

CHESTER TIMES – August 10, 1915 – THE BATTLE OF BRANDYWINE –
Joint Committees of Historical Societies Plan Arrangements for Anniversary Exercises

A meeting of the joint committee of the Chester and Delaware County Historical Societies having charge of the arrangements of the anniversary exercises of the Battle of Brandywine which are to be held at Birmingham Friends Meeting House, September 11, was held yesterday afternoon, in Institute Hall, Media, with a good attendance.

H. G. Ashmead was appointed chairman of the joint meeting and Charles Palmer was appointed secretary. George B. Johnson, Esq. of West Chester, chairman of Chester County committee of arrangements made a statement of the progress of the work to date. The inscriptions for sixteen tablets on the battle markers have been approved by Hon. William C. Sproul, chairman of the State Historical Commission and also by the subcommittees of the two counties and the contract for their execution has been given out. The committee is also procuring the consent of each of the property owners where the markers are to be located showing the line of march and important locations connected with the battle.

Dr. George M. Philips of West Chester, gave the program of the exercises for the day as far as agreed upon. He also reported that an invitation was sent to both the English and French Ambassadors to the present at the exercises and that an acceptance has been received from the French Ambassador, Dr. Jusserand. President Wilson, who has also been invited cannot be present but has designated General Bliss as his representative.

Dr. Anne E. Broomall suggested that a woman speaker have a place on the program which was agreed to if suitable arrangements can be made for it.

The subcommittees on badges, publicity, entertainment, reception transportation and invitations in both societies were named and instructed to work out the details arising under their respective departments.

The forms of invitation to be sent out was adopted and the committee on invitations directed to proceed with the printing thereof. The same committee was also directed to have the programs printed.

On motion of Edmund Jones it was decided to have a tent in which to hold the exercises if suitable arrangements can be made to procure one as the Friends' Meeting House at Birmingham is not thought to be large enough to hold the number expected to be present.