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**Greater Monessen Historical Society Board of Directors at the Titanic Experience**

## Titanic Experience: a Great Success!!

The Titanic Experience sold out almost a month before the event. The Museum was still receiving phone calls, email and letters asking for tickets right up until the day of the dinner. Over one hundred guests dressed in their finery came to Jozwiak Hall on the evening of April 14, 2012 to recreate the final dinner served in the First Class dining room of the R.M.S. Titanic exactly one hundred years ago that night. From the comments we received, everyone had a marvelous time, and we had suggestions asking for some kind of elegant annual dinner. The Board of Directors wishes to thank everyone who participated in any way to make this event a rousing success. THANK YOU!!!! It is greatly appreciated!



### A Congressional Visit

United States Congressman Bill Shuster visited the Heritage Museum this spring saying Monessen is a "special place close to his heart". The Shuster Family has ties to Monessen dating back to the founding years of the city. Bill Shuster's great-grandfather, Alpheus Shuster, was elected Monessen's third burgess in 1903. He also was one of the organizers of the former Monessen Savings and Trust Company, as well as the manager of the Monessen Opera House. Congressman Shuster, the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials, serves on the House Armed Services Committee and is to represent Monessen and North Belle Vernon next year following redistricting.

### Join Us on May 20 to learn about the Seder Service

Jack Bergstein will describe in detail a Jewish Seder Service for Passover on Sunday, May 20, 2012 at 2 PM. in the Heritage Museum. He will cover the meaning of the foods, the significance of the customs and recite the ancient prayers. We will also view a tape on the construction of the Jewish Classroom at the University of Pittsburgh's Cathedral of Learning. Following the

presentations, everyone will taste some Jewish goodies with a cup of fresh iced tea or lemonade and have an opportunity to view the ongoing exhibit.



**Joseph Samuels, founder of Samuels Motor Express and David Samuels, founder of Samuels Shoe Store. Photo courtesy of Stu Samuels.**

### **Mon Valley Jewish Exhibit**

The Mon Valley Jewish Exhibit will run through mid-June. It is available for viewing from 10 AM until 3 PM on Wednesdays through Saturday in the Heritage Museum. Admission is free. We hope you will visit and learn about Jewish culture and the impact the Jewish immigrants had on Mon Valley life.

We have a webpage:

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

We also are on **Facebook** under Greater Monessen Historical Society. Log in and look at many photos of our events and of old Monessen. Tell your friends and help spread our message! ☺



### **An Example of the impact of our 500 Club**

On May Day, a group of dedicated volunteers: John Dudas, Dr. Martin Dudas, and Gary Strelick began the renovation project in the Museum Annex. With many years of experience between them, they began ripping down the deteriorated ceiling and obsolete partitions to get the building ready for renovation. Your donations go a long way in getting the space ready to be a museum display area. Unfortunately, the building needs to be totally gutted. We need plumbing, heating, and electrical components. We need new flooring, insulation, drywall, etc. The first floor will be additional display space for a permanent Monessen exhibit, office space and a rest room. In the future, the second floor will be renovated into apartments to give the Museum a source of regular incoming revenue. **The Historical Society belongs to all of you. It's your lasting legacy to future generations.** We can accomplish the renovation of the facility in record time with you as our partner. **Have you joined the 500 Club yet?** Your donation of \$500 or more will help make this possible. If \$500 is too much, please consider sending whatever you can afford. Just be a part of making Monessen a better place. Why not stop down some day and see our progress? We look forward to your visit! ☺ P.S. We love our volunteers and thank them!

### **California University of PA and Library of Congress - Teaching with Primary Sources partner with GMHS to film veteran stories**

Following suggestions from Monessen residents, the Historical Society and the Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources Department at California University of PA have partnered to preserve the stories of local soldiers. A professional crew supplied by the University will interview and videotape the war stories and experiences of local soldiers. If you are interested in having your story preserved in the Library of Congress,



please contact the Heritage Museum right away to schedule an interview. A copy of the dvd of each veteran will be housed in Washington, D.C. at the Library of Congress, in Louis L. Manderino Library, California University of PA and in the archives of the Monessen Heritage Museum.

