

The Landmark Society

News

Bradford, Pa.

Date March 25, 1981

SPRING GREETINGS!

ANNUAL MEETING - VALLEY HUNT CLUB April 27th

With winter behind us and spring ahead, the Bradford Landmark Society would like to send our best wishes and thanks to you, the memberships, for your support in the past year. Now is the time to renew memberships for 1981 (you'll find a form to clip and send latter in this issue). Plan to attend the annual meeting. See page 4 for details.

NEW DIRECTORS

A nominating committee, appointed by our president, Jean Gutelius, is hard at work selecting candidates to fill the vacancies on the Board of Directors. The committee consists of Dr. Richard Frederick, chairman, Marion Vernon, Bunny Lowery, Margaret Tanner, and Dr. Robert Laing.

LACE DISPLAY

The Bradford Landmark Society sponsored a dazzling display of lace at the Woman's Literary Club in February. Mrs. Vera Heron and Mrs. Marian Bromeley served as co-chairmen for the event.

Lace aprons, baby dresses and caps, tablecloths and wedding dresses were only some of the items on display. Mrs. Thomas Bromeley demonstrated the art of making bobbin lace.

Our thanks to all who made the event a special one.

COMING EVENTS

Workshop -- Crook Farm -- April 2 10:30 - 2:00 -- Dried Materials

A workshop on dried materials, sponsored by the Crook Farm committee will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 2 at the farm. Elsie Munson of Brocton, N.Y. will conduct the workshop.

Reservations are limited to twenty-five. Call Mrs. Paul Monjar, 28 South 3rd St., 368-4044, or Mrs. R. J. Gutelius, 115 Summer St., 368-3322. The fee of \$7.00 will include the luncheon.

RANDY BETHUNE

The Crook Farm Committee is sponsoring an appearance in his home town of Randy Bethune, Country Music Star [He's in the Country Music Hall of Fame] on Sat., May 16 in the High School Auditorium. There will also be a luncheon at the Farm; he will receive the keys of the City from the Mayor. A full schedule of events is being planned by Woody Woodruff to honor our home town boy. The Crook Farm Comm. is pleased to be one of the sponsors. Bradford not only has culture—it exports it.

BOOK SALE

With the success of the book sale held this past July, plans are now being made for another this summer. Date to be announced. Co-chairmen of the event, Dr. Richard Frederick and Mr. Bruce Perry, announce that the society is soliciting donations of books (both paperback and hard cover), records, magazines, posters and sheet music. These can be dropped off at the headquarters (continued on page 3)

MENU

The following is the menu from the Sixth Annual Banquet of the Pompelon Club at the St. James Hotel (which later was the site of the Emery Hotel) on Monday, April 7, 1890:

Saddle Rocks, with Lemon.
Cold Slaw.

Cream of Tomato.

Vienna Bread. Spanish Olives.

Baked Chesapeake Shad.
Potatoes Duchess.

Tenderloin of Beef, Larded, Mushrooms.

Baked Mashed Potatoes. Little Gem Peas.
Pine Apple Sherbet.

Roast Mallard Duck, with Apple Sauce.

String Beans. Asparagus Tips on Toast.

Chicken Salad. Sliced Cucumbers.

Charlotte Russe.

Assorted Cake. Angel Food.
Macaroons. Vanilla Ice Cream.

Fruit. Confectionery. Edam Cheese.
Chocolate. Coffee.

VISITING HOURS

Our Herbig Bakery visitor's list over the past year reads something like the old Exchange Hotel Register!

They've come from Mississippi, Maryland, Canada, Connecticut, Hawaii, Ohio, Kansas, Kentucky, Washington State, and all points in between. Visitors have left with smiles and promises of return trips.

For members who have not had the opportunity to visit us, we're located in the second oldest commercial building in Bradford - the old Herbig Bakery. You can browse through old Bradford via pictures and memorabilia. See an old candy store and the Bakery proper. The upstairs living quarters, furnished with period pieces, leads to our costume room filled with gowns, suits, lingerie and accessories of long ago (some, collector's items today!).

At the end of your journey, visit our shop and take home a piece of the past.

P.S. Notice our special window creations as you come in to see us.

DONATIONS

In addition to your financial support this year, numerous items of historical value have been generously donated to our collections at the Bakery.

We've received items ranging from a child's sleigh, a ninety-six year old man's shoulder harness for carrying buckets, and a ladies' corset cover to a wooden coconut grinder and some Daisy Welch peanut dolls. Added to the existing collections have been clothing, books and photographs.

