



# VALLEY HISTORIAN

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## Fine Art on Display

### Annual Fund Drive and Membership Renewal

As we come to the end of the year and close the sesquicentennial celebrations of the birth of William Henry Donner and Colonel James M. Schoonmaker's cavalry charge at the Third Battle of Winchester, we remind all our friends of the need to support the Greater Monessen Historical Society in our goal to preserve the history of Monessen. We cannot do it without all of you. You are the historical society! Your support makes it possible for the organization to preserve the industrial and ethnic history of our city and region. Through your membership and donations during the fund drive, we can continue preserving the history of Monessen. Membership is \$15 a calendar year for an individual, twenty dollars for a family and fifty dollars for a business.

Extra donations are welcomed for the general operating budget, the building fund or the endowment. While the outside of the Museum Annex has been completed, the interior is still gutted and awaiting complete renovations. Heating, cooling, plumbing, and electrical work is needed. Walls need to be rebuilt. Floors and ceilings need redone. A back staircase must be installed to meet codes for occupancy. The basement needs extensive work. Please be generous! We appreciate your donations in past years and have put them to good use. The annex will house a permanent Monessen exhibit and provide room for events, as well as space for displaying art.



**Dr. Malcolm Weiss and Ann Sokol, GMHS supporters.**

Dr. Malcolm Weiss, a great supporter of the Historical Society, has loaned several pieces of his art collection for display in the Heritage Museum. The works are pieces showcasing Southwestern Pennsylvania's rich industrial heritage. Visit the Museum today and take this opportunity to see some wonderful pieces. The Board of Directors is grateful to Malcolm for providing this educational opportunity to view fine art. This is definitely a "Must See" .

**Log in to our webpage and set it as one of your favorite sites:**

[www.monessenhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.monessenhistoricalsociety.com)

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



### **In Search of Antique Christmas Decorations**

The Museum is looking for donations of antique Christmas decorations for our holiday displays. If anyone has any antique decorations made from 1900 through 1960 they are not using, please consider donating them to the Museum.

### **Join us at our Holiday Open House celebration**

The Greater Monessen Historical Society will have our annual Holiday Open House celebration on Saturday, December 20, 2014 starting at 12 noon until 3 PM. Drop by the Museum for some refreshments, goodies, cheerful music and fellowship. We hope to see you there.



### **Historic Monessen Home for 2014 Chosen**

The Greater Monessen Historical Society has chosen the old Pittsburgh Steel Superintendent's Home as the recipient of a Monessen Historic Home plaque for 2014. The house, located on Graham Avenue, was built in 1928-1929 as the residence of W. C. Sutherland. It was designed by H. Ernest Clark. The Motz Lumber Company was the contractor.

### **Have You Felt a Call to Acting?**

The Historical Society is looking for individuals to portray historic characters at society affairs. In the past, we have been visited by "Mrs. Abraham Lincoln" for tea. We would like to expand our list of "celebrities", so if anyone is interested in creating historic characters, please contact the Museum at 724-684-8460.

## **THANK YOU!!!!**

Thank you to the following sponsors who made donations toward our Founders Day of Living History on August 16, 2014. We appreciate every one of you:

**Dr. Martin and Madeline Dudas – William Henry Donner Benefactors**

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our friends. Shop Monessen. Shop the Heritage Museum!



**A new addition to the Museum Shoppe available for a donation of \$12.**

**A Slovak edition is also available.**

### **Spring Ethnic Exhibit**

The annual spring ethnic exhibit in the Heritage Museum will honor the Finnish immigrants who once lived in the area around Motheral Avenue and Sixth Street. The Monessen Finnish Community was one of the largest communities in the United States. They worked primarily in William Henry Donner’s Tin Mill. Please send scans of photos showcasing Finnish life to [Monessen@verizon.net](mailto:Monessen@verizon.net) or bring items to loan to the museum during regular business hours.

### **Visit the Museum Shoppe for Gifts**

The Museum Shoppe is filled with unique gift ideas: Ethnic cookbooks, Monessen throw blankets, local author works, historic prints, religious table runners, and historic postcards to tuck into the cards we send

### **A gift idea for someone**

Consider purchasing a gift membership for a coworker, acquaintance, neighbor or relative. It’s a great way to say thank you and help preserve Monessen’s ethnic and industrial history. Instead of buying something that special person may or may not use, give the gift that keeps on giving.