### **Bring your group to the Museum!**

Did you know that we have hosted meetings for various Mon Valley clubs, groups and organizations at the Museum? Several MHS class reunion committees have incorporated the Museum into their reunion festivities. Call today and schedule a visit by your group soon.

### **Need a gift?**

Summer weddings, showers and birthdays are coming. The Museum Shoppe offers a nice selection of ethnic cookbooks for that special person. We also have dvd's of some of the ethnic exhibits we have hosted in previous years. Maybe someone is interested in local history and would love a dvd about Angelo Pallini, the Umbrella Man, or one that shows the day Monessen High School burned down. We also have a wide assortment of postcard showing Monessen in the old days. Come and see what we have! Shop local! Shop Monessen!!

### **Come to the boat dock on July 14**

The annual Celebrating America festival will be on Saturday, July 14, 2012 at the Mihalich Boat Dock grounds. It's a day of food booths, entertainment and fireworks. GMHS will have a booth with items from the Museum Shoppe available for purchase. We hope to see you there!

### **Mark your calendar for Founders Day**

We are planning another great event to showcase history. On Saturday, August 18, we have reserved Monessen City Park on Grand Boulevard for a "Living Day of History". This will be our annual Founders Day celebration. There will be Civil War reenactors camping in the park who will recreate camp life. See how they cooked, marched, prepared for battle, etc. View common household items of 150 years ago. Bring your camera. While still in the planning stage, we are looking at having a Gone with the Wind barbecue with wonderful food for sale. Find your hoop skirt and tall stovepipe hat. Gather round the campfire for some old fashioned music. For those of you who love drama, Dr. C. R. Thomas, local playwright, will perform his new play in Pavilion #1. It's a one-act romantic comedy about a love triangle between an Italian postman, a beautiful young woman and her protective dog. What fun!!!

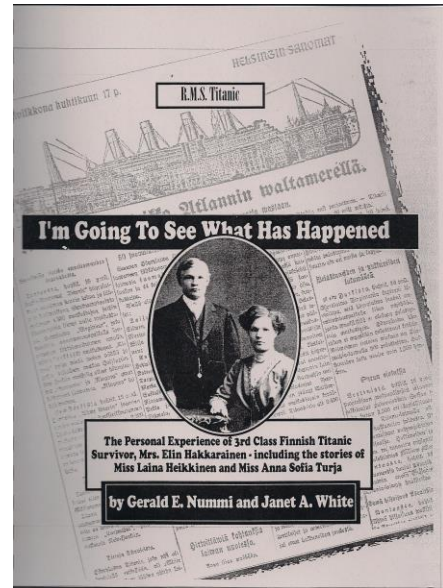
### **Summer Exhibit Items Needed**

Beginning in July, the Heritage Museum will pay tribute to Colonel James M. Schoonmaker and Mon Valley Civil War veterans. With the ongoing remembrances for the sesquicentennial of the Civil War, GMHS will remember the efforts of the Mon Valley region in preserving the Union. The Schoonmaker Family is providing photos of the Colonel, who received the Medal of Honor for bravery at the Battle of Winchester in 1864, then went on to form the mighty Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad and Monessen's founding East Side Land Company. Anyone having photos of Civil War relatives or items that reflect the Civil War era are asked to contact the Heritage Museum at 724-684-8460 today.

