200th Anniversary Celebration

of the Old
Chester Court House
Erected — 1724
May 12th to 17th, 1924, Chester, Pa.

Authors of the Delaware County Historical Society.

Price, 25 Cents
The Bicentennial Celebration
of the erection in
1724
of the
OLD COLONIAL COURT HOUSE
CHESTER, PA.
During the Week of
May 12th to 17th, 1924, Inclusive
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF
The Delaware County Historical Society

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In recognition of his gift to the City of Chester of the work of restoration of this venerable building by the

HON. WILLIAM C. SPROUL

the following organizations will graciously present in costume of the time, various important incidents that have occurred in and about this oldest public building in the State of Pennsylvania:

Mayor and Council of City of Chester
Public Schools of Chester
Delaware County Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution
Rotary Club of Chester
Delaware County Federation of Women's Clubs
Business and Professional Women's Club of Chester
Kiwanis Club of Chester
Delaware County Bar Association
Monday Evening, May 12th, 1924
at 8:00 o'clock

THE CITY OF CHESTER

SAMUEL E. TURNER . . . . . . . . . Mayor
WM. M. POWEL . . . . . . . . . Superintendent of Public Safety
J. P. EYRE PRICE Superintendent of Streets and Public Improvements
DR. S. P. GRAY Superintendent of Parks and Public Property
EUGENE F. WHITE . . . . . . . . . Superintendent of Accounts and Finance

OPENING EXERCISES OF THE
BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY
and
Reception to Hon. Wm. C. Sproul
and Members of the Council of the
Pennsylvania Historical Society

Address by
Hon. Samuel E. Turner, Mayor
Presiding Officer

Presentation by
Mrs. William C. Sproul

Address by
Hon. William C. Sproul

Historical Address
THE OLD COURT HOUSE
Supreme Court Justice William I. Schaffer
Tuesday Afternoon, May 13th, 1924

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CHESTER

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CHESTER

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE

DR. CHARLES A. WAGNER, Superintendent
MISS CAROLINE M. JACKSON
MRS. EVELYN T. LIGHT
MISS HELEN MCCANDLES
MISS MARGARET WEIR

will present

School Life in Old Chester

LIST OF CHARACTERS

Schoolmaster ................. Mr. Seymour Adelman
Irre Parent .......................... Mr. Gerald Padden
Jonas Preston ........................ George Lyons
Richard Flower .................... Franklin Davis
Jonathan ............................. Samuel Eaton
Deborah North ......................... Samuell White
Mary Graham ....................... Marianne Whitlock
Ann Bevan ............................ Marian Ives
William Graham .................... James Topham
David Bevan ....................... William Hazel
Aubrey Bevan ......................... William Tonnies
William Eyre ..................... William Hoopes
Isabella .......................... Elsie Curry

PROLOGUE

Records are singularly scanty in regard to schools and schooling in the Chester of pre-Revolution days. As far as can be learned there was no regular school in the borough before 1776. Up to this time the teaching of the three R's was done by an occasional private teacher; or, what is more likely, by the missionaries in charge of St. Paul's parish, instruction in reading and writing being enjoined upon clergymen working under the auspices of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

In 1749, Joseph Hopkins provided by will for the gift of land for a school site at the intersection of the streets now known as Fifth and Welsh. His neighbors at some time in the following year erected a "long" building, which was used for school purposes for more than half a century. Both during and after this period there were various private schools in operation, report having it that one such school existed for some years in the Court House itself.

Because, therefore, the Court House has been associated with the history of education in this city, the Committee in charge of the Anniversary Celebration has considered it advisable to portray just such a school season as may have been held in the old building. In order to represent school customs, methods, and equipment of the colonial period, the time for the little sketch was set at 1776. The names given the pupils of this make-believe school are names of real boys and girls who lived in the Borough at this time, and who, very probably, learned their ab's under the same teachers in Old Chester.

CAROLINE M. JACKSON.

