

# PROGRAMS & EVENTS

NOTE: BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1999, THE LACKAWANNA HISTORICAL SOCIETY WILL CHARGE A \$2 NON-MEMBER ADMISSION FEE FOR PROGRAMS PRESENTED AT THE CATLIN HOUSE.

- Feb. 21 *SOS A MONUMENTAL EVENT*  
SLIDE PRESENTATION BY ALAN SWEENEY AND JOSEPHINE DUNN, PH.D.  
CATLIN HOUSE 2:00 PM
- Mar. 21 *HISTORY OF THE HAHNEMANN SCHOOL OF NURSING 1897-1962*  
VIDEO AND PRESENTATION BY HAHNEMANN GRADUATE MARGERY TREAT  
CATLIN HOUSE 2:00 PM
- 24 *MEMBERS-ONLY TOUR OF DIVERSIFIED RECORDS*  
120 WYOMING AVENUE 7:00 PM SPACE IS LIMITED. CALL THE CATLIN HOUSE TO RSVP
- Apr. 17 ANNUAL CLEAN UP DAY AT THE CATLIN HOUSE 10:00 AM (RAIN DATE: APRIL 24)
- 25 *FATHER JOSEPH MURGAS: RADIO'S FORGOTTEN GENIUS*  
VIDEO AND PRESENTATION BY THE SLOVAK HERITAGE SOCIETY OF NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA  
CATLIN HOUSE 2:00 PM
- May 1 *A TASTE OF HISTORY*  
FUND RAISER \$20 PER PERSON  
CATLIN HOUSE 7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM
- ALSO SCHEDULED IN MAY: MAY 15: ANNUAL PLACES OF WORSHIP TOUR  
MAY 26: ANNUAL DINNER

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## JOHN SCHEUER, SOUTH SIDE PIONEER

WRITTEN BY SOCIETY MEMBER WILLIAM J. CURNOW, JR.

Scranton has always been a "melting pot" city. Successive waves of 19th Century European immigrants were attracted by the lure of jobs in coal, iron, railroad, and other industries. As a result, Scranton is a city enriched by great ethnic diversity.

Germans were among the early immigrants to arrive. Emigration from Germany was stimulated by political instability at home during the late 1840's and by the potential for a better life in North America. Many of those arriving at Scranton settled at Shanty Hill, across Roaring Brook from the Iron Furnaces, and formed

the core of the community that became the very German "South Side" of the city.

During the period 1848-1855, members of the Conrad Scheuer (1792-1881) family of Harxheim, Rhein-Hessen (a short distance southwest of Frankfurt-am-Main on the west side of the Rhein River) departed from Germany and reassembled in northeastern Pennsylvania. In addition to Conrad, five of his children came to Scranton: Jacob (1822-1892, married Louisa Engels), Elizabeth (1824-1891, married George Lewert), John (1829-1911), Christian (1830-1884,

married Anna Magdalena Scholl), and Simon (born 1832, died after 1911, married Katherine Scherer). All five lines have been the subject of intensive family research, but this article is focused on John Scheuer and his eldest son.

John Scheuer explained that he left Germany because, "I was one of the young men (who) objected to the exactions of the Barvarian government." He participated in the insurrection to the point that the only comfortable choice for him was to leave Germany. John arrived at New York on September 20, 1849, via the

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## ...a letter from your President

Dear Members,

As we close 1998 and begin 1999, we are aware of having accomplished many things at the Society. Thank you staff, Trustees and members for your continued support. We now look toward the New Year to accomplish even greater things.

Some of our accomplishments are: more active committees, financial viability, repairs to the Catlin House, more active partnerships in our community, marketing the very well received "Wish You Were Here" book, implementing an Employee Handbook, presenting interesting and diverse programs, conducting profitable fundraisers, and completing our Determination of Eligibility application as the first phase of seeking Federal recognition for the Catlin House on the National Register of Historic Places.