Members, guests and visitors alike will be pleased to see the collections - lace, fans, clothing, dolls - as they are always changing.

BARN COMPLETED

Yes, the barn on the Crook Farm is up.

MORE COMING EVENTS

COUNTRY FAIR

The Crook Farm will again be the site of a Country Fair in September, with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blair as co-chairmen. They will welcome offers of help from our membership.

BOOK SALE (continued from page 1).

building at 45 E. Corydon St. next to the Carnegie Library. If you have a large contribution and need to have it picked up at your home, please phone the Headquarters, 362-3906 Monday to Friday, 9:00 to 5:00 and arrangements will be made.

HISTORY NEWS

For those who haven't visited us, but have needed historical or genealogical research done, we have been able to help with the aid of the volumes of material which are in use at the headquarters. We've a comprehensive cataloging system of items and information just recently updated.

We have noted some very interesting facts from our research, too. For instance, did you know:

- * That the Internal Revenue Building on East Corydon St. used to be a bath house?
- * The Carnegie Library was the site of Bradford's second City Hall which burned in 1893?
- * That the saying, "Meet me at the Monarch," referred to the Monarch billiard room which was located at 3 and 5 Main St.?
- * The Fire Department once boasted of its stable of horse who knew what the sound of the bell meant?
- * The Lyceum held animal shows?
- * Cremins shoe store, Flynn the "hatter," Goldsworthy's barber shop and the First National Bank were housed in the Oil Exchange Building on Main St.
- * That Sarah Bernhardt performed La Sorciere in Bradford at the New Bradford Theatre on February 7, 1906?
- * That Miller Street was once a log pond?
- * That Bolyston Street was once 12 feet wider than it is now?

ANNUAL MEETING DETAILS

April 27th at Valley Hunt Club

Choice of:

Rock Cornish Hen @ \$7.00
Stuffed Pork Chops 8.50

Price includes tax & tip.

Reservations by April 23rd.

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GRANT APPLICATION

The Crook Farm Committee recently applied for a Planning Grant from the Public Committee for the Humanities in Pennsylvania. Funds received would explore the feasibility of using the farm as the scene of several projects--all designed to arouse the interest of the community-at-large in the colorful history of the region in the years preceding and immediately following the discovery of oil. Objectives to be accomplished include locating resources useful in the study of local history and stimulating a dialog between interested humanists (Bob Laing and Rick Fredericks included) and community members relating to Bradford history. Application for funding for a full-scale project will be made at a later date.

YOU ARE INVITED

Bradford Landmark Society members are invited to attend a reception in honor of Dr. Robert Laing on Friday, April 10th from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Common Facilities Building on the UPB campus. Bob, a life member of the Society will retire from teaching at the end of April. He plans to be active in Landmarks during his retirement, as he is staying in Bradford.

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION

The generous contributions of the Bradford Kiwanis Club and the Pennzoil Company as well as Lester Edwards enabled the Crook Farm Committee to complete the barn.

The barn was disassembled and carefully reassembled by Wm. J. Pierotti and Associates. So many others contributed equipment and time--Pat Franco, Tuna, Joe Finlan, Clayt's Body Shop pulled out a stuck truck; Robert Blair and David Pytcher. Charles Grow was the architect in charge.

We also wish to thank the Bradford City Council for allowing us to obtain and move the barn. It is close to a duplicate of the original barn and fits exactly on the old foundations.

Anyone for a barn dance?

DID YOU KNOW. . .

We are members of the National Trust for Historic preservation and the American Association of State and Local History?

This distinction has made it possible for us to receive numerous publications that are available to the membership and to the community for research, perusal and for just plain enjoyable reading. The publications are housed at the headquarters.

1895 COUGH CURE

2 lbs. sugar

1 quart water

Let boil. When cold add:

1 oz. fluid extract of licorice

1 oz. of glycerin

1 oz. of linseed oil

1 oz. of chloroform

1 oz. paragoric

1 oz. of extract of lemon

Shake well before taking

Dose: 1 teaspoon full.

STATEMENT OF DUES

Yearly dues for the Bradford Landmark Society are payable in January as listed below:

Active Membership	\$ 3.00
Contributing Membership	10.00
Life Membership	100.00

Checks should be made payable to the Bradford Landmark Society
45 East Corydon Street
Bradford, Pa. 16701

A special "Thank you" to life members for your generous support and patronage. Please disregard dues notice.

Clip and send by mail, or drop in !