### **Memorials**

In memory of Dr. Zita Mussano Glasgow given by Elizabeth Louise Glasgow Foundation.

In memory of Doreen Essey given by her husband, George Essey.

In memory of Edith Bergstein Hollander given by Dr. Martin and Mrs. Madeline Dudas.



In memory of Rev. Michael J. Bucci, Pastor of St. Rita Roman Catholic Church (Connellsville) by Mrs. Albert (Mary Jane) Barker.

In memory of David Mallino of MHS Class of 1961 given by Kathleen Lenio Steffey.

In memory of Zita Mussano Glasgow given by Ann Sokol.

In memory of Edward Monaghan given by Chris Ninos.

**One Hundred Years ago in the newspapers  
November, 1914 -- January, 1915**

Mr. Sotus is installing a \$10,000 new pipe organ in the Olympic Theatre that is powered by electricity. (11-03-1914) Daily Independent

D. W. Burton has leased the New Monessen Theatre now that J. Moy Bennett has severed his connection to the entertainment house. (11-03-1914) Daily Independent

Monessen Lodge No. 773 B. P. O. Elks will dedicate their new home on Seventh Street on November 16, 2014. Governor John K. Tener is expected to lead the ceremonies. The new building cost \$35,000. The lodge has 400 members. (11-07-1914) Daily Independent

Miss Maude McLain, of Pittsburgh, and Miss Marie Watson, of Donora, will debate "Equal Suffrage" in Olympic Hall on November 9, 1914. There will be no admission charge, but a silver offering will be taken. (11-09-1914) Daily Independent

St. Leonard's Roman Catholic Church has secured a ninety day option on the Peter Schone property at the corner of Schoonmaker and Seventh Street for \$13,500. The plan is to erect a parochial school in the future. (11-17-1914) Daily Independent

The second annual Thanksgiving reunion of the Feightner Family was held at the home of Jacob Feightner, of 133 Oneida Street, on November 26, 1914. The Feightner Family came to Monessen fourteen years ago next February. (11-27-1914) Daily Independent

Joseph Safier, of Safier's Department Store, will distribute several hundred bushels of potatoes to poor families. The distribution will be handled through the Charity Committee of the Board of Trade. (12-08-1914) Daily Independent

Harry Fellenbaum, the ice, cold storage, and coal man of Monessen, will open a gasoline station at the corner of Second Street and Donner Avenue. He will contract with the Atlantic Refining Company to sell gas for eighteen cents a gallon. (12-08-1914) Daily Independent

George Shrader, Sr. will aid the needy people of Monessen by donating one thousand bushels of coal from his mine on the old Manown tract in East Monessen. The distribution will be through the Charity Committee. (12-15-1914) Daily Independent

Thomas W. Newhouse, age 52, proprietor of the Dewey Hotel, died on December 31, 1914. (01-01-1915) Monessen News

The new Syrian Greek Orthodox Church on Ninth Street was formally opened and dedicated on January 3, 1915 with morning and evening services. The Sunday collection was \$127.78, which was considered exceptionally good. The new bell was rung to announce the services. The bell was donated by the Russian church on Second Street. (01-05-1915) Daily Independent

The Conti Drug Company, located at the corner of Third Street and Schoonmaker Avenue, will open to the public on January 6, 1915. The fixtures are manufactured of Circassian Walnut and modern in every respect. (01-06-1915) Daily Independent

The Sheetz Hotel in the Third Ward, has been sold to Charles A. Guiss, of Wilmerding, PA., subject to the transfer of the license. (01-14-1915)

George Myford closed a deal to purchase the Monessen Hotel from Leonard Dorr. (01-18-1915) Daily Independent

Books and apparatus from the Jefferson High School building have been moved into the new Sixth Street high school building. Students from the old Jefferson Building will be moved to the second floor of the new high school on February 1, 1915. The Jefferson Building will now become an elementary school housing grades five and six. (01-30-1915) Daily Independent