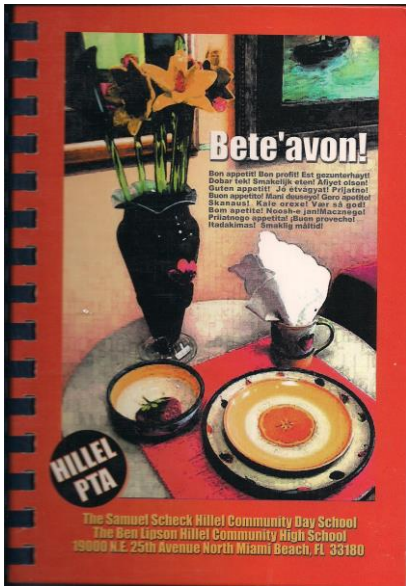
### **Laurel Highlands Tourism Grant**

The Greater Monessen Historical Society applied for a 2012 Laurel Highlands Tourism Grant and was chosen to receive \$5000. The money will be used in the coming seven months to print brochures, booklets and website maintenance and upgrades.

### **New books available in Museum Shoppe**



With the centennial anniversary of the sinking of the R.M.S. Titanic, the above book has been reprinted and is available for purchase through the Museum Shoppe. It is the story of Mrs. Elin Hakkarainen, a Monessen Titanic survivor and a great addition to local history collections. Price: **\$14.95**



Along with the Mon Valley Jewish Exhibit, we offer a Jewish cookbook that has 160 pages of great recipes and helpful hints. Jewish holiday recipes are also included. Price: **\$10.00**

### Recent Donations to the Heritage Museum

Three Jewish books / Donna Thorpe.

Pgh. Steel FCU thermometer, Charleroi-Monessen Bridge project, Boy Scout Banquet programs, Monessen-Donora bus line document, Photo of Isaac Mason and article / David R. Mertz.

Two Dvd's, "Why quilts matter" / Shelly Zegart.

Biographical stories, poems, article and photos of Stern Family / Ruth Stern Shrag

Wayman A.M.E. Church cup, VFW Post 1190 photo of City Park tank dedication, Essen, Germany visit program / Ted Harhai.

"Fire on the water" (book) and "A new history of the Wheeling Steel Corporation" (book) / Dr. Raymond Lynn Boothe.

Robert Homer's fireman's uniform, hat, badges, and pin, 1946 newspaper clipping and Terrible Towel / Lee and Leah Laszewski.

Three Valentine cards, 1942 postcard, Four 1942 Christmas cards and fourteen Bonafed Family Christmas cards from the 1940's / Patricia Pavtis.

Elsie Wargo Demchak photo / Jack Demchak.

Fifteen Monessen photos, 1949 newspaper clipping on new school director / Aladene Emerson.

Two photos of Owen girls, photos of Ross Family, David Owens tombstone photo and life story of David W. Owens / Bill Ross.

Book - "Vital questions of the day or historic and economic reviews of the issues of labor" (1894) / Lawrence Myers.

July 5, 1932 newspaper article on Morris Samuels wedding / Michael B. Samuels.

Page Steel drawings in notebook / Harry Maple.

"Pennsylvania Reader" (1897) and "American School Songs" (1916) / Ron Chromulak.

Two page letter on road condition between Monessen and Webster from Carey L. Shuck (June 9, 1913) / Ted Harhai.

Gas station water can, Wheeling Pittsburgh Steel ruler and magnet, autographed Michael Moorer photo, Michael Moore poster, article, T-Shirt and Towel / James Hazy.

### Memorials

In honor of Louis R. Greco given by Dr. and Mrs. Martin Dudas.

In memory of Leonard Kotch given by Dr. and Mrs. Martin Dudas.

In memory of Helen Maisano given by Dr. Michael Mermigas.

### One Hundred Years ago in the newspapers May - July, 1912

The home of Frank Kirsch in Essen was struck by lightning that resulted in a large portion of the slate being torn off and frightening the inhabitants. (05-14-1912) Daily Independent

The Liberty Theatre on Donner Avenue has changed hands again and is being remodeled on the outside by Pittsburgh parties. (05-14-1912) Daily Independent

The new motto of the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad is: "Safety, Economy and Efficiency". (05-14-1912) Daily Independent

Colonel Charles M. Derickson, former Monessen postmaster and the bodyguard of President Abraham Lincoln, died on May 14, 1912. (05-15-1912) Daily Independent

