



The Members of the South Fork Fishing and Hunting Club

The South Fork Fishing & Hunting Club owned the dam that broke on May 31, 1889, causing the Johnstown flood. This is a list of the members of the club, downloaded from the Johnstown Flood Museum's Web site at www.jaha.org.

Edward Jay Allen -- Born in New York City in 1830, Allen helped to organize the Pacific and Atlantic Telegraph Company.

D. W. C. Bidwell -- Bidwell's firm, D. W. C. Bidwell and Company sold dynamite, explosives, and powder used for mining.

James W. Brown -- James Brown in 1889 was the secretary and treasurer for Hussey, Howe and Company, Steel Works, Ltd. He later served in the House of Representatives from 1903-1905.

Hilary B. Brunot -- Brunot was one of the many attorneys in Pittsburgh serving in 1889.

John Caldwell, Jr. -- It is uncertain which John Caldwell from Pittsburgh joined the SFFHC due to lack of strong documentation. He was most likely the John Caldwell who was treasurer of the Philadelphia Company.

Andrew Carnegie -- Probably the most recognized name of the SFFHC. Carnegie was a steel magnate and business genius. Carnegie donated \$10,000 to Johnstown to build a library after the 1889 tragedy. The people of Johnstown, in turn, gave him a hero's welcome. Today, that library building houses the Johnstown Flood Museum.

C. A. Carpenter -- Freight agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad.

John Weakley Chalfant -- In 1889, Chalfant was listed as the president of People's National Bank. He was also associated with Spang, Chalfant and Company, a firm, which became one of the largest producers of steel tubing in the United States.

George H. Christy -- Christy was an attorney from Pittsburgh.

Thomas Clark -- Possibly an attorney.

Charles John Clarke -- Clarke had already retired in 1874 from a transportation business called Clarke and Company. He kept himself busy by investing in real estate, railroads, and securities. He is the father of Louis Semple Clarke.

Louis Semple Clarke -- Charles Clarke's son, Louis, is probably most famous for the spark plug he developed for use in gasoline engines. He also perfected the drive-shaft system for use in automobiles and was the first to design a useful oil circulation system.

A. C. Crawford -- Due to lack of strong documentation the A. C. Crawford associated with this club is unknown. Most likely this Crawford was an attorney from Armstrong County.

William T. Dunn -- Dunn was associated with the William T. Dunn and Company, which sold building supplies.

Cyrus Elder -- The only member from Johnstown in 1889, Elder was the attorney and chief counsel for the Cambria Iron Company.

Daniel R. Euwer -- Associated with Euwer and Brothers, lumber dealers.

John King Ewing -- Ewing was involved with real estate in 1889 and associated with Ewing and Byers.

Aaron French -- Along with Calvin Wells, French's company, A. French Spring Company, produced the first steel springs for railroad cars. He quietly did philanthropic work until his death in 1902.

Henry Clay Frick -- Frick made a fortune in selling coke and was the chairman of Carnegie Brothers Company in 1889. Along with about half of the club members Frick donated money to the relief effort in Johnstown. His donation involved thousands of dollars.

Walter Franklin Fundenburg -- Fundenburgh was a dentist.

A. G. Harmes -- Associated with the Harmes Machinery Depot, Harmes was involved with the production of engine broilers and sawmill machinery.

John A. Harper -- Harper was assistant cashier of the Bank of Pittsburgh in 1889 and later became the president of Western Pennsylvania Hospital.

Howard Hartley

Associated with Hartley Brothers, manufacturers of leather belting and hose, rubber belts and machinery packing.

Henry Holdship -- Holdship was associated with banking, mining, and oil throughout his career. He is probably best known for helping to found the Art Society of Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh Orchestra.

Americus Vespecius Holmes -- Involved with real estate and vice-president of Dollar Savings Bank.

Durbin Horne -- Durbin Horne was president of Joseph Horne and Company, a company involved in retail.

George Franklin Huff -- Huff was involved in banking, coke, coal, railroads, natural gas, and other utilities. He was elected to the House of Representatives, serving until 1910.

Christopher Curtis Hussey -- Associated with Hussey, Howe and Company, steel manufacturers. Deceased by 1889.

Lewis Irwin -- Irwin was the brother in law and partner of Henry Holdship.