<u>1981 Membership Dues</u>	
Name:	_____
Address:	_____

Phone No.:	_____
Amount:	_____

AUTOGRAPHS OF 1878

Be jolly and gay
And laugh while you may
For the time will quickly come
When you've children to tend
And breeches to mend
When you have a husband
and home.

When the evening shades are falling
Over this dark and lonely sea
When the whippoorwill is calling
Maggie will you think of me?

Some will strew thy path with flowers
Beautiful, bright and gay.
But I from an unknown humble lot,
Bring one sweet flower, "Forget-me-not."

When far away
And washing dishes
Remember me
And my good wishes.

When the sky is blue
And the trees bend low
Remember the night I proposed
to you
Under the golden glow.

Ah! Could you look into my heart
And watch your image there!
You would own the sunny loveliness
Affection makes it wear.



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NEWS ON COMING EVENTS

Book Sale -- the second annual Landmark Society Used Book Sale will be held somewhere in downtown Bradford during the week of August 17-21. Further information on the site of the sale will follow shortly (we hope!). We have already received a number of fine contributions, but more are needed to make the sale anything like the gigantic success we had last year. A note of explanation: when we say used books, we don't mean they have to be used -- maybe you have a book or two lying around that you'll never get around to reading, or don't want to read. We aren't proud; we'll take new books too. Or paperbacks. Or old novels. Or old biographies. Or magazines. Or records. If you have a huge, or even a medium-sized load of stuff, and you don't have a truck and a fork-lift, give us a call at Landmark Society Headquarters, and we will arrange for delivery. Call 2-3906 any week-day afternoon.

Country Fair -- the second annual Landmark Society Country Fair (notice how these things come in pairs?) will be held at the Crook Farm on the weekend of September 19-20. Arrangements are now being made for the Fair by co-chairpersons Bob and Beulah Blair. The same type of activities as last year's are being planned, along with a few new and interesting ones. Put the date on your calendar now; more later.

Spencer M. DeGolier Historical Note -- While working in the Library of Congress this summer, I did some research in the papers of Brand Whitlock, American Minister to Belgium during World War I, and the Mayor of Toledo, Ohio just after the turn of the century. While leafing through Whitlock's correspondence, I noticed "Bradford, Pa." at the top of a letterhead, and found that this was a letter from Spencer M. DeGolier to Whitlock dated January 3, 1920. Mr. DeGolier was writing in reference to a long letter Whitlock had written in 1910 concerning the difficulties of a hard-working and honest politician trying to govern a city fairly, and the letter had recently been published as a book by the Bobbs-Merrill Co. Mr. DeGolier had just read the book, and wrote the following to Whitlock. -- R. Frederick

"A good deed may fail of its intent by reason of its enactment being too late; but a good thought never dies.- its origin is, I believe, in the vastness of eternities and its destiny is the same. A good, or pure and noble thought is (must be) ever the source, or parent, of righteous and just action; and, like Truth, is vernal and perennial, in all climes and among all races of men.

Therefore, in my little system of logic, it is never too late, nor inopportune, to speak the word of praise for a good idea, for a worthy thought; and especially when it is put forth with such force and fearlessness as marks your pronouncements embodied in that letter.

The careful perusal of it has both enlightened and cheered me to a degree beyond my power of words to tell you; and, from one in my position to one in your station, it were presumptuous, if not useless, that I should say 'I honor you for your reply . . . and for the incalculable good which may redound to the public and to mankind, generally, by its publication.' For, you are already honored far beyond my poor ability to increase it!

But, 'praise is comely'; and it is a deep-ingrained part of my spiritual nature never to withhold a deserved word of commendation and cheer from any soul who faces the winds of

public scrutiny and criticism with no thought of 'fear or favor'. Hence this intrusion which, I hope, you may not consider unwarranted, when I explain to you the inwardness of my thought.

I cannot but take your expressions to be frank and true - forcible, manly statements and convincing, unanswerable logic! Then, finding that they are in sweet accord with what I have believed in and struggled for many years, I can not but feel to claim soul kinship with you, your revealment of mind upon such an important theme.

In the autumn of 1911 I was elected Mayor of this, my native, village; and for four strenuous years the story of my efforts and trials were as you have depicted them in this letter - just a ceaseless surge, back and forth, with no one satisfied (save my own conscience) and very little justice done or good accomplished. Then I retired for four years, until Nov. 4th, 1919, I was again elected to be Mayor of this City for four years more.

I am better equipped now than formerly and have the promise of better backing when I enter upon my office, next Monday, January 5th; and not the least of my hope and encouragement, from among the many sources on which I am privileged to draw, comes, now, from having read and studied deeply into your expressions of thought as contained in your letter referred to.

