

Radnor Heritage Society & Museum



Dear Radnor Heritage Society & Museum Friends,

We are pleased to come to you at the beginning of 2021 with updates about our accomplishments over the past year. We are saddened we will not be hosting St. David's Day this year but hope you will keep reading about the Museum below. The closing of the Museum due to Covid-19 created a quiet time allowing us to accomplish many tasks.

1. After a car accident damaged the front door of the Museum, the Radnor Township Trustees paid for a new door. Our thanks to Roy Plymale for getting the trim painted around the door.
2. Spring rains have repeatedly flooded the basement of the Museum adding to humidity problems in the exhibit area. Todd Coonfare regraded the road in front of the north door to slow water flowing under the door and added a new sweep under the door.
3. The purchase of two air purifiers reduced the humidity in the area from more than 60% to 30% further protecting fragile items on display.
4. The first fire truck for the Radnor Fire Department was returned to the bay in the back of the Museum and will be cleaned and prepared for display later this year.
5. The safe donated to the Museum, by Rachel Thomas, from the Baptist church was opened and valuable history from the safe is being sorted and catalogued.
6. New By-laws for the organization were updated and approved by the officers.
7. Several areas in the Museum were reorganized and the materials from Radnor School were sorted and prepared for display.
8. *The Delaware Gazette* published a tribute article written by Joe Preston, Museum Historian, about Rachel Thomas, retiring President, and her service to the Radnor Heritage Society and to the community.

9. Ken Fryman is working on design and installation of historical markers for sites around Radnor to feature their role in Radnor history.
10. We are working on a walking tour of historic Radnor patterned on the tour Ann Humphreys used to give to students and adults from the community.
11. Joe Preston has created a miniature replica of downtown Radnor from the 1800's.
- 12. See our first *Newsletter* (pages 3-8) describing the settlement of Radnor.**

The deaths of Martha and Jay Sparks and Rachel Thomas's retirement as President were great losses to the Museum and to the community. Each represented an important force in the work of the Museum. They cannot be replaced and will be missed for years to come. The remaining officers have stepped up to fill the gaps and to reconstitute the organization of the Museum. Ann Jones, daughter of Thomas and Freda Jones (founding members of the Heritage Society), has been elected Interim President of the Radnor Heritage Society. Joining her is Ken Fryman, Vice President, (whose parents were also founding members). Treasurer, Alice Walter, has indicated her desire to retire after 30+ years with the group and Bill Thompson has been elected to succeed her later this winter. Joe Preston and Laura Thomas continue as historians. Roy Plymale keeps the building safe and in good working order.

We are looking for interested, motivated people to join the Radnor Heritage Society and become Friends of the Museum. We need a local person to take on several roles at the Museum including Secretary. There are many tasks to be accomplished before we reopen this coming summer. Displays need to be reorganized, labeled and cleaned. We are looking for someone with computer skills to join Joe Preston as he continues to assemble genealogies about Radnor families. To date, Joe has data for 22,000 individuals and 6,800 families including obituaries, photos and some family stories. A next step could be books or CD's based on these family histories. And, of course, we need donations to upgrade the Museum, add professional signage for the many wonderful displays in the Museum and to create materials to raise awareness in the community about the Museum. Keep reading below to see our new *Newsletter*!

Please contact Ann Jones to volunteer (hcpaej@mac.com or 614-571-6321).
 You can donate at: **Radnor Heritage Society, P.O. Box 115, Radnor, OH 43066**

Sincerely,
 Ann

Ann Jones
 Interim President, Radnor Heritage Society and Welsh Museum.

 _____ Enclosed is a donation of _____ for the museum.

_____ I am interested in volunteering with the Radnor Heritage Society & Museum.

Name: _____

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THE RADNOR MUSEUM

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**RADNOR HERITAGE SOCIETY
4425 State Route 203
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Discoveries in the Museum

Our thanks to Joe Preston, Laura Thomas and Bill Thompson, officers of the Radnor Heritage Society and active history seekers for this early history content of Radnor.

