

REMEMBERING THREE CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA MINISTERS

The following recommendation was passed at the 1991 annual meeting of the Central Pennsylvania Conference Historical Society:

According to the Discipline, the Commission on Archives and History is entitled to a historical moment at each annual conference. The Commission has agreed to fund the annual purchase of three clergy gravemarkers for persons (one from each of our predecessor denominations: Evangelical, Methodist and United Brethren) selected by the Historical Society and to make appropriate announcements/presentations at annual conference during their historical moment. It is recommended that the 1991 recipients be

1. Missionary Bishop William Perry Eveland, 1864-1916, Methodist Episcopal: obituary on page 121 of the 1917 conference journal. Bishop Eveland was born in Harrisburg and converted in Philadelphia's old Cumberland Street church during a revival conducted by Mrs. Margaret Van Cott, a widely-known evangelist of the 1880's. He was admitted on trial into the Central Pennsylvania Conference in 1891 and ordained deacon and elder in 1892 and 1895 respectively. He served several successful pastoral and institutional appointments -- including seven years as President of Williamsport Dickinson Seminary, now Lycoming College. In 1912, his conference brethren honored him with election to the General Conference to be convened at Minneapolis -- at which Conference he was elected Bishop of Southern Asia, with residence at Manila, Philippine Islands. He was killed while spending time with his wife's family in Mt. Holly Springs when his steel fishing rod contacted an electric wire. He is buried in the Mt. Holly Springs Cemetery.

2. Andrew Daniel Gramley, 1873-1958, Evangelical: obituary on page 108 of the 1959 conference journal. Rev. Gramley was born in Clinton County's Sugar Valley and educated at New Berlin's Central Pennsylvania College, forerunner of Reading's Albright College. A.D. was licensed to preach in 1894 and ordained an elder in 1899. He filled conference pulpits for over 50 years, served on faculties and boards of conference training schools, and served as a trustee of Albright College. A lifelong scholar, he wrote numerous articles on many topics, co-authored the 1939

Centennial History of the Central Pennsylvania Conference, and served as longtime secretary of the conference Historical Society. He retired to his wife's hometown of Mt. Holly Springs and died following a prolonged illness. Interment was made in the Mt. Holly Springs Cemetery.

3. Zephaniah Augustus Colestock, 1824-1924, United Brethren: obituary on page 63 of the 1924 conference journal. Rev. Colestock was born in Littlestown, Adams County, and died at the denomination's Quincy Home just two months and six days short of his 100th birthday. He began his ministerial career in the Muskingum (East Ohio) Conference in 1844 and was ordained in the Pennsylvania Conference two years later. He served conference pastoral and presiding elder appointments until he retired from the itinerancy in 1877 to buy a lot and build a house in Mechanicsburg. In 1893, the Colestocks offered this house to the Pennsylvania Conference as the denomination's first Old People's Home. Z.A. served as superintendent of the facility until 1915, when he and nine other members of the Home were transferred to the Quincy Orphanage and Home -- whose modern Colestock Center building is named in his honor. Although blind for his last several years, his mental faculties served him well until a few weeks before his death. He is buried in the Mechanicsburg Cemetery, within sight of the home that he built and gave to the Conference.