



Tree Commission Meeting  
**June 25, 2025 @ 6:00 PM**  
*This meeting is recorded for public record.*

Tom Walsh, Chair	Term Expires:
Eric Lorgus, Vice-Chair	Term Expires:
Sandra Ram	Term Expires:
Paul Vartan Sookiasian	Term Expires:
Everette Butcher	Term Expires:
Christopher Lang	Term Expires:
Catherine Quillman	Term Expires:
Kordula Segler-Stahl	Term Expires:

**Tree Commission Meeting:**

A. Regular Business

1. Introduction of guest(s)
2. Public comments on items not on the agenda
3. Approval of minutes for April 2025 / no quorum at May meeting

B. Reports

1. Chair Tom Walsh-
  - a. Lafayette 200 committee - bulk of our time will be used to finalize events
  - b. West Chester Historical Atlas - will update for August
  - c. Gay Street School/Fugett Project - review in August
  - d. Friday, May 30, 2025, Joint Memorial Day Celebration with West Goshen Township= great turnout (over 30 participants)/ adjusted program because storm threat/ prayers by Rev. Cynthia Stouffer - WC UMC & Rev. Richelle Gunter -St Paul's Baptist/ taps by Tom Herman/three members from the West Chester(Catherine Quillman, Chris Lang & Tom Walsh & seven members of West Goshen (Michael Pillagalli ,Steve, Lyons, Richard Davis, Bonnie Dean, Kathi Massi Dr. Doug White & Irene Benjamin) Historical Commissions participated
  - e. Thursday, June 12, 2025 - Town Tour Kickoff- Great support by County (David Blackburn & Sally Warren), Mayor Lilian DeBaptiste & Holy Trinity Church/great turnout (over 150 turnout)/eight tours/HARB participants(Carol Jean Quigley, Michael Wallacavage & Phil Yocum) Historical Commission

(Chris Lang, Catherine Quillman, Chris Lang, Sandra Ram & Tom Walsh) plus Mary Baylis, Dan Campbell, Jonathan Hoppe & Ray Ott. SPECIAL NOTE: Add Lillian DeBaptiste to list of Tour Guides for 2026.

2. Wiki project - Eric Lorgus -
  3. Vice-Chair Kora Stahl -
    - a. Historic Trees Committee - Cedar of Lebanon - still to be worked on
    - b. Stained glass windows documentation
  4. Social media - Catherine (Facebook) and Sandra (Instagram)
  5. Budget for 2026 - see draft
- C. Old Business
1. Oral History Project - Chris Lang/Tom Walsh/Anne Skillman - September 2025
- D. New Business
1. America 250 -August & September 2025
- E. Adjournment
1. BOROUGH COUNCIL: Smart Growth Committee agenda deadline Wednesday, July 2, 2025, and Smart Growth Committee meets July 9 at 6 pm - Council Work Session is Tuesday, July 15 at 6:30 pm and the Council Voting Session is Wednesday, July 16 at 6:30 pm.
  2. NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, July 17, 2025, 7 pm  
AGENDA DEADLINE: SATURDAY, July 12, 2025.

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## West Chester Historical Commission Meeting

401 East Gay Street, West Chester, PA 19380

Room 232 – Borough Hall

April 17, 2025 – 7 PM

Meeting Minutes – In Person

**Present:** Tom Walsh, Kora Stahl, Catherine Quillman, Anne Skillman, Eric Lorgus, Sandra Rahm

**Absent with notice:** Chris Lang

**Absent:** Everett Butcher, Paul Soukiasian

- A. Call meeting to order –
- B. Introduction of guest(s) – Mary Baylis
- C. Public comments on items not on the agenda – n/a
- D. Approval of minutes for March 2024 – approved
- E. Reports
  - 1) Chair Tom Walsh-
    - a. CCHPN dues - paid
    - b. Lafayette 200 committee – move to next meeting
    - c. West Chester Historical Atlas – in progress
    - d. Gay Street School/Fugett Project – move to later meeting
    - e. Friday, May 30, 2025, Joint Memorial Day Celebration with West Goshen Township – see handout
    - f. Thursday, June 12, 2025 - Town Tour Kickoff – Anne will send Kevin Fitzpatrick’s contact information. “Untold stories” – Southwestern quadrant. Anne will most likely not be available
  - 2) Wiki project – Eric Lorgus -
  - 3) Vice-Chair Kora Stahl –
    - a. Historic Trees Committee – Cedar of Lebanon – No response from Owners
    - b. Stained glass windows documentation – Kora visited old Westminster
  - 4) Social media – Catherine (Facebook) and Sandra (Instagram) – will start posting Lafayette
  - 5) Other –
- F. Old Business – Oral History Project – Chris Lang/Tom Walsh
- G. New Business -
- H. Adjournment –

**BOROUGH COUNCIL:** Smart Growth Committee agenda deadline Wednesday, May 7, 2025, and Smart Growth Committee meets May 14 at 6 pm - Council Work Session is Tuesday, May 20 at 6:30 pm and the Council Voting Session is Wednesday, May 21 at 6:30 pm.