This coming year will be a tremendously important time for the Society. We will be starting a campaign to raise money to replace our aging roof, a much needed repair. For years we have bandaged the problem, and now we hope to solve it in a more long term manner. The existing roof tiles will be removed so that new wood flashings can be attached. Then the original tiles will be re-applied. The estimated cost of this project is \$150,000. More information on this much needed repair will be sent to you as the project develops.

The Lackawanna Historical Society plays a unique role in bringing together individuals of varied backgrounds and talents in an attempt to better understand the past and its implications for the future. We can only succeed in this mission with you, our members.

Thank you for your continued support.

Alan Sweeney  
President

## BOARD OFFICERS ELECTED

At the December 10th Members-Only Evening at the Catlin House, Alan Sweeney was re-elected to serve a third term as President of the Lackawanna Historical Society. The following officers were elected to serve one year terms:

Richard Bovard - 1st Vice President  
Eileen Pocius - 2nd Vice President  
Janice Patterson - 3rd Vice President  
Douglas Forrer - Treasurer  
Mark Cruciani - Assistant Treasurer  
Arlene Devereaux O'Hara - Secretary

The Class of 2001 was also elected to serve three year terms. They are: Joseph Cimini, Esq., Douglas Forrer, Lawrence Kennedy, Ph.D., Barbara Mears, Janice Patterson, Josephine Dunn Ph. D., and Mark Cruciani.

*Congratulations to all of these  
dedicated volunteers!*

## The Lackawanna Historical Society 1998-99

### OFFICERS

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Mary Ann Gavern, *Museum Assistant*  
James Gavern, *Caretaker*

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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## Fund Raiser Scheduled for May A Taste of History

Join us at the Catlin House on Saturday May 1, 1999 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm for A TASTE OF HISTORY. Sample a century's worth of hors d'oeuvres and deserts while enjoying the historic setting of the Catlin House. Refreshments will be served with theme tables featuring each decade of the 20th Century presented by area gourmet enthusiasts. The cost of the event which will go towards the repair of the roof is \$20 per person and includes entertainment. Tickets will be available in April. Don't miss this excellent opportunity to support your Historical Society!

## LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT CONTINUES

In October the Society received funding from the Margaret Briggs Foundation for improvements to the Catlin House Library. To date the research and stack areas have been redesigned for better use of the space, the carpets have been cleaned, and new lighting is on order to be installed in the library. A larger table, donated by the University of Scranton, has also been set up to provide a more friendly work space for visiting researchers.

In addition, the executive director has begun a plan to repair and prevent further deterioration of the records and library collections including the rebinding of several books and the purchase of archival materials to create better storage.

Volunteers who are interested in assisting in this project should contact the Society at 344-3841.

## MEMBERS-ONLY TOUR Diversified Records Building

In March the Society members will have an opportunity to tour the new Diversified Records Headquarters, formally home to the Globe Store and originally the Cleland Simpson Company. The Cleland Simpson Company traces its history back to 1874 when John Cleland and John Simpson first joined forces to establish a Dry Goods Firm in Danville, PA. Later they opened businesses in Allentown, Pittston, Carbondale and Scranton. The Scranton Firm, which was later known as the Globe Warehouse, was started in 1878 and was one of the community's vital forces for over 110 years. The tour is scheduled for Wednesday, March 24 at 7:00 pm and reservations are required. Call today to reserve your place on this one-time chance to learn the history of one of the City's most popular department stores and the plans for the building's future.

## CALL FOR COLLECTIONS

In January, a plan from the Society to use the Olyphant School building as a satellite exhibit space for interpretation of Mid Valley history was accepted by the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority. The plan called for displays relating Lackawanna County immigrant history and education to be housed at the former Olyphant School which has been converted for use as the Olyphant Senior Housing Center.

To execute this plan the Society will be asking the community to donate photographs and artifacts that represent Mid Valley history. Specific themes of this project will be determined as sources are investigated.

