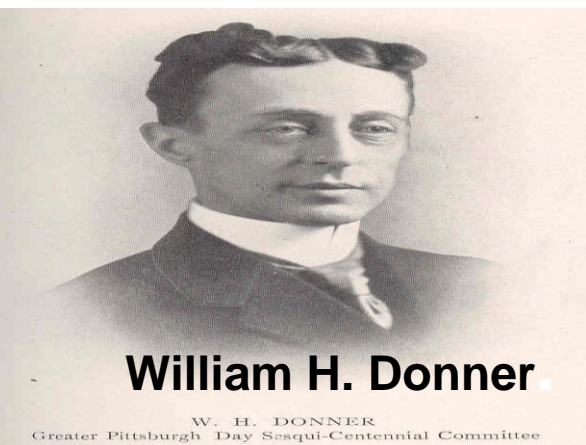


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Join us for FREE Cake in honor of William Henry Donner's 150th Birthday

In honor of the sesquicentennial of the birth of William Henry Donner, who was one of the founders of Monessen, the Greater Monessen Historical Society will have free cake available for anyone who visits the Monessen Heritage Museum on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 from 10 AM until 3 PM. William Henry Donner built Monessen's first industry, the National Tin Plate Company in 1897, as well as a twenty-five room three story home for his family on Parkway. The home was a landmark in Monessen for one hundred and sixteen years, until its demolition last year. Tim Donner, the great grandson of William Henry Donner and honorary board member, extends his family's best wishes to

the members and supporters of the Greater Monessen Historical Society. A video greeting is available on our Facebook page.

GMHS reelects board members and officers

At the recent Public Meeting of the Society, Daniel Zyglowicz and Vito Beneccio were reelected to the Board of Directors. Following the public meeting, at the next Board meeting, the current officers were all reelected to new terms. Daniel Zyglowicz – President, Gary Strelick – Vice President, Virginia Mussano Fisfis – Secretary, Vito Beneccio – Treasurer.

Color Photos Needed for New Book

Arcadia Publishing has approached the society and asked us to create a book for their new "Images of Modern America" series. It will feature color photos of events in Monessen during the time period 1950 to present. Matt Shorraw has graciously volunteered to facilitate the project. Color photos can be scanned and emailed to: Monessen@verizon.net or brought in to the museum for scanning. The photos can be either loaned or donated. Please help us create this historic remembrance of our town.

Syrian Cooking Afternoon & Discussion

On Sunday, June 1, at 12:30 PM, an afternoon of Syrian food making and tasting with various cooks, along with a discussion of the Syrian church by the Very Rev. Father Fred Pfeil will be held at the Heritage Museum. Free admission.



Mon Valley Genealogy Forum

In partnership with Monessen Public Library & Cultural Center, the Greater Monessen Historical Society will co-sponsor the meeting of the Mon Valley Genealogy Forum on Monday, May 19, 2014 at 5:30 PM in the reading area of Monessen Library. Lynne Thompson, Museum Educator and Bruce Wells, Restorer, of the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum in Washington, PA, will do a multi-media presentation about the era of trolley transportation. The event will include touchable artifacts, stories, and the history of trolleys in mass transportation and their use in local communities. Light refreshments will be served. The event is free and open to the public.

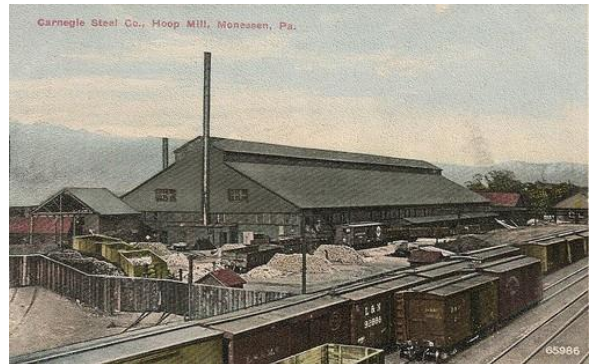


Grant from the Founding Family

In this sesquicentennial year of Colonel Schoonmaker's famous cavalry charge, the Board of Directors of the Greater Monessen Historical Society is especially grateful for the \$10,000 grant

provided by funds set aside for charitable purposes by the Pittsburgh descendants of Monessen Founder, Colonel James M. Schoonmaker. Through their foresight and philanthropic efforts, the museum will be able to look at a few projects on our Wish List.