Tuesday Evening, May 13th, 1924

Delaware County Chapter
Daughters of the American Revolution
will present in tableau
The Dinner Given to General Lafayette

When he was the guest of the City of Chester on October 5th, 1824

OFFICERS OF THE CHAPTER

Regent, Mrs. C. Frank Williamson
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Directors, Mrs. Richard Peters and Mrs. Henry vonH. Stoever

COMMITTEE

Miss Helene N. Denis Miss Janet C. McAllister Mrs. George Booth Harvey

PARTICIPANTS

General Lafayette .......................... James A. G. Campbell, Jr.
Gov. and Mrs. John A. Shults, Mr. and Mrs. C. Frank Williamson
General and Mrs. Cadwallader ................ Dr. and Mrs. Henry vonH. Stoever
Major and Mrs. Joseph Wilson ................. Col. and Mrs. J. A. G. Campbell
Capt. and Mrs. C. G. Shields ..................... Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Williamson
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Booth Harvey ................ Mr. and Mrs. C. McAllister
Staff and General Cadwallader and Chester ladies . Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Graham
Staff of Captain Shields and Chester ladies .................. Miss Janet C. McAllister

Committee from Philadelphia ................. Miss Sarah Brooks Lewis Jack
City Council and Chester ladies ................ Mr. and Mrs. Louis D. Baugh
Mrs. Richard Peters ........................ Miss Mary Elizabeth Harvey
Mrs. Charles S. Jack ........................ Miss Sarah Graham

MINUET

Miss Natalie Moore ........................ Miss Dorothy Miller
Miss Roberta Bossard ........................ Miss Lucia Wood
Miss Helen James ........................ Miss Elizabeth Fedlow

Lafayette's Return.

(Written by the late Henry Graham Ashmead)

It was Tuesday evening, October 5, 1824, that General Lafayette, then the Nation's guest, was received at Chester. The steamboat which brought the noted Frenchman was chartered for this occasion, and among those who accompanied him were Governor John A. Shults and staff, General Cadwallader and staff, a committee of the Council of Philadelphia, the marshal of the United States and a number of prominent gentlemen, together with the "Washington Gallery," commanded by Captain C. G. Shields, who were detailed as a guard of honor. The First City Troop had marched to Chester that day, reaching here about sunset, and had established their headquarters at the Eagle Tavern, now the City Hotel, then kept by Mrs. Polly Edge.

It was 11 o'clock at night when the steamboat was made fast to the wharf at Market street, and there had gathered the people of the town and neighborhood, while the Delaware County Troop, commanded by Major Joseph Wilson, was present with the City Troop to receive the Marquis.
Wednesday Evening, May 14th, 1924
at 8:00 and 9:00 o'clock

The Rotary Club of Chester

COMMITTEE
WILLIAM PROVOST, JR., Chairman
J. P. EYRE PRICE
HOWARD H. HOUSTON
PAUL B. BERRY

will present in Episode form

Incidents from the Life of

JOHN MORTON
Signer of the Declaration of Independence

written by

PAUL B. BERRY

PROLOGUE
MR. JOSIAH SLEEPER

EPISODE 1
John Morton taking the oath of office of High Sheriff of Chester County, 1766

Scene—This Court House at Upland, Pa. (now Chester.)

John Morton ............................... Mr. Byron Pickering
Judge of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of Chester County ........................ Mr. Samuel Clyde
Associate Judge .......................... Mr. Albert Granger
Associate Judge .......................... Mr. Charles Baldwin
Clerk of the Court ........................ Mr. William Powell
Clerk of the Court ........................ Mr. John Miller
Usher ..................................... Dr. John S. Eynon
Tipstaff ................................. Mr. James Gallagher

EPISODE II
John Morton, as member of the Pennsylvania Delegation to the Stamp Congress held in New York, 1765, receiving instructions from the Committee of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Scene—Committee Room at State House, Philadelphia, Pa., Independence Hall.

MEMBERS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DELEGATION

Mr. John Morton ........................ Mr. Byron Pickering
Mr. John Dickinson ........................ Mr. Frank Northine
Mr. George Bryan ........................ Mr. T. Jay Sproul

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanders, Chairman .................... Mr. J. P. Eyre Price
Mr. Knight ................................. Dr. Ernest W. Dodd
Mr. Allen ................................. Mr. Jerome L. Benzing
Mr. Taylor ............................... Mr. Harry Schulman
Mr. McComnaughy ........................ Mr. Raymond S. Munson

EPISODE III
John Morton taking the oath of office as Judge of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, 1768.