The Radnor area history from 1802 until 1825 is greatly affected by David Pugh, a Welshman from Radnorshire Wales. Young David Pugh left Wales early in 1801 and landed in Philadelphia. He took up residence in Baltimore, Maryland for about a year working and learning English. He met a fellow Welshman, Dr. Samuel Jones who had received several acres of land for his service in the Revolutionary War. Dr. Jones also purchased additional land warrants from fellow Veterans of the Revolutionary War. Using 25 of the purchased land warrants, Dr. Jones bought from the new Federal government one quarter township (4000 acres) of land in 1798. The land was located in Ohio Federal Township Six of Range Twenty in an area that was to become Radnor Township, Delaware County, Ohio.

Early in 1802 Dr. Jones employed David Pugh to go to Ohio to scout and survey the 4,000 acres. As was the custom of the day, the surveyor received land as payment for the survey. David received 2,000 acres apparently in the Welsh Hills area near Reynoldsburg, Ohio. After a two-month journey on horseback, David Pugh arrived near Franklinton, Ohio (now a part of Columbus). He hired a local scout to take him up river to the land owned by Dr. Jones. Mr. Pugh's letters indicated that he established a settlement named Carpenter (now in Licking County) as his headquarters for seven weeks during the summer of 1802.

Mr. Pugh recognized the value of the land he was surveying and returned to Philadelphia in the fall of 1802 with an offer to buy the 4,000 acres. Dr. Jones was older and recognized David Pugh a worthy citizen and accepted his offer. Dr. Jones sold Pugh 3,505 acres of the 4,000 acres for \$2,650. The other 495 acres had already been sold by Dr. Jones, but Pugh was to locate the 495 acres in his survey and convey it to those identified by Dr. Jones.

David Pugh's deed for 4,000 acres was made in Philadelphia and is recorded on February 23, 1803 in Franklin County, OH. The land was to become part of Delaware County when it was formed in 1808 from Franklin County.

In 1803 David Pugh traveled back to Wales and convinced two of his sisters and their husbands to emigrate. This event allowed many of the current Radnor families to claim this Pugh family as part of their ancestry.

David Pugh lived in the area only a short time. He married Jane Murphy about 1808 and by 1815 they had moved to the Welsh-Hills community around what is now Reynoldsburg, Ohio. They lived there the rest of their lives. The following photos (Figure1) show David Pugh and his wife Jane Murphy Pugh and were passed down through the family of Virginia Gugel, of Indiana, who came to Radnor in 2016 bringing the originals to be copied for display at the museum.



Figure1 David Pugh (1769-1857) Jane Murphy Pugh (1788-1857)

David Pugh Survey

Pugh platted forty-one hundred acre lots from the 4,000 acres and then platted about 150 acres of the 4,000 into a village he called New Baltimore. (Figure 2).

Another Welshman, Henry Perry, purchased the first one hundred acre plot (Lot 1 of Tier 2) of the 4,000 acres. Henry, his wife Margaret and their children may have built the first family cabin in the area now near the northeast corner of Route 203 and Penry road. There is still a dug well there that is said to be Perry's well.

The village of New Baltimore did not thrive and Pugh sold the 150 acres as farmland to Thomas Morton, Sr., in 1810. By 1825 a major portion of the 40 lots were under cultivation and Radnor Township was a thriving farming community. Figure 3 shows the David Pugh Survey and identifies the owners of the lots in about 1825. The New Baltimore plat name survived until Edward Evans surveyed additional lots in 1833 and called the village Delhi. Pugh still owned some land of the original 4,000 acres up through 1850 but had moved on and was no longer part of the community.

David and Jane's descendants, Henry and Margaret's descendants and many other families can be seen in the Radnor Family genealogy database at the museum.

