

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- DEC 2 THE ART OF THE WINDSOR CHAIR
PRESENTED BY FREDERICK B. DUCKLOE
CATLIN HOUSE 7:00 PM
- 5 DECORATION DAY AT THE CATLIN HOUSE
JOIN STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS AS WE DECK THE HALLS AND TRIM THE TREE
9:00 AM TO NOON
- 10 MEMBERS ONLY HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
PLEASE CALL 344-3841 TO LET US KNOW YOU PLAN TO ATTEND
CATLIN HOUSE 6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM
- 11 HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
CATLIN HOUSE 6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM
- JAN 3 DELAWARE AND HUDSON GRAVITY RAILROAD HISTORICAL MARKER
CARBONDALE - DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED
- FEB 21 HISTORY OF NEWSPAPERS IN SCRANTON
PRESENTED BY AL WILLIAMS
CATLIN HOUSE 2:00 PM

THE LACKAWANNA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
at THE GEORGE H. CATLIN HOUSE
232 MONROE AVENUE
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18510

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March
April
: Kenmare Hospital
: Slovaks -
May 26 - Annual Dinner (Pinner Theater)
: Keweenaw
: Church Town
OP 22 - 7 Chester Co
24
- Workshop -
- Bus
- Fundraising

June Program
Kathy Kenton
June
Sept
Oct
Nov
(Dec Xmas Open HS Raffle)



Ira Tripp and family on the porch of the family home at North Main Avenue, Scranton, PA circa 1880

Home for the Holidays

Join the Lackawanna Historical Society on December 10th at 6:30 p.m. for a special "Members Only" evening at the Catlin House. Sample your favorite holiday treats as you visit with costumed guides and learn the history of some popular Holiday traditions. Planned events include candle light tours, musical performances, and more. Please call the Catlin House if you plan to attend. On the following evening, December 11th, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., an Open House will be held for the public featuring the Windsor Chair Raffle drawing.

NEW COLLECTIONS POLICY

During the September business meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the Society's first Collections Management Policy (CMP). A CMP is a standard policy document which guides acquisition of historical artifacts and archives for historical societies and museums. What follows is a summary of the lengthy statement.

Our CMP focuses on the enhancement of the collections through objects and archives related to Lackawanna County and the use of these items to support bibliographic research, interpretation, and education. A fiduciary responsibility is formed when an appropriate item is accepted. Good preservation management is a hallmark of a well-run historical society.

Deaccessioning of items is always a hot button topic which makes the Collections Management Policy extremely important as the Society begins implementation. All objects and archives, received in the past or to be received in the future, must support the Society's mission of documenting and interpreting county history.

Outgoing loans for purposes consistent with the objectives of the Society may be undertaken. Loans are not made for commercial purposes, nor are they made for entertainment. Likewise, incoming loans may be received for exhibition, research, special events, and other purposes that support the Society's objectives. In general, all loans will not exceed six months but may be renewable. However, provision has been made for long term loans, but not "permanent loans."

All portions of the collection are available for interpretive programs, research, or other interpretive media. Use of the collection is governed by the conservation of each object and preservation of the collection as a whole.

The CMP also requires maintaining a system of collecting and controlling conveyance documents and associated data.

The staff and Collections Committee are now implementing the much needed Collections Management Policy.

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STATEMENT OF MISSION AND PURPOSE

--Approved by the LHS Board of Directors May 13, 1998

The Mission Statement of the Lackawanna Historical Society is to collect, preserve, and interpret the artifacts, archives, and bibliographic materials of the social, cultural, and economic history of Northeastern Pennsylvania and particularly Lackawanna County. To further its mission, the Society's specific responsibilities include the following:

- to foster the knowledge and appreciation of the history and culture of Lackawanna County and associated areas through educational programs, public accessibility to library materials and the artifact/archive collection, and alliances with like-minded organizations.

- to encourage an appreciation of the wider history and culture of the United States by relating the regional experience to that of the nation through programs and activities.



The Lackawanna Historical Society 1998-99

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The Lackawanna Historical Society is a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization which is dedicated to keeping vital the history of Lackawanna County. It is supported in part by the Catlin Memorial Trust, Lackawanna County, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, and membership dues.

