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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Unity Group Meeting on Tom Quick Monument**

The next Tri-State Unity Coalition (TSUC) meeting is on May 14, 2003, at 6:00 P.M. in the Dingman Branch of the Pike County Public Library. The meeting is open to the public and the topic is the Tom Quick Monument.

Tom Quick, Sr. was killed in an Indian uprising and his son, Tom Quick, Jr., swore vengeance on all Indians along the Delaware. Local legend states that Quick, Jr. murdered 99 Indians, including women and children, before his death in 1795. He was given the epithets "Indian Slayer" and "Avenger of the Delaware". In 1889, a monument honoring Tom Quick, Jr. was erected over his remains in Milford. The unveiling ceremony was reportedly attended by a thousand people since he was considered a local hero. In present times, he was still considered something of a hero as memorial ceremonies were regularly held at the monument and the monument was promoted as a tourist attraction. In late 1997, the monument was destroyed by unknown persons. Milford Borough had the monument repaired in 1999 and planned to re-dedicate it but the Native American Historical Truth Association (NAHTA) held a successful protest to prevent its re-erection. The repaired monument is presently in storage and its future fate is unknown.

In 2001, Noel Paul Stookey (member of Peter, Paul and Mary) released the song, "Tom Quick", as a derogatory to Milford and Pike County. In 2002, the disposition of the monument was discussed without resolution at a Milford Borough Council meeting. In an effort to resolve the issues related to the monument and to bring about community harmony, TSUC is preparing a position paper to be presented to Milford Borough officials. Prior to the completion of the paper, TSUC is seeking public input at our upcoming meeting or at [tristateunity@veneziale.net](mailto:tristateunity@veneziale.net). A collection of articles and historical information on Tom Quick is available through our website at <http://tristateunity.veneziale.net>.

TSUC is a non-political and non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to celebrating diversity, promoting human rights, creating a moral barrier to hate, and enhancing community harmony in Pike (PA), Orange (NY) and Sussex (NJ) counties.

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