

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

- SUNDAY, OCT. 21** Lecture by Cheryl Kashuba to celebrate first anniversary of the Local History Column in the *Times-Tribune*
Catlin House, 2:00 p.m.
- SUNDAY, NOV. 4** Lecture by Mike Stevens
Catlin House, 2:00 p.m.
- SATURDAY, NOV. 17** Annual Regional Book Fair, Downtown Wilkes-Barre
Barnes and Noble, 10:00 a.m. (See page 5)
- THURSDAY, DEC. 6** Holiday Open House, Members Only Night
- FRIDAY, DEC. 7** Holiday Open House, Public is welcome

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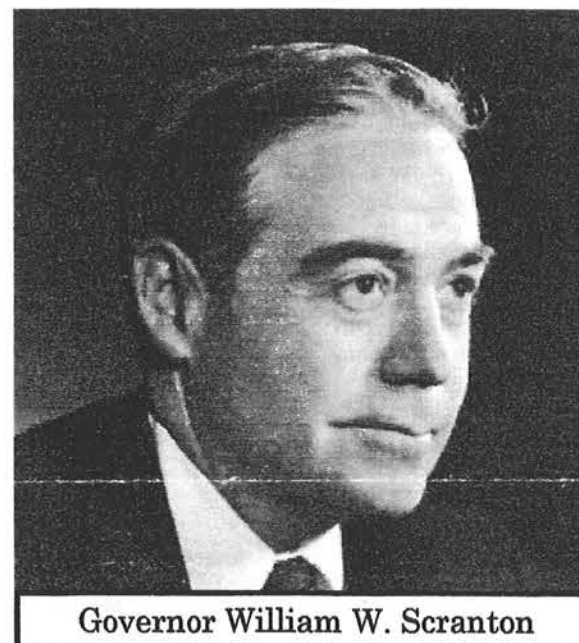
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WILLIAM W. SCRANTON: AN ENDEARING LIFE OF SERVICE

By Alan Sweeney



Governor William W. Scranton

The following was originally intended as a talk to be given at the Albright Memorial Library, but scheduling constraints prevented that talk from happening.

I first met Governor Scranton and his lovely wife Mary in the summer of 1967. My hometown of Blakely Borough was celebrating its 100th birthday. Governor and Mrs. Scranton arrived at the Borough Building on a bicycle built for two, much to the delight of the hundreds who had gathered for the celebration.

Because my Grandfather was on the committee, I had the opportunity to meet both Scrantons and to shake their hands. I would never have imagined that 40 years later, I would be asked to talk about his life.

William W. Scranton is the great-grandson of Joseph Hand Scranton, who headed the family's Lackawanna Iron and Coal Company. The Governor was born to Worthington Scranton, son of William Walker Scranton, and Marion Margery Warren Scranton on July 19, 1917 in Madison, Connecticut, while the couple was vacationing there. He was the first son in a family with three daughters: Sara (known as Sally), Katherine, and Marian. They grew up on the corner of Monroe Avenue and Linden Street in Scranton, with their Grandfather just across the street in the home that had been built by Joseph Hand Scranton.

William W. Scranton was educated at the Scranton Country Day School, which his parents had founded, the Fessenden Academy, the Hotchkiss School, and Yale University, whose law school he also attended.

He was raised with the idea that, if you have been given much, you owe much, and it is this idea that formed the life and work of both William Scranton and his wife, Mary Lowe Chamberlin Scranton. He proposed to Mary during his U.S. Army Air Corps training in his Yale days. The couple was married at St. Luke's Episcopal Church on Wyoming Avenue in Scranton on July 6, 1942.

Throughout his military career, Scranton rose to the rank of Captain and then spent more

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

Dear Member,

The summer is over, and we hope you had a great one. With fall in the air, the staff and volunteers have been busy.



Our Phase II Restoration Project is starting. We advertised for bids and, that same week, awarded the contract to Ganz Construction. The project starts where Phase I ended, at the third floor to ground level. Our restoration of the outside of the house, along with the stained glass window, should be completed before the snow falls.