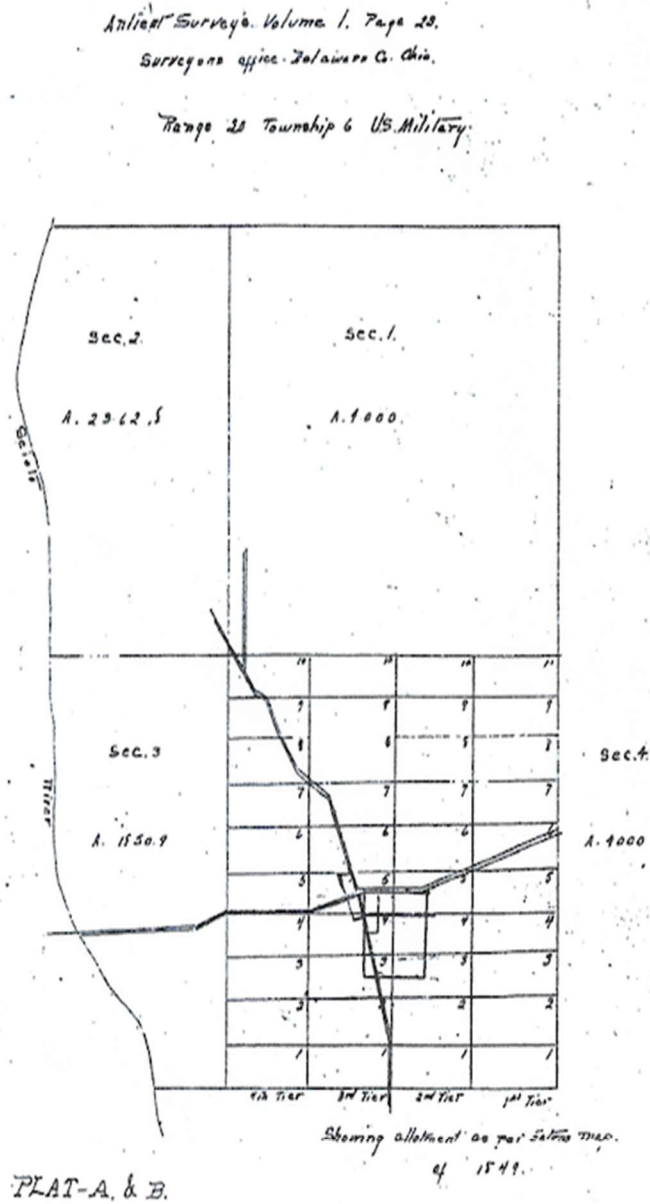


Figure 2 Pugh Survey about 1802

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U.S. MILITARY SURVEY

BOB KEPLER July 16, 1805 \$250	VALENTINE FOOS AUG 15, 1805	JAMES HOPKINS	LOWIS HADLEY 1895
DAVID MARKS MAR 25, 1805 \$250	DAVID DAVIES JUNE 17, 1805	SAM. DRIVER JUNE 17, 1805	
HUGH KYLE MARCH 26, 1805 \$250	RICHARD TIBBOTS JUNE 17, 1805	JOHN TURNER	JOHN JUNE 20, 1805
EYAN JENKINS July 9, 1805 \$200	NELLIE LUDWICK JULY 8, 1805		THOMAS HADLEY
SAM. MORCAN SEPT 7, 1805	JOHN WATKINS SEPT. 7, 1804 \$150		
VALENTINE MINTER 1805-1815	THOMAS DAVIS JAN 10, (DAVID?) 1810		
MOSES BROWN MAR 15, 1819	NEW BALTIMORE 1804		SAM'L DRIVER JUNE 17, 1805
TH. MORTON NOV. 25, 1824	JULY 8, 1807		
RICHARD FISHBACK JUNE 20, 1807	MARGA B. LEBAR SEPT 7, 1805		
JOHN JONES SEPT. 7, 1804 \$150.	HENRY PERRY July 16, 1804 \$150.	JOHN CASEY July 16, 1805	

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Figure 3 Pugh Survey owners about 1825 lots unmarked are unsold

Once the Museum reopens please stop by and talk to us, bring your family stories and photos and help us save them in the Radnor Family database.

Look for the next *Newsletter* in the fall of 2021. We hope to see you in person at the Museum later in 2021! 4225 SR 203, Radnor, OH 43066. Mail: PO Box 115, Radnor, OH 43066

For information about the Radnor family database please contact:

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