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, May 15, 2025, 7 pm**

**AGENDA DEADLINE: SATURDAY, May 10, 2025.**



## West Chester Historical Commission Meeting

401 East Gay Street, West Chester, PA 19380

Room 232 – Borough Hall

May 15, 2025 – 7 PM

### Meeting Agenda – In Person - MINUTES

**Present:** Tom Walsh & Katherine Quillman

**Absent with notice:** Chris Lang & Kora Stahl

**Absent:** Because of an error on our April Agenda (**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, May 22, 2025**) that was not noticed by the membership; there was confusion regarding our meeting date. We always meet on the third Thursday of each month unless the Borough notifies us of a change. As a result of this situation no one will be marked as simply absent.

Call meeting to order – 7:02 pm

- A. Introduction of guest(s) – none
- B. Public comments on items not on the agenda – none
- C. Approval of minutes for April 2025 – NO QUOREM
- D. Reports
  - 1) Chair Tom Walsh-
    - a. Lafayette 200 committee – Brue Mowday had indicated to us that the National Lafayette Association will provide a Lafayette for us. – The Mini-parade project is in the Borough’s Events Portal for review purposes.
    - b. West Chester Historical Atlas – no update
    - c. Gay Street School/Fugett Project – review in August
    - d. Friday, May 30, 2025, Joint Memorial Day Celebration with West Goshen Township – registration is under way through West Goshen Township.
    - e. Thursday, June 12, 2025 - Town Tour Kickoff finalized today. The next phase is to line up the guides and establish study guides and training sessions.
  - 2) Wiki project – Eric Lorgus – no update
  - 3) Vice-Chair Kora Stahl –
    - a. Historic Trees Committee – Cedar of Lebanon – No response from Owners and will need to try another approach. SPECIAL CONCERN: Someone is parking at the base of the Darlington Cedar of Lebanon, and this could cause its demise.
    - b. Stained glass windows documentation – Cora and Catherine took photos of windows at Holy Trinity.
  - 4) Social media – Catherine (Facebook) and Sandra (Instagram) – no update
  - 5) Other – none
- E. Old Business – Oral History Project – Chris Lang/Tom Walsh – no update
- F. New Business - none
- G. Adjournment – 7:22 pm

**BOROUGH COUNCIL: Smart Growth Committee agenda deadline Wednesday, June 4, 2025, and Smart Growth Committee meets June 11 at 6 pm - Council Work Session is Tuesday, June 17 at 6:30 pm and the Council Voting Session is Wednesday, June 18 at 6:30 pm.**

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, June 19, 2025, 7 pm**

**AGENDA DEADLINE: SATURDAY, June 14, 2025.**

**SPECIAL NOTE: We have been notified by the Borough that on June 19, 2025 the Borough will be closed because of the Juneteenth Holiday. Our meeting has been rescheduled for June 26 at 7 pm in the Council Chamber.**

## Lafayette music

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From: Thomas J. Hoey [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Date: Monday, May 19, 2025 at 12:43 PM EDT

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Tom,

Here are the songs that Lenape Brass can play for the Toasts.

#1,2,7,8,10,11,13. YES!

#3,4,6,7,7.5, 9,12. No

Any word yet on a Sponsor for our \$600 fee?

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Tom

[www.LenapeBrass.com](http://www.LenapeBrass.com)



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When the dinner was concluded the following toasts and sentiments were drank, accompanied by the music of the excellent band belonging to Capt. Joseph Pearce's company of junior artillerists:

REGULAR TOASTS.

