC, and Shannon Cook in HISTORY.

Profits from our Annual Peach Festival in August plus other funds added to that amount provide the monies for these awards. Thank you to all who have helped support our fund-raising events used to support this purpose.

From Out Of The Past

The following items were excerpted from **October 1901** issues of the BUCKS COUNTY GAZETTE. Price 3 cents.

10/3 - - JOHNSON BROS., Cor. Mill and Wood Streets . . . Men's Suits, Black Cheviot, \$5.00. Spring Overcoats, \$10.00. This is our price. Why pay \$15 in the city for the same style coat?"

"THE SPOT CASH STORE, 111 Mill Street . . . There is an assortment of stationery and school supplies here that will be of interest to you. Pencil Tablets, 400 pages, 5¢. Ink Tablets, 2-1/2¢ to 10¢. Composition Books, 2¢ to 6¢. Rubber Tipped Pencils, Finely Polished, Good Lead, 1¢. Colored Crayons, 1¢ and 4¢ per box. J.H. Ellis, Prop."

"DR. ELLA R. HEINEKEN, Lady Dentist, 224 Mill Street . . . I have equipped my office with a water motor fan for the comfort of my patients."

"THE MISSES IREDELL, Radcliffe Street, will re-open their school, September 26, 1901. Advanced, primary and kindergarten classes. Drawing, painting, French and elocution."

Good Will Hose Co., No. 3's baseball club will play with old Bristol club at Persimmon Park on Saturday afternoon. Coleman and Potts will do the battery work for Bristol, and "Jersey" McDonald will occupy his old position at second base. A very interesting game is looked for. Guy and Butler will be in the points for Good Will.

IF YOU WISH TO VOTE. Next Saturday, October 5, is the last day upon which a poll tax can be paid in order to qualify a voter to cast a ballot at the next election.

WORK COMMENCED ON BRISTOL TROLLEY. A construction crew started to work on Monday morning to rebuild the trolley road of the old Bristol and Philadelphia Passenger Railway Company. Operations were commenced at the Bristol terminus at the corner of Bath and Otter Streets.

10/10 - - "MISS ESTHER LAWRENCE will re-open her school on Tuesday, September 17, 1901, and night school on October 1. For particulars, apply 342 Radcliffe Street."

HOUSEHOLD HINTS. A tablespoon of flour added to the starch keeps curtains stiff much longer.

The dust cloth for any room should be lightly sprinkled before using, and should be washed and dried after every dusting operation. Dirty dust cloths do more harm than good in cleaning a room.

"Millinery. On account of illness, will have to postpone my opening of Fall and Winter millinery until Thursday, October 10, which you are cordially invited to inspect. MISS SARA K. COOKE, 337 Cedar Street."

STEAM LAUNDRY REOPENED. William I. Murphy has obtained possession of the Bristol steam laundry and will hereafter conduct the business formerly run by C.F. Brown. The laundry is now ready for business.

STEAMER BURNED. Another accident has been added to the list that has taken place among the steamers on the Delaware River this season, by the burning of the steamboat Lafayette which took place between China Wharf and College Park Wharf on Sunday night at 12 o'clock. The Lafayette was owned by H. Morgan and was on her way down from Trenton to Philadelphia to lay up for the winter.

THE COACH IN BRISTOL. Radcliffe Street was lined with people yesterday afternoon, watching for the Vanderbilt-Hyde coach party which was due to pass through Bristol at 12:50. The relay of horses was in readiness at the Delaware House stables, but it was just 1:20 p.m. when the coach with the distinguished millionaires reached this point.

"C. STEINHAUER, Bristol's Leading Caterer and Baker. Fine cakes and confectioneries, ice cream parlors. Weddings and parties furnished with ice cream the year round. Vienna rolls and Vienna breads, specialty. Bath and Otter Streets."

"Chrysanthemums. Carnations, roses and mums, 25¢, 5¢ and \$1 per dozen, respectively. Floral emblems of every description at short notice. J.T. DeWITT, Pond Street, above Walnut."

