



BEAVER COUNTY GENEALOGY & HISTORY CENTER

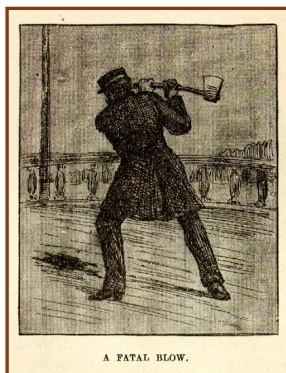
Resource and Research Center for Beaver County & Local History

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT!

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 17, 2022

WHEN: 7:00 PM DOORS OPEN AT 6:45 PM

WHERE: BEAVER STATION, 250 EAST END AVE, BEAVER



Georgetown Steamboat Captain - Thomas Washington Poe

Misfortune paid its respects to Capt. Thomas Washington Poe many times and often far from his home in Georgetown, PA. He lost six steamboats during his career. A leading citizen of Georgetown for more than fifty years, my 3rd great uncle, Capt. Thomas W. Poe, was buried in the Georgetown Cemetery between his wives Phoebe Kinsey and Martha Jane Troxell. If there is something called a “night shade” hovering over any stone in the Georgetown Cemetery, it would certainly be the spirit of Capt. Thomas Washington Poe for very good reason.

Georgetown native Fran Nash of Carlisle, PA has developed and maintained the historical website **GeorgetownSteamboats.com** since July 2009. He aims to tell something of the early history of Georgetown and the story of the Poe steamboat men including their astonishing efforts during the Civil War and their Missouri River trips to Ft. Benton in the Montana Territory. It is a story he never tires of telling — of hardships and obstacles to overcome. Sadly, the boats disappeared more than a hundred years ago. The masters and pilots, engineers and clerks, mates and roustabouts have likewise gone. Join us as Fran honors their memory by recording their lives.



Admission is free, no pre-registration required!

If you have any questions, please call the History Center at 724-775-1775 during business hours:
Tuesday thru Saturday from 10AM - 4PM.