Mr. John Morton ........................ Mr. Byron Pickering
Deputy Governor of Pennsylvania, John Penn, Mr. Chas. R. Long
Private Secretary to the Governor, Joseph Shippen ........................ Mr. J. P. Eyre Price
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania ........................ Mr. Samuel Clyde
Associate Justice ........................ Mr. Albert Granger
Associate Justice ........................ Mr. Charles Baldwin
Secretary ................................. Mr. William Powell
Usher ..................................... Dr. John S. Eynon

EPISODE IV
The meeting of the Committee of the Pennsylvania Delegation in which John Morton cast the deciding vote for the Declaration of Independence, 1776.

Scene—Committee Room at State House, Philadelphia, Pa.

John Morton .............................. Mr. Byron Pickering
Mr. Charles Humphries ........................ Mr. William Faison
Mr. Thomas Willing ........................ Mr. Frank Northine
Mr. Benjamin Franklin ........................ Mr. George Thompson

EPISODE V
Tableau

John Morton signing the Declaration of Independence.

Scene—State House, Philadelphia, Pa., July 4th, 1776.

John Morton .............................. Mr. Byron Pickering
John Hancock ............................. Mr. William Faison

Rotary Club Members

T. Jay Sproul ........................ Wm. Powell
Frank Northine ........................ John Miller
George Thompson ........................ Dr. Ernest Dodd
Eyre Price ................................. Raymond Munson

"Tell them that they will live to see the hour when they shall acknowledge it to have been the most glorious service that I ever rendered to my country."

Last words of John Morton, Signer of the Declaration of Independence.
Thursday Afternoon, May 15th, 1924
at 3:00 and 4:30 o'clock

The Delaware County Federation of Women's Clubs

COMMITTEE
Mrs. H. C. Cochran .... Chairman, President Del. Co. Federation
Mrs. H. E. Vanden ......... President Ridley Park Club
Mrs. Walter Price ............ President Media Club
Mrs. Robert L. Coates .......... President Swarthmore Club
Miss Mary E. Hinkson ........ President Chester Club
Mrs. E. C. Burton ................ of Chester Club
Mrs. F. M. Smith ................ of Chester Club

Will Present

DEBORAH LOGAN'S VISIT
A One Act Play Written for the Occasion by
MARIETTA F. C. SMITH

Time, About 1785

Scene—The Only Apothecary Shop in Chester.

Characters, in the order of their appearance.

Anne Davis .... Mrs. Roland G. E. Ulman, Swarthmore, Pa.
(who kept the shop)
Martha ................ Mrs. A. B. Geary, Media, Pa.
(daughter of Anne Davis)
Elizabeth ............... Mrs. Horace Darlington, Media, Pa.
(daughter of Anne Davis)
Abigail ................ Miss Virginia Price, Chester
(daughter of Anne Davis)
Thomas ................ Miss Agnes Dix, Chester, Pa.
(Deborah Logan's Coachman)
Deborah Logan ........ Mrs. J. Howard Reber, Ridley Park, Pa.

Customers

George True
Miss Constance Hearne, Swarthmore, Pa.
Miss Molly March
Mrs. J. Vernon M. Parry, Chester, Pa.
Mrs. Robert P. Strine, Ridley Park, Pa.
Miss Sarah Sweeney, Chester, Pa.
Miss Eleanor Geary, Media, Pa.
Mrs. J. E. Brandt, Ridley Park, Pa.
Carol Cross, Chester, Pa.
Miss Doris Narbeth, Swarthmore, Pa.

SYNOPSIS

George True, suitor of Molly March, is rejected by her family because having been adopted in infancy, his parentage is in doubt. He appeals to Deborah Logan, the "female historian," of her time, and well known for her generous helpful and hospitable spirit, to help him trace a lost packet of papers that will identify him.

Anne Davis keeps the Apothecary shop on Third street just below Market (then called High street) assisted by her three daughters who "had refused to wed" that they might help and care for their aged mother who had consumption for 40 years.

Anne Davis is thought to have bought an old desk from George's foster parents and Deborah Logan's visit is to ask that George may search the old desk for some secret compartment.