Also, the Historical Society received a \$2000 marketing grant through the annual Laurel Highlands Tourism Grant Program to be used for brochure printing and distribution.



Model builders wanted

GMHS is looking for an individual or individuals interested in constructing a model of one of the industrial plants that once lined the banks of the Monongahela River. The idea has been suggested on and off for years, but we have yet to find someone interested in volunteering for the project. If not the mill, then how about one of the old beautiful churches in town? 😊

Before doing the Spring cleaning

When cleaning out closets, attics or old trunks in the basement, think of the Monessen Heritage Museum. Grandmother's scrapbook, Uncle Joe's military "stuff", the items from Cousin Betty's old store may be something we need to tell the story of Monessen in the future. That lamp purchased in the Roaring Twenties at Stern's gathering dust in the attic could be used in a window display. We want those unknown photographs in the cupboard! Please contact the Museum before throwing away our heritage.

Syrian Exhibit

The Syrian Exhibit continues in the Monessen Heritage Museum until July. View the historic contributions of the Monessen Syrian immigrants from the days of the Ottoman Empire through modern times. Select photos are available on our new webpage: www.monessenhistoricalsociety.com

Also, we are on **Facebook** under “Greater Monessen Historical Society”. Spread the word. “**Like**” us and help us grow!!!!



COL. J. M. SCHOONMAKER
14th Pa. Cavalry, 1862

Founders Day

GMHS will once again celebrate Founders Day at Monessen City Park. It will be held on Saturday, August 16, 2014 from 10 to 5 PM and feature Civil War re-enactors in camp and food booths. Please mark your calendars. The celebration will salute the 150th anniversary of the birth of William Henry Donner, as well as the 150th anniversary of Colonel James Schoonmaker’s cavalry charge at the Third Battle of Winchester in 1864, for which he was awarded the Medal of Honor.

Memorials

In memory of Samuel Essey given by Dr. Martin Dudas and Mrs. Madeline Dudas..

One Hundred Years ago in the newspapers May -- July, 1914

The population of Monessen is 18,752 according to the United States Census Bureau. (05-01-1914) Monessen News

Hundreds attended the first public suffrage demonstration at the corner of Fourth and Donner on May 2, 1914. The Finnish people and their band of twenty-eight were particularly interested in the proceedings. (05-05-1914) Monessen News

The Fifth Avenue Hotel, at the corner of Schoonmaker and Fifth, reopened for business after being closed following the fire of February 4, 1914. The building has been redecorated, remodeled and refurnished in all twenty-two rooms. (05-12-1914) Monessen News

The Herron Hotel, Third Street, has been sold by William Herron to John Goulding. Discussion is underway to open Third Street Hollow all the way to Pricedale, which would make Monessen a greater trading center in the valley. (05-12-1914) Daily Independent

The African American women of Monessen in the A. M. E. Church organized their own suffrage organization on May 12, 1914. Mrs. Nellie Jackson is temporary chairman. (05-13-1914) Daily Independent

An electric light has been placed on Sixth Street hill just below the intersection with McKee Avenue to aid pedestrians on dark nights. (05-14-1914) Daily Independent

The Convention of the Swedish Brotherhood of America was held in Elks Hall under the auspices of Balder Lodge No. 53 of Monessen on May 22, 1914. There were over fifty delegates, along with the Monessen members. A banquet was held in the Grand Hotel. (05-23-1914) Daily Independent

Officials of Grandview Cemetery were dissatisfied with the condition of the township road, so they undertook the improvement of the portion of the road from the cemetery to the upper end of Monessen using a King Split Log Road Drag, two horses, a driver and a laborer. (05-29-1914) Monessen News

Monessen’s first Memorial Day exercises will be held at Grandview Cemetery on May 30, 1914. The program is being handled by the Board of Trade. The focus of the

event will be to honor John Wolessagle, who is the only Grand Army of the Republic soldier buried in the cemetery. (05-29-1914) Monessen News

The Monessen Greek population will hold a banquet in Assembly Hall on June 3, 1914, in honor of the birthday of King Constantine. Nick Berbatis and his committee are in charge. (06-03-1914) Daily Independent

A Webster Woman's Suffrage Association was formed on June 4, 1914 at the Methodist Church. Twenty-one members joined the new club. (06-05-1914) Daily Independent

Fourteen students graduated from Monessen High School on June 4, 1914 during commencement services at the packed Monessen Opera House. (06-05-1914) Monessen News