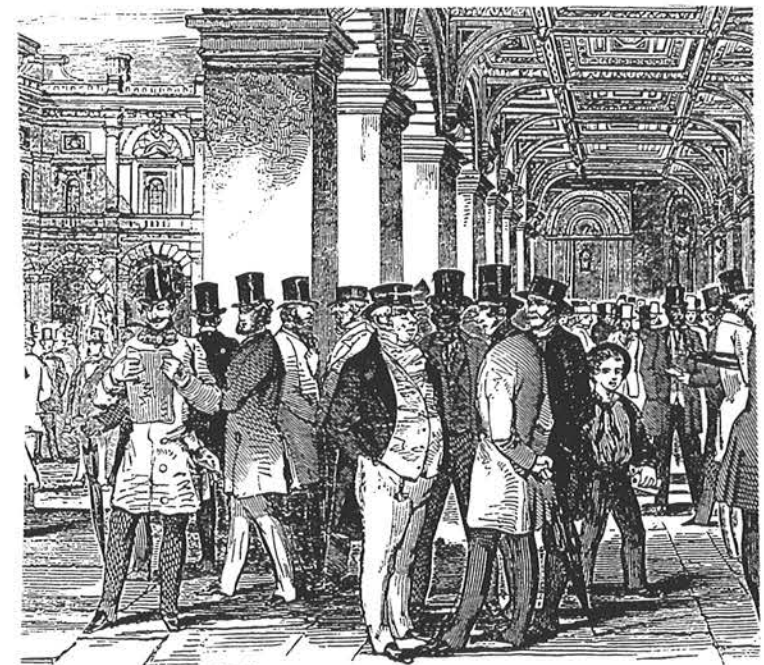
If you have original photographs or artifacts, such as Olyphant team uniforms or trophies from the Midvalley area, and are interested in donating them to the Society for this project, please call the Society or watch you local newspaper for announcements of public meetings where the planning committee will be available to view any possible donations.

## GRANT RECEIVED

The Society is pleased to announce that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission has awarded a \$10,000 grant to the organization to be used for general operating expenses in 1999. This grant is made available only to official County Historical Societies throughout Pennsylvania which meet specific criteria. The maximum grant awarded is \$10,000, and is based on the availability of funds as well as the organization's ability to function in a professional manner. This is the third year that the PHMC has awarded the Society this amount.

## PROGRAM ON NURSING PLANNED FOR MARCH

The History of Hahnemann Hospital School of Nursing will be the focus of a lecture and display scheduled to be presented at the Catlin House on Sunday, March 21 at 2:00 pm. Last fall, the Society received an offer from graduates of the Nursing program to donate their collection of Hahnemann photos, programs and artifacts. The Society accepted the donation and invited the nurses to speak to the members about the history of the Nursing in Scranton, specifically the Hahnemann program.





## The Lackawanna Historical Society in Review

written by Society Trustee Ella Rayburn

A cache of very old Society publications was located recently in a forgotten storage nook. These pamphlets and books, available for purchase at the Catlin House, provide interesting reading and insight into our county.

For two or three decades, S. Fletcher Weyburn loyally served as Secretary - Treasurer of the Lackawanna Historical Society and as an occasional author. In a 1929 publication "The Story of Lackawanna County and Lackawanna Historical Society," Weyburn provided a synopsis of the Society's history.

Creating the County of Lackawanna from the northern section of Luzerne County on August 21, 1878 caused a momentous shift in focus, for the Lackawanna Valley now stood independent of the Wyoming Valley. This legislation, Weyburn wrote, "made possible for the new county to express itself in a concrete way, and build an enduring history." (p. 20) With a desire to capture their new county's history, a self-designated group thought to form such an organization

and issued an invitation in the November 26, 1885 Scranton Republican for all to join. Called the "Lackawanna Institute of History and Science" with \$5.00 dues, many names still well-known in local history are recorded as officers and trustees. George Catlin, who later donated his home to the Society, was among the 465 charter members. Membership exceeded 500 persons less than a year later. Offices and exhibits were housed in the new county courthouse.