Anne Davis says, "Deborah, thee was always good at finding things. It was thee who found the records of the Upland Court that had been lost a hundred years. Go and see what thee can find before he comes."

Historical Background of the Story of "Deborah Logan's Visit"

Deborah Norris was born in Philadelphia in 1761. After the death of her father in 1746 she came with her mother to Chester where she lived until her marriage in 1781 to Dr. George Logan, grandson of James Logan, Penn's Secretary and personal friend. She resided at the Logan family seat, "Stenton," Philadelphia, until her death in 1839.

She mingled freely with the leading spirits of the Revolutionary period. Her cousin, Charles Thomson, was confidential secretary of the Continental Congress. She was noted for her literary ability and acknowledged "the Female Historian of Colonial Times." In 1814 she copied the correspondence of Wm. Penn and James Logan. Her manuscripts were printed by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and John P. Watson's "Annals of Philadelphia," were largely founded upon her letters. She discovered in an old bookcase, belonging to her grandfather the original records of the Upland Court, which had been lost for a century.

Joseph Parker, her grandfather, emigrated from England to Chester when 25 years old, "to escape the rigor and hard usage of a mother-in-law." He entered the office of Judge David Lloyd as secretary and later held many public offices, Register and Recorder of Chester County, Prothonotary of the Courts, Clerk of the Peace and in 1783 was commissioned Justice of the Peace. The record states "he was much respected by the government and his fellow citizens."

Anne Davis, with her three daughters, kept the only Apothecary Shop in Chester at that time. Anne Davis was a daughter of John Bethel, who emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1803 and was a member of the Assembly representing Chester County when he died. The Apothecary shop was on Third street, where the Colonial Hotel now stands. The story of "Deborah Logan's Visit" with historical references and many quotations from her letters, has been written by Mrs. F. M. Smith and will be presented by members of the Delaware County Federation of Women's Clubs.
Thursday Evening, May 15th, 1924
at 8:00 and 9:00 o'clock

Business and Professional Women's Clubs
of Chester, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE
MISS MARY C. FLEMMING, Chairman
MISS NITA H. HOWARTH
MISS ELLEN D. RHODES
MISS JEAN S. PEOPLES

Prologue
Recited by Ellen Shuster

Presents—First

GRACE LLOYD'S WILL
Arranged by
MARY CUTLER FLEMMING

Cast of Characters

Jane Fenn Hoskins ......................... Estella A. Riley
Joseph Hoskins .......................... George B. Harvey
John Eyre ............................... J. F. Eyre Price
Esther Bickerdike, Witness ............ Grace Boyle
Jane Sayer ................................ Harriet F. Walton
Joseph Parker ............................ William B. McClennahan, Jr.
Henry Hale Graham ...................... Henry G. Sweeney
Grace Growden Lloyd .................... Helen Rhodes Warwick

Scene—Joseph Parker's office temporarily located in the Court House during the year 1769. Parker was for many years Sheriff of the County and was later succeeded by his assistant, Henry Hale Graham.

Parker and Graham while awaiting the appearance of Grace Lloyd, escorted by her friend, Joseph Hoskins, discuss the prominent and influential standing of David Lloyd. Mention is made of the many political and judicial positions he held and of the fine mansion he occupied.

Grace Lloyd having arrived, Parker and Hoskins depart and Henry H. Graham proceeds with the business which has brought Grace Lloyd hither, the drawing up of her will with its many interesting bequests. Not only are these bequests interesting because of their quaintness but because several were at that time public benefactions.

Business and Professional Women's Clubs
Presents—Secondly

MEETING HELD JULY 17, 1774
(To collect for the sufferers of Bostontown)

