

THE ORIGINS AND MISSION OF THE CAMBRIA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On February 7, 1925, six prominent citizens of Cambria County "associated themselves together for the purpose of organizing the Cambria County Historical Society of Cambria County, Pennsylvania." They drew up a charter and submitted it to the county court where it was approved and signed by Hon. John Evans on 16 March, 1925.


The Mission of the society, as enumerated in the charter, is fourfold:

- **To** establish and maintain a museum and library for the preservation of books and other printed matter, manuscripts, and objects of interest relating to the history of the county.
- **To** promote a factual, authoritative history of the county through research and public meetings.
- **To** encourage a public awareness and appreciation of the county's rich historical heritage.
- **To** mark places of historic interest so that their significance might be preserved.

The museum and library has operated continuously from a variety of locations. Since its establishment, it has acquired an extensive body of printed materials, manuscripts, microfilm and a fascinating collection of artifacts relating to the county's history. These include over three thousand bound volumes; the largest collection of county newspapers in existence - some dating to 1835; the complete county manuscript census reports (microfilm), 1790-1910; and an extensive map collection. Among several thousand artifacts, the collection includes an original 13-star flag, a substantial tool collection, Victorian clothing and furnishings, Nicktown Post Office facade, the first piano imported into the county, and an extensive industrial and military collection. In 1990 the society purchased the A.W. Buck home at 615 North Center Street in Ebensburg, from Holy Name Parish. The Queen Anne Style Victorian mansion was built in 1889 (the year of the Johnstown Flood) and used by the Buck family until 1923, when it was sold to the Sisters of St. Joseph for use as a convent. In 2000, the A. W. Buck house underwent extensive renovations as part of a Keystone Historic Preservation Grant provided by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and a community campaign drive.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- **Free** use of the museum and library. (the non-member library fee is \$3.00 per visit).
- **A** subscription to the society's quarterly newsletter, *Heritage*.
- **Opportunities** to participate in society sponsored special events such as the Annual Banquet, Scheduled Tours, Open Houses and exhibits.
- **The** opportunity to volunteer and help our many causes.
- **The** satisfaction of assisting in the preservation of the history of Cambria County.

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CONSIDER BECOMING A LIFE MEMBER

Complete the application form in this brochure and mail, along with your check or money order to the address shown above.