With this in mind, our Fund for the Future letters will soon be going out to raise the additional funds to complete the restoration. We hope everyone makes this much-needed donation.

Meanwhile, as we move to the next quarter of the year, changes are occurring, and the Society is planning its list of exciting programs for the new year.

Best Wishes,
Alan Sweeney

About Membership... Membership privileges include unlimited access to the Society library, 10% discount in our bookstore, advance notice and invitations to all Society activities, special members-only programs and the quarterly newsletter. Attached is a membership form you can use to renew your membership or give to a friend or neighbor who is interested in joining. Please return it to: The Lackawanna Historical Society at 232 Monroe Avenue, Scranton, PA 18510

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Society Delegates Attend Conference

Jo Ann Bogdanovicz and Cheryl Kashuba recently attended a Pennsylvania Humanities Council conference at Penn State University in State College. The event focused on preparations for the Civil War Sesquicentennial, which will take place in 2011.



The Friends of the Weinberg Memorial Library and the Lackawanna Historical Society Present

Pennsylvania Humanities Council speaker
 Prof. Douglas Rosentrater
 Professor of Communications
 Bucks County Community College

Harry Potter: the Reluctant Sorcerer

Thursday, October 11, 2007
 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM
 Brennan Hall, Room 228
 The University of Scranton.

This presentation is a program of the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, a Federal-State partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The PHC inspires people to come together and share a life of learning. Since 1973, the PHC has provided resources that empower local groups to help their communities explore history, literature, the arts and the ideas that shape the human experience.

Society Offers Congratulations

Congratulations to the Little Sisters of the Poor in Lackawanna County as they celebrate their 100th Anniversary!

Founded in France in 1843, the Order cares for the poor and those in need of assistance. In 1906, local entrepreneur Martin J. Maloney asked the Little Sisters to establish a local home in Scranton. In 1907, the Maloney Home was opened and remained in existence until Holy Family Residence was built in 1976.

We thank the Little Sisters of the Poor for their presence in our County.

Happy Anniversary!

Member Survey

The Society is considering a bus trip to Niagara Falls in the spring. To help us determine the level of interest for such a trip, please fill out the survey below.

Please check the appropriate box below to indicate whether you would or would not be interested in this trip.

Please check one:

___ Yes, I would be interested in a spring bus trip to Niagara Falls

___ No, I would not be interested in a spring bus trip to Niagara Falls

Mail your survey to:
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 Or call the Society at (570) 344-3841

The Tools That Built Scranton's Homes

A new exhibit will feature tools that were in use from the late eighteenth century, throughout the nineteenth century, and into the early twentieth century.

These are the tools of the woodsman and early homesteader, of the basic carpenter and the finish carpenter, and the specialized tools of the cooper.

The exhibit will be on display in the Society's display cases at the Post Office on North Washington Avenue in Scranton. Curators Ella Rayburn and Ed Osman have chosen a selection from the collection of the Society and from Mr. Osman's personal collection.

Tools were valuable possessions to craftsmen, and they always marked their tools. Because of this, we know some of the tools from the Society's collection belonged to J.H. Finney, a resident of Scranton during the nineteenth century.

The Tools That Built Scranton's Homes on display beginning in early November at the Post Office
N. Washington Ave., Scranton

Answers to Trivia Questions on Page 9

1. John Mitchell
2. Cathedral Cemetery in Scranton
3. 1902
4. Theodore Roosevelt
5. Clarence Darrow
6. False. The hearings did not directly establish new laws. However, they did bring attention to the problem, but it would be several years before new laws were enacted.
7. Father John Curran
8. The silk industry
9. Philadelphia
10. October 29th is John Mitchell Day

Annual Regional Book Fair

The Society teams up with the Luzerne County Historical Society for the Annual Regional Book Fair. Local authors will gather at Barnes & Noble book store in downtown Wilkes-Barre beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 17th.