10/17 - - "Announcement to the Ladies of Bristol and Vicinity. We have secured the sole agency for Bristol of the celebrated "Queen Quality," the famous shoe for women. All styles - one price - \$3.00. WHITAKER'S SHOE STORE, 224 Mill Street."

THE MC KINLEY MEMORIAL FUND. The scholars of the public schools of Bristol have contributed as follows to the fund being raised by the Philadelphia Inquirer for the erection of a monument to the memory of President McKinley: High Class, \$2.80; Grammar A, \$10.40; Grammar B1, \$2.50; Grammar B2, 62 cents; Secondary, \$2.62; Primary C, \$1.50, Primary B, \$1.15; Primary A, 61 cents; Washington Street, \$1.69; Bath Street, \$2.36.

The squirrel season opened on Tuesday and the local sportsmen were out in force after the bushy-tailed denizens of the woods.

A very merry company of young people left Bristol Saturday evening on a strawride, bound for the home of Harry Stackhouse of Byberry.

Rev. Michael Bunce has succeeded the late Rev. Hugh Garvey as rector of St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church. Father Bunce was located at Mauch Chunk for 26 years.

BRISTOL CEMETERY STATISTICS. The interment of Samuel S. Gilbert in the Bristol Cemetery on Sat. last, Oct. 12, made one thousand bodies buried there. The first interment was made on the 28th of July, 1882. The oldest person buried was Mary Brelsford, aged 95 years, 3 months, 12 days.

"Special Prices! Mother Oats, 7¢ per pkg.; 8 Hotel Candles, 5¢; Creamery Butter, 26¢; Santos Coffee, 3 lbs. for 50¢; Large Oranges, 30¢ doz. S.C. CHILDS, Mill and Cedar Streets."

10/24 - - "It's the only medicine . . . that does him any good. Stretch's Balsam can always be relied on as a sure, safe remedy in sudden colds or chronic coughs. It cures all diseases of the respiratory organs if taken in time. 25 and 50 cents a bottle. Free samples and for sale by EMLÉN MARTIN, Druggist, 213 Radcliffe Street."

a marriage license has been granted John A. Boyd and Miss Mary M. Weygand, both of Bristol.

CONCERNING VACCINATION. At the meeting of the Bristol Board of Health on Monday evening, it was agreed that a circular be issued requesting the citizens of this borough to be vaccinated owing to the prevalence of smallpox in Philadelphia and in other neighboring towns.

EXTENSIVE RAILROAD IMPROVEMENTS. With the securing of the right of way through the Jefferson Land Association's tract, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has secured all the land necessary to carry on the proposed improvements in Bristol in connection with the straightening of the tracks. The present passenger station will be abandoned and a handsome, modern one built on Pine Street at a point where Garden Street would cross if the latter were extended. All traffic, both freight and passenger, will be over the new route which will compromise four elevated tracks.

HOSE COMPANY BANQUET. With a view of creating a renewed interest in the organization, the members of the Fourth Ward Hose Company have decided to hold a banquet in their hose house on Garden Street on Saturday evening. This company bears a good reputation for efficiency in time of fire and it is hoped that the efforts to revive interest in the organization will prove successful.

BASEBALL. On Saturday, Bloomsdale again defeated Bristol by a score of 8 to 6. Bloomsdale's line up included: Britton, Quinn, White, Landreth, Minster, Bunting,

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A View of Some Navy Activity

The Confederate cruiser Shenandoah sailed completely around the world, raiding Union whalers and commerce vessels. The ship and its crew surrendered to English authorities in Liverpool more than 6 months after Les's surrender at Appomattox.

The U.S.S. Kearsarge sank the C.S.S. Alabama off the coast of Cherbourg, France, in a fierce engagement. The artist Renoir painted the scene which now hangs in a Philadelphia art gallery.

David Glasgow Farragut, hero of New Orleans and Mobile Bay, was the first Admiral in the U.S. Navy. Bristol has a street that uses his name.

James D. Bulloch, a secret agent of the South overseas in the purchase of ships for blockade runners and commerce raiders, was Theodore Roosevelt's uncle.