Nine Monessen High School seniors graduated during services held May 30, 1912 in the Opera House. The class colors were blue and gold. (05-30-1912) Daily Independent

The Monessen Hotel at the corner of Fifth Street and Donner Avenue will have an addition added with the bar lengthened, and the kitchen and dining rooms moved to the rear of the addition. J. A. Lohman, the architect, is in charge of the renovations. (06-01-1912) Daily Independent

A blaze was discovered in Castle Gardens, the forty unit apartment building at the corner of Fourteenth Street and Schoonmaker Avenue, opposite the Pittsburgh Steel plant. It was extinguished with a bucket brigade. (06-04-1912) Daily Independent

Work continues on the construction of St. Jerome's Catholic Church at Charleroi. The brick work is about twelve feet above the sub-structure. (06-04-1912) Daily Independent

The Croatian Beneficial Society No. 194 N. C. S. of Monessen celebrated the tenth anniversary of their founding on June 9, 1912. Five bands, fifteen automobiles and almost 2000 marching men comprised a parade through McMahan Borough streets. John Vlasich, President of the local order, was master of ceremonies. One dozen sheep were roasted for dinner. (06-10-1912) Daily Independent

George Martin, farmer, said the first thing Monessen should do after the completion of the new roads is to erect hitching posts for the farmers. (12-22-1911) Monessen News

Max Marker is the Monessen Taft man, while Phil Joseph favors the renomination of former president Theodore Roosevelt. (06-20-1912) Daily Independent

The Liberty Theatre is being dismantled. The booth was taken to Motheral Avenue and Sixth Street, where a new moving picture house is to be started. (06-21-1912) Daily Independent

The twelve foot, 589 pound, man-eating crocodile escaped from the carnival visiting town and tried to reach the river, but was captured. (06-26-1912) Daily Independent

The Royal Athenia String Orchestra, under the direction of D. Nicholas Lavdas, is scheduled to play at the Olympic Theatre on June 28, 1912. They have previously played for King Victor Emanuel of Italy, King George of England, and the Sultan of Turkey. At the International Competition at Cremona, they were presented with a gold medal by Queen Dowager Marguerite of Savoy. (06-27-1912) Daily Independent

H. H. Ryde, chief engineer of the Page Woven Wire Fence Company, will vacation in Europe and sail on the new Kaiser Franz Joseph I, then return home on the Carpathia. (07-06-1912) Daily Independent

J. Wallace Page, President of the Page Woven Wire Fence Company, inspected the Monessen plant for the first time in six years. (07-11-1912) Daily Independent

The old well near the corner of Schoonmaker Avenue and Fifth Street has a new pump through the efforts of the W. C. T. U. ladies. (07-17-1912) Daily Independent

G. F. Wright has acquired a new silver-grey colored ambulance. It has an emergency medical chest with room for two people and a stretcher. (07-27-1912) Daily Independent



### **Late spring and early summer weddings and engagements of 1912**

Goldie Cowden has been granted a divorce in Washington from Owen McKnight Cowden. They were married October 18, 1903. She says he drove her home after the wedding, disappeared and never returned. (05-02-1912) Daily Independent

A marriage license was issued in Pittsburgh on May 6, 1912 to Harry A. Chubb and Mabel A. Williams, both of Monessen. (05-07-1912) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. John Lauterbeck have returned from their honeymoon. They were recently married in Cumberland, Maryland. (05-07-1912) Daily Independent

A marriage license has been given at Greensburg to Porcos Hartman and Sibie Tuval, both of Monessen. (05-10-1912) Daily Independent

Mrs. Elizabeth Hartley, of 617 Crest Avenue, Charleroi, announces the wedding of her daughter, Miss Marguerite, to Louis Sauers of Monessen. The ceremony will take place on June 6, 1912. (05-10-1912) Daily Independent

John Horanics and Mary Novak, both of Monessen, received a marriage license at Greensburg. (05-17-1912) Daily Independent

