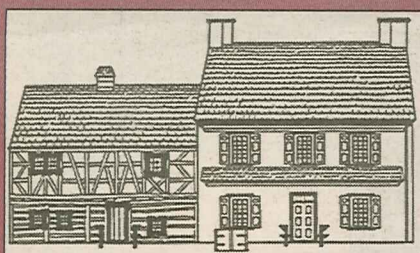


Check It Out: 2005 YCHT Events

- Sept. 10 *Civil War & Victorian Days*
- Sept. 11 *SCPGS 30th Anniversary Program*
- Sept. 22 *Quilt Lunch & Lecture*
- Sept. 24 *Booksigning: "The Postcard History Series, York"*
- Oct. 1 *Civil War & Victorian Days*
- October 2 *SCPGS Meeting*
- Oct. 16 *31st Annual Oyster Festival & Colonial Days*
- Nov. 5-7 *Council of Churches Festival of Trees at Trust*
- Nov. 6 *SCPGS Meeting*
- Nov. 12 *Booksigning: "Lawyers & Leaders" Civil War & Victorian Days*
- Nov. 13 *Articles of Confederation Program*
- Nov. 18 *YCHT Auxiliary Turkey Trot*
- Dec. 3 *Holidays at the Trust*



*Golden Plough Tavern/
Horatio Gates House*

OYSTER HISTORY FACT

Native Americans on both coasts of North America considered oysters a staple foodstuff. Great piles of oyster shells in many different areas of the shoreline are evidence of the early voracious appetite for these mollusks. Early Colonial settlers would eat oysters by the gross (144), rather than by the dozen, with per capita consumption at 10 bushels per year.

For additional information on all events call 717-848-1587, ext. 210 or visit

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GET READY, GET SET, GET OYSTERS!

On Sunday, October 16, 2005, the York County Heritage Trust will be holding its 31st Annual Oyster Festival on the grounds of the Colonial Complex. This festival recognizes the delicacy of oysters as a colonial treat. The enthusiasm of York Countians for this shellfish was discovered when myriad oyster shells were uncovered during the 1960s archaeological excavations carried out behind the Golden Plough Tavern. You and your family can relive the York colonial culinary experience from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. by enjoying raw, fried, and breaded oysters, washed down by a glass of cold ale. Plenty of other foods and drinks will also be available for those who may favor something else, including shrimp, pork tenderloin, apple fritters, cider, and wine.

On the grounds behind the Golden Plough Tavern, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m., visitors can experience Colonial Days. This celebration of Revolutionary York as our nation's capitol brings the year 1777 to life. Meet and talk with colonial artisans, farmers, soldiers, and housewives. Visit with the local blacksmith or spend some shillings for a souvenir from the sutler's tent. Take time to visit Congress inside the Colonial Court House or make a call on General Horatio Gates, the newly appointed Secretary of the Board of War.

Be certain to visit one of the Trust's historic buildings to find out what activities are taking place inside. Numerous children's and family activities will be available to make your historic experience educational, fun, and memorable.

Participate in a colonial dance, challenge your hand-eye coordination with a colonial game, or, for the most ardent patriot, join the Pennsylvania Militia as it drills on the green. The best of Colonial Pennsylvania awaits you at this phenomenal fall event.



2004 Oyster Festival attendees enjoy crisp October air.

Photographs courtesy of William Schintz, Schintz Studio.

History is Fundamental

Since you have finished your summer reading list, here are two more books that you might want to pick up and learn about York County history. The authors of both of these works are enthusiastic about our County in vastly different ways. One focuses on the importance of the picture postcard in documenting York's changing landscape; the other highlights the colorful characters who fashioned the County's legal system and culture.

ALL ABOUT POSTCARDS

The York County Heritage Trust Museum Shop will be hosting a Meet-the-Author book-signing and lecture with local author Scott Butcher, Saturday, September 24, from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Mr. Butcher has recently published a book entitled, "The Postcard History Series: York." The book vividly illustrates early twentieth-century life in York as evidenced through antique postcards. Mr. Butcher suggests, "Travel back to an era of trolley cars, five-and-dimes, downtown department stores, and high style buildings that all helped to define this dynamic community."

In conjunction with the event, the Trust's Library staff has organized a county-wide display from the Archives' postcard collection. These intriguing images begin in Center Square and expand to encompass communities throughout the county, including Accomac, Dallastown, Delta, Dillsburg, Dover, Felton, Glen Rock, Goldsboro, Hanover, Jacobus, Manchester, Mount Wolf, New Freedom, Red Lion, Seven Valleys, Shrewsbury, Spring Grove, Stewartstown, Wrightsville, and York Haven. Unique views of county parks, railroads, and the Codorus Creek are also included.