YES - 1. "Our Country:" Blest with the oldest legitimate government now in existence.  
Music: *Hail Columbia.*

YES - 2. "The President of the United States."  
*President's March.*

NO - 3. "The Governor of Pennsylvania."  
*Governor's March.*

NO - 4. "The Memory of the Father of his Country."  
*Rocky Castle.*

YES - 5. "The Heroes and Statesmen of the Revolution."  
*Washington's March.*

NO - 6. "The late Presidents of the United States: Enjoying in their dignified retirement the benedictions of a free and grateful people. What a lesson to the occupants and supporters of thrones!"  
*In the Downhill of Life.*

YES - 7. "The Nation's Guest: While our country reveres and lauds her WASHINGTON, and our county justly boasts of her WAYNE, the votaries of rational liberty in both hemispheres claim an interest in LAFAYETTE." [Cheers.]  
*Marseilles Hymn.*

When this toast was drank the general arose, and, after thanking the committee for the honor done him, proposed the following, which was cordially greeted by the company:

NO - By Gen. Lafayette.—"The County of Chester, and the memory of her gallant citizen, Gen. Wayne: May the blood spilled by thousands, with equal merit in the cause of independence and freedom, be to the ensuing generations an eternal pledge of unalloyed republicanism, federal union, public prosperity, and domestic happiness."  
*Stony Point.*

YES - 8. "The 11th of September, 1777: A day consecrated to liberty by the blood of her votaries on the banks of the Brandywine; though the sacrifice was great, the reward was rich indeed."  
*Auld Lang Syne.*

NO - 9. "The Amiable Family of La Grange: Who possess the only prior claims we can ever recognize to the person of our illustrious friend and benefactor."  
*Life let us Cherish.*

YES - 10. "The Army and Navy of the United States: The shield and buckler of the nation, wielded only in defense of its just rights."  
*Yankee Doodle.*

YES - 11. "Bolivar: Great is the character which he has to sustain, for he has nobly acquired that of the 'Washington of the South.'"  
*Hail to the Chief!*

NO - 12. "Greece: May her sons be animated with the spirit of their ancestors until she is restored to her ancient liberty and grandeur."  
*Caria.*

ful bosom of the Brandywine to the embraces of his family."

By Dr. William Darlington.—"The fields of the Brandywine: Irrigated, on the Cadmean system of agriculture, with the blood of Revolutionary patriots, the teeming crop must ever be Independent freemen."

By the Hon. Lewis McLane, of Delaware.—"The battle-ground we have viewed to-day: Whether the theatre of victory or defeat, let the effects be tested by the free industry and happy population which now crowd its surface."

By Abraham Bally, Esq.—"The Memory of Maj.-Gen. Anthony Wayne: His distinguished services as a soldier and statesman eminently entitle him to the grateful remembrance of his countrymen."

By the Committee of Reception.—"Our brethren, the City Councils of Philadelphia: To whose gentlemanly kindness and attention we are greatly indebted on this happy occasion."

By Joseph S. Lewis, Esq., of the City Councils.—"The cordial affection existing between Philadelphia and her sister counties: May it always continue and constantly increase."

After the eighth regular toast, given above, was drank, the following song was volunteered and sung by Dr. William Darlington:

LAFAYETTE AT BRANDYWINE.

Tune, *Auld Lang Syne.*

Should days of trial be forgot,  
Although those days have fled?

Can we neglect the sacred spot  
Where patriot heroes bled?

CHORUS.—Ah, no! those days of auld lang syne  
We never can forget,

When with our sires to Brandywine  
Came gallant Lafayette.

By Brandywine's enchanting stream  
Our swains in peace abode—

Until the tyrant's minion came  
To stain its banks with blood.

CHO.—And oh! those days, etc.

To meet the foemen on the plain  
Each patriot onward press'd,

And there, with Washington and Wayne,  
Appeared our honor'd guest.

CHO.—Those anxious days, etc.

And there he bore him in the van,  
Where Washington still led;

And to sustain the rights of man  
The youthful warrior bled.

CHO.—Those fearful days, etc.

Then long as our romantic stream  
Shall roll its silver wave,

Its vales shall echo with the name  
Of Lafayette, the brave.

CHO.—For, ah! those days of auld lang syne



## West Chester Historical Commission

### 2026 Budget Proposal

<b>Recurring Items</b>	<b>Cost</b>
CCHPN Dues*	\$100.00
CCHC Dues* (\$135 + \$24)	\$159.00
Preservation Pennsylvania – dues - NEW	\$100.00
National Trust for Historic Preservation dues	\$100.00
Annual Memorial Day Project (with West Goshen Twp.)	\$300.00
Annual Town Tour Kick-off (with Chester County)	\$600.00
Misc.	\$41.00
<b>- 2025 Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$1,400.00</b>
<b>Special Projects</b>	
America 250 – Gay Street School Project -one time	estimate\$10,000.00
May carryover to 2027 budget.	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,400.00</b>

**Proposed budget to be considered for inclusion in the Commission/Committee portion of the budget.**

**\*Includes both W.C. HARB and W.C. Historical Commission**

6-26-25

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LOUIS H. EVERTS.

