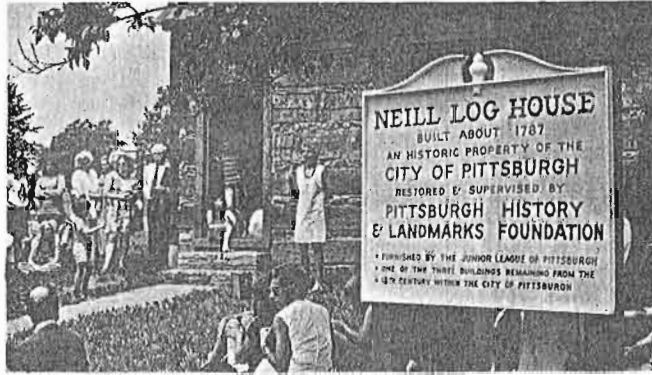


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Neill Log House Dedicated

Shown above is architect Charles M. Stotz addressing a crowd of 200 members that attended the dedication of the Neill Log House on July 9. An old-fashioned box lunch was followed by a concert of Pittsburgh folk songs by the Robert Schmertz group. The Junior League arranged the furnishings in the house and decorated it very appropriately for opening day and our Urban Corps students served as guides. The Department of Parks & Recreation provided a beautiful green lawn and tables and chairs; the mayor, who had planned to come, telephoned to say he had been suddenly called out of town but sent his congratulations. We are very proud of our work at the Neill Log House which was done under a grant of \$50,000 from the Richard King Mellon Foundation because this preserves one of the last of three extant buildings from the eighteenth century within the city limits of Pittsburgh. The house will be open during summer months on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Free admission.

PRE-CHRISTMAS SALE

Make this Christmas special with a gift from the Old Post Office Museum Gift Shop. On October 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and October 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. we will have a Pre-Christmas Sale for our members and friends.

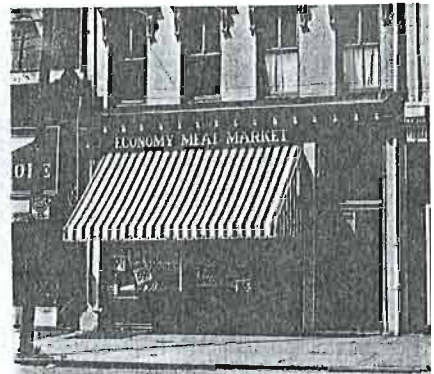
A wide selection of gifts will be on sale including handcrafted spoon rings, miniature pewter, and Staffordshire Roses among others. In addition to gift and stocking ideas, a large assortment of decorations will be on sale.

Most items in the store will be reduced for this sale and all proceeds go towards maintaining the Old Post Office Museum. Coffee and tea will be served to members and friends.

On Saturday, October 21, at 3:00 p.m. and again on Sunday, October 22, at 2:00 p.m. the museum will present a narrative film about the "Delta Queen", the last of the great American river boats which carried freight and passengers from Pittsburgh to New Orleans. Captain Frederick, who served as skipper of a river boat and who is now active in the local Sons & Daughters of Pioneer River Men, will be present on Sunday, October 22, at 2:00 p.m. to answer questions. Admission is free to all members.

DELTA QUEEN
FILM

Shown here is a new red and white candy-stripped awning that we have added to our restored building at 1705 East Carson Street. Recently with a \$50,000 grant from the Sarah Mellon Scaife Foundation we restored this structure as a three-unit apartment building and retained the Economy Meat Market below. We added the awning to show the neighboring merchants how awnings could make the street look more lively and also cool the pedestrian on a hot summer afternoon.



Our members will be pleased to hear that another historic building has been saved from an uncertain fate and is being preserved; the 150 year old Fulton Log Cabin will be restored by its new owners, the Upper St. Clair Township and school district. Formerly owned by the late Congressman James G. Fulton, the cabin may date from the 1820s and is one of the few log cabins remaining in the area. The land was bought by the Fulton family in 1912 and James F. Fultor, father of the late Congressman, made it a summer retreat by adding wings to the original structure. Fire destroyed all the additions but, fortunately, did not harm the original structure. The township will now try to restore the cabin, with the aid of federal funds and private contributions from the community, as a museum and a meeting place for civic groups. PHLF took part in the protracted negotiations about the fate of the house after Congressman Fulton's untimely death.

FULTON LOG
HOUSE SAVED



In early August a one-day fair was organized by the YWCA. Various organizations including the Mexican War Streets Society and PHLF set up booths on Pesaca Place to sell toys, food, balloons, and trivia. A band played on the dais and children engaged in pinata, Mexican fashion, taking turns trying to knock open an animal stuffed with toys while blind-folded. For the Mexican War Streets Society booth a great sombrero was constructed. Highlight of the day came when the new Mexican War Streets identification signs installed by the City and paid for by PHLF were dedicated.

