A video of the dedication of the Official Pennsylvania Historical Marker commemorating Cresson Tuberculosis Sanatorium on May 3, 2014 is now available on DVD. It was filmed at Admiral Peary Highway, Cresson Summit during the unveiling of the marker and includes the dedication luncheon speeches and activities at the American Legion. It is approx. 52 minutes in length.

To order, mail a check made out to “Falger Media” in the amount of $25.00 for each DVD to the following address:

Falger Media
133 Apple Drive
Cresson, PA 16630

Be sure to include “Cresson Sanatorium DVD” on the memo line for personal checks and the shipping address where you would like the DVD to be sent. Call Falger Media at (814) 886-2919 if you have any questions.
The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) approved a roadside historical marker for The San, the state operated tuberculosis sanatorium in Cresson Township. The Dedication Ceremony was held on Saturday, May 3, 2014 at 10:30AM at the approved site atop Cresson Summit on Old Route 22 (Admiral Peary Highway) across from the entrance to the former Cresson Secure Correctional Institution. Following the dedication ceremony, refreshments were provided and Cresson San memorabilia were on display at the Cresson American Legion, 222 Aschroft Avenue.

Click the following links to read the marker announcement in the newspapers:

49. Historical markers to commemorate San, Underground Railroad sites (Johnstown Tribune Democrat)
50. Cresson San approved for historical marker (Cresson Mainliner)
51. Relic of frightening era of tuberculosis gets a marker (Harrisburg Patriot News)
52. Cresson San group seeks funds for marker (Johnstown Tribune Democrat)
54. Historical marker to recognize San (Johnstown Tribune Democrat)

Marker Donations

Thanks to generous donations, the fund to cover costs for the Cresson San marker exceeded anticipated expenditures. Extra funds will be used to purchase a metal cabinet for housing San memorabilia at the Cresson Legion.

The cost of the marker was funded by public donations. The Cresson San Marker Committee gratefully acknowledges receipt of contributions from the following donors. Thank you for your support!

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Cresson American Legion Post # 238, Commander Scot Eberhart
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Helen and Chris Liebal...In memory of our sister, Mary Liebal who was a patient from 1947 - 1951
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Saint Francis University
Denise Weber...In memory of my Dad, Stephen Dusza, who was a patient at the San from 1939 to 1941
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The following letter from James M. Vaughn to Dave Huber announced the approval of the historical marker for Cresson San by the Pa. Historical and Museum Commission.
September 13, 2013

Dave Haber
521 E Sample St.
Elensburg, PA 15931

Dear Mr. Haber:

I am pleased to inform you that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) has approved the historical marker nomination resubmission for the Cresson Tuberculosis Sanatorium that you recently submitted.

The staff of the PHMC looks forward to working with you to approve the final text, and coordinate production and dedication of this marker within the coming year. We will consult with you on the text and installation. When the dedication date is set, you should return the enclosed Historical Marker Dedication Ceremony Information form, so there is ample time to coordinate the event and approve the invitation and program. Should no action be taken by you or a sponsoring organization by June 30, 2015, the nomination will have to be resubmitted and go through the annual evaluation and approval process again.

Grant funding for markers is no longer available, and you and/or a sponsoring organization will have to commit to funding the entire cost for the fabrication of the marker. A Funding Commitment Form is enclosed. There is also a Fabrication Agreement for you to indicate whether or not you elect to have PHMC take care of ordering arrangements with our contracted vendor.

A Permission to Install form is enclosed. It should be signed by the property owner or person with jurisdiction over the location where the marker is to be installed.

Finally, the enclosed lists of procedures should give you information about how the historical marker process works and the responsibilities of a sponsor.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Gallo, Historical Marker Program Coordinator, at (717) 705-4266 or kgallo@pa.gov.

Sincerely,

James M. Vaughan
Executive Director

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