As the initial fervor of new ideas and a new organization subsided, the founding president, Col. John A. Price died in 1892, and membership declined. The loss of leadership and incentive forced the Society into reduced circumstances. They abandoned their room in the court house and placed the collection in storage in the Green Ridge and Albright

libraries. Interim leadership kept the Society marginally functional until 1915 when the collections were unpacked at the Everhart Museum. Revitalization produced 135 members and a new board. Programs, excursions, and good speakers built up the group's strength. But in 1921, membership had reached a new low of about 60, with one life member, George Catlin, and one honorary member, Christopher Wren. At this time the charter was amended and the name changed to "Lackawanna Historical Society," leaving the natural sciences to the Everhart Museum and removing its collections to the County Bank Building. Once again, the officers focused on providing activities for members with a re-

sulting increase in membership to 180 in 1928.

Weyburn provided biographies of the Society's presidents up to 1924 when Col. L.A. Watres was elected: Col. John A. Price, Frank E. Platt, Edward Merrifield, Esq., Col. Frederick L. Hitchcock.

Weyburn concludes his pamphlet with a request for commitment and financial support. Seventy years later, in a permanent location with a substantial collection reflecting Lackawanna County's history, Weyburn's plea is as needful today as then. Some things never change, but the Society owes much to those members whose personal commitment sustained the organization during the years of uncertainty.

### WEYBURN TITLES FOR SALE AT THE CATLIN HOUSE

Following the Connecticut Trail (1932)

Historical Sketches No. 1 compilation of:  
A Story of Lackawanna County  
and the Lackawanna Historical Society (1928)

Origin and History  
of the Famous Archbald Pothole (1929)

Memorial of the Fiftieth Anniversary  
of Lackawanna County (1928)

History of a Distinctive Family  
of Scranton and Lackawanna County  
(1929 dealing with the Peck Family)

The Biography and Ancestry  
of George Henry Catlin (1930)

Three Wise Men in Prose and Verse (1927)

## State Marker Re-dedicated in Carbondale

### Commemorating the Delaware and Hudson Gravity Railroad

On Sunday, January 2, 1999 the Northeast Pennsylvania community came together to re-dedicate the Pennsylvania Historical Marker commemorating the Delaware and Hudson Gravity Railroad in Carbondale. January 2nd was selected as an appropriate date for the event in that it marked the 100th anniversary of the last day of full gravity operations for the Delaware and Hudson Company.

The event was co-sponsored by the Lackawanna Historical Society, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority, the Carbondale Historical Society, the Wayne County Historical Society and the city of Carbondale. The Lackawanna Historical Society will next plan a re-dedication of the Pennsylvania Gravity Railroad with the borough of Dunmore.

It was a cold and rainy day but 25 people managed

to join us for the unveiling, followed by a historical program at Carbondale City Hall. The program, presented by S. Robert Powell, President of the Carbondale Historical Society, related the history of the Delaware and Hudson Company, one of the country's first railroads. Thanks to Mr. Powell and to everyone who joined us for this special day.

The State Historical Marker Program, run by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, has been in place since the 1940's and continues to mark our history with the familiar blue and gold signs. While the state receives several suggestions for new markers each year, it is also the PHMC's responsibility to maintain and replace any damaged or missing markers. To obtain a suggestion form for a new marker, call (570) 783-9871 or to report a damaged marker call (570) 783-1971

# Happenings at the Catlin House

## SOS WORK UPDATE

Last year a grass roots effort was started to have the Battleship Maine Memorial in Nay Aug Park restored. After the 100th Anniversary of its sinking, the Spanish American War Committee decided to save this memorial and a conservator was asked to develop a plan for its restoration. The estimated cost to save the monument was between \$2200 and \$2400 plus additional funds needed to train volunteers for its continued maintenance.