As this world goes I am a man of very moderate, if not poor, means; but I wish I might be able to get a number of copies of that publication for free distribution here in this community among the clergy, public educators, lawyers, doctors, city officials and business men - those who, while they exert a wide public influence, who make the life of a conscientious public official tiresome, difficult and unproductive of good results, are ignorant of the real status of either themselves or the officers they elect, as regards the law, its intent or correct administration. . . .

I have always guided my religious and political thought and actions on the principle that you can't legislate folks into being moral, or good; and as I grow older in the service of my fellowmen, as I see more clearly and feel more deeply, more sympathetically, I am sure that not coercion but a brotherly co-operation, with love and self-sacrifice, is what mankind needs in government to-day, whether it be in the home, the store, shop, office, in church, in state or nation. To that end have I striven in the past, to that end am I striving now and shall strive until 'the end' shall call me!

You have strengthened my sinews, given hope to my heart and light to my path; and I thank you, I thank you!"

This letter is certainly a fine insight into the thinking of Spencer M. DeGolier on political and other matters. One of the purposes of the Bradford Landmark Society is to collect such memorabilia, both for its own interest, and for the sake of future historical research on Bradford and its citizens. We are particularly interested in hearing from people who have old family papers, letters, journals, and the like concerning Bradford history. We would be most pleased to accept donations of such material, or at least to borrow and photocopy it. For more information, phone the Landmark Society Headquarters at 2-3906. Make your family history part of Bradford history!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS -- Are you tired of all the soap operas? Have you seen all the afternoon movies? Are you ready to hang up the score-pad and give bridge a rest for awhile? If you respond in the affirmative to all these questions, and are looking for a fascinating and informative way to spend your week-day afternoons, we have just the thing. Volunteers are sought for Landmark Society Headquarters on a regular or irregular basis for work in sales (penny candy), management (of old books and clothing), and public relations (chatting with visitors who drop in to see the displays and collections). The Bradford Landmark Society headquarters at the old Herbig Bakery on Corydon may truly be described as "the most exciting local history society headquarters in Bradford." So do yourself a favor, and come down some afternoons to join in the excitement.

Bradford Historical Quiz -- Mark the following True (T) or False (F)

_____ Bradford once had several glass plants, specializing in such items as window glass, small medicine tubes, and beautiful colored-glass canes.

_____ Two vacuum-cleaner companies were once located in Bradford.

_____ East Bradford was once known as Kendall Creek, and there is still a listing for Kendall Creek in the U.S. Postal Service Zip Code Directory (16701).

_____ There was once a town called North Pole in Pennsylvania two miles south of Rock City.

_____ Bradford once had a toothpick factory, which also turned out butter shells.
(Extra credit: What's a butter shell?)

_____ The Tuna Manufacturing Company began operations in Bradford in the 19th Century.

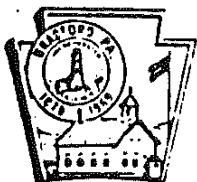
_____ The First National Bank of Bradford was organized in 1880, and claimed resources of over \$1,000,000 by 1900.

If you answered all of the above questions "True," you are absolutely correct, and are hereby awarded the honorary title of "Bradford local history buff."

A NOTE OF THANKS -- Members of the Landmark Society are aware of the many contributions made over the years by June Gray, who has added her prodigious talents for hard work and organization to every major project we have undertaken. These talents will be sorely missed for the next year, while Dr. Gray is serving as a visiting professor of Chemistry at Principia College in Illinois. For her many friends in Bradford who will want to drop her a line, her address is:

Dr. June Gray
Department of Chemistry
Principia College
Elsah, Illinois 62028

MORE VOLUNTEERS -- Dorothy Shields is looking for people interested in placing telephone calls to solicit patrons for the Country Fair. She guarantees that no one will be burdened with hundreds of calls to make, unless of course they wish to be. To sign up, call Landmark Headquarters at 2-3906.



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October 21, 1981

Pennsylvania Humanities Council Grant:

The Bradford Landmark Society has been the recipient of a \$1,000 Pilot Planning Grant from the Pennsylvania Humanities Council in Philadelphia. The "Nature and Purpose" of this type of grant, according to the Council, is described as follows:

"The 'Planning/Pilot Grant' program is designed to support planning or pilot activities undertaken by an organization in anticipation of the submission of a more comprehensive proposal to the Committee through one of its other funding categories. Planning Grants have been particularly useful in providing ad hoc and grassroots community groups with access to humanistic expertise and other resources necessary for the formulation of a successful public program in the humanities. Pilot Grants have enabled applicants to test public response to an initial 'demonstration' program or event before developing a proposal for a full-fledged Committee project."

