

**EARLY HISTORY AND
REMINISCENCES OF
CATASAUQUA IN
PENNSYLVANIA**

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649502950

Early History and Reminiscences of Catasauqua in Pennsylvania by William H. Glace

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

WILLIAM H. GLACE

**EARLY HISTORY AND
REMINISCENCES OF
CATASAUQUA IN
PENNSYLVANIA**



WILLIAM H. GLACE

Early
History and Reminiscences

OF

CATASAUQUA

IN

PENNSYLVANIA

BY

WILLIAM H. GLACE

1 " "

1914
SEARLE & DRESSLER CO., INC.
PRINTERS AND PUBLISHERS
ALLENTOWN, PA.

W.H.G.



TO THE
MEMORY OF MY PARENTS

This Compilation is

AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED

PREFACE

When I was a boy, my attention was drawn to the early history of this community by my parents, my grand-parents, and my great-grand-father in narrating to me occurrences, incidents and reminiscences which related to local affairs on both sides of the Lehigh River. My mother's great-grand-parents (the Mickleys) located in Whitehall township near Egypt along Coplay Creek in 1733, and her grand-parents (the Swartzes) in the Irish Settlement along Dry Run in 1787. My father migrated from Mauch-Chunk to Biery's-Port in 1830; I was born on the Christian Swartz plantation in 1839; and my parents established their residence at Catasauqua in 1845; and here I have been until now, excepting my absence from home while serving in the Civil War from 1861 to 1864.

I was admitted to the Bar of Lehigh County in 1868, and, during a long practice of my profession as an attorney-at-law at Catasauqua since that time, my business related almost wholly to the settlement of estates and the transmission of title to property in the borough and the surrounding townships; and, besides being thus identified with local affairs as a legal adviser, I was practically concerned for a time in the administration of the local government as a Justice of the Peace and Chief Burgess. It was in this manner that I became thoroughly familiar with all the

98
July - Sept. 11/21

important matters and things of the community, not only of a financial and political nature, but of an historical nature as well.

With this knowledge of the early local affairs, quite naturally, therefore, when the people of Catsauqua determined to celebrate the "Seventy-fifth Anniversary" of the founding of the town, I united with other interested citizens to make the necessary preparations for the extraordinary occasion; and now, as the Chairman of the Historical Committee, I submit this compilation, limited to the "Early History," as my contribution towards its proper observance. It will be noticed that I confined the compilation to the times anterior to the Civil War, excepting several prominent matters which I could not well present only partly described.

WILLIAM H. GLACE.

February 12, 1914.

CONTENTS

	Page
Original Title	7
Irish Settlement	9
Indian Relics	10
Weiser Letter	11
Early Residents	12
Crane Iron Works	19
Thomas and Contemporaries	28
Thomas Letter	40
Character of Employees	42
Local Improvements	43
Oldest Buildings	65
First Occupations	68
First Rocker	72
First Carriage	72
First Sulphur Matches	72
Churches	72
Fairview Cemetery	81
Soldiers' Monument	83
First Funeral	87
Early Schools	89
Public Libraries	95
Brass Band	96
Temperance Societies	96
Political Animosity	96
Mexican War	99
Incorporation of Borough	100
Banks	107
Justices of the Peace	111
Burgesses	112
Census	112