1881.

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senbighler, Wmly Miller, Charles Mullen, Davis Morgan, Margaret Orner, Hannnh Peters, Jacob Rhoades, Jacob Root, Barbara Reppert, Benjamin Reinerd, Elizabeth Snyder, Anthony N. Sill, Jacob Steward, Mary Smith, Elizabeth Yerkes, William Wilson, Jacob Wensel, Samuel Widener, William Walker.

#### LAFAYETTE'S VISIT TO CHESTER COUNTY.

In 1824 the Congress of the United States voted unanimously a resolution requesting President Monroe to invite Lafayette to visit the United States. He accepted the invitation, and, with his son, George Washington Lafayette, and his secretary, M. La Vasseur, took passage on a packet-ship from Havre for New York, where he landed Aug. 15, 1824. He was received everywhere with the utmost demonstration of popular enthusiasm, and his progress through the country resembled a continuous triumphal procession. He visited in succession each of the twenty-four States of which the Union was then composed, and all the principal cities.

The news of the illustrious general's arrival at New York did not reach West Chester until the 17th,—there being no railroad or telegraph in those days,—but immediately a meeting was called at the court-house. Meanwhile the Washington Guards, Capt. Lauer, and the Wayne Guards, Capt. Fleming, acclaimed the joyful news by firing a *feu-de-joie*, and by hearty cheers. Of the assemblage at the court-house, Col. Joseph McClellan, who had served as a captain in the Continental army under Lafayette, was made chairman, and Gen. Isaac D. Barnard secretary. Judge Darlington delivered a brief address, in which he reflected the feelings of all present in indulging the hope that the general would desire to revisit the ground where he first "fleshed his maiden sword," and offered the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, It is believed that the illustrious guest of our country, Major-General the Marquis de la Fayette, will be inclined to revisit the scenes of his early gallantry, and, amongst other places, the ground on which the battle of Brandywine was fought, in this county, where he received a wound in the cause of our liberty and independence, therefore,

"Resolved, That a meeting of the citizens of Chester County be held at the court-house, in the borough of West Chester, on Saturday, the 28th of August, at eleven o'clock A.M., to make arrangements for a suitable reception of that venerable patriot and friend of freedom, if he shall be induced to visit our county, and to adopt such other measures evincive of our gratitude for his distinguished services as the interesting occasion demands."

Another "Lafayette meeting" was held at the same place on the 28th of August, 1824, of which Hon. Isaac Darlington was chairman, and John W. Cunningham, Esq., secretary. The following, among other resolutions, were unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That Col. Joseph McClellan, Col. Jacob Humphrey, Col. Isaac Wayne, Dr. Jacob Ehrenzeller, Col. Cromwell Pearce, Gen. Isaac D. Barnard, Gen. John W. Cunningham, Dr. William Darlington, Gen. Joshua Evans, and Abram Baily, Esq., be a committee, on behalf of this meeting, to wait upon Gen. La Fayette immediately on his arrival in Philadelphia, respectfully to make known to him our feelings and sentiments, and to invite him, in the name of the citizens of Chester County, to honor them with a visit to the ground where, by the side of Washington and of Wayne, and his gallant companions-in-arms, he distinguished himself as a champion in the cause of liberty, and by the effusion of his blood in their defense forever endeared himself to the American people.

"Resolved, That if, as it is sincerely hoped, Gen. La Fayette shall be induced to revisit the scenes of his youthful gallantry, on the banks of the Brandywine, where a free, prosperous, happy, and grateful people are enjoying the fruits of Revolutionary virtue and bravery, the aforesaid committee be requested, in concert with the civil authorities of the county, to make the necessary arrangements for the appropriate reception and entertainment of our distinguished guest; and also that the military officers and uniformed corps of the district be requested to parade on the occasion, and pay the honors due to the venerable soldier of the Revolution."

It having been ascertained that Gen. Lafayette, with his son, George Washington Lafayette, and other companions, would visit the battle-ground on the Brandywine on Tuesday, the 26th of July, 1825, and proceed thence to West Chester, arrangements were made by the committee of Chester County for their proper reception and entertainment.