**Late autumn and early winter weddings,  
anniversaries and engagements of 1914-1915**

Rabbi and Mrs. H. Levendorf, of Park Way, announced the engagement of their daughter, Rose, to Frank Lincoff, of Braddock, on November 1, 1914 at a banquet for 275 guests. (11-03-1914) Daily Independent

Steve Samek and Rosie Posterchak, of Arnold City, received a marriage license in Uniontown on November 2, 1914. (11-04-1914) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. M. Meyers, of Monessen, are celebrating their forty-fifth wedding anniversary. (11-06-1914) Daily Independent

Professor Andrew White, of Monessen, and Miss Loretta Fields, of Belle Vernon, were granted a marriage license in Pittsburgh on November 7, 1914. The groom is the coach of the High School football team. (11-09-1914) Daily Independent

Miss Katherine Kirsch and Joseph Tunney are engaged to marry on Thanksgiving morning at St. Leonard's Church. The bride is the bookkeeper of the Monessen Plumbing Company, while the groom is one of the most efficient plumbers in the valley. (11-09-1914) Daily Independent

There was a surprise party on November 9, 1914 for Mr. and Mrs. Burkard, of 120 Schoonmaker Avenue, in honor of their eleventh wedding anniversary. (11-11-1914) Daily Independent

Robert E. Teale, a carpenter at the Motz Lumber Company, and Miss Beulah Yant eloped to Washington, D. C. on November 10, 1914. The groom is from Monessen and the bride resides in Monongahela. They will live in Monessen. (11-10-1914) Daily Independent

Mrs. Lucien P. Smith, a Titanic survivor, married Robert W. Daniels, of Philadelphia, in August. Her late husband was a relative of Mr. and Mrs. George Moore, of Monessen. (11-12-14) Daily Independent

It has leaked out that Miss Ella Schontz and Robert Campbell slipped away and were married about two weeks ago. The groom is an engineer for the Tin Mill and the bride was a time bookkeeper for Greer Grocery. (11-13-1914) Daily Independent

Sarah Wheatley, age 16, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Wheatley, of Knox Avenue, eloped with

Clarence Calloway, age 17, to Wellsburg, on November 21, 1914. (11-21-1914) Daily Independent

Dr. T. J. Herron, of Monessen, and Miss Annabelle Greenwald, of Charleroi, and Dr. V. P. Veislet and Miss Anna Estenfelter, both of Charleroi, were married in a double ceremony on November 23, 1914, in St. Jerome Catholic Church, in Charleroi. (11-23-1914) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McGinty, of Knox Avenue, announced the marriage of their daughter, Mercedes, to William C. Engle, Jr., of Pittsburgh on November 25, 1914. The groom is employed in the drafting room of the Page Mill. (11-25-1914) Daily Independent

Charles Harvey, of Belle Vernon, and Miss Pansy Rankin, of Monessen, were married in Wellsburg, W. V. on November 25, 1914. The groom is employed in the Page Mill, while the bride works in the Daily Independent office. (11-25-1913) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kline, of Detroit, Michigan, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah, to A. H. Tilxer, of Detroit. The parents formerly conducted a grocery store at the corner of Third and Schoonmaker. (11-25-1914) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. John Hussey, of Second Street, celebrated their tenth anniversary on November 23, 1914 with a surprise party. (11-25-1914) Daily Independent

Miss Helen Bulger, of McKee Avenue, and Arthur Bickerton, of Monessen, were married in St. Leonard's Catholic Church, on November 25, 1914. The bride previously was an operator for the Bell Telephone exchange, and the groom is an employee of the P&LE freight station. (11-25-1914) Daily Independent

Miss Catherine Kirsch and Joseph Tunney, of Monessen were married on November 26, 1914 at St. Leonard's Catholic Church. (11-27-1914) Daily Independent

Elmer Hall and Miss Ethel Wadsworth were married on November 24, 1914. The groom is employed at the Page Mill. (11-27-1914) Daily Independent

Della Irely, of Claysville, became the bride of Joseph Harang, of North Charleroi, on November 24, 1914, in Washington. They will live in Lock Four. (12-10-1914) Daily Independent