Society Receives Grants

The LHS is happy to announce that we are the recipient of a Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA) grant, in the amount of \$4,759 to support arts programming. PPA is the regional arts funding partnership of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency. State government funding comes through an annual appropriation by Pennsylvania's General Assembly and from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. PPA is administered in this region by the

Scranton Area
Foundation
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Foundation.



Maps

Four maps are still available for purchase.

"Road Map London," Esso, Unopened, in plastic. Priced at "1 / 6d" (one shilling, six pence)

"Scranton City Map," with advertisements c1975. H17.5, W22. Good condition.

"Latest Map of the Coast of Maine and Western Part," 1893 and 1905. H21, W30.5. George H. Walter & Co., map contained in 7.5x3.5 cover.

"Distances Saved by the Maritime Canal of Nicaragua," c1900. H24, W38. Fair condition.

Map list prepared by volunteers
Bob Morrisette and Dennis Martin.

NEW MEMBERS

Family

Curt Walter- Scranton
James G. Haggerty- Dunmore
Mary Jo Pahoski - Dickson City
Dr. Daniel and Sandy Ginsberg - Scranton
Donald and Barbara Hull - Jermyn

Individual

Karen Beavers - Lameton, OK
David Evans - Palos Verdes Estates, CA
John Horvath - Dickson City
Joan Hodowitz - Scranton
Mary Catherine Hubbard - Norfolk, VA
Thomas A. Kameroski - Olyphant
Nicole Langan - Eynon
Jean Leonard - Dunmore
Ann Massenkeil - Clark Summit
Tom O'Neil - Jermyn,
Mary K. White - Factoryville

Society Bids Fond Farewell

At the end of October, the Society will bid farewell to Cheryl Kashuba. Cheryl has been with the Society since December 2005, serving as Assistant to the Director. Cheryl is leaving us to pursue other avenues of her career but will continue her work as the Society's Local History Columnist for the *Scranton Times-Tribune*. We wish Cheryl luck with her future work.

Handyman Needed

The Society is always looking for good volunteers. Currently, we are in need of a handyman who can take care of general maintenance and repairs. If you are such a person, or if you know of someone who fits this description, please contact the Society at 344-3841.



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VOLUNTEER CORNER

Stefan Fetterhoff joined us recently. Stefan is a young man from Clarks Summit who is interested in family genealogy. Recently, he has traced ancestors who fought in the American Revolutionary War. Stefan has been helping our researcher, Bob Booth, with research requests. Welcome Stefan!

Lindsay Zrudlo is our new Yellowwood Student. She has been helping out with office work and has learned to scan photographs and to use Microsoft Publisher. Lindsay has just designed a bookmark featuring the Throop Fountain at Nay Aug Park.

Ongoing thanks to Chris Ewask and her group of student volunteers from Friendship House. Thanks to their hard work weeding and watering, our flower beds are looking very nice!



Thank you to all of our volunteers! You make what we do possible.

IN THE BOOKSTORE

New Book Hopes to Offer Glimpse of Home to Troops



Tribute Books, \$24.95

Photographer and Scranton resident Alyssa Amori, illustrates her love for her home town through her camera lens. From historic architecture to parks and festivals, more than 100 full-color, high-gloss photos depict the area in all its splendor.

Images include Nay Aug Park, Steamtown National Historic Site, The St. Patrick's Day Parade, and Roger Clemens' celebrated appearance with the Scranton-Wilkes-Barre Yankees.