Early in the morning the general was waited upon at Messrs. Duponts', with whom he had lodged, by John W. Cunningham, Esq., one of the committee of arrangements, attended by Samson Babb and William Williamson, two of the marshals of the day, by whom he was conducted to Chads' Ford. The general was accompanied by his son, M. La Vasseur, his secretary, M. Baudouin, a distinguished lawyer from Paris, the Messrs. Dupont, Messrs. Louis McLane, and N. G. Williamson, committee from Wilmington, and Messrs. Joseph S. Lewis, Tilghman, and Biddle, committee of Councils from Philadelphia. They reached Chads' Ford about ten o'clock A.M., where the veteran was received by the committees of Chester and Delaware Counties, headed by their respective chairmen, Col. Joseph McClellan and Capt. William Anderson. At this place, also, Maj.-Gen. Isaac D. Barnard and his aides, Col. Lieper and Daniel Buckwalter, Esq., attended by Brig.-Gens. Evans and Stanley and their aides, in full uniform, also the Chester County troop of cavalry, commanded by Lieut. Jones, and the Delaware County troop of cavalry, commanded by Capt. Vanleer, the whole under the command of Maj. Wilson, were in waiting to escort the general over the battle-ground. Jesse Sharp, Esq., chief marshal, with his aides, Thomas H. B. Jacobs and Jesse Conard, Esq., and assistant marshals, Samson Babb, William Williamson, Joshua Hunt, Thomas H. Brinton, Joshua McMinn, Isaac Trimble, David Potts, Jr., Richard Walker, Jonathan Jones, Joseph P. McClellan, also attended to regulate the movements of the great concourse of citizens, in carriages, on horseback, and on foot, who had gathered at this point, eager to see and welcome the nation's guest.

The general received the greetings of the people, and viewed the interesting heights around Chads' Ford, and the field where the armies encamped the night before the battle, and pointed out the positions of Gens. Wayne and Maxwell's brigades. He inquired if any one could point out where the bridge of rails was across the Brandywine, but no one was able to give the information. He then resumed his seat in his barouche, with his companion-in-arms, Col. McClellan, by his side, and the procession, which had been formed, advanced toward Painter's Cross-roads. About a mile from the ford the general stopped and alighted from his carriage to see Gideon Gilpin, a very aged man, confined to bed, at whose house he had made his headquarters before the battle. The sick man was gratified at the sight

of the veteran, who pressed his hand cordially and wished him every blessing. The procession then proceeded by way of Painter's Cross-roads to Dilworthtown, where another large concourse of people had gathered. After a brief halt it turned to the left and proceeded to the main battle-ground. When they came in sight of the Birmingham meeting-house, Lafayette arose in his carriage and addressed himself in French to his son and companions, spoke animatedly for some time, pointing out to them the different positions of the armies. All the surroundings were familiar to him. He pointed out the spot, in a field of Jacob Bennett, a short distance east and south of where the road from the meeting-house comes in at right angles with the east-and-west road, as the place where he was wounded. He then proceeded to the meeting-house, where another concourse had assembled to greet him. After viewing the grounds here he alighted, with his companions and friends, at the mansion of Samuel Jones, a short distance north of the meeting-house, to which he had been previously invited, and partook of refreshments provided for the occasion. A large collection of balls and other relics of the memorable conflict, which had been found at different periods on the battle-ground, were exhibited and excited much interest.

After a brief rest the trumpet sounded to horse, and the procession moved on to Strode's mill, over the ground on which Howe and Cornwallis advanced to the battle, and thence by the right to Darlington's woods (now Smedley Darlington's), near the western line of the borough. Here the volunteers of the Third Division were drawn up, agreeably to the orders of Maj.-Gen. Barnard, to receive the general and escort him into the town. These consisted of the First Regiment of Chester County Volunteers, commanded by Col. Darlington,—to whom were attached Capt. Fleming's company of Wayne Guards, Capt. Wiley's company of Franklin Guards, and Maj. Elton's corps of riflemen,—the Chester County Union Volunteer Battalion, commanded by Lieut.-Col. McDowell, and the Jackson Volunteer Battalion, commanded by Maj. Morton,—to which Capt. Stewart's independent company of volunteers was attached,—the whole together comprising seventeen companies of volunteers, including the two troops of cavalry. On the approach of Lafayette, a salute of thirteen guns was fired by the Republican Artillerists of Chester County, under the command of Lieut.-Col. Evans, and the troops then wheeled into column, the First Regiment preceding the immediate escort of the general, and the battalions of McDowell and Morton taking post in the rear. Thus arranged, the whole proceeded into the borough, under the command of Maj.-Gen. Barnard, by the way of the present Rosedale Avenue to High Street, at the State Normal School, and thence up High Street. The cavalcade of citizens in the rear were conducted by Chief Marshal Jesse Sharp and his aides and assistants, whose names have already been given.

