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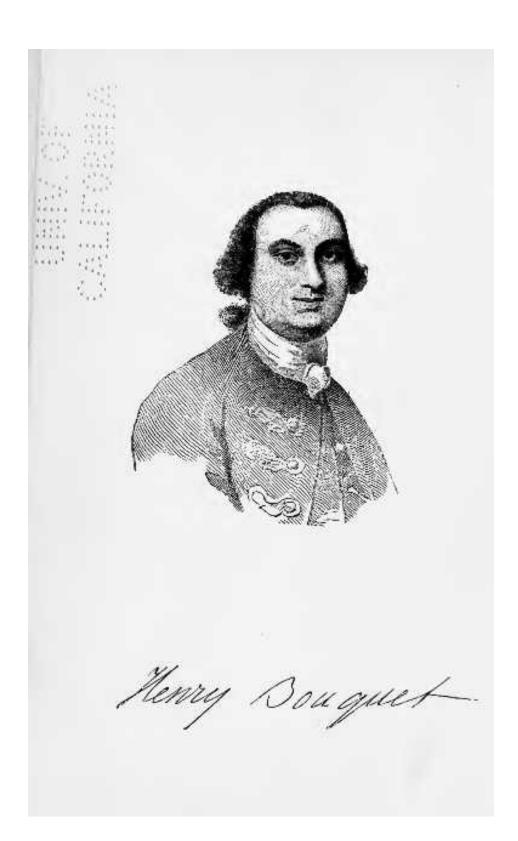
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TO THE PRECIOUS MEMORY OF

BEATRICE BYERLY,

WHO ESCAPED PONTIAO'S CONFEDERATES AND BORE HER TENDER BABES THROUGH THE WILDERNESS FROM BUBHY RUN TO FORT LIGONIER, IN 1703; 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 BETTLERS BY HER DEEDS OF OHRISTIAN CHARITY AND PATRIOTIC DEVOTION DURING A LONG AND EVENTFUL LIFE ON THE FRONTIERS, THIS LITTLE VOLUME IS DEDIGATED BY ONE OF HER GRATEFUL DESCENDANTS.

> THOUGH HEAVEN ALONE RECORDS THE TEAR, AND FAME SHALL NEVER KNOW HER STORY, HER NEART HAS SHED A DROP AS DEAR AS TER BEDIMED THE FIELD OF GLORY."

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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.,

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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 aforcsaid be an executive committee to fill all vacancies and have a general oversight of the celebration.