W. W. Smallwood has been awarded the contract to build a new church for the Syrian Orthodox Greek congregation on Ninth Street near the corner of Knox Avenue. The building will cost \$4,550 and is designed by Architect A. E. Harris. The lot was donated by Mike Joseph, the treasurer and president of the church building committee. (06-17-1914) Daily Independent

H. J. Scanlon, of Waynesburg, has purchased the Bijou Theatre on Donner Avenue from Tom B. Cowan. (06-23-1914) Daily Independent

Max Janavitz has rented the store room in the old May Hotel, on Donner Avenue, near Sixth Street. It is now occupied by the American Woolen Mills Co. He will remodel it and move in for his fall opening by September 1, 1914. (07-14-1914) Daily Independent

Monessen's new Electric Park playground is being equipped with a swing, slide, double tennis court, horizontal bar and baseball diamond. Andrew White, a school teacher, will be in charge of the grounds. (07-25-1914) Daily Independent

Harry Lebowitz, the billiard and pool man, has leased the basement of the Olympic Theatre building for use as a modern billiard, pool and bowling parlor. (07-30-1914) Daily Independent

Mrs. Mary Ellen McMahan, the widow of Alexander McMahan, who owned the farm upon which Monessen was founded, died on July 30, 1914. She had fallen on the fourth of July in Pittsburgh and fractured her hip,

after which pneumonia set in. (07-31-1914) Daily Independent

Late Spring and early Summer weddings, anniversaries and engagements of 1914

James McGowan, of Monessen, and Miss Carrie Wordtt, of McKeesport, were married in McKeesport on April 28, 1914. (05-02-1914) Daily Independent

Miss Bertha McCullough, of Belle Vernon, and Thomas Anderson, of Charleroi, were married a few days ago at Wellsburg, West Virginia. They are residing in Belle Vernon. (05-08-1914) Daily Independent

Miss Minnie Porter, of Charleroi, and Zacharia Compton, of Donora, were married on May 6, 1914 at the Seventh Avenue Hotel in Pittsburgh. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Porter. They will live in Donora. (05-08-1914) Daily Independent

Roy Smallwood, of Monessen, and Helen Welsh, of Charleroi, eloped and were married in Cumberland, MD on May 11, 1914. (05-12-1914) Daily Independent

Percy E. Law, of Donora, and Olonso Luella Ross, of Webster, has been issued a marriage license in Pittsburgh. (05-12-1914) Daily Independent

Miss Martha B. Glenn, of Portersville, PA and Robert F. Lowry, of Monessen, were married on May 16, 1914. They will reside in Monessen. The groom is employed by the Page Woven Wire Fence Company. The bride has taught school in Rostraver Township for four years. (05-16-1914) Daily Independent

John Eddison, of Pitcairn, and Miss Sarah Holland, of Monongahela, were united in marriage on May 16, 1914. (05-19-1914) Daily Independent

Miss Mary Keifer and Louis Nesselbrode were married in St. Leonard's Roman Catholic Church on May 20, 1914. A wedding breakfast was served in the Park Hotel. (05-20-1914) Daily Independent

Charles Metz, of Monessen, and Miss Mabel McLain, of McKeesport, were married on May 21, 1914 in McKeesport. They will live on Donner Avenue. The groom is manager of the Weill Wall Paper Store. (05-21-1914) Daily Independent

Miss Marguerite O'Reilly, of Sixth Street, was married to William Ritz, of Charleroi, in January. Announcement

was made in court following her subpoena in the Griffith case. The bride is a graduate nurse. (05-22-1914) Daily Independent

David Krasik and Ellen Levien, both of Monessen, received a marriage license in Pittsburgh on May 21, 1914. (05-22-1914) Daily Independent

Stephen H. Wilson and Miss Mary Brown, both of Monessen, were granted a marriage license on May 22, 1914 in Pittsburgh. (05-26-1914) Monessen News

Miss Laura Tolf and Malcolm "Bud" Frew were married in Uniontown on May 25, 1914, after eloping. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Tolf, of Aliquippa Avenue. (05-27-1914) Daily Independent

Jule L. Jordan, of Monessen, and Miss Doreldo Kirkpatrick, of Rostraver Township, eloped and were married on May 28, 1914, at Cumberland, Maryland. (05-29-1914) Daily Independent

Charles H. Kenner and Miss Edna E. Townsend, both of Monessen, obtained a marriage license in Greensburg on May 26, 1914. (05-29-1914) Monessen News