The crowd which had gathered here was immense. It is estimated that there was not less than ten thousand persons present, and the welcome accorded to the general was most cordial, hearty, and sincere. The procession passed up High Street to Market, down Market to Walnut, up Walnut to Gay, up Gay to High, down High to Market,

up Market to Church, up Church to Gay, down Gay to High, and out High to a field of Jesse Matlack, on the hill east of the Friends' meeting-house. Here the troops were reviewed by Gen. Lafayette, on foot, who expressed his great satisfaction at their appearance and soldier-like behavior. He then passed in his barouche in front of several hundred mounted citizens, formed in the same field under the direction of the chief marshal, and was then conducted by the committee to the residence of Ziba Pyle, Esq., the chief burgess. The troops were wheeled into column and returned to the town, and gave the marching salute as they passed the general at his quarters, and were then dismissed.

After a brief repose, the general and his companions were conducted to the grand jury room in the court-house, which had been tastefully decorated by the ladies for the occasion, and where an excellent dinner had been provided by Mr. Eber Worthington, then proprietor of the Turk's Head Hotel. The entertainment was attended by the committees of arrangement and a limited number of invited guests; including the general and his friends, in all about forty persons.

When the company had assembled at the table, his old comrade in the field of Revolutionary toil and danger, the venerable Col. Joseph McClellan, rose, and, on behalf of the committee of reception, addressed the gallant chieftain as follows:

"General,—It is our happiness to be appointed by our fellow-citizens to greet you upon your visit to the scenes of your youthful gallantry on the banks of the Brandywine, and to bid you a sincere and cordial welcome to the bosom of our county. Language, indeed, can but feebly portray the joyous and grateful emotions with which we behold amongst us, after a lapse of eight and forty years, the illustrious friend of human rights, who relinquished the endearments of his domestic circle in a distant land to aid the fathers of our country in their struggle for independence, and who, on this ground, sealed with his blood his devotion to the cause of American liberty. In you sir, we recognize, with the profoundest respect and veneration, the early, disinterested, and steadfast champion of our WASHINGTON, our WAYNE, and their gallant compatriots-in-arms,—the youthful volunteer, who shared the toils of our fathers to secure the blessings of republican freedom to our land, and who, by the favor of heaven, has been preserved to witness the happiness and receive the benedictions of their grateful offspring.

"We exult in the contemplation of a character whose pure, intrepid, and uniform devotion to the rights of man has been equally conspicuous in the battle-fields of the western, and in the councils, the courts, and the dungeons of the eastern, hemisphere.

"We rejoice that a signal opportunity has been afforded to our countrymen to repel the slander of despots and their hirelings that republics are ungrateful, and although the plain and unpretending citizens of this ancient county of Chester do not presume to vie with their brothers of our opulent towns and cities in the splendor of your reception, let me flatter ourselves that you will receive, with your wonted kindness, the spontaneous and unaffected homage of a happy community, who welcome you with eyes beaming with reverence and delight, and hearts filled with the purest sentiments of gratitude and affection."

To this address Gen. Lafayette made the following reply:

"While I have, with unbounded gratitude, enjoyed the fondly anticipated happiness to meet in this town the citizens of the county of Chester, and the additional pleasure to be here most kindly welcomed, in the name of the people, by an old companion-in-arms, I have also to acknowledge the affectionate greetings that have this day hailed your brother-soldier on the grounds of one of our most important battles.

"Although, owing to some accidental occurrences, victory was not that day on our side, the manner in which it was disputed by our pa-

triotic troops did, no doubt, contribute to inspire several of the British leaders with a spirit of caution more than once beneficial to us. The thought of its having been my first action under the American standard and our great and good commander-in-chief, in company with your gallant Chester Countyman, my friend, Gen. Wayne, and my other comrades, the honor to have mingled my blood with that of many other American soldiers on the heights of the Brandywine, had been to me a source of pride and delight near half a century before, and it has lately been an occasion of the most honorable, kind, and gratifying remembrance, as it is now an object of your friendly congratulations.

"Happy I am, also, in your testimonies of affection and esteem for my conduct in the vicissitudes of my life on both hemispheres, and I beg you, my dear sir, and you, gentlemen of the committee, to accept in your own name, and in behalf of the people of Chester County, my affectionate and respectful acknowledgment."

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*Cecilia.*

13. "The American Fair: Whose virtues adorn the republic, and whose smiles reward its benefactors."