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ON EXHIBIT AT THE CATLIN HOUSE

Exhibit on Union Brotherhoods at Lackawanna Historical Society

Visitors to the Catlin House can learn about railroad labor unions, courtesy of the National Park Service. Steamtown National Historic Site has loaned an exhibit of artifacts and graphics dealing with the brotherhoods of railroad employees. It will grace the Catlin House lobby through January 1999. The exhibit portrays the bond that existed among unionized railroaders, a bond that provided protection against railroad management and was passed from generation to generation. In a reproduction of a contemporary labor cartoon an engineer allows his young son to oil a locomotive only if he promises not to tell the railroad president that they are violating a rule.

An artifact that was vital to the union's administration and mystique is the oak ballot box. The members of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen used it with white balls and black balls to vote on whether or not a man was admitted to

the union. A union charter is also displayed, a rare object from the Trainmen's local of which members served on the Lackawanna and Wyoming Valley Railroad, known as the Laurel Line. The dangerous side of railroading is indicated as well, by a book of the ritual and funeral services for union members. Lapel pins in intricate cloisonne' that were worn proudly by union men can be studied beneath a magnifying lens. Various documents related to union activities complete the exhibit.

Steamtown National Historic Site is pleased to join with the Lackawanna Historical Society in this portrayal of the railroad workers' culture and hope visitors will find it interesting and informative.

Prepared by Thomas Campion, Museum Technician, Steamtown National Historic Site.



WINE TASTING DINNER GUESTS: EVENT CHAIR RICHARD BOVARD, JOHN ATKINS, SOCIETY PRESIDENT ALAN SWEENEY, DEBBIE AND ANDY KOHUT, AND JAMES RODWAY.

Wine Tasting Dinner

On October 23rd, the Society hosted a Wine Tasting Dinner fund raiser at the Scranton County Club. The evening was co-chaired by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bovard and was sponsored by Chalone Foundation of California which provided the wine. Thirty guests enjoyed an evening of fine wine and an elegant dinner. The event raised over \$2000 for the Society. Thanks to all who attended.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS*

Individual		
F. Warren Breig, Jr.		Dalton
Joan Caffrey		Scranton
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Karen E. Mormack		Stroudsburg
Atty./Mrs. Miles Wren		Moosic
Contributing		
Virginia Chamberlin		Dalton
Theodore Horger		Plainfield, NJ
Sidney Prejean		Scranton

*REMINDER

1999 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE IN JANUARY



Holiday Charity Raffle

Boscov's has released tickets for its annual Holiday Charity Raffle for a \$500 shopping spree grand prize. Proceeds directly benefit the non-profit organizations where tickets are sold. The Society will be selling tickets until the date of the drawing on Friday, December 18th. Members who are

interested in supporting the Society through this raffle can pick up tickets at the Catlin House.

Election of Officers

On Thursday, December 10, 1998 during the *Members Only* evening at 7 p.m. at the Catlin House, there will be a short business meeting so that members can elect the Society's officers for the 1999 term and vote on changes to the by-laws. Members are encouraged to be present for this election.

Nominations:

President: Alan Sweeney
1st Vice President: Eileen Pocius
2nd Vice President: Richard Bovard
3rd Vice President: Janice Patterson
Treasurer: Douglas Forrer
Secretary: Arlene Devereaux O'Hara

HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

SEE REVERSE FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF ITEMS FOR SALE AND ORDER FORM
MEMBERS RECEIVE A 10% DISCOUNT

Lackawanna Historical Society Historical Publications \$1 each or \$7 complete set

(see items #23 or #3 Historical Sketches by S. Fletcher Weyburn)

A collection of pamphlets published by the Lackawanna Historical Society.

By-Laws of the Lackawanna Institute of History and Science (organized February 1886, reorganized 1914) published by the Society in 1916. -- The Lackawanna Historical Society was founded in 1886 as the Lackawanna Institute of History and Science. These by-laws illustrate the formation of the Society and give an account of its early years.

Dr. B.H. Throop's Historical Notes (reprinted from the Saturday Argus for the Lackawanna Institute of History and Science 1887) -- Reviews the early history of Scranton and Lackawanna Valley with personal recollections of Dr. Throop.

Poets and Poetry of the Wyoming Valley by Will S. Monroe (reprinted from the Saturday Argus for the Benefit of the Lackawanna Institute of History and Science, March 1887) -- Contains brief survey of the history of Wyoming Valley Poetry.