by

MARY CUTLER FLEMMING

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Friend Ashbridge .......................... Estella Riley
(wife of former member of General Assembly)
Friend Sarah Salkeld Gill ................ Margie White
(wife of noted Tory)
Friend Alice Cummings .................... Ethel E. Roe
Friend Abigail Davis ...................... Eva F. Watson
(who was actively interested in the culture of cocoons and silkworms)
Friend Deborah Mifflin .................. Jean Scott Peoples
(Sonughter of Francis Richardson)
Friend Elizabeth Beetham ............... Grace Boyle
(who later died from effects of excitement caused by the Battle of Brandywine)
Friend Mary Parker Norris ............. Janet Irving Mowry
(widow of Charles Norris, mother of Deborah Logan)
Sarah Coupland ............................ Virginia Montgomery
(daughter of David Coupland at whose home the Committee of Safety met)
Mary Gorman Lyons ...................... Elva W. Miller
(reputed to have dressed Lafayette's wound after Battle of Brandywine)
Agnes Coupland Bevan .................... Ethel E. Myers
(wife of David Bevan, captain in Continental Army during Revolution)
Abigail Price ............................ Eellsa Copley
(wife of Eliasa Price, President of Committee attending convention held in Philadelphia, July, 1774)
Ruth Matther Thomson .................... Ellen D. Rhodes
(wife of Charles Thomson first Secretary of the Continental Congress)
Peggy Thomson ............................ Margaret W. Rhodes
(niece of Ruth M. Thomson)

This meeting, held in July, 1774, for the purpose of aiding the Boston sufferers, discloses local opinion regarding the Stamp Act and the cargoes of tea shipped here by England. The ladies of the borough busily knitting, sewing and spinning, agree that forthwith they shall wear only clothing of home manufacture but no definite action can be agreed upon regarding tea-drinking since most of the ladies are Friends and extremely conservative. During the meeting Abigail Price sings the Boston parody on John Dickinson's "Liberty Song" and Sarah Coupland recites a Colonial verse on tea.
Friday Evening, May 16, 1924
at 7:00 o'clock

The Kiwanis Club of Chester

COMMITTEE
GEORGE HART, Chairman
J. P. ANDERSON
J. J. BUCKLEY
JAMES FRYER
ARTHUR A. ZECHER

will present

The Reception of General George Washington
Enroute to Become Our First President.

Escorted by Members of

The First City Troop of Philadelphia

LIST OF CHARACTERS
Judge Richard Peters .................. Ellwood J. Turner
Col. Humphrey .......................... L. Norris Hall
Charles Thomson ...................... Clarence Ayres
Wm. Kerlin ............................ J. Wm. Chew
Dr. Wm. Martin ...................... J. Burton Weeks
George Washington ................... F. M. Shibly
Capt. John Crosby .................... Joseph Hopkins
David Marshall ........................ H. H. Fields
Richard Riley ......................... Frank Laney
Dr. Thomas Worrell .................. Charles Blain
Dr. Jonas Preston ..................... George Herrick
Dr. Wm. Currie ......................... R. A. Steele
Henry Hale Graham ................... Frank Miller
Elisha Price ........................... E. C. Roder
Thomas B. Dick ....................... R. C. Downey
William Graham ...................... W. A. Spencer
Davis Bevan ........................... J. F. Bridge
Issac Eyre ............................. C. A. Doubet
Jeremiah McVilain .................... A. F. Courtin
Jonathan Pennell .................... H. F. Burt
Wm. Worrell ........................... R. C. Weber
Wm. Anderson ........................... Fred Brown
Richard Flower ....................... H. F. Weber
Peter Deshong ........................ H. T. Deshong
Governor Mifflin ..................... B. Frank Compton

Washington's Visit.
Written by the late Henry Graham Ashmead

On Monday, April 20, 1789, Washington, then on his way to New York to be inaugurated President of the United States, reached Chester at 7 o'clock in the morning and breakfasted at the Washington House. He was accompanied by General Thomas Mifflin, Governor of Pennsylvania, Judge Richard Peters, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the First City Troop of Philadelphia, as a guard of honor, who had met the President-elect at Naaman's creek, the State line, whither he had been escorted by the authorities of the State of Delaware. Washington traveled to Chester in a coach and four, attended by Colonel David Humphreys, his aid, and Charles Thomson, "the perpetual secretary of Congress," who had been dispatched to Mount Vernon to officially notify the General of his election to the Presidency. Thomson was well-known in Chester, his first wife, Mary, being the daughter of John Mather, a noted resident here in the last century. The inhabitants of the town flocked to the tavern to see the distinguished guests and the village urchins gazed with admiration as the troops rode into the yard, the jingling of swords the champing of the bits by the horses, the showy uniforms of the men and the blare of the trumpet combined to produce a picture in the memories of the young that could never be effaced. The address of welcome to Washington, by Dr. Wm. Martin, the Chief Burgess, and the unostentatious response by the President-elect, constituted an event of marvelous importance to the town. After the breakfast at the Washington House, Washington ordered his coach to the rear, and mounting a white horse, the gift of the citizens of Darby, rode up Market street, and out the King's highway.
Saturday Afternoon, May 17th, 1924
at 3:00 o’clock
The Delaware County Bar Association
will present
THE TRIAL OF SANDY FLASH
arranged by
John E. McDonough, Esq.