The exact nature of a long-term project alluded to in the Council's guidelines is unclear at present. Such a project could consist of a published work or works, a multi-media presentation concerning local history, or an on-going effort to collect and preserve local history sources. The last would probably include written works, unpublished material, photographs, and oral history interviews.

Under the present grant, two workshops will be held. The purpose of these is to discuss approaches to Bradford history, and begin the collection of information and sources of local history. The Pilot Grant is under the direction of Dr. Robert Laing, Professor Emeritus of the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford. The second workshop will be held in mid-December at the University. The first is the subject of the following item:

Workshop to be Held Saturday:

The first of two workshops to be held as part of the Pilot Grant program will be held Saturday, October 24 in the schoolhouse at the Crook Farm on Seaward Avenue Extension. The workshop will be a luncheon affair, with sandwiches and drinks available. The meeting time is 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; this means you will be able to watch most of the Saturday morning cartoons, attend the workshop, and get home in time for the college football game.

The speaker at the workshop has been provided by the Pennsylvania Humanities Council through another of their programs -- the Invitational Humanist Program. The Council sponsors a number of noted humanists in the state, including the payment of their fees and travel costs to speak to members of non-profit organizations, such as the Landmark Society. Last month the Council approved our application for a speaker at the first workshop.

This speaker is Dr. Kenneth A. Thigpen, Jr., Associate Professor of English Literature at Penn State. Dr. Thigpen received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Florida State University and his Ph.D. from Indiana University at Bloomington, an institution noted for its fine humanities departments, as well as for the world's finest basketball program. At Indiana, Dr. Thigpen majored in Folklore, and had taught a wide variety of courses in that area in his eight years at Penn State. He has been active in several professional organizations, and has published material in a variety of scholarly journals and books. His most recent publication is a book published by Arno Press in 1980 and entitled Folklore and the Ethnicity Factor in the Lives of Romanian-Americans. In studying the folklore of various groups and regions in the United States, Dr. Thigpen has been largely concerned with the preservation of cul-

Workshop (continued)

tural history, including oral history. As "Humanist Presenter" (the quaint phrase used by The Pennsylvania Humanities Council), Dr. Thigpen will present the topic of "Recording Local Cultural History." He plans to deal with a wide variety of approaches to local history, and will provide examples of the type of work recently done by other Pennsylvania communities.

If you have any interest in Bradford history, ideas about Bradford historical projects, or simple curiosity about what once went on here, plan to attend Dr. Thigpen's presentation this Saturday, October 24, at 11:00 a.m. at the Crook Farm. If you have any interesting old books, photographs, diaries, journals, or other unpublished material, bring such items with you for the "show and tell" part of the workshop.

Country Fair Follow-Up -- Thanks

The second annual Country Fair at the Crook Farm was again a great success, both financially and in terms of entertainment, with lots of people wandering around the grounds having a good time (when they weren't being shot at, on Sunday afternoon!). As in every such successful operation, thanks and congratulations are widely offered and deserved. All appreciate the contributions of Bob and Beulah Blair and their various committees. The sponsors and patrons provided needed financial backing. Those who displayed their wares and those who came to browse and buy obviously made the event an event. Also, two personal notes:

Sue Kish and her committee want to say thank you to all who contributed food and candy at the Fair. And thank you, too, to all the workers. Our booth was a wonderful success and we are truly appreciative.

Marian Vernon and Jane Stack appreciate all the help we had at the gate. The boys really made ticketing and parking easier for us.

New Person at H.Q.

Mrs. June Bergeron, who has been working under the Green Thumb program at the Landmark Society Crook Farm, is spending the winter at Society Headquarters. For those of you who may have forgotten, the Society Headquarters is located at 45 East Corydon Street. Drop in and introduce yourself to Mrs. Bergeron; if you have not been in for a while, ask for the tour and see what's new.

