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TO THE PRECIOUS MEMORY OF
BEATRICE BYERLY,

WHO ESCAPED PONTIAC'S CONFEDERATES AND BORE HER TENDER
INFANTS THROUGH THE WILDERNESS FROM BUSHY RUN TO FORT
LIGNONIER, IN 1763; WHO ORGANIZED AND CONDUCTED A SUN-
DAY SCHOOL AT FORT WALTHOUR, IN WESTMORELAND COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA, DURING THE DARK AND DANGEROUS DAYS OF
THE REVOLUTION, AND WHO WAS A BLESSING TO HUNDREDS OF
PIONEER SETTLERS BY HER DEEDS OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY AND
PATRIOTIC DEVOTION DURING A LONG AND EVENTFUL LIFE ON
THE FRONTIERS, THIS LITTLE VOLUME IS DEDICATED BY ONE
OF HER GRATEFUL DESCENDANTS.

"THOUGH HEAVEN ALONE RECORDS THE DEED,
AND FAME SHALL NEVER KNOW HER STORY,
HER HEART HAS SHED A DROP AS DEAR
AS SHE BEDEWED THE FIELD OF GLORY."

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HIS CAMPAIGNS OF 1763 AND 1764.

INTRODUCTION.

On the 26th of April 1883, a meeting was held in the arbitration room of the court house at Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pa., to consider the propriety of celebrating the 120th anniversary of the victory of Col. Henry Bouquet at Bushy Run, August 5 and 6, 1763, over the Confederates of Pontiac.

Ex-Lieut.-Gov. John Latta was called to the chair, and Gen'l Richard Coulter and Hon. Jacob Turney were elected Vice Presidents; Maj. Jas. M. Laird, Frank Vogle and Curtis Gregg were chosen as Secretaries.

By request of the meeting Rev. Cyrus Cort, a resident of Greencastle, Pa., but a native of Greensburg, Pa., was called upon to address the meeting, which he did for over half an hour, eulogizing the character and achievements of Bouquet and showing the far-reaching results of his decisive victory at Bushy Run. Rev. Cort read a letter from Hon. Joseph H. Kuhns, regretting his inability to be present and heartily approving the object of the meeting in its efforts to honor the memory of Bouquet, whose march and victory in 1763 were wonderful military achievements and did much to promote the rapid settlement of the west.

On motion, Revs. J. W. Love, W. W. Moorehead, Lucien Cort and Philip Kuhns, Dr. Kline and A. M. Sloan, Esq.,

were appointed a committee to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting. The following were reported:

Resolved, That in the judgment of this meeting, it is eminently right and proper to commemorate the 120th anniversary of the victory of Col. Henry Bouquet over Pontiac's confederates at Bushy Run, August 5th and 6th, 1763.

Resolved, That inasmuch as August 5th comes on Sunday this year, and inasmuch as all the interests of humanity and Christian civilization were promoted by the decisive victory of Bouquet, we would respectfully suggest to the pastors of all of our churches in the town and county, the propriety of making such special reference to the anniversary, in their regular religious services, as in their judgment may be right and proper.

Resolved, That the victory of Bouquet be commemorated August 6th, in the grove of the old Bushy Run battle-field, by a public celebration, embracing addresses, a poem, a military display, pic-nic, dinner, &c.

Resolved, That a committee of arrangements, to secure and prepare the grounds; a committee on finance, to raise funds to defray necessary expenses of the celebration, and a committee to invite speakers, distinguished guests, military organizations, &c., be appointed.

The resolutions were adopted and committees in accordance appointed, as follows:

Committee of Arrangements to Secure and Prepare Grounds for the Celebration.—Amos B. Kline, J. B. Laux, Lewis Wannamaker, E. F. Houseman, Lewis Gongaware, William Moore, Mr. Shadwick, Jos. Clark, Robert Byerly, Wm. G. Shuster, Abner Cort.

Committee on Finance.—Jas. Gregg, Esq., Geo. F. Huff, Capt. J. J. Wirsing, Dr. Sowash, Wm. B. Skelly, Paul Lauffer, David Snyder, John Rankin, Sebastian Baer, Esq., Hon. N. M. Marker, H. F. Ludwick, Esq., Hon. John Hugus, and George Plumer Smith of Philadelphia.

Committee on Invitation.—General R. Coulter, Hon. Jos. H. Kuhns, Hon. Jacob Turney, Hon. John Latta, Maj. James M. Laird, G. D. Albert, Esq., John A. Marchand, Esq., Dr. Frank Cowan.

The annexed resolution was likewise adopted:

Resolved, That the chairmen of the three committees aforesaid be an executive committee to fill all vacancies and have a general oversight of the celebration.

A discussion then took place in regard to the advisability of issuing a pamphlet for popular circulation, giving a sketch of Col. Bouquet and his campaigns. It was felt that such a work would form a very important factor in the celebration, and the sentiment of the meeting was that it should be issued without delay. Next day Rev. C. Cort received a letter from Gen. Richard Coulter, A. B. Kline, Esq., and James Gregg, Esq., stating that it was the sense of the meeting that a pamphlet, consisting of one hundred pages, should be prepared as soon as possible, containing a historical sketch of Bouquet and all matters of colonial interest bearing especially on his campaign against the Confederates of Pontiac. These gentlemen, forming the Executive Committee of the celebration, also stated further that it was their wish that he (Rev. C.) should prepare the aforesaid pamphlet. This task was accepted as a labor of love, with the understanding that the writer would assume all pecuniary responsibilities, and that if any profits resulted from the sale of the book or pamphlet above necessary cost of publication, the proceeds should be devoted to a fund for a monument to Bouquet.

As the time was limited, and the duties of a large and laborious pastoral charge devolved upon the writer, the work has been prepared in great haste, but with conscientious care and fidelity to the facts of history and reliable traditions. I would gratefully acknowledge my obligations to writings of Francis Parkman, Geo. Harrison Fisher, C. W. Butterfield and the Penn'a Historical Society for valuable assistance in preparing this imperfect sketch of the best military man and one of the finest gentlemen and scholars of colonial times. May it help to rescue from oblivion the memory of a truly good and great man, whose heroic efforts saved our colonial ancestors from the tomahawk and scalping knife and established the supremacy of the Anglo-Saxon race in the valley of the Mississippi.

Dr. Wm Smith's publication in 1765, and Dumas' sketch in 1769, form the basis of this present effort to present the facts of his life for general circulation.