CAST OF CHARACTERS
Chief Justice Thomas McKean ...... Hon. Ellwood J. Turner
Associate Justice Wm. Augustus Attlee .... Charles Palmer, Esq.
Associate Justice John Evans .......... Howard M. Lutz, Esq.
Clerk of the Court William W. Scott..... Hon. Wm. Ward, Jr.
Attorney for the Defendant ......... J. De Haven Ledward, Esq.
Deputy Sheriff ................. Willis K. Glauser, Esq.
Court Crier .................. John Vance
Tipstaff ........................ George W. Plotts
Captain Rebi. McAfee ......... Hon. Samuel D. Clyde
Archibald Hambleton ............ Bruce W. Long, Esq.
Bob Allyn .................. John M. Broomall, the 4th
Dave Thomas ................... Daniel Robinson
Rachael Walker ................ Mrs. Grace Robinson

THE JURY
Evan Cheney, No. 1 .................. Frank C. Watson
Henry Stacy, No. 2 .................. John E. McDonough, Esq.
George Hannum, No. 3 ............. Warren R. Walls
Richard Eyre, No. 4 ................ William Dickson
Israel Pyle, No. 5 .............. Milton Crush
Levi Zebley, No. 6 ............... Hon. Samuel E. Turner
Joshua Martin, No. 7 ............. Stewart P. Clark, Esq.
Mortimer Price, No. 8 ............. Clarence W. Brazer
John Crosby, No. 9 ............... Lieut. Weinstein
Charles Grantham, No. 10 ......... William L. Watson
John Mather, No. 11 .......... Kingsley Montgomery, Esq.
Aaron Noblit, No. 12 .......... George B. Harvey, Esq.

PROLOGUE

Trial of “Sandy Flash”

The Declaration of Independence was made on July 4, 1776. For more than a year prior to this time, the American colonies had been in open warfare with Great Britain.

This conflict terminated with the Treaty at Paris made in 1782. The intervening six or seven years have yielded abundantly to the romantic literature of the time.

One of the most interesting products of this period was James Fitzpatrick known as “Sandy Flash” or “Captain Fitz,” who was executed September 21, 1778, at intersection of Providence and Edgmont Roads, Chester. A native of the County of Chester, as then constituted, he was at the head of a band of desperate men, or soldiers of fortune, who were at one time members of the Continental Army and at other times engaged in Guerilla warfare upon the wealthy Whigs of the neighborhood. The people of the community at that time were divided into two classes, The Patriots, or Rebels, who were sympathetic with the cause of the Continental Army and the Tories, or Loyalists, who were allied with his Majesty George the Third. The public conduct of Fitz was equally mixed with chivalry and bravado. He was an American “Robin Hood” who limited his depreciations to the wealthy Whigs and from whom the Tories and impoverished Whigs were entirely safe.

There is no record that he ever molested a Tory or a poor Whig or that he ever profited personally from any of the forages of which he was the leader.

He was a man of great physical courage and strength, whose horsemanship was the admiration of the neighborhood and his many deeds of daring have made him the attractive subject of much local literature.

Part of his career is involved in the “Story of Kennett” by Bayard Taylor, and he is the subject of an interesting book by Captain Clifton Lisle. The incidents of his career and of his conviction which occurred in this old Court House September 15, 1778, are compiled in part from these books and from the well known historical writings of the late Henry Graham Ashmead, the late John Hill Martin and the late George Smith, M. D.

The Colonial Archives, Pennsylvania Gazette, and records of the early days of the Commissioners of the Commonwealth, have also yielded much valuable information.

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