Through the generous efforts of our members, we were able to raise the money to return the monument to its former glory and we thank the following: Edwin Kuchinski, Anne R. Gershey, Grace Flannelly, Eugene and Helen Stec, Claire Kane (in memory of Spanish American War veteran Thomas J. Roany), Patrick Calvey Jr., Avanti Cigar Company, Dominick Keating, Esq., and Anthony Suraci, Russell D. Shurtleff, Esq., Senator Robert Mellow, the Sweeney family, and Tom and Mary Browning. The memorial will now serve to remind us that we need to "Save Outdoor Sculpture" too long neglected and forgotten.

## February Program Change

The February Program, "History of Newspapers in Scranton" scheduled for February 21 at 2:00 pm has been cancelled. In its place the Society will offer "A Monumental Event, SOS in Lackawanna County." This program, presented by Society President Alan Sweeney and Trustee Josephine Dunn, Ph. D. will include a review of Monuments in Lackawanna County which are featured in the new publication "A Guide to Outdoor Sculpture in Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania" as well as an introduction to the new Adopt-A-Sculpture project of the Lackawanna Historical Society.

## BOY SCOUTS BEGIN WORK ON AMERICAN HERITAGE BADGE

In January, the Society welcomed 21 local boy scouts who were starting their work on the American Heritage Badge. The scouts toured the Catlin House and learned about Lackawanna County history. After the tour, the scouts viewed some slides from the LHS collections of local properties that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and discussed the procedure involved in nominating such properties.

The American Heritage badge gives scouts a unique opportunity to learn more about their heritage and gain a sense of history. In February, work for this badge will continue at the Anthracite Museum, where scouts will create and display their final projects.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

### Individual

Mary L. Androski	Scranton
Mary Bernacki	Jessup
Attorney Frank Blasi	Peckville
Eleanor Brazill	Scranton
Marvin Brotter, Ph.D.	Scranton
Marilyn Florey	Scranton
Barbara Jennings	Scranton
Ann Marie Juris	Blakely
Justine Long	Scranton
Shirley Ondick	Scranton
Paul Wanas	Dickson City
Karen E. Wormack	Stroudsburg

### Family

Mr./Mrs. Thomas Browning	Peckville
Mr./Mrs. William H. Fritz	Scranton
Mrs. Robert McGregor	Clarks Summit
Atty./Mrs. James Pocius	Scranton
Mr./Mrs. John Reddington	Scranton
Mr./Mrs. James Rodway	Peckville
Mr./Mrs. Harold W. Wheeler	Drums

REMINDER  
MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS  
ARE DUE FEBRUARY 15, 1999.



In February, the Catlin House will display Valentine Postcards from the collection of Society member Jack Hiddlestone featuring the early 20th Century artistry of Ellen Clapsaddle, Richard Felton Outcault, and Clare Victor Diggins among others. These were well known artists of the 1901-1915 period, known as the *Postcard Era*, and are much sought after by deltiologists (postcard collectors) today. R. F. Outcault was famous for his comic character "Buster Brown and his dog Tige."



vessel "Bavaria." He may have stopped briefly to visit friends or family in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, where his brother Jacob was a "marocco dresser" at the time of the 1850 Census. However, he soon departed for Scranton. The story of the journey from New York to Pennsylvania was told by John at age 74 in an article that appeared in the Scranton Republican on September 26, 1903:

*... We arrived in New York, a party of six. I among the number started for Bucktown, now Dunmore. We arrived there on the 8th of October following (1849). We walked, of course, and our food was apples. Our bed, when tired, was the earth. At Hawley we made some black coffee, breaking the coffee beans on a flat stone, and though we had nothing to eat, the warm coffee strengthened us. The first meal we ate, we got on our arrival at Frogtown, at the hotel of Louis Engle. Of that party, those that remained in Scranton were: my brother Christian Scheuer, John Hoffman, whose sister became my wife, Fred Doehler, who died eight years ago, and Henry Hess of the firm of Hess Brothers Bakers.*

The 1903 interview continued with John's stories about his early efforts to find employment at Scranton. He traveled as far as Pittston in search of opportunities. "There was a contractor there sinking a slope, and he offered us work, but sooner than go to work there, I would prefer going back to Germany and taking my chances with King William of Bavaria."