In the Civil War, 76% of the men were native born Americans with 24% foreign born. Bristol's Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, Michael Dougherty, was one of the foreign born who emigrated as a teenager from Ireland.

CONDOLENCES TO KAPLAN FAMILY

Near the end of August, Seymour Kaplan, a member of the Board of Directors of B.C.H.F. and one of the original "Founders" of the organization in 1967, died. The Board of Directors send their condolences to his wife, Reva, and their three children upon the passing of Seymour.

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Swangler, Dougherty and Thornton. Bristol's squad included: Butler, W. Allen, Phillips, F. Allen, Gallagher, Martin, Callahan, Barton and Louder. White's home run was one of the longest hits on the Bloomsdale grounds.

"For This Week! Horn's Own Make of Sausage and Scrapple. Strictly Pure Lard. HORN'S MEAT MARKET, 308 Mill Street."

10/31 - - Rabbit season opens tomorrow.

Trolling for bass in the canal basin has become sport that is attended with considerable "luck." A number of fine specimens have been caught.

Work has commenced on the excavation for the seven new houses to be built by William C. Peirce at the corner of Pond Street and Jefferson Avenue. Four of the houses have already been sold.

Three Italians and a German were arrested last week for allowing goats to run at large in the Second Ward. In each case, a fine of \$2 and \$3.85 costs were imposed by Squire Louderbough, which were paid.

VITAL STATISTICS. A person who has taken the trouble to enumerate called at the Gazette office and reported that,

Sept. 13 Program Filled BCHF Headquarters

The program which BCHF and Friends of the Delaware Canal co-sponsored had attendance that filled our headquarters with standing room only for some. Chris Blaydon, Mayor of Langhorne, pilot and history buff presented the programs with on-water and from-the-air perspectives of the Delaware River. We were pleased to host this event.

Friendly Reminders

#1 - - Balance of payment for the Tuesday, December 13, "Brooklyn Lights" bus trip is due by November 9. For those who paid a \$25 deposit, the balance is \$38 for BCHF members and \$41 for non-members. Please make check payable to BCHF and send to Helen Younglove, 717 Mansion St., Bristol, PA 19007.

#2 - Departure time and location for the December 13 bus trip are: 1:30 p.m. sharp from the rear of First Federal S&L in the 100 block of the Mill Street parking lot.

on a single street in Bristol, there are 72 unmarried ladies and 28 widows. Is there another town of similar size in the State that can equal that record?

STRIKE AT THE CORONA KID WORKS. Yesterday at noon about fifty operatives, mostly boys, struck at the Corona Kid Company's works. The strikers are confined to the department where the skins are fastened on to the frames for drying, and the operatives are termed "tackers on." The boys are paid \$7 per week but demand 9 dollars and, when refused, left in a body. When seen by a Gazette representative, Manager Anderson had just come from a conference with the strikers and said he offered to pay the advance demand to the experienced ones but did not propose to pay 9 dollars to green boys, many of whom had been in the company's employ but a few days.

BASKET BALL. Bristol Defeats Philadelphia in Opening Game. The National League basketball season was opened in Bristol last Thursday evening when the local team defeated the Quakers by the score of 43 to 18. President Neill made a brief address before the opening of the game and presented the Bristol Association with a new ball. Bristol's starting five were: Hough, Klein, Everingham, Bennett and Plant.

Bristol Day Activities

(**Ticket required on marked items**)

1st PERSON PORTRAYALS

Harriet Tubman - portrayed by Bristol descendant Louise Davis
11 AM at 211 Radcliffe Street

** Walt Whitman - portrayed by Darrel Blaine Ford - 12:30 and 1:00 pm at 321 Cedar St. (BCHF)

** Major General George H. Thomas - portrayed by William Vosseler - 12 noon & 12:30 pm at St. James Church Sanctuary

1st person portrayals by students of St. Mark School of people buried in church cemetery - 12 noon Radcliffe St. at Lincoln Avenue

