

REUNION OF THE FOULKE FAMILY

Descendants of a Prominent
Welsh Patriarch Meet
Out at Gwynedd

A GREAT GATHERING

Fully Five Hundred Persons Par-
ticipate in Celebration and
Discuss Family History

Two centuries after the arrival in this country of Edward Foulke, Eleanor, his wife, and their nine children, the descendants of this Welsh family assembled yesterday at the meeting house which stands upon the site of that in which he worshipped at Gwynedd, Montgomery county, and alongside of which lie his remains. To the number of fully 500 they assembled there, visited his home at Penllyn, viewed relics of his family and discussed the patriarch, his ancestry, immigration and descendants.

Shortly after 9 o'clock yesterday morning a special train bearing between three and four hundred persons drew out of the Reading Terminal bound for Gwynedd. The train stopped at Penllyn, where the company alighted and proceeded to the house of Albert C. Caldwell, Jr., a portion of which was constructed by Edward Foulke and was his residence. Passing through the house, the minds of all were forcefully drawn to the fact that where they were walking at one time trod the pioneer from whom they were descended.

Owen Roberts, of Philadelphia, and Watkin Davies, of Wilkesbarre, sang and played Welsh songs, among which were "Hen Wlad y Menyg Gwynion," meaning "Land of Peace and Concord," and the national Welsh song, "Hen Wlad vy Nhadi," meaning "Land of My Fathers."

EXAMINED RELICS.

Returning to the train, the party proceeded to the next station, Gwynedd, and were conveyed in coaches to the old meeting house, where they were joined by many more descendants of Edward Foulke who reside in the surrounding country. The morning was spent under the ancient trees on the large meeting house grounds, and in examining the exhibit of old letters, pictures and manuscripts relating to the Foulkes, which were displayed at the country residence of Mrs. Charles O. Beaumont, a short distance from the meeting house.

A pretty ceremony followed about noon, when the assembled people planted on the meeting house grounds two trees, a white pine, commemorative of Edward Foulke, and a white oak, in honor of his wife. An address was made by Daniel Foulke Moore, of Phoenixville, and each of the Foulkes threw a shovelful of dirt about the tree.

The entire party was photographed, and all then sat down to a dinner provided in a huge tent in the rear of the meeting house.

The afternoon was devoted to addresses and papers. William Dudley Foulke, of Richmond, Indiana, the president of the Association of Descendants of Edward Foulke, opened the exercises in the meet-

Foulke in Wales. The cane was inscribed with Mr. Jenkins' name, the place where it came from and the name of the donors, the association.

During a short period of general remarks a poem was read and a short paper presented on the derivation of the name of Foulke, which stated that it came from the French word Foulques, meaning a hen of the moor. The day's proceedings, which had been all too short for the assembled people, were concluded with the reading of "Edward Foulke's Exhortation to His Children," written by this patriarch a short time before he died. Samuel Emlen, of Germantown, read the staid old writing, and the exercises closed with a few minutes of silence on the part of those present.

To-day the bicentennial of the settlement of Gwynedd township will be cele-

ing house with an address, in which he told how the love of ancestry influenced most people. This did not constitute all, however, and people whose lines of ancestry did not go back far were as great as those who could trace their lineage far back, if they were but true and good. Eleanor Foulke, of Quakertown, read an account of Edward Foulke's ancestry, a paper prepared by Charles M. Foulke, of Washington, D. C.

In a paper on "Edward Foulke and the Narrative of His Removal," Howard M. Jenkins said that after two centuries had elapsed the record of Edward Foulke and the knowledge of him was remarkably clear. When he came to this country he was not a Friend, but became one soon after his arrival. He was a sober-minded man, and courage, integrity, perseverance and faith were his characteristics. His 700 acres of land lay near Penllyn and to the east of it.

Edward M. Wistar, of Philadelphia, who has several times visited the farm, Coed-y-Foel, the home of Edward Foulke in Wales, gave a description of the place. A paper on "Edward and Eleanor Foulke's Descendants," by Susan Foulke Lukens, of Conshohocken, concluded the essays of the day.

A CANE FROM WALES.

A handsome testimonial was given to Howard M. Jenkins for his efforts during months past to make the reunion a success. It was in the form of a cane made from a stick cut on the farm of Edward

brated at the same place with all-day exercises. Edward Foulke was one of thirteen Welshmen who formed a company, purchased the entire township of Gwynedd and emigrated here in 1698.

A cablegram from Colonel von Mont Be, of the German army, was read at yesterday's meeting. It read: "Proud to be members of the association," referring to the Foulke association, and a letter was received from another member in Venice. Persons were present from New Jersey, Maryland, Illinois, Indiana and New York, beside all portions of Pennsylvania.