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*Friends meet the 2nd Thursday of each month
at 6:30 pm.*



*He who marvels at the beauty of
the world in summer will find
equal cause for wonder and
admiration in winter. John
Burroughs*

Letter From our President Peggy Squires

By Carolyn Naylor

We want to thank all members and volunteers who have supported Friends over the years. Because of the Covid-19 virus, 2020 was an unusual year in which we had to cancel most of our meetings and all our events. If there is a break in the Covid-19 virus, we will resume our meetings and activities.

This is usually the time of year when you receive a request for your dues. Since these times are so different, we will not be asking you for dues. However, we will gladly accept any donations you wish to make. To make a donation or, if you so desire, pay your dues, simply write a check payable to the Friends of Mountwood Park and mail it to the following address: Friends of Mountwood Park, P. O. Box 2094, Parkersburg, West Virginia 26102.

Wear your mask and do all you can to stay well.

- *Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you. Princess Diana*
- *Only the wisest and stupidest of men never change. Confucius*

A Supporter Passes

By Mike Naylor

James Sutton Hardigg, a strong supporter of programs at Mountwood Park, passed away on September 17, 2020.

Mr. Hardigg made a very significant donation supporting our inaugural archaeological dig in 2011. More recently, he and his children provided the majority of the funding to add a second room to the Volcano museum. He also unselfishly gave Mountwood Park access to the O'Brien land so recreational opportunities could be expanded.

Mr. Hardigg frequently reminisced of childhood summers at Volcano. He was especially close to Cheslyn Jonas, Sr. fondly recalling helping at well sites and riding on Mr. Jonas' shoulders. Perhaps Mr. Hardigg and Mr. Jonas are sharing memories of Volcano.

Thank you, Mr. Hardigg! I miss talking with you about your childhood experiences in Volcano.

- ***Intelligence is the ability to adapt to change.* Stephen Hawking**
- ***Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value.* Albert Einstein**
- ***Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.* Thomas Edison**
- ***The road to success is dotted with many tempting parking spaces.* Will Rogers**

(I want to thank our friend Steve Parker of Morgantown for his help in gathering the information below.)

Reverend James Archer Fullerton, D.D. Family

By Carolyn Naylor

James Archer Fullerton was born at Belfast, Ireland on May 28, 1850, the son of James and Sarah (Archer) Fullerton. At the age of 17, he became a local minister and when he was 20 years old, he entered the ministry. On October 20, 1871, he married Anna J. Barrett and soon set sail for America, arriving in the United States in 1872.

James and Anna had six sons, most of whom didn't live to an old age. Their sons were:

1. **Gregory J. Fullerton** held the position of cashier and director for the state of West Virginia of the New York Life Insurance Company.
2. **Alexander B. Fullerton** managed the firm of fire insurance underwriters of Charleston, West Virginia, known as Fullerton and Noyes. Alexander was only 41 years old when he died. He is buried at Parkersburg Memorial Gardens.
3. **Joseph Finn Fullerton** was only 52 years old when he died at Weston State Hospital at Weston, West Virginia, of tuberculosis and dementia.
4. **Harry O. Fullerton** was only 35 years old when he died at Clarksburg of tuberculosis on June 24, 1922. He earned his living as a druggist. He is buried at Parkersburg Memorial Gardens.
5. **James G. Fullerton**--No information found.
6. **John H. Fullerton** earned his living as an accountant. John was 39 years old when he committed suicide at the

Rookery Apartment Building in Clarksburg.

Reverend Fullerton was described as being of medium stature, wearing spectacles, being deliberate in expression, having the appearance of a student, and as having a commanding presence.



The articles below are from a series of articles about the life of Rev. James Archer Fullerton, D.D. This article is about his life at Volcano where he served as minister of the Methodist Episcopal church.

The Daily Telegram, June 20, 1903 Clarksburg, West Virginia

“Near the close of his second year Mr. Fullerton received a special invitation from a committee of the official board to this first station. It was to an oil town, Volcano, among the hills of Wood county, at that time one of the most flourishing oil regions in the United States. To how the history and possible decline of oil towns it is only necessary to say that there were but two churches in the conference at that time paying larger salaries than Mr. Fullerton received at Volcano. While now the place is nigh isolated, only a small quantity of oil being produced, and the church itself is one of several appointments on a circuit.”

“During the three conference years of Mr. Fullerton’s pastorate, it was a lively place and put on as many city airs as though it were built to endure as long as any other part of the world. What a place it was! People from all parts of this great country, of other nations also, and of other languages; some came and made a fortune and moved away to save it. Others came and made a fortune only to lose it again because they remained too long.”

“There was a splendid congregation made up of every belief and creed or non-creed one can conceive of. There were not only Methodists but Baptists and Presbyterians, Universalists and Unitarians, Deists, Atheists and others too numerous to mention. And yet it was a very delightful charge, greatly enjoyed by the pastor and his family, and a place of usefulness far above many. Whatever may have been their belief the people were of one mind in regard to keeping up a church for themselves and their children. They therefore generally agreed that it should be a Methodist church, more especially as their denomination was first in the field. The variety of belief never caused the slightest friction, and during Mr. Fullerton’s third year in a series of special services which continued for two months, there were more than 100 conversions, while 93 were added to the roll of membership, some of these are now found in many different parts of the world.”

The Daily Telegram, June 24, 1903 Clarksburg, West Virginia SKETCHES FROM THE LIFE OF A WEST VIRGINIA METHODIST PREACHER WORTHY OF PERUSAL

“Honor is whom honor is due” is a very old maxim. It may be applied in many ways. It is far too often overlooked. He is a wise preacher who does not forget to give suitable complimentary recognition to his regular church

choir. Mr. Fullerton discovered this for himself in his early ministry, and the appreciation of such knowledge was eminently useful.”