MEXICAN WAR
STREETS FAIR

On Sunday, November 12, at 2:00 p.m. the Old Post Office Museum will present an exhibition of art, featuring the beautiful and extraordinary decoupage of Mrs. Laura Goldsmith. Mrs. Goldsmith's work is very well known and Donald Miller, art critic of the Post-Gazette, feels that her decoupage is the finest of its kind. He highly recommends this exhibition.

The decoupage will be on display until 5 p.m. and also for a short time the following Monday evening after the lecture of Charles van Ravenswaay. Mrs. Goldsmith will be present to answer questions and to comment on the art of decoupage on both Sunday and Monday. Members are invited and refreshments will be served.

We are belated in announcing two staff appointments. Miss Lee Zielinski who for a number of years served as secretary to our executive director, Mr. Ziegler, was named administrative assistant in March. The board created this post sometime ago, and a thorough search showed that the best candidate was in the next office . . . Mrs. Carolyn Emerick was appointed secretary earlier this year. She brings to the post charm and patience as well as an indefatigable ability to type even 12 hours without stopping! . . . We regret to announce that Mrs. Karen Casey has resigned to move to New York City. Mr. Joseph Drexler has been appointed to her post as assistant for programs. He is a graduate of Indiana University and spent the last year travelling and studying abroad.

PHLF will present a Crafts Festival on Saturday, December 2, at the Old Post Museum in Allegheny Center. The Craft Festival will be a major winter event at the Old Post Office Museum. We require that each craftsman work and demonstrate his particular craft in addition to selling his products. Craftsmen in all fields are invited to contact Mr. Drexler at our offices, 322-1204.

MAY-JUNE DONATIONS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people who donated historical articles in kind to the Old Post Office Museum.

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We are pleased to announce these new members for May-June 1972

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THE PRESENT COSTUME EXHIBITION



The largest exhibition yet mounted by the Museum since its opening exhibition (devoted to the architecture of Allegheny County), this is a selection from a large collection of costumes and costume accessories recently donated to PHLF by Carnegie-Mellon University. Occupying the entire main floor of the Rotunda, it was opened by a preview party on Monday 26 June, at which time the collection was officially presented to our President, Charles Covert Arensberg, by Professor Betty J. Lloyd of Carnegie-Mellon University.

The collection, consisting of some five hundred costume items, was begun by the late Virginia M. Alexander (head of the costume economics department of the Margaret Morrison Carnegie College of Carnegie-Mellon University) in the early 1930s as a teaching device. Augmented extensively over the years by generous donors, its holdings now constitute a comprehensive history of Western fashion over the last one hundred fifty years with special emphasis on Pittsburgh. Recently when the collection along with its parent department was "phased out" by Carnegie-Mellon University, it was donated to the Museum through the efforts of Professor Emerita Helen T. Robinson and the Fashion Group of Pittsburgh.

The Museum's costume holdings--our largest single collection--has thus been much enlarged and it now consists of about one thousand items. Through the efforts of Bess Kimberly and Virginia Trimble of the Fashion Group, the collection is now being catalogued and conserved.

The current exhibition, due to the interest of Fashion Group and our staff, has been one of our most colorful and popular activities. Here the "see-through" dress of about 1810 prefaces a whole kaleidoscope of gowns, hats, coats, fans, parasols, shawls, scarves--you name it--we have it! For anyone interested in clothes (and who isn't?), the viewing of this exhibition is a "must".

The Henninger "log cabin" in Fox Chapel is for sale. The cabin stands in an ideal setting on 13 acres of beautiful forest. The cabin is over 200 years old and is virtually unaltered from its original form. It is in excellent condition and is really a magnificent sight to behold! Interested parties should contact Mrs. Follansbee at 781-2172.

One of our members has an eight room house for sale on Western Avenue in Old Allegheny. It was built about 1870-1880 and has new mechanicals, off-street parking, and is nicely landscaped including a fish pond and water fountain. The house has considerable distinction as a representative of the small brick Italianate house of the period. Call 322-9536.



On the main floor in a side gallery of the museum is a display of a magnificent group of toys from the collection of one of our members, Pat Reed. Toys, those bequiling artifacts of the miniature world of childhood, are among the most fascinating of collectable objects. Our group is a colorful kaleidoscope of clowns, dolls of all kinds costumed according to their period, a particularly fine collection of doll

TOY COLLECTION house rooms with their furniture, miniature vehicles, building blocks, and games. The toys, however, are only here on loan. We'd like very much to keep them with us so that they could continue to delight today's children. We solicit contributions toward the acquisition of these treasures for the museum. Each one has an established price, noted in the exhibition. Will any individual or individuals who love the toys enable us to acquire either as a whole or individually, this our own toy world? All donations toward this end would be gratefully received. Contact Mr. Van Trump or Mr. Ziegler, 322-1204

GIFT STORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to work in the Museum Gift Shop. If you feel that you could donate two hours of your time once every week or every two weeks, please sign the form below at the time you wish to work and return to the Old Post Office or phone Mr. Drexler, 322-1204.

TUESDAY 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. _____

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THURSDAY 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. _____

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