Ms. Amori hopes to send as many copies of the book as possible to U. S. service men and women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. If you are interested in offering assistance, please email Alyssa at damori3@comcast.net

<http://www.tribute-books.com/amori.html>

The Pennsylvania Anthracite Coal Industry, 1860-1902 Economic Cycles, Business Decision-Making and Regional Dynamics

By Richard G. Healey

Distributed by the University of Chicago Press for the University of Scranton Press

This is the definitive book on the economic development of the anthracite coal industry from the onset of the American Civil War to the "Great Strike" of 1902. In contrast to previous studies, it situates the industry both within its national and regional contexts. The restricted event of the coalfields themselves is contrasted with a widening coal distribution region, stretching from the Eastern Seaboard cities to encompass Chicago and the Great Lakes ports. Against a background of fluctuating economic circumstances, the book

examines the changing relationships between anthracite-carrying railroads and mining companies, as the former increasingly assumed control of both coal-bearing lands and the mines and coal breakers themselves.

Extensive analysis of railroad company accounts and correspondence, together with statistical data on many hundreds of mines, is used to evaluate the behavior of entrepreneurs and corporate managers, to trace in the landscape the intended and unintended consequences of their actions.



Arts Educate! \$6.00

A coloring book inspired by Lackawanna County's architectural treasures and rich history can now be purchased at the Catlin House. Talented young artists participated in the Scranton School District's Smart Program, under the leadership of teachers Kathleen Beckwith, Maribeth Valvano, and Ann Kennedy to produce the book. Using drawings by fourth and fifth grade students from Whittier, Bancroft, and Robert Morris Schools, the project illustrates that learning through the arts is fun!

The project is the result of the collaborative efforts of Heart to Art, the Lackawanna Historical Society, the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority, and the Scranton School District, with funding support from Lackawanna County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Lackawanna County Commissioners, and Neighborhood Development Trust Fund.

A series of panel art was produced from the book and currently decorates the Verizon building on Adams Avenue in Scranton.

It's Cemetery Tour Time...

Wizards, Mayors, Ladies of the Night,

which road are you on – which way – Left or Right?

Good Trips, Bad Trips and Phils on the Hill – Doctors and Druggists and an Accidental Kill!

Actors and Actresses All the World is a Stage. Some Passed on at a Very Old Age

Beneath the Sod or in a Crypt be careful when you're touring – you don't want to trip!

Soldiers and Sailors Fine Stories – Most New – This Fall in the Cemetery They're waiting for you!

Tours will be held on Sunday, October 7 and 14 at 2:00 p.m. Featuring the *Past Players*

This year's tour features new stories and promises to be a wonderful walk through history!



This project is funded in part by a Lackawanna County Arts and Culture Grant, a program of the Lackawanna County Commissioners and the Lackawanna County Council on the Arts.



Test Your Knowledge of Lackawanna County Trivia

1. What is the name of the famous United Mine Workers Association President who led the Anthracite Coal Strike?
2. Where is this United Mine Workers Union President buried?
3. What year did the strike begin?
4. Which U.S. President appointed the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission?
5. What famous attorney represented the United Mine Workers Union during the Strike Commission Hearings?
6. True or false: the Commission Hearings established new laws concerning child labor?
7. What Catholic priest famously supported the miners during the strike?
8. Young female workers from which industry were called to testify during the hearings?
9. The hearings began in the Lackawanna County Courthouse. In what city did they conclude?
10. What date was set aside to honor the United Mine Workers President?

Answers on page 10.

Correction: Last time, we inadvertently identified the founding date of Lackawanna County as 1887. The correct year is 1878.

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www.thetimes-tribune.com

Gov. Scranton, continued from page 1

than twenty years in the Reserves, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. After the war, he returned to Yale and obtained his law degree.

His political life began during the Eisenhower Administration, as assistant to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. While serving in this position, he was asked to run for Congress in his home district.

With John F. Kennedy running for President in 1960 on the Democratic ticket, and Scranton as a Republican, he campaigned heavily, using newspaper ads that showed the electorate how to split their votes between Kennedy and Scranton. This proved to be a successful approach, and vote splitting is common to this day.

Scranton won the election by 17,000 votes, upsetting the Democrats by winning the seat they had held for 22 years.

As a first term GOP Congressman, he voted across party lines to serve his region, rather than going with party politics. President Kennedy is quoted as referring to Scranton as a "political miracle."