*Green Grow the Rushes O!*

#### VOLUNTEER TOASTS.

By the Hon. Isaac Wayne.—"The people of the United States: May they ever feel grateful for that protecting hand which has safely conducted to each of the twenty-four States of their Union the gallant defender, the early and steady benefactor of their country, the nation's guest, the good, the amiable and intelligent LAFAYETTE."

By Capt. William Anderson.—"The genuine Republican, Gen. Lafayette: Who has in all and the most trying situations adhered to and promoted the cause of liberty."

By Gen. John W. Cunningham.—"The Memory of Washington: In the cabinet and in the field we ne'er shall look upon his like again."

By Ziba Pyle, Esq. (chief Burgess of West Chester).—"General Lafayette: His visits to Chester County, in 1777 and 1825, will be held in grateful remembrance by its citizens."

By Brig.-Gen. Joshua Evans.—"Our honored Guest: In his youth he shed his blood on the banks of the Brandywine in defense of American Liberty, and in his old age he will be borne on the grateful bosom of the Brandywine to the embraces of his family."

By Dr. William Darlington.—"The fields of the Brandywine: Irrigated, on the Cadmean system of agriculture, with the blood of Revolutionary patriots, the teeming crop must ever be Independent freemen."

By the Hon. Lewis McLane, of Delaware.—"The battle-ground we have viewed to-day: Whether the theatre of victory or defeat, let the effects be tested by the free industry and happy population which now crowd its surface."

By Abraham Baily, Esq.—"The Memory of Maj.-Gen. Anthony Wayne: His distinguished services as a soldier and statesman eminently entitle him to the grateful remembrance of his countrymen."

By the Committee of Reception.—"Our brethren, the City Councils of Philadelphia: To whose gentlemanly kindness and attention we are greatly indebted on this happy occasion."

By Joseph S. Lewis, Esq., of the City Councils.—"The cordial affection existing between Philadelphia and her sister counties: May it always continue and constantly increase."

After the eighth regular toast, given above, was drank, the following song was volunteered and sung by Dr. William Darlington:

#### LAFAYETTE AT BRANDYWINE.

Tune, *Auld Lang Syne.*

Should days of trial be forgot,  
Although those days have fled?

Can we neglect the sacred spot  
Where patriot heroes bled?

CHORUS.—Ah, no! those days of auld lang syne

We never can forget,  
When with our sires to Brandywine  
Came gallant Lafayette.

By Brandywine's enchanting stream  
Our swains in peace abode—

Until the tyrant's minion came  
To stain its banks with blood.

CHO.—And oh! those days, etc.

To meet the foemen on the plain  
Each patriot onward press'd,  
And there, with Washington and Wayne,  
Appeared our honor'd guest.

CHO.—Those anxious days, etc.

And there he bore him in the van,  
Where Washington still led;  
And to sustain the rights of man  
The youthful warrior bled.

CHO.—Those fearful days, etc.

Then long as our romantic stream  
Shall roll its silver wave,  
Its vales shall echo with the name  
Of Lafayette, the brave.

CHO.—For, ah! those days of auld lang syne

We never can forget,  
When with our sires to Brandywine  
Came gallant Lafayette.

At the conclusion of the toasts a number of citizens were introduced to the general in the court-room, and then repaired again to the residence of Ziba Pyle, Esq., on Gay Street, where he spent the night. During the evening he was visited by a large number of persons of both sexes, who were kindly received by him. Among others to whom he gave an affectionate welcome was a daughter of Associate Judge John Davis, a veteran under his command at Yorktown, Va., who was introduced by Col. Isaac Wayne.

As he was under engagement to breakfast the next morning at Maj. John Filson's, at Humphreyville, on the Strasburg road, he retired at an early hour, and in the morning, accompanied by Col. Joseph McClellan, Col. Jacob Humphrey, Col. Cromwell Pearce, and Gen. Isaac D. Barnard, and a number of citizens, he set out for that place. Col. Humphrey rode in the carriage with him. About half-past nine o'clock they reached Maj. Filson's, where a great number of persons had assembled, and where they were also met, according to previous arrangements, by a committee from Lancaster. The spacious room in which the breakfast was served was beautifully decorated with wreaths and festoons of evergreens, bespangled with flowers. From the centre of an arch, directly over the general's place at the table, and partially enveloped in the evergreen, a small golden eagle was suspended. The neat and delicate taste displayed in the decorations drew forth high commendations from those present. At the table Lafayette was seated between Col. McClellan and Col. Humphrey, two of his old companions-in-arms.