“There is probably no better or more talented choir in the state than the town of Volcano and for about ten years, say from 1870 to 1880, it was composed of a double quartette with an occasional third. They were all trained singers. The study of music was their pastime and chief recreation. Some magnificent voices were in that choir.”

“Strangers and visitors came to church on many occasions to hear the music. Rough men who did not usually go to church formed the habit of regular attendance. Never was a preacher helped by better service on the part of a choir. The organist of those three years, a young lady, afterwards became famous in Cincinnati in the highest circles and at public assemblies as one of the best performers. On several instruments of music known in that or any other city tenderly we give this note of appreciation.”

“Mr. Fullerton had as presiding elder the first year at Volcano, Rev. Ashford Hall. This really able minister, who afterwards went to Ohio, was never estimated at his full worth. A fine preacher always with a splendid sermon to offer but hampered and hindered by a nervous twitching manner and an almost painful timidity. He could not at times forget himself and was discouraged so easily as to suffer mental depression. Many of the readers of these sketches will remember very kindly the name of Mr. Hall. It is a good thing to be modest, even for a preacher, but it is well enough to forget one’s self in great themes.”

“The second and third years the presiding elder was the well-known James L. Clark, honored and known throughout the entire state of West Virginia and now at a ripe old age, far beyond four score years, resting until the

time of his departure with intellect unclouded and rare physical health for one so advanced in life at Tarentum, Pa. Mrs. Clark died some years ago and Dr. Clark is cared for by his only living child, a daughter, Mrs. Schofield. Dr. Clark was the very opposite of Mr. Hall in those peculiar features mentioned. He was neither timid nor nervous, preached mostly with his eyes shut, was afraid of no man, could preach for an hour or two if necessary or quit in 30 minutes. He never used a manuscript in the pulpit, was modest as a child in his home, where he was entertained, never was sick in his life and could walk 50 miles a day and not complain of feeling tired. He was built for pioneer work, spare, wiry, elastic, energetic; a fine scholar, an able conversationalist, a genial companion.”

“It may be well to say here that no minister could remain on one charge at this time longer than three years. Presiding elders on districts were allowed four years. Afterwards the pastoral term was lengthened to five years and the presiding elder’s term to six years. This was done in 1888. Appointments, however, are always made from year to year, or for one year at a time. This was the law and is the law of the church today. With this exception that the last general conference removed the time altogether, leaving the matter of the years of service to be determined by pastor and people, subject to the authority of the bishop, who presides in annual conference. Whether the latter change is for the best, cannot yet be clearly decided.”

“In the month of August 1879, or shortly before the close of this pastoral term, occurred what was for a long time known as the great fire. One Monday morning at 3 o’clock, when all the people were asleep, an alarm of fire was heard. It came from the chief hotel and was taken up over the hills and valleys for miles around, and what a fire it was! In less than one hour the Main street, containing nearly all the business houses, stores, offices and halls, together with great oil tanks, full of oil, were all

on fire. Indeed, for nearly half a mile along the chief thoroughfare and down the railroad track there was nothing but a sheet of flames. The first house at one end of this fiery highway to be spared was the Methodist parsonage. While at the other end of the line was saved the Episcopal church. The Methodist church was built upon the hill above the valley of fire and escaped injury.”

“The awfulness of that early morning, following the quietness of the preceding Sunday, can never be forgotten by the persons who were eye witnesses of the sight. Many millions of dollars in buildings, oil and other property were in a few hours consumed. One firm, whose insurance had just expired the day before and had not been renewed, lost all they had except a few household goods. The good wife of the principal member of that firm was observed to be picking her way carefully to the burning house, from which she soon appeared again bearing aloft the family Bible.”

The Clarksburg Exponent, June 29, 1928

“The Rev. Dr. James Archer Fullerton, 78, well known in West Virginia for his work in ministerial circles during his earlier life, died yesterday afternoon at 3 o’clock in a local hospital following an illness of more than six months due to complications of an advanced age.”

“Dr. Fullerton was born in Belfast, Ireland, and received much of his early training in church work while in that country. Coming to the United States, he was received into the West Virginia conference of the Methodist Episcopal church and for a number of years was active in church work in Preston county, at Morgantown and later at Parkersburg.”

“About 40 years ago, Dr. Fullerton retired from activities because of failing health,

and made his residence in Clarksburg on Lee street. His wife, who before her marriage was Miss Anne J. Barrett, died February 20, last, and the Rev. Fullerton had made his home with John Fullerton of 334 Lee street.”

“Funeral services will be held this evening at 7:30 o’clock in the Davis undertaking parlors with the Rev. G. D. Smith, of Clay street, district superintendent of Methodist churches, in charge. He will be assisted by the Rev. Clemmer Warman, retired Methodist minister, and the Rev. Dr. Charles G. Stater, of the First Methodist Episcopal church. The Male quartet of the First Methodist church will sing.”

“The body will be taken to Parkersburg where interment will be made in the Odd Fellows cemetery where a family lot is reserved.”

“Dr. Fullerton is survived by two sons, James G. Fullerton and John H. Fullerton, both of this city. His brothers, Thomas, the Rev. Alexander and Joseph, are all dead, relatives inform.”

From our Treasurer, Mike Naylor

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Then, select Friends of Mountwood Park when shopping and Friends will receive 0.5% of every purchase you make.

This doesn't sound like much, but every little bit helps us maintain the dog park, and events such as the Easter egg hunt, Adventure Camp and Wolf Fest.

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