In 1962, Scranton was asked to run for Governor of Pennsylvania. He ran against Richardson Dilworth, then Mayor of Philadelphia. The campaign was a bitter one. Dilworth called his opponent "this Little Lord Fauntleroy, this Ivy League Dickey Nixon."

Scranton won the election, but his term as Governor of the Commonwealth was a rough one. However, he had goals that he wished to achieve for the state and its people, and he was able to accomplish some significant goals, including educational reform, creating community colleges, establishing the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, and revamping the Unemployment Compensation Fund.

With the urging of President Eisenhower, Governor Scranton threw his hat into the ring as a presidential candidate against fellow

GOP Senator Barry Goldwater. Scranton thought that Goldwater was not the man to lead the party in defeating Johnson. Specifically, Scranton opposed Goldwater because Goldwater had voted twice against Civil Rights Act legislation. Scranton believed it was important to demonstrate that there were members of the Republican Party who supported Civil Rights legislation.

We all know the outcome of that Presidential race, but the people of Pennsylvania were proud of their Governor. After the campaign, with his Governorship coming to a close, Scranton thought he would spend more time with his family and vowed never again to seek political office.

His life in politics was not over, however. President-Elect Richard Nixon twice dispatched Scranton: once to Europe to settle problems that the United States was having with France, and a second time to the Middle East to settle relations between Saudi Arabia and Israel.

In 1970, widespread campus unrest, the Vietnam War, and Civil Rights issues all proved stiff challenges to the country. President Nixon turned to the American Bar Association for help, and they recommended William Scranton to chair a nine-member panel to take on the issues. The panel provided the President with a report urging him to renew the National Commitment to Social Justice.

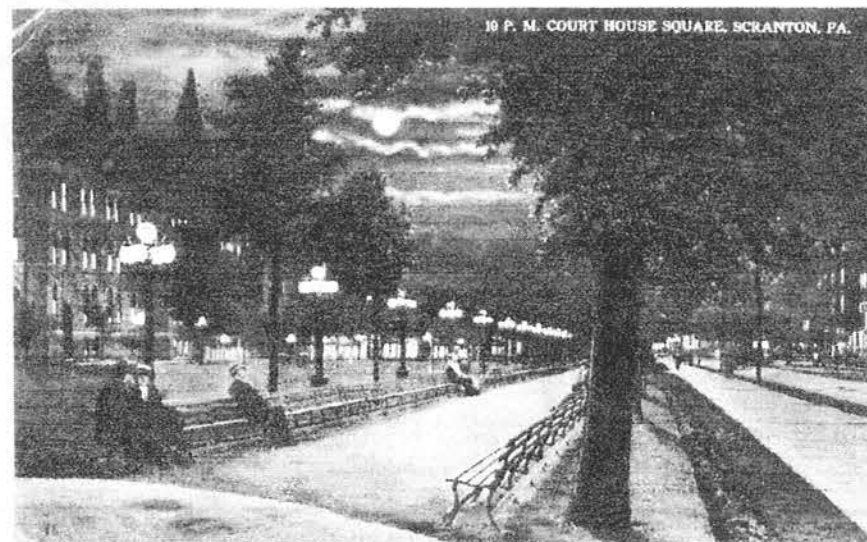
When his duty to public office was through, Scranton came home and devoted himself to family, business, and service on numerous boards across the County. He continues to promote Northeastern Pennsylvania.

At age 72, he resigned from his various board positions, but continued to better himself by brushing up on his Latin, building his personal library, and remaining a popular and dedicated member of our community.

Happy Halloween from Your Friends at the Lackawanna Historical Society!



These turn-of-the-century postcard images from the Society's collection present an eerie view of Scranton at night.



WISHING YOU!

By Alan Sweeney



Merry Christmas!

This 1903 card was made by the Whitney Company in Worcester, Massachusetts. A very nice greeting with the poinsettia being raised, or embossed.