So John and his cohorts passed up opportunities at Pittston and returned up the valley:

*... We finally got back to Bucktown, when Louis Engle says, "Boys, I got you a job." Henry Hess was mine boss*



GEORGE SCHEUER (1855-1939)

*and Mr. Engle made us acquainted with him. He took us to Selden Scranton and Mr. Scranton made us show him the palms of our hands to prove we could work. My brothers Christian and John Hoffman got work at the grist mill. Henry Hess and I got work at the blast furnaces. Men were scarce, and we had to do all kinds of work. My first work was taking out the cinders. Later I hauled props to the ore mines and supplies to the old rolling mill ...*

*After five years spent in the company's employ, I bought a horse and started to peddle milk. I got my supplies from Humphriesville (now Glenburn), paying 40 cents a can, the first milk ever brought into town. I sold it at 10 cents a quart ...*

John felt settled enough by 1855 to marry Petronella Hoffman (1823-1895), daughter of Conrad Hoffman and sister of John, who was born at Wachenheim (or perhaps Worms), Rhein-Hessen, west of Mannheim and Ludwigshafen. John and Petronella became the parents of eight children: George (1855-

1939), Simon (1857-1865), John (1858-1933, married Anna Magdalena Linn), Henry (1861-1935, briefly married to Pauline Schwenker), Susanna (1862-1862), Phillip Conrad (1864-1911, married Katherine Nuels), Peter (1866-1890), and Katherine (1872-1935, married Peter Schillat).

As the family grew, John continued to test new ways to put his talents to work:

*... My brother-in-law and myself opened a store on Willow Street under the name of Hoffman & Scheuer. This was in 1870. I bought his interest after 11 months, and for five years I kept the store. But they were hard times. The miners' strike and the panic of 1873 were lasting causes of the hard times, and after five years I was forced to quit.*

*Then I tried the baking business. My boys were the bakers. When we started I had two barrels of flour, 50 pounds of sugar, and fifty pounds of lard. The boys had to remain idle while I went out on the road to sell*



GEORGE CHRISTIAN SCHEUER (1878-1932)

*the bread and make money to buy more flour.*

John retired after 18 years and put the bakery into the hands of his sons. How-

ever, he never lost interest in the business and continued to help with it at the time of the 1903 interview: *... I feel good, I get up about 4 o'clock every morning and feed the 18 horses that belong to the firm in which I have a life interest. I chopped the wood yesterday morning for the bakery. After that I went over to the farm and drove the team for the plow. We plowed about an acre and I walked home, a distance of six or seven miles.*

John Scheuer took evident pride in his horses. The only known photograph of John (see cover) shows him with reins in hand standing behind a team hitched to Scheuer's Bakery wagon. John with long white beard was about 60 when the picture was taken. The wagon is decked out in flags and bunting, perhaps to participate in a parade on a patriotic holiday. Standing on the top of the wagon are three of John's sons as well as a grandson. The photograph is dated circa 1890 based on the flags (39 stars), the clothing, and the apparent age of John's grandson (born 1878).

In 1889 John's sons began to take charge of the family's baking business, and it then became known as Scheuer Brothers. It subsequently was incorporated as the Pennsylvania Baking Company. The plant, located originally at 344 Locust Street, was moved in 1884 to 341 Brook Street, where it specialized in cakes, cookies, and crackers. In

1923 the Pennsylvania Baking Company was merged into the Scheuer Baking Company, headed by George Scheuer, the eldest brother.

George Scheuer Inc. was subsequently organized to handle the bread and cake departments, and its operations were located at the corner of Pittston Avenue and Hemlock Street, where it remained under family operation until almost 1940.

George Scheuer (1855-1939) was one of three Scheuer brothers pictured standing on top of the bakery wagon; he appears with hand on hip at the right of the group of four. George, who worked as a barber at age 15, was educated in Scranton Public Schools and at Wood's Business College. He maintained a firm grip on his business interests until he was an octogenarian. His brothers John and Henry are first and second on the left. George married Mary Louise Reidenbach (1856-1923, daughter of Peter and Caroline Maus Reidenbach) in 1877 at Hickory Street Church in South Scranton. George and Mary Louise had three children: George Christian (1878-1932), Petronella (1879-1882), and Caroline Helen (1881-1972, married John George Fruehan).