Roy Hutchinson, of Monessen, and Miss Sadie Powell, of Donora, were married in Charleroi on June 2, 1914. (6-03-1914) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Kehlenbeck, of First Street, celebrated their twenty-sixth wedding anniversary on May 31, 1914. (06-03-1914) Daily Independent

Corrections were made to the article on the Hutchinson – Powell wedding. (06-04-1914) Daily Independent

Miss Helen Rosen, of Schoonmaker Avenue, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rosen, will wed Joseph Farber, of Ambridge, in Kelly Hall, on June 7, 1914. They will reside in Ambridge following the wedding. (06-05-1914) Monessen News

Sadie Powell and Roy Hutchinson, of Donora, were married on June 2, 1914. The couple will reside in Donora. (06-05-1914) Monessen News

Miss Sarah W. Speers, of Speers Station and Professor W. L. Larimer, of Charleroi High School were married June 4, 1914 in Pittsburgh. (06-06-1914) Daily Independent (Groom's last name spelled differently than article in the Monessen News)

Miss Sarah W. Speers, of Speers and Professor W. L. Lorimer, of Charleroi High School, were married June 4, 1914 in Pittsburgh. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Van L. Speers, of Speers Borough, and is a teacher in Charleroi. The groom is the basketball coach at the high school. The couple will honeymoon at Conneaut Lake for the summer. (06-09-1914) Monessen News

Miss Helen Rosen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rosen, of Schoonmaker Avenue, and Joseph Farber, of Ambridge, were married in Kelly's Hall on June 7, 1914. They will live in Ambridge. (06-09-1914) Daily Independent

Miss Martha C. Thomas, of Wilkinsburg, and Conway Wing Shearer, of Edgewood Park, Pittsburgh, were married. They will honeymoon in New York and return to live in Wilkinsburg. (06-11-1914) Daily Independent

Miss Fannie Smith, of West Brownsville, and Leroy Honsaker, of Charleroi, were married at West Brownsville on June 10, 1914. They will honeymoon in Atlantic City. (06-13-1914) Daily Independent

Harvey and Harry Guist, twin brothers of Monessen, are both engaged. Harvey is engaged to Miss Lena Smith, of Monessen and Harry is engaged to Miss Josephine Ross, of Monessen. They will be married on July 1, 1914 in Greensburg and honeymoon in Atlantic City. Both couples will live in Monessen in a home furnished by the grooms. (06-16-1914) Monessen News

Mr. and Mrs. Max Janavitz, of First Street and McKee Avenue, announce the engagement of their niece, Miss Anna Janavitz to Andrew Stinetz, of Pittsburgh. The wedding will be held in the early fall. (06-17-1914) Daily Independent

Albert T. Hough and Miss Lear, both of Monessen, were married at the home of the bride, 18 Reed Avenue, on June 18, 1914. (06-19-1914) Monessen News

Miss Eva Lear, of 18 Reed Avenue, married Albert Hough, of Monessen on June 18, 1914. The couple will honeymoon in Altoona and reside at 18 Reed Avenue with the bride's mother, Mrs. Etta Lear. The groom is a machinist with the Tin Mill. (06-19-1914) Daily Independent

Miss Mary Brunot Roberts, daughter of Colonel Thomas Paschall Roberts, of Pittsburgh, and Lieutenant Francis Kosier Newcomer, of the United States Army Engineer

Corps, were married on June 18, 1914. (06-19-1914) Daily Independent

Miss Mary Herron and James Clare Sheplar, both of Monongahela, were married in Pittsburgh on June 24, 1914. They will live at 513 Johnson Street, Monongahela. The groom is a machinist at Pittsburgh Steel. (06-24-1914) Daily Independent

Miss Margaret Fisher, of near Eldora, and Roy Raymer were married on June 24, 1914. The couple will reside at Lock Four, where the groom is employed by the government. (06-26-1914) Daily Independent

David Elroy Nicholl, of Monessen and Miss Ruth Tidball, of Monongahela, were married on June 30, 1914. They will reside in Monessen. (07-01-1914) Daily Independent

Dr. Daniel Meyers, formerly of Monessen, and Miss Margaret Adler, of Harrisburg, were united in marriage on June 30, 1914. They will live in Portland, Oregon, where the doctor has his practice. (07-01-1914) Daily Independent

