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Pennsylvania Keystone Markers ...
Symbols of our Past and Bright Future

NATHANIEL GUEST ♦ GREG PRICHARD
Historic Preservationists

Wednesday, October 16, 2013

Cost: \$15/person

Refreshments 7:00 PM - Lecture 7:30 PM

Duportail House, 297 Adams Drive, Chesterbrook, PA 19087

The Keystone Marker Trust was founded in 2010 to protect the historic keystone-shaped town marker signs of Pennsylvania.



These signs, typically painted blue and yellow, are found throughout the Commonwealth and were installed starting in the mid-1920s by the Pennsylvania Department of Highways, the predecessor to PennDOT. Though many towns have adopted and cared for their markers, there was no central group to advocate for them until the formation of the Trust. In addition to documenting and restoring historic markers, the Trust has also begun making new Keystone Markers for the first time in about 70 years, which are accurate in appearance to the originals.

Founding members of the Trust, Nathaniel Guest and Greg Prichard will speak about the history of Keystone Markers, their meaning, an overview of Keystone Markers found on the Main Line, the work of the Trust, and the process by which new reproduction markers are created.

An attorney, **Nathaniel Guest** focuses his practice on real estate law, historic preservation law and advocacy; railroad law; land use law as well as general corporate and non-profit law.

In 2008, Guest founded the Pennhurst Memorial & Preservation Alliance to facilitate re-use of the former Pennhurst State School, an International Site of Conscience where forced institutionalization of disabled persons was first declared unconstitutional. The Keystone Marker Trust was founded by Guest in 2010..

Guest is the Preservation Initiatives Director and National Railway Heritage Grants Program Director for the National Railway Historical Society. He serves on the boards of Preservation Pennsylvania and the Schuylkill River National and State Heritage Area. He is a visiting lecturer at Cornell University, where he teaches courses related to historic preservation economics, law, advocacy, fundraising, and ethics.

Guest received his JD from Temple University (2010), an MA from Cornell University (2011) in Historic Preservation Plan-

ning, and graduated Phi Beta Kappa magna cum laude from Cornell University (1998).

Wayne native **Greg Prichard** has studied the history of the Main Line for more than 20 years. A Radnor Historical Society board member since 2007, he has worked to catalog and digitize their collections. Prichard received an MA in Historic Preservation Planning from Cornell University (2011) and has worked on local preservation efforts. Two of them, involving the preservation and restoration of Devon and St. Davids train stations, grew out of his masters thesis, which examined the historic train stations of the Main Line. His thesis has also been adapted into a lecture, which he will present this Fall to the TE Historical Society and is being further adapted for publication.

Prichard designs, researches, and produces interpretive signage for historic sites and trails. Prichard has worked with the Keystone Marker Trust since its inception in 2010, incorporating both his design and research expertise to restore and re-create these important parts of Pennsylvania's history.

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PICKETT'S CHARGE: THE UNTOLD STORY

BRUCE EDWARD MOWDAY

Award-Winning Journalist & Author

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Released during this 150th anniversary of the epic battle of Gettysburg, *Pickett's Charge: The Untold Story* tells the story of the heroic defenders of the Union and especially the Philadelphia Brigade and its commander General Alexander Webb. Webb won a Congressional Medal of Honor for his valor that afternoon and later became President of the City College of New York. With the outcome of the Civil War in the balance, Webb and his fellow soldiers stopped the Confederates at a spot known as the High Water Mark of the Confederacy and saved the Union.

J. Howard Wert was a soldier, educator and author born in Gettysburg in 1841. During the Gettysburg campaign, Wert who was a special scout for the Union, was detained by Confederate troops but escaped and aided General Meade's Union troops. After the battle Wert and Frank Haskell, a member of General Gibbon's staff, rode over the battlefield and Wert began collecting items from the battle. He continued collecting for years. Wert wrote a guidebook and authored other articles about the battle of Gettysburg. Noted Civil War author Ed Bearss wrote of Wert, "Wert walked in the very footsteps of history ... but most of all he was a patriot." *Pickett's Charge* explores what the Union soldiers endured during the charge by the Southern forces.

"About four years ago I stood near what is known as the High Water Mark of the Confederacy and looked across the field where the charge took place. I knew a lot about why Lee had to make the charge, General Longstreet's reluctance to make the charge and the Confederate soldiers that took part in the charge," said author Bruce E. Mowday. "As I looked to my left I realized I knew little of the Union defenders. They had a gallant story to tell. Mowday spent three years doing research at the Gettysburg National Park, PA Historical Society, Union League in Philadelphia and other reference libraries. Copies of *Pickett's Charge: The Untold Story* and other Mowday books (price range \$17 - \$22), will be available for purchase and author signing at the lecture.

Bruce Edward Mowday is an award-winning journalist and author. He has authored 15 books on history, sports, true crime and business. His latest book is *Pickett's Charge: The Untold Story* and was released in June by Barricade Books of New York in time for the 150th anniversary of Gettysburg. The book took almost four years to research and write.

His *Jailing The Johnston Gang: Bringing Serial Murders To Justice* was published by Barricade Books of and is in its third printing. The book tells the tale of three brothers who were convicted of six murders – but Mowday believes they were involved in at least 10, including the

cold-blooded assassinations of two law enforcement officers.

Mowday is a frequent contributor to business and lifestyle magazines and is a frequent guest on radio shows and has hosted his own shows. He was named a "Literacy Hero" by the West Chester, Pennsylvania, library.

After more than 20 years in journalism as a reporter, columnist and editor, in 1997 he founded The Mowday Group, Inc. a full-service media relations company.

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