George C. Scheuer (1878-1932) was about 12 years old when he appeared in the photo of the bakery wagon, standing second from the right on the wagon. After graduating from Central High School in 1897, he

studied law at night, entered the law firm of R.A. Zimmerman, and was admitted to the bar of Lackawanna County in 1900. The firm later practiced as Zimmerman and Scheuer, with offices in the Board of Trade Building. At age 23, George was appointed Deputy Clerk of the U.S. District Court. In 1911 he was promoted to Clerk of the U.S. District Court and United States Commissioner by Judge Witmer, with a subsequent reappointment by Judge Johnson. While pursuing his career in law and the court, George served as Secretary and Treasurer of the Scheuer Baking Company and George Scheuer Inc.

George Scheuer married Louise Philippine Lohmann (1882-1976, daughter of John and Mary Anna Klotz Lohmann) in 1907 at Hickory Street Church. George and Louise had two children. Their son, George Lohmann Scheuer (1910-1979, married first to Bernice Johnson of Kingston and second to Alice Moran of Wilkes Barre) was active in the family's commercial baking business operating retail bakeries at various locations including Dunmore and Hyde Park. George and Louise's daughter, Mary Louise Scheuer (born 1914) is the author's mother.



#### ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

Currently the Lackawanna Historical Society has 453 active members. Of these, 179 are from Scranton, and 91 are from the Abingtons. 66 members are from states other than Pennsylvania and 50 are from outside Lackawanna County. 23 members are from the Mid Valley and 11 are from the Lower Valley. There are currently 2 members from Carbondale, 4 from Moosic, 14 from Elmhurst and Moscow, and 13 from Dunmore. In 1999, the Society would like to build its membership to 600 members. In an attempt to better represent the entire County, members are asked to inform their neighbors of how various parts of Lackawanna County are represented and invite them to join. Each newsletter will include a Membership Application for this project. Thank you for your continued support.

*Yes I am interested in supporting the Lackawanna Historical Society through my 1999 membership.\**

- STUDENT \$10
- INDIVIDUAL \$22
- FAMILY \$30
- CONTRIBUTING \$75
- SUSTAINING \$150

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS INCLUDE UNLIMITED USE OF THE SOCIETY'S RESEARCH FACILITY, QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER, DISCOUNT ON ITEMS SOLD THROUGH THE SOCIETY, ADVANCED NOTICE AND ADMISSION TO ALL PROGRAMS AND LECTURES, AND SPECIAL DISCOUNT FOR ANNUAL EVENTS.

\* Make check payable to the Lackawanna Historical Society and send to 232 Monroe Avenue Scranton, PA 18510. Membership is run on a yearly basis from January through December and is renewable each January.

## The Society's Bookstore\*

New at the Bookstore:

*A GUIDE TO OUTDOOR SCULPTURE IN LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA*

Published by the Lackawanna Historical Society, this 28 page catalogue features an inventory of all outdoor sculpture in the County including Scranton's familiar monuments and some not so well known statues in the smaller communities. ... \$3.00

*James Archbald Notecard*

This notecard, published by the Carbondale Historical Society, features an image of Carbondale's first mayor, and George Catlin's father-in-law, James Archbald, reproduced from his portrait in full color.

card ... \$.75 or pack of ten ... \$7.00

The following titles are once again available for purchase:

*Scranton's Historic Furnaces*  
by Daniel K. Perry ... \$9.00

*Anthracite Idiom*  
by Tom Klopfer ... \$6.00

*Toponymns and Trivia of Northeastern Pennsylvania*  
by Tom Klopfer ... \$10.00

For a complete list of items for sale contact the Society at 344-3841.

\*Prices listed above are non-member prices and do not include tax.