Miss Kathryn Brown and Frank J. Clark were married at St. Charles Church in Donora on June 30, 1914. They will honeymoon at Niagara Falls and Conneaut Lake. The groom is employed by the American Steel and Wire Company. (07-01-1914) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy, of Schoonmaker Avenue, celebrated their seventh wedding anniversary with a surprise party on July 6, 1914. (07-07-1914) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Adkeman, who were married twenty five years ago in Westmoreland County, but divorced seven years ago, have remarried in Granite City, Illinois on July 4, 1914. (07-07-1914) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Jackson, of Motheral Avenue, celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary on July 4, 1914. Pansies and sweet pea flowers decorated the tables. The host provided a fireworks display for the guests. (07-08-1914) Daily Independent

Miss Ivie R. Van Voorhis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Van Voorhis, and John S. Campbell were married in Monongahela on July 8, 1914. (07-09-1914) Daily Independent

Lloyd Wilde and Miss Nell McCiba, of Connellsville, were united in marriage on July 9, 1914 in St. Leonard's R. C. Church. The couple will live in Connellsville. (07-10-1914) Daily Independent

William Snowden, of Fairhope, and Esther Steer, of Naomi, received a marriage license on July 15, 1914. (07-16-1914) Daily Independent

Miss Sarah Hileman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hileman, of California, and Roy Keys, of Coal Center were wed recently in Cumberland. The bride has musical ability, while the groom is a graduate of California Normal and is an instructor in the public schools. (07-28-1914) Daily Independent

Miss Elizabeth C. Jeffries, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmond E. Jeffries, of 842 Donner Avenue, married Jay Trexler on July 29, 1914 at high noon. The bride was the first Monessen teacher having taught a class of twenty five in Loutitt's Hall before the establishment of the public school system. The groom is Chief Chemist of William Robinson and Sons Refinery in Coraopolis. They will reside at 118 McIntyre Avenue, Coraopolis. (07-29-1914) Daily Independent

Late Spring and early Summer Births and Birthdays of 1914

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McNeil, of Fourth Street, had a twelve pound baby boy in the Monessen-Charleroi Hospital. (05-01-1914) Daily Independent

Mr. W. B. Waite, the teacher of the John E. Cherney class at the Baptist Church Sunday School, had a surprise birthday party on May 1, 1914. He lives on Forest Street. The members of the class presented him with a silk umbrella. (05-02-1914) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Bernette, of Allenwood, had a daughter on May 3, 1914. (05-05-1914) Daily Independent

Mrs. Adaline McGrew celebrated her seventy- second birthday on May 7, 1914. (05-07-1914) Daily Independent

Word has been received that Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dean, of Los Angeles, had a son on April 23, 1914. They formerly resided on Donner Avenue. (05-09-1914) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Johnson, near Belle Vernon, had a baby boy on May 9, 1914. (05-12-1914) Monessen News

Mr. and Mrs. Jules Albert, of Knox Avenue, had a baby boy weighing ten pounds on May 20, 1914. (05-22-1914) Monessen News

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Barmes, of Cambridge, Ohio, are the parents of a baby girl, who was born on May 23, 1914. The mother was formerly Miss Alice Cornwall, of Monessen. (05-25-1914) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Roley Williams, of Twelfth Street, had a baby girl on May 30, 1914. (05-30-1914) Monessen News

Mr. and Mrs. H. Kramer, of McKee Avenue, had a baby boy on June 2, 1914. (06-02-1914) Monessen News

Mr. and Mrs. A. Currie, of 160 Schoonmaker Avenue, are the parents of a baby girl, who was born May 28, 1914. They have four children. (06-02-1914) Monessen News

Edith Rubenstein, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rubenstein, of First and Donner, celebrated her third birthday on June 7, 1914. (06-08-1914) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allen, of First Street, had a son on June 9, 1914. (06-10-1914) Daily Independent

Dorothy Dunlap, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Dunlap, of 2 Reed Avenue, celebrated her fifth birthday on June 9, 1914. (06-11-1914) Daily Independent

Edwin Lear, celebrated his twenty-first birthday on June 9, 1914. He is the son of Mrs. Etta Lear, of Reed Avenue. She presented him with a gold watch and chain. (06-13-1914) Daily Independent

Florence Schone, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schone, of Seventh Street, celebrated her ninth birthday on June 16, 1914. (06-17-1914) Daily Independent