Philander Chase Knox -- An attorney with a distinguished political career, he was Secretary of State from 1901 to 1921 and twice elected to the Senate.

Frank B. Laughlin -- Laughlin was the secretary of the Solar Carbon and Manufacturing Company.

John Jacob Lawrence -- Involved with paint and color manufacturing. Partner of Moses Suydam.

John G. A. Leishman -- Steel broker, president of Carnegie Steel Company, and after 1897, involved with diplomatic works.

Jesse H. Lippincott -- Associated with the Banner Baking Powder firm.

Sylvester Stephen Marvin -- Involved with crackers and pancake flour, he helped form the National Biscuit Company (Nabisco).

Frank T., Oliver, and Walter L. McClintock -- Associated with O. McClintock and Company, a mercantile house.

James S. McCord -- McCord owned the McCord and Company, wholesale hatters.

James McGregor -- This James McGregor was possibly Major James McGregor, an attorney.

W. A. McIntosh -- McIntosh was president of the New York and Cleveland Gas Coal Company.

H. Sellers McKee -- McKee was president of the First National Bank of Birmingham.

Andrew Mellon -- Mellon was the owner of T. Mellon and Sons, a banking firm. At one time he was on the board of directors for 60+ companies. He served as Secretary of the Treasury under Harding, Coolidge and part of Hoover's administrations.

Reuben Miller -- Associated with Miller, Metcalf and Perkin, Crescent Steel Works.

Maxwell K. Moorhead -- President of Moorhead and Mcleane Company, Soho Iron Works.

Daniel J. Morrell -- Originally bought his membership to keep a closer watch on the SFFHC. Morrell was well qualified to become a member of the "boss' club". He was quite the boss himself, being the head of the Cambria Iron Company. Morrell was deceased by 1889.

William Mullens -- Due to lack of strong documentation little is known about Mullens.

Edwin A. Meyers -- Associated with Myers, Shinkle and Company.

H. P. Patton -- Patton was associated with A. and D. H. Chambers, a window glass manufacturer.

Duncan Clinch Phillips -- Phillips was associated with Phillips and Company, a window glass manufacturer.

Henry Phipps, Jr. -- Phipps was the chairman of Carnegie Brothers and Company.

Robert Pitcairn -- Pitcairn was superintendent of the Pittsburgh Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Andrew Carnegie's old position.

D. W. Ranking -- Ranking was a physician.

Samuel Rea -- A banker and broker with Rea Brothers and Company.

James Hay Reed -- A partner with Philander Knox in the law firm Knox and Reed. Appointed to the post of federal district court judge of western Pennsylvania by President Harrison.

Benjamin F. Ruff -- Railroad tunnel contractor, coke salesman, real estate broker, and first president of the South Fork Fishing and Hunting Club.

Marvin F. Scaife -- Associated with W. B. Scaife and Sons, a producer of iron products.

James M. Schoonmaker -- Associated with J. M. Schoonmaker Coke Company.

James Ernest Schwartz -- Schwartz was president of Pennsylvania Lead Company.

Frank Semple -- Clerk with the Pennsylvania Company. Perhaps had banking interests.

Christian Bernard Shea -- Shea was a member of Joseph Horne and Company.

Moses Bedell Suydam -- Affiliated with M. B. Suydam and Company.

F. H. Sweet -- Due to lack of strong documentation little is known about Sweet.

Benjamin Thaw -- Founder of Heda Coke Company along with his brother.

Colonel Elias J. Unger -- Even though he was called "colonel", Unger does not have any military record. He did, however, manage hotels along the Pennsylvania Railroad and also employed as manager of the 7th Avenue Hotel in Pittsburgh. Unger was the second and last president of the South Fork Fishing and Hunting Club.

Calvin Wells -- Wells was president of Pittsburgh Forge and Iron Company.

James B. White -- Associated with James B. White and Company, manufacturer of manganese ore.

John F. Wilcox -- Wilcox was a civil engineer.

James H. Willock -- Cashier of the Second National Bank.

Joseph R. Woodwell -- Served on the board of directors for Deposit Band of Pittsburgh and the Carnegie Institute.

William K. Woodwell -- Associated with Joseph R. Woodwell and company.