The Society has an assortment of Holiday cards in its collection, with the largest number coming to us as a gift from William Scranton, Governor and Ambassador. This holiday season we will show off a partial cross section of our cards in a display entitled, "Wishing You!"

The first holiday greeting cards were associated not with Christmas but with the New Year. In England, merchants had long been in the habit of sending cards to their customers expressing good wishes or happy health for the New Year. But the practice of giving or exchanging Christmas Cards caught on with the general public in 1843. John Callcat Harsley designed the first card. Over the years, Christmas Cards replaced New Years Cards.

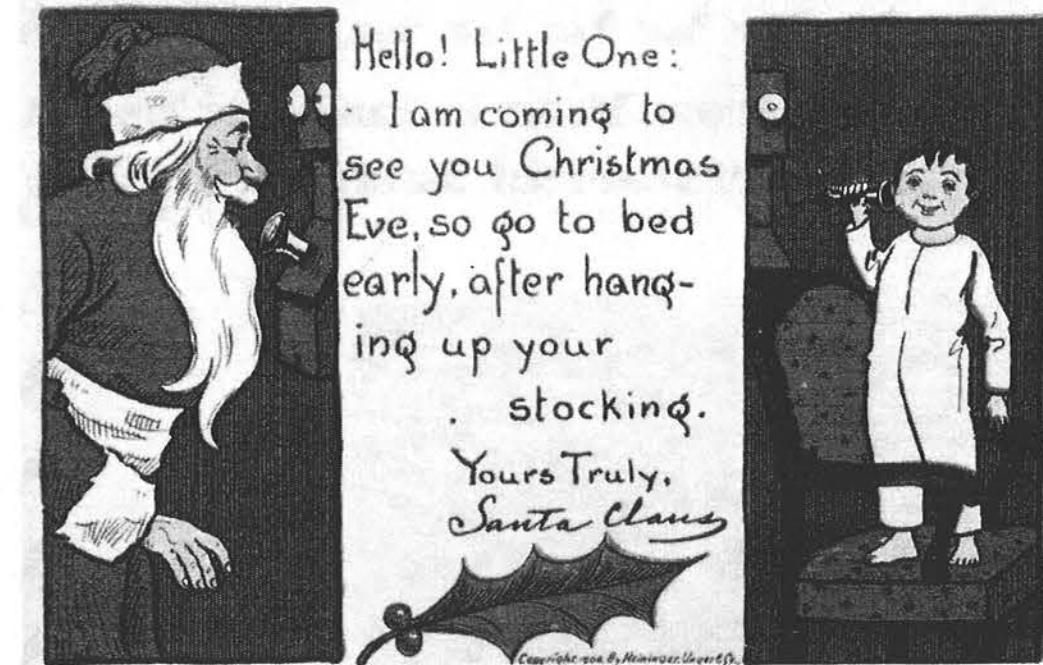
In our country the first Christmas greeting cards were produced by a lithographer

named Louis Prang about 1860 in Boston. In my research, I found that President Lincoln requested Thomas Nast, a former political cartoonist, to design a card illustrating Santa Christmas, to bolster the spirits of Union troops. Nast was the first illustrator to depict Santa Christmas with a red outfit.

The general public exchanged the earlier cards by hand delivering them. Later, the practice of mailing cards to people further away from the sender caught on.

Early cards were very beautiful, using high quality artwork, good inks, glitter, ribbons, metal, silk and feathers. Some also portrayed Santa in Green clothes. These cards are highly valuable today.

Over the years many card companies were established, and today the business is bigger than ever.



Hello Little One!

This colored Christmas postcard dates from 1907. It isn't a split card, and the other side contains only the address. The card was produced by the New York firm Heininger Unger Company.



Typical of the Victorian Period (1840 to 1901), calling cards wishing a Happy New Year were very popular until surpassed by Christmas calling cards.

The exhibit "Wishing You" will be installed in November and will be displayed until after the New Year. All are welcome to view our display of these traditional old greeting cards.