Miss Irene Q. Morris, the eldest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Morris, of the A.M.E. Church, celebrated her birthday on June 16, 1914. (06-17-1914) Daily Independent

Miss Anita McGinness, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McGinness, of Reed Avenue, celebrated her

seventeenth birthday on June 22, 1914. Decorations were Japanese lanterns, pennants and electric lights. (06-23-1914) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Herron are the parents of a baby boy, who arrived on June 21, 1914. (06-23-1914) Monessen News

John Dubar, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Dubar, of Sixth Street, celebrated his eighteenth birthday on June 30, 1914. He received a ruby ring as a gift from his friends. (07-01-1914) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Soles, of Tenth Street, had a ten and a half pound baby boy on July 6, 1914. The child is named James Franklin Soles. (07-07-1914) Daily Independent

Helen Gertrude Israel, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. I. J. Israel, of Donner Avenue, celebrated her first birthday on July 9, 1914. A pink and white color scheme was used. (07-10-1914) Daily Independent

Miss Josephine Duvall, of Fourth Street, celebrated her sixth birthday on July 11, 1914. (07-13-1914) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pustinger, of 660 Braddock Avenue, had a baby boy on July 11, 1914. (07-13-1914) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Prewitt, of Linden Avenue, had a baby daughter on July 17, 1914. They have named her Marjorie Vaninka Prewitt. (07-20-1914) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. G. Ryan, of Donner Avenue, had an eight pound baby girl. (07-21-1914) Daily Independent

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pustinger, of Braddock Avenue, was christened on July 26, 1914. Steve Pollock, a Braddock banker, was godfather. (07-27-1914) Daily Independent

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Monessen's Cultural Representatives

Part of the mission of the Greater Monessen Historical Society is to preserve the ethnic and cultural history brought to the area by the many immigrant groups, who settled here in the early 1900's. As part of that effort, we wish to occasionally highlight selective individuals, who represent the historic importance of these immigrant groups in modern times. For our first honoree, GMHS looks at the life of Jack Bergstein, Monessen Attorney. Jack was instrumental when the Historical Society was setting up the Jewish Exhibit in 2012.

Jack Bergstein's grandfather, Morris came to Pennsylvania in 1921 from the Sub-Carpathian region of Hungary. He would open a Monessen grocery, as would Jack's father and Uncle Isadore. Jack's parents were the late Adolph and Magda Spitz Bergstein, who sent their son to Penn State University. In 1964, he received his law degree from the Duquesne University School of Law and was admitted to Westmoreland County Bar.

The synagogue was an important influence in Jack's life. After marrying his late wife, Fyrne Pearlstein Bergstein, they had three children, Cyndi, David and Erynn and were active members of Temple Beth Am in Monessen.

Jack has had a long and continuing career of public service in Monessen and Western Pennsylvania. He served as a Monessen Councilman for eight years.

He was President of the Westmoreland Bar Association, Westmoreland Academy of Trial Lawyers, Western Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association, Pittsburgh Jewish Family and Children's Services, Temple Beth Am Congregation, Monessen B'nai B'rith, Mon Valley Council of Governments and the Monessen Kiwanis Club. He served as Chairman of the Westmoreland Bar Foundation and the Westmoreland County Trial Judge Nominating Committee. Jack has been on the board of the Governors Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association, National Association of Jewish Family and Children Agencies, United Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, Westmoreland Bar Association and Academy of Trial Lawyers and the Laurel Legal Services. He has also been a Special Assistant to the Pennsylvania Attorney General, as well as the Solicitor of the Rostraver Township Airport Authority, Belle Vernon Borough and the Monessen Redevelopment Authority.

Currently, he is the voluntary Solicitor of the Greater Monessen Historical Society. He serves on the Temple Beth Am Cemetery Board of Directors and is a member of the board of the Westmoreland Inns of Court and the BWMA Legal and Insurance Committee. Jack also is still a member of the Westmoreland Bar Association and the Westmoreland Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Even with all the commitments on his time, Jack finds time for his hobbies: golf and genealogy. Jack has been interested in genealogy for quite a few years. He has researched family connections in the United States, Europe and Israel and continues seeking new leads.

As part of his love of local history, Jack will be the speaker at the Mon Valley Genealogy Forum on Monday, June 23, 2014. The group, that is co-sponsored GMHS and Monessen Public Library, will meet in the library at 5:30 PM. Jack will speak on his own family research, as well as the history of the Jewish community in Monessen and the Mon Valley. Please join us there!