Mieczyeka Duord, of Monessen, and Ginowefa Rapala, of New Kensington, received a marriage license in Greensburg. (05-17-1912) Daily Independent

Miss Emma Noyes Brady, former teacher, is engaged to Arthur R. Miller, superintendent of the Leisenring No. 3

plant of the H. C. Frick Coke Company. The wedding will take place in June. (05-21-1912) Daily Independent

Miss Laura Snyder, of Monongahela, former chief operator at the telephone office, will marry Harry Westbecker, of Gary, Indiana, on June 6, 1912. The wedding will be one of the society events of the month. (05-29-1912) Daily Independent

Salvatore Todaro and Rosalia Minaco, both of Monessen, were issued a marriage license in Washington, PA, on May 28, 1912. (05-29-1912) Daily Independent

E. P. Schiffer, of Monessen, and Miss Emma Kellar, of Ripley, Ohio, will wed on June 5, 1912. The groom is employed by Pittsburgh Steel, and the bride is one of the leading society belles of Ripley. The couple will live in Monessen. (06-04-1912) Daily Independent

Frances Wilson Seanor, of Monessen, and Miss Bess A. Guiler, of Belle Vernon were married June 5, 1912. They will live on Parkway. (06-05-1912) Daily Independent

Miss Laura Snyder, of Monongahela, and Harry Westbecker, of Gary, Indiana, were married June 6, 1912. The couple will reside in Gary, where the groom is engaged in the hardware business. (06-06-1912) Daily Independent

Andrew Biles, of Donora, and Miss Helen Green, of Monongahela, were married on June 6, 1912 at the Bijou Theatre. The ceremony took place at 10:40 PM, immediately after the last picture reel, in front of the largest crowd ever assembled in the theater. The alley, telegraph poles and freight cars in the rear being full of spectators. The groom is employed as a machine operator and engineer at the Bijou. The couple will live in Monongahela. (06-07-1912) Daily Independent

Mrs. Theresia Helzlsouer, of 122 Schoonmaker Avenue, announces the marriage of her daughter, Miss Barbara Helzlsouer to Dennis McCahill, of Monongahela in June. (06-07-1912) Daily Independent

C. N. McCandless, of Monessen and Miss Hazel Reed, of Butler, were married on June 8, 1912. The groom is employed at Pittsburgh Steel and is a member of the Methodist ball team. The bride is an earnest worker in the Methodist church and Sunday school of Butler. The couple will live in Monessen. The office staff of Pittsburgh Steel presented the couple with a thirty-three piece silverware set. (06-11-1912) Daily Independent

Marcel R. Colas and Miss Isabel B. Strickler, both of Monessen, were married on June 11, 1912. The couple will reside at 608 Knox Avenue. The groom works for the American Sheet and Tinplate Co. (06-12-1912) Daily Independent

Fred Houseman, the clerk at the Borland Store in Monongahela, and Miss Kathryn Lange, of Webster,

secretly wed in Pittsburgh on June 12, 1912. Bride was a teacher in the Webster School. The couple will live in Monongahela. (06-14-1912) Daily Independent

Miss Helen Bowlin and Lloyd Bell, of Pittsburgh, were married on June 19, 1912. (06-19-1912) Daily Independent

Miss Rachael Johnson, of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, married Arthur Patridge, of Monessen, on June 19, 1912. The couple will live in an apartment at Eighth and Donner Avenue. The groom is a roll turner in the Tin Mill. (06-22-1912) Daily Independent

Miss Sarah M. Whorrall, of Monessen, and J. W. C. King will wed in early July. (06-24-1912) Daily Independent

Miss Marie Etzel and Joseph Leone were married on June 24, 1912. The groom is the manager of the Sheetz Hotel. (06-24-1924) Daily Independent

John W. Michael was granted a divorce in Cleveland from Evelyn S. Michael, who he married on January 17, 1905. (06-25-1912) Daily Independent