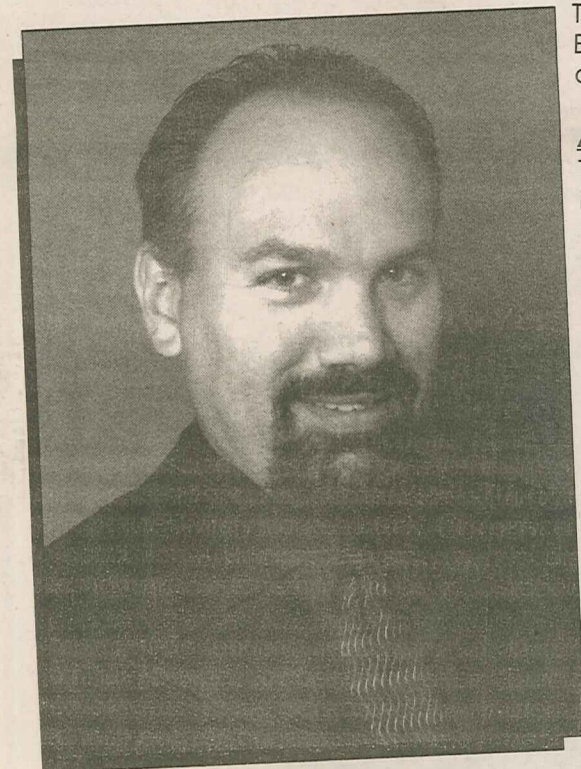
Wrightsville Ferry Boat. Postcard, c.1900.
Courtesy of YCHT Library & Archives

The exhibit is currently on display at the Historical Society Museum. Mr. Butcher's book is available from the Historical Society Museum Shop as well as the Agricultural & Industrial Museum Shop for \$19.99 plus tax.

ALL ABOUT LAWYERS

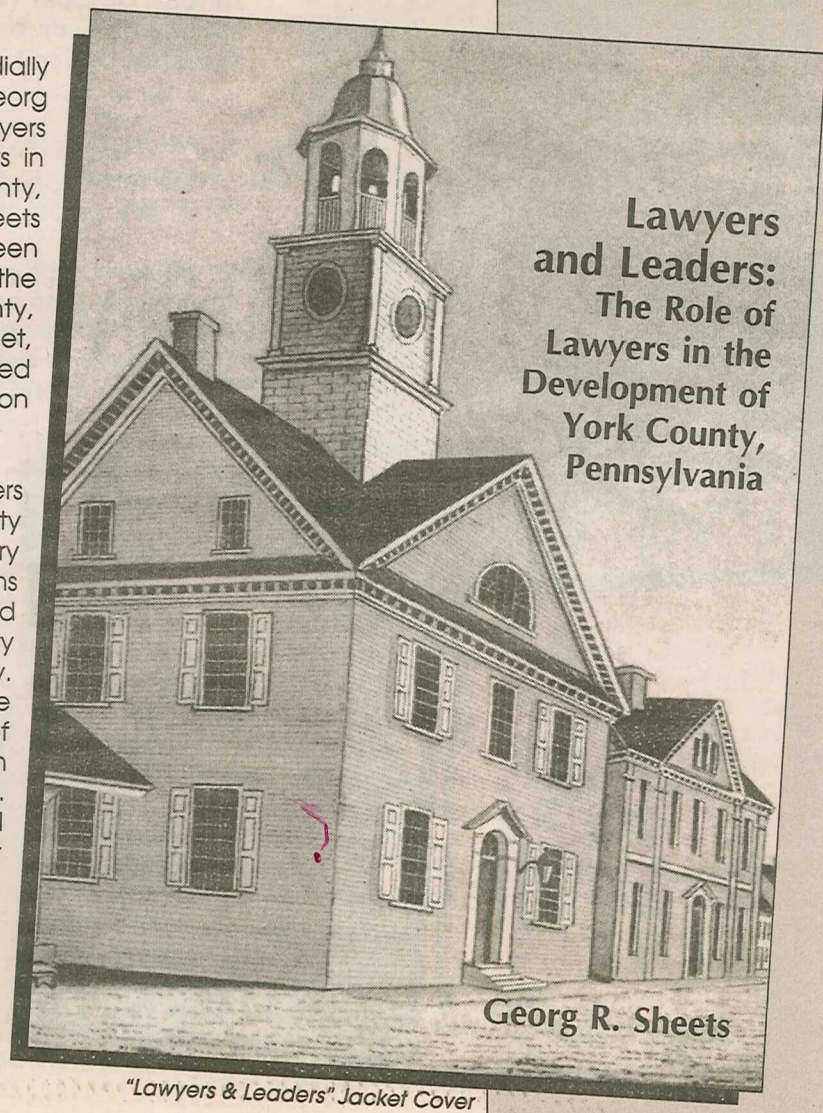
The York County Heritage Trust cordially invites you to a book signing for Georg R. Sheets' newest volume, "Lawyers and Leaders: The Role of Lawyers in the Development of York County, Pennsylvania." Come meet Mr. Sheets on Saturday, November 12, between 1 - 4 p.m. at Trust headquarters, the Historical Society of York County, located at 250 East Market Street, York. Mr. Sheets was commissioned by the York County Bar Association to write this book.

This new survey of the role lawyers played in the history of York County is a fascinating walk through history by a seasoned writer. It contains dozens of stories of the men and women active in the York County Bar from early times to today. Among those profiled are: "the walking Judge"—York's Signer of



Author Scott Butcher

the Declaration, Samuel Bacon; Thaddeus Stevens; James Buchanan; Jeremiah Sullivan Black; Charles A. Barnitz; Horace Bonham; John Luther Long; Herbert B. Cohen; Ray P. Sherwood; and Jane Alexander, as well as many others. Delightful illustrations bring the narratives to life. Commissioned by the York County Bar Association, this volume includes endnotes, bibliography and reader-friendly index. An appendix lists over 1,200 persons admitted to the Bar from 1749 to 2005. "Lawyers and Leaders" can be purchased from the York County Heritage Trust Bookshop, 250 East Market Street, York, PA 17403. Prior to 9/30/05, the hardcover price is \$25; paperback can be purchased for \$12.50. Tax, shipping, and handling are extra.



"Lawyers & Leaders" Jacket Cover