** Abraham Lincoln - portrayed by Christian Johnson - 1:30 and 2:00 pm at 321 Cedar St. (BCHF)

** Clara Barton, Civil War Nurse - portrayed by Patricia Jordan - 3:00 pm at 824 Radcliffe Street

EXHIBITS

Friends Meeting House - Market & Wood Streets

Bristol Fire Co. - Market & Wood Sts. - Old Fire-fighting apparatus and photographs

Lower Bucks Activity Ctr. - 301 Wood St. - Quilting demo & displays

Borough Municipal Bldg. - 250 Pond St. - self-guided tour - Old Bristol Borough photographs.

National Penn Bank - 200 Radcliffe St. Joseph Sagolla artwork; Byers' Choice Carolers; vintage clothing

Salerno Law Office - 220 Radcliffe St. - "Lincoln - the War Years"

Wells Fargo Bank - 244 Radcliffe St. - "Tribute to Bristol's Civil War Veterans"

Margaret R. Grundy Library - "Play Ball - A History of Baseball in Bristol"

715 Radcliffe St. - Porch - "Civil War Weapons"

824 Radcliffe Street - "Civil War Medical Equipment"

ADDITIONAL BRISTOL DAY ACTIVITIES

Friends Meeting House - Rededication of tombstone of William Hampton - Afro-American in Company B, 41st Regiment - Market & Wood Streets

St. James Parish House - Educations & Entertaining Children's Corner - Grades K-9. Walnut & Wood Streets

Bristol Riverfront Park - Civil War encampment by 104th PA Volunteer Infantry Company C (reenactors)

Bristol Riverfront Park - 19th century pit cooking

** United Methodist Church (downstairs) - 201 Mulberry St. - performance to Mixed Pickles Vintage Dance Co. - 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

United Methodist Church - 201 Mulberry Street - 11 am to 2 pm - open to public

** 922 Radcliffe Street - Riverfront Yard - Historic Bristol Day Tea - 11 am to 3 pm

Delaware River - Sailboat regatta - Anchor Yacht Club - 11 am to 4 pm

Guided Walking Tour - "Bristol in the Civil War" - noon and 2 pm - begins at Bristol Wharf

CONCERTS

Bethel A.M.E. Church - 254 Wood Street. Spirituals related to the Underground Railroad - 1:00 p.m.

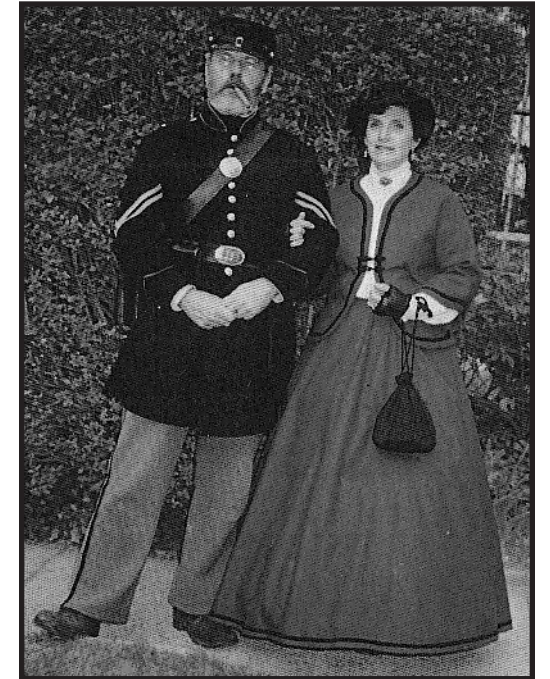
** First United Methodist Church Sanctuary - 201 Mulberry St. - Philadelphia Brigade Band, aka "Beck's Band" - 2 & 2:30 pm

