Franklin County Visitors Bureau Highlights Hugh Mercer Symposium

Franklin County Visitors Bureau invites the public to join the Mercersburg Historical Society for the Hugh Mercer Symposium on June 13 at Mercersburg Academy.

MERCERSBURG, Pa. (PRWEB) May 29, 2019 -- The Franklin County Visitors Bureau invites history lovers to the Mercersburg Historical Society’s Hugh Mercer Symposium on Thursday, June 13, 2019, in the Edwards Room of Kiel Hall at Mercersburg Academy. Hugh Mercer, namesake of Mercersburg, is an early Scots-Irish settler of the Pennsylvania frontier, selecting land west of the Susquehanna River in the Conococheague Settlement as his home. Mercer, a member of the defeated Jacobite forces of Scotland, fled his home in 1747 for the safety of America. He became the first trained physician in the Conococheague Settlement. Mercer was a close friend and associate to George Washington, ultimately joining in the conflict during the Revolutionary War, where he died in at the Battle of Princeton. Mercer’s death in the battle is the subject of Revolutionary artist John Trumbull’s painting titled The Death of General Mercer at the Battle of Princeton, January 3, 1777.

Presentations planned for the symposium include:

- Hugh Mercer and The Jacobite Rebellion in Scotland by Mr. Jeff Dacus
- General Hugh Mercer in the Revolution by Mr. Michael Cecere
- Hugh Mercer and Freemasonry by Brother Chandler, Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4

All speakers will participate in a panel discussion at the conclusion. The fee for the day-long conference is $40 per person and includes a luncheon. Register here.

The Franklin County Visitors Bureau invites all to explore Franklin County PA and enjoy the trails of history, art, recreation, natural beauty, and fresh foods. Experience the warm hospitality of communities like Chambersburg, Greencastle, Mercersburg, Shippensburg, and Waynesboro. Franklin County PA is located just north of the Mason Dixon Line and is an easy drive from Washington DC, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh. Discover more. Plan a visit soon at ExploreFranklinCountyPA.com, by contacting 866.646.8060, or visiting the new Franklin County 11/30 Visitors Center on the square of Chambersburg.
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