Miss Elizabeth J. Nichol, of Monessen, and John Bushe, of Belle Vernon, were married in Uniontown on December 8, 1914. (12-11-1914) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. McBride, of Second Street, Braddock, announce the engagement of their daughter, Blanche May, to M. A. Herald, of Pittsburgh. The wedding will occur in February. The groom is employed at Pittsburgh Steel. (12-14-1914) Daily Independent

Maud E. Griffith, married Mark Borland at the First Presbyterian Church of Monongahela. (12-15-1914) Daily Independent

Miss Helen B. Gill, married James Walter McKean, of Woodlawn. (12-15-1914) Daily Independent

Miss Mena Anderson and Adolph Theis, both of Monessen, were married on December 17, 1914 at the home of George Nash on McKee Avenue. The groom is the night foreman of the field fence department at Pittsburgh Steel, while the bride is a graduate nurse. (12-17-1914) Daily Independent

Miss Martha Campbell and Frederick Brady were married on December 16, 1914. The groom is employed by the P&LE Railroad. (12-17-1914) Daily Independent

Miss Gertrude Yohe and William Ford, both of Monongahela, were married on December 24, 1914. (12-26-1914) Daily Independent

Miss Marie Purkey, of Pittsburgh, married James C. Sorenson, of Detroit on December 24, 1914 in Mount Washington's Grace Episcopal Church. (12-28-1914) Daily Independent

Miss Ruth Reatta Behanna, a Carroll Township school teacher, and Curtis A Morris, of Lock Four, were wed in Cumberland, Maryland on December 23, 1914. The bride teaches at Sampson School, while the groom works in the Monessen mills. (12-30-1914) Daily Independent

Miss Ruth Conway and Herbert Miller, both of Monessen, have just announced they eloped to Wheeling, West Virginia in July and were married. They will reside on McKee Avenue. (01-04-1915) Daily Independent

Miss Ruth Conway and Herbert Miller married on July 26, 1914, but kept it a secret until a friend let the news out. (01-05-1915) Monessen News

Miss Gladys Mitchell, of Belle Vernon, and Sylvester Thomas, of Carinbrook, in Somerset County, were married last week. (01-05-1915) Monessen News

Andrew Beck and Katie Beck, both of Monessen, obtained a marriage license in Greensburg on January 3, 1915. (01-04-1915) Daily Independent

Miss Isabel Miller, of Belle Vernon, and William Beckingers, of West Newton, were married on November 2, 1915. (01-05-1915) Monessen News

Miss Laura Percich and William Bleuel, both of Monessen, were married on January 7, 1915 in St. Leonard's Catholic Church. They will make their home in Springfield, Ohio. (01-08-1915) Daily Independent

Miss Rose Levendorf and Frank Lincoff, of Braddock, were married on January 10, 1914, at 441 Park Way. They will live in Braddock, where the groom has a jewelry business. (01-11-1915) Daily Independent

Bill Bailey, African American, married Miss Lizzie Ross, of Belle Vernon, on January 12, 1915. The groom says he intends to settle down for the rest of his life. (01-12-1915) Monessen News

Miss Elizabeth Linneman and Frank Speck, both of Monessen, were married in Pittsburgh on January 18, 1915. The groom is employed at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. (01-19-1915) Monessen News

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allen, of First Street, celebrated their thirteenth wedding anniversary on January 22, 1915. (01-23-1915) Daily Independent

Harry J. Dias, of Monessen, formerly of Belle Vernon, and Miss Delle Ann Malone, of Monessen, were married at Belle Vernon. They will reside in Monessen. (01-26-1915) Monessen News

Albert Dean, of Monessen, and Miss Hazel Latimer, of Donora, eloped to Cumberland, Maryland to wed on January 23, 1915. The groom is a craneman at the Pittsburgh Steel Company. (01-27-1915) Daily Independent

Albert Dean, of Monessen, and Miss Hazel Latimer, of Donora, were married on January 23, 1915. (01-29-1915) Monessen News

### **Late Autumn and early Winter Births and Birthdays of 1914-1915**

Mr. and Mrs. Eisenberg had a nine pound baby boy on January 28, 1915. (01-30-1915) Daily Independent