The Biography and Ancestry of Hon. George Henry Catlin with notes on Genealogy by S. Fletcher Weyburn 1930 -- Gives an account of the life of the Lackawanna Historical Society's benefactor, George H. Catlin.

Lackawanna Historical Society of Scranton, Pennsylvania A Connecticut Town and County in Pennsylvania 1774-1782 by Oscar Jewell of Wilkes-Barre (delivered before the Lackawanna Historical Society of Scranton May 24, 1921) -- Deals with early Wyoming and the one-time town of Westmoreland, later Westmoreland County.

Memorial of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Lackawanna County October 24, 1928 (compiled and edited by S. Fletcher Weyburn 1927) -- Includes the anniversary program, addresses by invited speakers, and a biography of John Jermyn, to whom the publication is dedicated.

History of a Distinctive Family of Scranton and Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania by S. Fletcher Weyburn, Genealogist -- A record of the Peck Family, particularly of Rev. George Peck, D.D., noted author and celebrated Methodist preacher whose name is forever linked with the early religious developments in Northeastern Pennsylvania including the family line of Deacon William Peck whose descendents settled in Peckville.

The Story of Lackawanna County and Lackawanna Historical Society by S. Fletcher Weyburn (published in the interest of the Lackawanna Historical Society 1928) -- An account of the county's early settlers and formation and of the history of the Lackawanna Historical Society including biographies on its first four presidents.

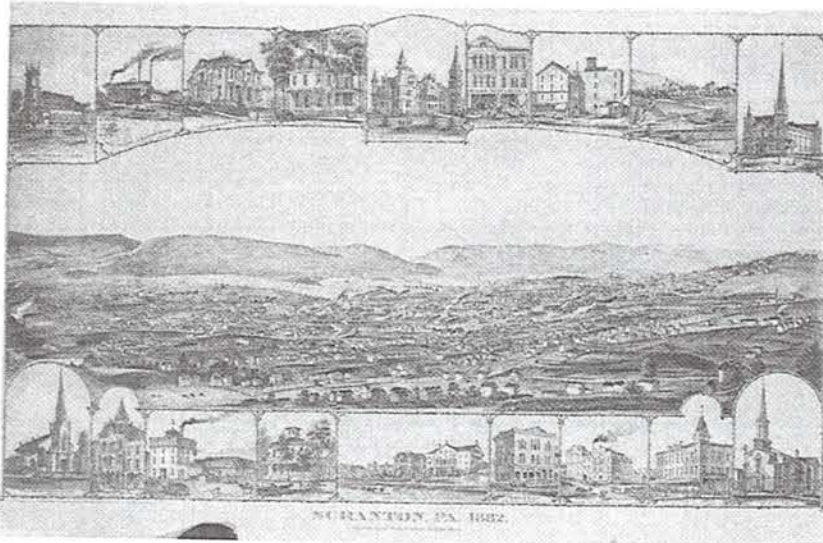
Early Land Titles of Northeastern Pennsylvania (a paper read February 14, 1922 before the Lackawanna Historical Society by William Alfonzo Wilcox, MA, member of the Society 1925) -- Reviews the Connecticut-Pennsylvania land titles controversy that existed at the turn of the 19th Century.

Three Wise Men of America in Prose and Verse by S. Fletcher Weyburn 1927 revised 1930 -- Tributes in verse to George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Theodore Roosevelt.

Historical Prints:

Suitable For Framing

In 1993 and 1994 the Lackawanna Historical Society offered historical prints to its members who increased their membership category. This year, the Society has decided to offer these same prints for sale for a limited time. The prints, an illustrated map of Scranton in 1882 (shown at left) and a poster featuring Scranton's Architectural Treasures including Central High School, Samter Brother's Store, and the Board of Trade Building to name a few, are suitable for framing and are available only while supplies last. Don't miss this historical offer! \$15 each or \$25 for set (see item #30)



DON'T FORGET THESE OTHER POPULAR LHS ITEMS WHEN DOING YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING:
#2 Wish You Were Here... #18 Anthracite Traction Video #33 Frogs in the Beer Pail Polka... LHS Gift Membership

LACKAWANNA HISTORICAL SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS ORDER FORM

