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**LEGISLATURE OF PENNSYLVANIA.**

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**FILE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.****No.****1044****Session of  
1919.**

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**INTRODUCED BY MR. McCAIG, MARCH 24, 1919.**

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**REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS,  
MARCH 25, 1919.**

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**AN ACT**

Dedicating to public use as a historical memorial and public park certain lands and buildings of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the borough of Ambridge county of Beaver and providing for the custody maintenance and use thereof

1       Whereas As the result of quo warranto proceedings in  
2 the court of common pleas of the county of Beaver Com-  
3 monwealth of Pennsylvania at No. 275 June Term 1910  
4 there came into the ownership and possession of the Com-  
5 monwealth of Pennsylvania certain lands and buildings in  
6 the borough of Ambridge (formerly the town of Economy)  
7 county of Beaver in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 theretofore the property of the Harmony Society and here-  
9 inafter more particularly described and

10       Whereas Said lands and buildings are the chief relics  
11 of the Harmony Society which located itself in 1824 upon  
12 a tract of three thousand acres on the Ohio river where

1 they established the town of Economy which is now em-  
2 braced in said borough of Ambridge and for the greater  
3 part of a century played an important part in the in-  
4 dustrial development of Western Pennsylvania and at the  
5 same time became of world-wide importance and reputation  
6 as one of the most notable experiments in the study  
7 and practice of communism Therefore

8 Section 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*  
9 *sentatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly*  
10 *met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same* That  
11 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania does dedicate hereby to  
12 the use of the public all those two certain parcels of  
13 land late of the Harmony Society which were conveyed to  
14 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by the Beaver County  
15 Land Company by deed dated February four one thou-  
16 sand nine hundred and sixteen and of record in the Re-  
17 corder's office of the county of Beaver Commonwealth of  
18 Pennsylvania in Deed Book Volume two hundred and fifty-  
19 three page thirty-two this dedication being to the end that  
20 said parcels of land with the buildings and other im-  
21 provements be restored preserved and maintained forever as  
22 a public place park and memorial under the name of  
23 Old Economy as nearly as possible in their original con-  
24 dition as the Great House and other buildings and pleas-  
25 ure grounds of the Harmony Society for the enjoyment  
26 and instruction of the people of this Commonwealth said  
27 two parcels of land dedicated hereby being situate adjacent  
28 to the Lincoln Highway and being separately bounded and  
29 described as follows

## 1 PARCEL NUMBER ONE

2 All that certain parcel commonly known as "Great  
3 House Block" bounded and described as follows to wit

4 Beginning at the northeast corner of the within de-  
5 scribed parcel (said corner being a point formed by the  
6 intersection of the south line of Fourteenth street with  
7 the west line of Church street) thence along the west line  
8 of Church street south six degrees twenty-nine minutes east  
9 three hundred and ninety-seven one hundredths feet to a  
10 point at the corner of Church and thirteenth streets thence  
11 along the north line of thirteenth street south eighty-eight  
12 degrees fifty-four minutes west three hundred ninety-eight  
13 and eighty-five one hundredths feet to a point at the  
14 corner of Thirteenth street and Ohioview avenue thence  
15 along the east line of Ohioview avenue north no degrees forty-one  
16 minutes thirty-eight seconds west three hundred one and  
17 ninety-three one hundredths feet to a point at the corner  
18 of Ohioview avenue thence along the south line of Four-  
19 teenth street north eighty-nine degree two minutes thirty  
20 seconds east three hundred ninety-nine and ninety-six one  
21 hundredths feet to a point at the place of beginning

22 Having erected thereon an ancient brick mansion house  
23 formerly the residence of George Rapp the founder of the  
24 Harmony Society and commonly known as the Great House  
25 with the ornamental gardens connected therewith containing  
26 historical memorials of the society

## 1 PARCEL NUMBER TWO

2 All that certain parcel being part of the block com-  
3 monly known as the "Music Hall" block bounded and de-  
4 scribed as follows to wit

5 Beginning at the southwest corner of said block being  
6 the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly  
7 line of Fourteenth street with the easterly line of Ohio-  
8 view Avenue thence by said northerly line of Fourteenth  
9 street north eighty-nine degrees two minutes thirty seconds  
10 east four hundred and eighteen one hundredths feet to  
11 a point at the corner of Church and Fourteenth streets  
12 thence by Church street north no degrees twenty-nine minutes west  
13 one hundred eighty-three and seventy-one one hundredths feet  
14 to a point thence south eighty-nine degrees six minutes  
15 thirty seconds west four hundred and eighty-eight one hun-  
16 dredths feet to a point on the east line of Ohioview ave-  
17 nue and thence by Ohioview avenue south no degrees forty-one  
18 minutes thirty-eight seconds east one hundred eighty-four and  
19 nineteen one hundredths feet to the place of beginning

20 Having erected thereon the Music Hall wine cellars  
21 cabinet shop community kitchen store house and other build-  
22 ings of the Harmony Society

23 Section 2 That the preservation restoration custody and  
24 maintenance of said Old Economy park and memorial is  
25 delegated hereby to the Pennsylvania Historical Commission  
26 in conformity with the provisions of the act approved the  
27 twenty-fifth day of July one thousand nine hundred and  
28 thirteen entitled "An act providing for the establishment  
29 of the Pennsylvania Historical Commission defining its pow-

1 ers and duties and making an appropriation for its work"  
2 and the amendments and supplements thereto subject to  
3 the power of said Pennsylvania Historical Commission to  
4 contract for the maintenance thereof as provided in said  
5 last mentioned act

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