PRIVATE HOUSES OPEN

** 115 Jefferson Avenue

** 1025 Radcliffe Street

** 339 Radcliffe Street



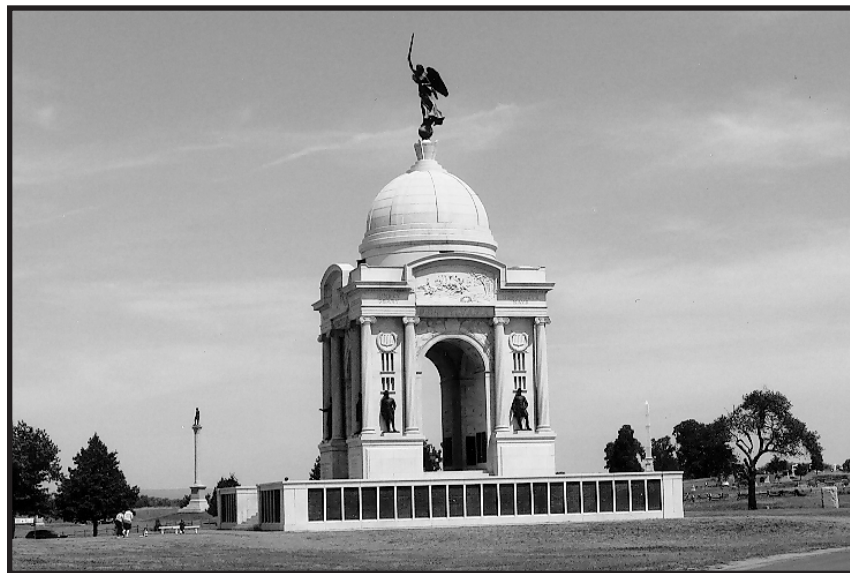
Some of the Medical Services For The Civil War

The medical services during the Civil war were very primitive by our standards. Many doctors who saw service in the Civil War had never been to medical school, but had served an apprenticeship in the office of an established practitioner. In the battle of Gettysburg, 1,100 ambulance wagons were in use. The medical director of the Union army boasted "that all the wounded were picked up from the field within 12 hours after the battle." The first organized ambulance corps were used in the Peninsular Campaign and at Antietam. The first U.S. Naval hospital ship, the Red Rover, was used on the inland waters during the Vicksburg campaign. Other than battle wounds, the diseases most prevalent were dysentery, typhoid fever, malaria, pneumonia, arthritis and acute childhood diseases such as measles and malnutrition.

Public buildings and churches often became hospitals in towns and cities. Sometimes private houses were used as hospitals with straw put on the floors for beds. Just as in the American Revolutionary War when Bristol's Friends Meeting House (Quaker) was used as a hospital, schools and churches became hospitals. In Gettysburg, the Lutheran Seminary building was used as a hospital. For a while, at the same time, General Lee was using the building as his headquarters. When the Confederate Army retreated, there were 400 wounded Confederate soldiers and 200 Union soldiers side-by-side being treated by the medical staff and volunteers. The main building of Gettysburg College (then called Pennsylvania College) served as a hospital. As the wounded recovered sufficiently, they were moved to the general Government hos-

pital which was established approximately two miles east of Gettysburg. Christ Lutheran Church on Chambersburg Street and St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church on West High Street in Gettysburg received many wounded.

The following was written by Colonel H.S. Huidekoper of Meadville, PA who was twice wounded during the battle of Gettysburg. "I reached the Catholic Church on July 1st with my arm wrapped tightly to prevent loss of blood About six o'clock an assistant to the surgeon said it was my turn. I walked to the table and got onto it I took some chloroform but not enough, for I distinctly remember having said "don't saw the bone until I have had more chloroform ! I remember saying "you took off my arm, did you, Doctor? I thought you were only going to examine and dress it; well, when we next march through Maryland I will have to salute with my left hand." I then swung off the table, feet first and was told to seek a place in the pulpit area to lie down The floor was so filled with wounded men, I ascended the stairs to the gallery and lay on a "soft" board the next day a young girl from the town came in and gave me a cracker and a glass of home-made wine. Later that day, several girls helped me walk to a house nearby and I was given a bed for several days. On the 9th of July, I was able to ride in a freight-car that had transported ice for wounded to Gettysburg. It was very wet inside and we lay on the damp floor with a little straw under us The twelve hour ride to Baltimore caused much suffering as we were jolted on the wretched roadbed "