Some Interesting Research

Last month the Landmark Society received an inquiry from a gentleman in East Hartford, Connecticut concerning an ancestor who lived near Bradford and is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery. The former resident is named Pardon E. Worsley; not the least interesting facet of his life was that he served as a spy for the Union Army during the Civil War. The Bradford Era made much of this in his obituary (published on the front page) in the August 4, 1887 issue. We quote the obituary at length, both for the intrinsic interest of the life of Pardon Worsley and for the flavor of the writing in the Era of 1887:

PARDON WORSLEY DEAD

A Man Who Caused Guerilla Mosby Heaps of Trouble
"The Union Spy of the Shenandoah" Breathes His Last at Foster Brook Park
--He Served under Generals Grant, McClellan, Augur, Hancock, Butler, Pope

"A man who had succeeded in securing the deadly enmity of Col. Mosby, the notorious rebel guerilla chieftain, died at his home, at Foster Brook Park, yesterday. Death was caused by a cancer on the tongue, brought about as in the case of General Grant, by excessive smoking. The dead man was Mr. Pardon Worsley, who achieved a reputation in the war of the rebellion as a Union spy. The appellation 'The Union Spy of the

 Worsley (continued)

Shenandoah,' clung to him all through his eventful life. Mr. Worsley was at one time a sutler and was personally acquainted with Col. Mosby and other noted Confederate leaders. He had a large acquaintance among Union Generals, having served under Generals Grant, McClellan, Butler, Augur, Hancock, Pope and others. Among the soldier boys in his division he was known as 'Pap.'

Pardon Worsley came of staunch Revolutionary stock. His father took part in the Bunker Hill episode. Born on June 14, 1820, in the village of Thompson, Conn., he did not have a chance until he was forty-two to show his military spirit. When the war broke out in 1862 he recruited a company of men, the Fourteenth Massachusetts Heavy Artillery. At that time Major General B. F. Butler employed him as a spy to enter the British provinces and report upon the system of blockade running. This mission accomplished, he was sent to Washington to work up information against rebel sympathizers. There he was under the direction of General C. C. Augur.

At that time Guerilla Mosby was startling the country by his dashing raids. Worsley was selected as a good man to keep tab on Mosby's movements. He cheerfully accepted the mission, but before starting out he ran over to Boston and was there married to Miss Helen Isabel Frances, his present wife. The pair spent their honeymoon in the hills of Virginia. They were continually on the move. Worsley passed in and out of the rebel lines in the guise of a peddler and imparted valuable information to the Union commanders.

Mosby began to suspect Worsley and put a spy, a young woman, under his charge with orders to lead her out of the wilderness to Washington. Worsley saw the bait and did not bite. The female spy became convinced that his heart was with the gray coats, and once when Mosby threatened to blow Worsley's brains out, she interceded and saved his life. After that Mosby became very friendly to the Union spy. On two occasions Worsley led Union soldiers to the retreat of the guerilla chief, but on each occasion the wily rebel let him way out. Once he was terribly wounded, but he managed to recover. Mosby, when he lectured here last winter, received a call from Worsley. He did not treat his old-time foe with much cordiality and denied that Worsley had ever caused him much annoyance while in the pursuit of his duties as a spy. But the fact remains that Worsley was a thorn in the side of the dashing rebel chief.

Mr. Worsley saved Washington from the enemy twice by revealing plans of contemplated raids. Through his instrumentality the system of blockade running between Washington and Baltimore was broken up. General Augur and others highly commended his work. When President Lincoln was shot Worsley was employed to participate in the search for the assassin, and was given charge of a squad of detectives, and when Booth was killed Pardon Worsley, 'The Union Spy of the Shenandoah, or Mosby's Sutler,' as he has entitled a pamphlet, quit the service. Mr. Worsley came to the oil country some years ago, and for some time has lived at Foster Brook Park. He has been ill for about eighteen months, and his life within that period has many times been despaired of. He will be buried with G.A.R. honors."

Worsley's descendant, Charles H. Palmer, is researching the life of his ancestor with a view to writing a book on his life. He states, however, that "A good spy doesn't leave much information in writing or otherwise he would be killed and that makes for difficult research."

Jane Stack has been looking into Worsley's life locally and finds that, in the early 1880s, he was the proprietor of the Opera House Hotel at Gillmor. It may surprise some of our leaders to learn that Gillmor was a thriving community in 1881-82, containing an opera house, four hotels, and two men hairdressers.

In 1882 or 1883, Worsley moved into Foster Brook, where he either owned or operated Foster Brook Park. On the evening of his death, the Hebrew Reform congregation sponsored a picnic and summer festival in the Park, but the "merry-makers were as quiet as possible," the Era reports, since "all knew that the owner of the park, Pardon Worsley, lay in a room the house dead."

If anyone has information about Pardon Worsley and would like to pass it along, call Jane Stack at the Landmark Society Headquarters.