QTY	PUBLICATION TITLE, AUTHOR, DATE	LIST/MEMBERS	TOTAL
	1. WHERE DUTY CALLS...FIREFIGHTING IN SCRANTON Mark Boock 1996	10.00/9.00	
	2. WISH YOU WERE HERE... LACKAWANNA POSTCARD BOOK Jack Hiddlestone/Maryellen Calemno 1997	22.95/20.65	
	3. HISTORICAL SKETCHES NO. 1 S. Fletcher Weyburn 1927	8.60/7.50	
	4. A.H. WINTON Aileen Sallom Freeman 1997	14.95/13.45	
	5. CANADENSIS Aileen Sallom Freeman 1997	14.95/13.45	
	6. TRIBUTES TO WILLIAM PENN A TERCENTENARY RECORD 1644-1944 P.H.M.C 1946	11.50/10.00	
	7. GREAT AMERICAN RAILROAD STATIONS Janet Greenstein Potter 1995	29.95/26.95	
	8. PENNSYLVANIA'S SECOND YEAR AT WAR P.H.M.C 1946	8.60/7.50	
	9. LUNA PARK Jack Hiddlestone 1992	11.50/10.00	
	10. ANTHRACITE IDIOM Tom Klopfer 1995	6.00/5.40	
	11. GEORGE CATLIN & THE OLD FRONTIER Harold McCracken 1959	18.95/16.00	
	12. TOPONYMNS AND TRIVIA OF NORTHEASTERN PA Tom Klopfer 1998	10.00/9.00	
	13. LIFE ON THE OHIO FRONTIER Letters from Mary Lott to Deacon John Phillips J. Bachar 1994	30.00/27.00	
	14. The LIFE OF MARY JAMISON James E. Seaver (Historical Reprint) 1991	17.20/15.00	
	15. WHITE'S CROSSING Donald J. Rowland 1996	20.00/18.00	
	16. NORTHERN FRIED CHICKEN II James Williams 1993	17.20/15.00	
	17. ... LIFE AND TIMES of MAJOR MOSES VAN CAMPEN J. Niles Hubbard (Historical Reprint) 1992	28.75/25.00	
	18. ANTHRACITE TRACTION VIDEO 1994	39.95/35.95	
	19. THE FLAVOR OF WAVERLY COOK BOOK Rosamond Peck 1991	24.95/22.45	
	20. FROM SCRANTON TO CADOSIA Stephen A. Marder 1998	25.00/22.50	
	21. A CENTURY IN AMERICA Bernadette Slick 1995	27.00/24.30	
	22. EUREKA LOGO Scranton Centennial Issue 1966	3.00/2.50	
	23. LHS Historical pamphlets \$1.00 each or \$7.00 for complete set of ten ___By Laws of the Lackawanna Institute of History and Science ___History of a Distinctive Family of Scranton ___A Connecticut Town and County in Pennsylvania 1774-1782 ___A Story of Lackawanna County and Lackawanna Historical Society ___Early Land Titles of Northeastern Pennsylvania ___Memorial of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Lackawanna County ___Three Wise Men of America ___The Biography and Ancestry of Hon. George Henry Catlin ___Poets and Poetry of the Wyoming Valley ___Dr. B.H. Throop's Historical Notes	check choice	
	24. Calendars: \$1 (1995 Dalton Centennial Commemorative or L&WV Railway back issues 1993/ 1994/ 1995/ 1996)	circle choice	
	25. Scranton Sesqui-Centennial Items: Mug-\$5 Hat-\$5 Plate-\$8	circle choice	
	26. Notecards: Lackawanna County Courthouse-\$.75 Waverly Community House-\$.50	circle choice	
	27. LHS cards: \$.75 each or \$6.75 for ten (Breaker Boys/ Garden Club/ Lack. Ave./ Bicycle Club/ DL&W Engine)	circle choice	
	28. Notecards: \$.75 George Catlin/ Bicycle Boys/ Garden Club	circle choice	
	29. LHS reprints: \$10 (P.C.Co. Engine/ Breaker Boys/ Streetcar/ Lackawanna Business College)	circle choice	
	30. LHS prints: \$15 each or \$25 set (Scranton, PA 1882 or Scranton's Architectural Treasures)	circle choice	
	31. LHS: Pin-\$1 T-Shirt-\$12 1996 Micro Brew Festival: glass-\$2 T-Shirt-\$10	circle choice	
	32. PROMENADE PATTERN 1912 Dinner Gown	30.00	
	33. FROGS IN THE BEER PAIL POLKA Tape-\$10 CD-\$14	circle choice	
	34. Wrapping Paper	3.00/2.70	

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