

# **PIONEER FAMILIES OF NORTHERN COLUMBIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA: ARTICLES BY KENNETH YOCUM AND OTHERS**

By Ann Brandt, Editor

The Columbia County Historical and Genealogical Society is pleased to announce the publication *Pioneer Families of Northern Columbia County, Pennsylvania: Articles by Kenneth Yocum and Others*. It will have great interest and appeal to those interested in the early history and genealogy of this area.

The book consists of thirty-four articles on the ancestry of early settlers of Columbia County that appeared in the *Argus*, 1934 – 1935, a newspaper published in Benton, Pennsylvania. They were written by written Kenneth Yocum, an aspiring, young historian, about the earliest settlers and their immediate descendants. His intent was to continue the weekly series indefinitely, with the intent of researching and printing the ancestry of all of the early settlers of the area.

His primary focus was on an early list of contributors to the first church in the area, St. Gabriel's Church in Sugarloaf Township. However, since the list encompassed many located in other areas of Columbia County, it goes beyond just that township. Settlers in Jackson, Benton, Catawissa, and other townships are included. These articles have been collected, edited, and reprinted in book form, along with three other articles from local newspapers on early families from Millville and Greenwood Townships. Included are responses and additions from family members at the time the articles were published.

Surnames include Appleman, Beishline, Cole, Eves, Heacock, Hess, Jackson, Keeler, Kester, Kline, Kramer, Laubach, Lemon, Lunger, McHenry, Parker, Patterson, Priest, Robbins, Roberts, Rhone, Titman, Whitman, and Yocum, plus many related families. There is a complete index to all surnames.

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