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visitor-travel format. Each route shows locations of must-see sites, places to shop and eat, and attractions.

For example, on the Youghiogheny route, you will be directed to the Westmoreland Museum of American Art, Idlewild Amusement Park, Wharton Furnace, Youngwood Railroad Museum, three glass companies, Mammoth Park Coke Ovens and the Latrobe Brewing Company. Suggestions are given for half-day tours in each area, and the book has a list of special events by the month.

**The Man Who Had Been King—  
The American  
[self] Exile of  
Napoleon's  
Brother, Joseph**

Patricia Tyson Stroud.  
2005. UPenn Press.  
0-8122-3872-9. 296pp.  
\$34.95.

Joseph Napoleon was King of Naples, Italy, and later King of Spain. Against his wishes, he had been placed, in these posts, at least in the last position, by his younger brother, the Emperor of France and other countries.

But in 1815, Napoleon was defeated by the British (and others) at Waterloo, and it was clear to Joseph that his time in Europe had ended, at least for some time. He left Europe and traveled to Philadelphia where he moved into a house (at 260 S. 9th St.) through the assistance of his friend, the successful shipping magnate and fellow emigrant Stephen Girard. Soon after, he built a grand home on the Delaware River in New Jersey and was to stay in this country for 17 years.

The author explores Joseph's time here, as he mixed with a cultural circle of the most influential people in the East, took several mistresses, and sought to live as a "country gentleman" who just happened to speak some five languages and counted many members of European Royal families as his equals.



## FOLKLORE

### **Pennsylvania Fireside Tales**

Jeffrey R. Frazier. 2005. Egghill Publications (113 Cottontail Ln., Centre Hall 16828). 0-9652351-7-3. 220pp. About \$25

This is volume 6 in a series about tales of Pennsylvania folklore and tales based on oral histories and legends not covered before in print. Jeffrey Frazier has been collecting reports of such tales for 35 years and issues a volume of them every several years. In this one, he includes perils of the Cameron House Hotel path; how odd place names such as Blanket Hill, Coupon, Brandy Camp and Honey Creek came to be; the effects of witchcraft on teams of horses in York and Clinton counties; making moonshine in the 1770s; and many others.

Ask Jeff about his other volumes of legendary lore about our state and its people over the years.

## SPORTS

### **Richie Ashburn Remembered**

Fran Zimmiuch, with foreword by Harry Kalas. 2005. Sports Publishing LLC. 1-58261-897-6. 113pp. \$19.95.

Richie Ashburn was a Phillies ballplayer, announcer and writer, starting from day one as a rookie in 1948 until his death in 1997. With more than 12 years as a player, he proved to be one of the all-time stars of the Phillies and had a lifetime batting average of .308.

Soon after retiring as a ballplayer in 1962, he became part of the broadcast crew covering Phillies' games. He was finally honored for his achievements by being inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1995.

While on a road trip to Manhattan with the team and fellow broadcasters Andy Musser and Harry Kalas for games with the New York Giants on September 9, 1997, he passed away at his hotel at the age of 70. The book, a tribute to Richie, provides an overview of his life, family and career and features quotes and anecdotes from those who knew and worked with him over the years. ■