The Pennsylvania Monument at the Gettysburg Battlefield

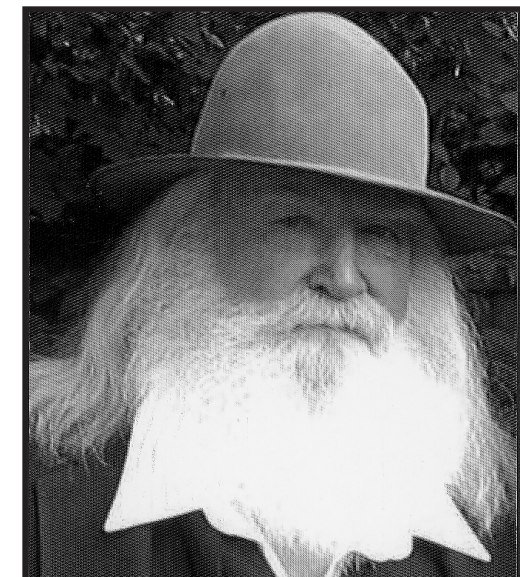
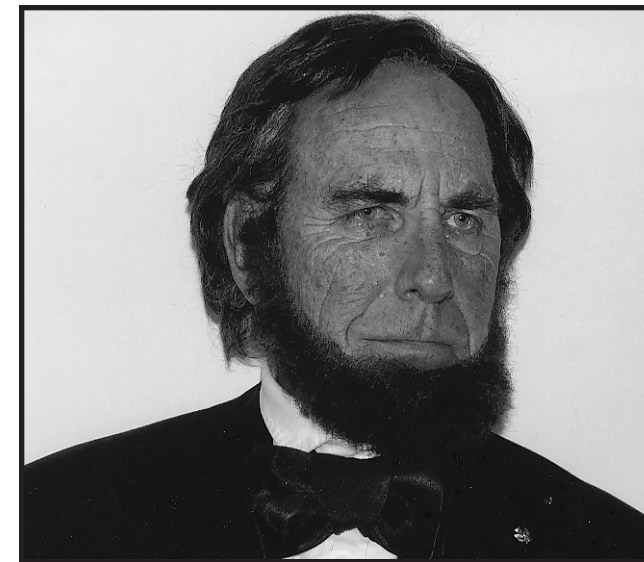
Play Ball!

The Margaret R. Grundy Memorial Library, 680 Radcliffe Street, will host an exhibit titled, "Play Ball! A History of Baseball in Bristol" in October. This event begins with an opening reception Sunday, October 9, 2011, from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm, and continues through Saturday, October 29th during regular library hours. The exhibition will take the viewer on a brief tour of the history of baseball in Bristol Borough, from local school & community teams to those who made it to the major leagues. The exhibit will feature historic photographs and baseball memorabilia, including baseball hats, gloves, cards, balls, trophies and jerseys, highlighting Bristol's accomplished players and teams. Learn how the Civil War was instrumental in spreading the game of baseball during its early years and don't forget to check out our community photo mural, "Bristol Baseball Wall of Fame."



Abraham Lincoln a.k.a. Christian Johnson

Mr. Johnson, who is from Cherry Hill, NJ, has been a restaurateur, a guitar teacher, a radio creative director and a voice-over and saloon singer. Presently he is a "time traveler". Since 1988 he has worked full time interpreting characters of the past in more than 200 appearances a year. He says he is not an impersonator. "An impersonator imitates the voice and look of a contemporary character, someone familiar to people today". His job as an "interpreter" is based on his research of the written word that best describes the personalities. In addition to Abraham Lincoln, Christian Johnson also interprets William Penn, Francis Hopkinson, Charles Wilson Peale, William Livingston and Patrick Henry. However, Lincoln is his most popular and well-traveled person.



Above: Grave of General George Gordon Meade, Civil War General - Laurel Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia

Left: Walt Whitman - aka Darrel Blaine Ford