Mrs. A. Balderoni celebrated her forty-sixth birthday on November 10, 2014 with a surprise party. (11-2-1914) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lauer, of Oneida Street, had a nine pound baby daughter on November 16, 1914. (11-17-1914) Daily Independent

Virginia Eller, of 507 Donner Avenue, celebrated her birthday on November 24, 1914. (11-25-1914) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Heilman, of Weirton, West Virginia, had a seven and a half pound baby daughter on November 22, 1914. The child was named Marion. (11-27-1914) Daily Independent

George Washington had a nine pound daughter. 11-30-1914) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. James Watt, of Highland Avenue, had a baby girl on December 7, 1914. (12-09-1914) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harking, of Reed Avenue, had a baby boy on December 09, 1914. (12-10-1914) Daily Independent

George Shrader, the foreman of the Shrader Contracting Firm, and his wife had a baby daughter on December 12, 1914. (12-16-1914) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Carrozza, of 389 Fourth Street, had a baby boy on December 16, 1914. The child has been named Paul. (12-17-1914) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McCahill, of Schoonmaker Avenue, had a baby boy on December 28, 1914. (12-28-1914) Daily Independent

Mrs. J. F. Butler, of Pricedale, celebrated her birthday on January 1, 1915 with a turkey dinner. (01-02-1915) Daily Independent

Grannie Dial, the oldest resident of Westmoreland County and a widow for 65 years, celebrated her one

hundredth birthday on January 3, 1915 at Jacobs Creek. (01-05-1915) Monessen News

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kent, of Knox Avenue, had twins, a boy and a girl, on January 5, 1915. (01-08-1915) Monessen News

Rev. and Mrs. H. O. McDonald, had a ten pound baby boy on January 18, 1915. (01-19-1915) Monessen News



**GMHS partnered with the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association to sponsor a fundraiser dinner in honor of the Independence Day of the First Czechoslovak Republic, established in 1918, at the end of the Great War. We thank them for their participation and generous contribution.**



**On behalf of the Board of Directors, we wish all of our members, friends and benefactors a Blessed holiday season filled with good health and great memories.**

# Hungry? Let's Eat Downtown in 1914

**ACME LUNCH PARLOR**  
SPECIAL DINNER TO BE  
SERVED AT  
**THE ACME LUNCH PARLOR**  
From 12:30 to 2:30 p. m.

**Menu**  
Canape Caviar  
**Relishes**  
Kalamazoo Celery      Stuffed Olives  
**Meats**  
Tenderloin Beef with Mushrooms  
Sweet Potato Croquettes  
Early June Peas  
Fried Spring Chicken (Maryland  
Style)  
**Entrees**  
Queen Fritters with Peach Honey  
Andrews Frappe  
**Salad**  
German Endives  
**Desserts**  
Home Made Apple Pie Old Fashioned  
Pumpkin Pie with American Cheese  
Spice Pudding with Brandy Sauce  
Tango Sundae  
French Drip Coffee      Tea      Milk

Please leave your order in the morn-  
ing for home made pies, salads or  
home made cake.

**GOOD THINGS**  
TO EAT FOR SUNDAY  
—AT—  
**THE ACME QUICK LUNCH**  
Sixth St., Above Star Theatre

**MENU FOR ONE DAY**  
Breakfast 30c  
Grape Fruit or Orange  
Oat meal with Cream  
Choice of small steaks, sausages or  
bacon and Eggs or Spanish Om-  
let or Poached Eggs on Toast  
New York Fried Potatoes  
Dry or buttered Toast  
French Drip Coffee, Tea or Milk

Dinner 35c  
Oyster Cocktail with Salteen Waiters  
Soup  
Tomato Bullion, French Creation  
Relish  
Calmazoo Celery  
Fish  
Fried Halibut Steak with Tartar  
Sauce  
Roast  
Prime Ribs au jus  
Tenderloin of pork with French  
sauce  
Fried Spring Chicken Southern style  
Vegetable  
Mashed Potatoes  
Cauliflower in Cream  
Salad  
Andrews Special Salad  
Dessert  
June Apple Pie with American  
Cheese  
Individual Cup Custard  
French Drip Coffee      Tea      Milk  
Butter Milk

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