After breakfast three barouches, each with four horses attached, which had been sent from Lancaster for his reception, were drawn up. Gen. Lafayette, accompanied by Gen. George B. Porter, chairman of the Lancaster committee, ascended the first, and the others were occupied by his son, secretary, and the other members of the Lancaster committee. They proceeded by way of the Strasburg road to Lancaster, and the Chester County committee returned to their homes. From his entrance into Chester County to his departure therefrom his reception and progress were one continued scene of welcome, triumph, and joy.

Gen. Lafayette proceeded from Lancaster to Baltimore, and thence to Washington, where he was the guest of President John Quincy Adams. He visited the then ex-Presidents, Jefferson, Madison, and Monroe, the latter accompanied by President Adams, at their respective residences in Virginia, and on the 7th of September, 1825, sailed for his home in a new frigate, named, in compliment to him, the "Brandywine." The scenes at his departure, as given in Niles' *Weekly Register*, were of a most interesting character.

In December, 1824, while he was in this country, Congress voted him a grant of \$200,000 and a township of land, "in consideration of his important services and expenditures during the American Revolution." His large hereditary fortune had been mostly lost by confiscation during what is known as the "Reign of Terror" in France.

Somebody having presented the city of Philadelphia with a grape-shot represented to be the identical one that wounded the Marquis de Lafayette at the battle of Brandy-

wine, our friend, Chalkley Harvey, thus writes to the *Ledger* that there must be some mistake, and we rather guess friend Harvey is correct:

"CHADS' FORD, July 12, 1876.

"Mr. Edron,—Without at all courting controversy, I would ask for a word in reply to J. P. Campbell's statement in to-day's *Ledger*, of the grape-shot he presented in your city as being the 'identical one' which wounded the Marquis de Lafayette at the battle of Brandywine, and which 'was stopp'd by a stone wall,' etc.<sup>3</sup> Now, whilst it seems a pity to do ought to spoil the history as given of this one-and-a-half-inch iron ball, such as our fields were strewn with for many years following said battle, I cannot allow it to pass without assuring you that, unless Gen. Lafayette was himself greatly mistaken (and the presumption is he was not), there was not then, nor has there been up to this day, a stone wall of any description within several hundred yards of where this occurred; and I make this assertion from having, when in my eleventh year, seen this noble hero stand in the Messrs. Duponts' open carriage and point out the ground upon which his wound was received.

"I, with three young companions, was sitting on a fence beneath a tree at the roadside, and so close to him that we could hear every word uttered. And I might further add that within the past twenty years Edmund Lafayette, in company with Capt. (afterwards Commodore) F. Dupont, spent a day with me in viewing these fields, once the scene of bloody strife. And it may be presumed we talked of all we knew relative to what occurred on that memorable day; and if he knew anything of this ball, or of his illustrious grandsire having visited Isabella McCloskey for the purpose of seeing it, he omitted to tell what would have been to us a matter of much interest. Now, whilst I do not doubt that the owner of this grape-shot has been led to greatly prize it through the story connected therewith, yet I do greatly doubt its being the identical ball which wounded the Marquis de Lafayette.

"C. HARVEY."

#### CHESTER COUNTY IN THE MEXICAN WAR.

##### VOLUNTEERS FROM THE COUNTY.

The war between the United States and Mexico began in May, 1846, and the first battle which was fought between the two armies of the sister republics was on the 8th of May, at Palo Alto, on the east side of the Rio Grande River. Soon after the declaration of war by the American Congress, Pennsylvania was called upon for her quota of troops, and while from this county no company or organization of soldiers went, there was quite a number of men who enlisted in regiments of the State recruited and organized in other parts of its borders. Of those who went forth to battle for the conceived national honor may be mentioned the following, in addition to many others whose names are inaccessible: Levi P. Knerr, who served as a lieutenant throughout that war, and wrote home to his borough paper a number of letters describing battles and marches, which were published in the *Phoenixville Pioneer*, then edited by Bayard Taylor, the future renowned traveler and poet. William S. Mendendall, born at Chads' Ford,

<sup>3</sup> The following is the *Ledger* article referred to: "Mr. Joseph P. Campbell, an aged citizen of Florence, New Jersey, recently brought to Philadelphia the identical grape-shot with which Marquis de Lafayette was wounded at the battle of Brandywine. It has been in his possession over half a century, and was given to him by his aunt, Isabella McCloskey, who picked it up after it had struck the marquis and been stopped by a wall. The heroine was on that day carrying ammunition in her apron, and when the gallant Frenchman was wounded she tore off her underclothing to stanch the blood and bind up the wound. On the visit of the marquis to this country, several years later, he sought her out. The ball is a cast-iron globe, about one and a quarter inches in diameter, and has been religiously preserved."