John W. Michael married Miss Nelle Curry, of Monessen. The couple are living in Cleveland. (06-25-1912) Daily Independent

Miss Mary Lafferty, of Second Street, wed Timothy Welsh, of Pittsburgh, on June 25, 1912. They will reside in Edgeworth. The groom works with the Record Publishing Company of East End, Pittsburgh and was formerly the foreman of the Monessen News. The bride also formerly worked for the News. (06-25-1912) Daily Independent

Herbert S. Carlos and Mrs. Lena Evans, an African American couple from Monessen, traveled to Greensburg on June 25, 1912 to be married, but the pastor of the A.M.E. church was out of town. They approached Dr. S. B. Mase, pastor of the Second Reformed Church, for marriage, but he suggested they find the African American minister. After explaining their predicament, he agreed to marry the couple. (06-25-1912) Daily Independent

Miss Barbara Helzlsouer and Dennis McCahill, of Monongahela, were married on June 26, 1912. A wedding breakfast was served in the Union Hotel. (06-26-1912) Daily Independent

Miss Lena Kaldy, stenographer for the Charles H. Smith Real Estate Company of Monessen, and James Toth, of Rankin, were married on June 24, 1912 in Cumberland, Maryland. The couple will reside in Braddock, where the groom is employed. (06-25-1912) Daily Independent

Miss Geho ?? wed Hugh Jones, who is employed in the blooming mill of the steel company. (07-02-1912) News

Miss Sarah Whorrall, of 21 Knox Avenue will wed J. W. C. King, of Monessen on July 3, 1912. The groom is employed by the American Sheet and Tinplate Company. They will live at 103 Fourth Street. (07-03-1912) Daily Independent

Wilbur C. Sibbett and Miss Jennie Custer Kruell were married July 4, 1912 at the home of the bride's parents at 454 Donner Avenue. (07-05-1912) Daily Independent

Miss Emma Morgan, formerly of Monessen, is engaged to Eli H. Wolf, the junior member of the real estate firm of Newcomer and Wolf. They will marry in the early fall. (07-06-1912) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bubbs were recently married in St. Louis. The groom is an operator of the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad Company. (07-06-1912) Daily Independent

Miss Cheerful Willoughby, formerly of Monongahela, married Chas. Kappes, Jr. on July 4, 1912 at Staten Island, New York. The bride was a piano player of note in the valley. (07-08-1912) Daily Independent

Miss Mellie J. Stouffer was united in marriage to George W. Smith of Morganza, Pennsylvania. The bride was a former Monessen teacher, while the groom is a teacher at the Pennsylvania Training School at Morganza. (07-09-1912) Daily Independent

Miss Margaret Mallabone, of Charleroi and Jesse H. Miller, of Monessen, eloped to Cumberland, Maryland, where they married on July 9, 1912. (07-11-1912) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. William Devlin, of Charleroi, celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on July 10, 1912 with high mass at St. Jerome's Catholic Church. Mr. Devlin is a glass worker. (07-11-1912) Daily Independent

Miss Ruth Keefer and David Lewis, of Monessen, deny reports that the two have married or will marry. (07-16-1912) Daily Independent

C. V. Hobson, the African American employee of the Pittsburgh Steel Company, was granted a divorce in Greensburg on July 16, 1912. (07-17-1912) Daily Independent

Albert Grant Siegeman, of Donora, and Matilda Bella Slecker, of Salisbury, were issued a marriage license at Cumberland, Maryland on July 16, 1912. (07-17-1912) Daily Independent

Henry Fling, of Roscoe and Carrie Elisabeth Balmer, of Allenport, received a marriage license at Cumberland, Maryland on July 16, 1912. (07-17-1912) Daily Independent

Wazzly Zubul and Anna Xiozi, both of Monessen, have received a marriage license in Greensburg. (07-24-1912) Daily Independent

Alex Paraszezak and Alice Badio, both of Monessen, were issued a marriage license in Greensburg. (07-24-1912) Daily Independent

Ralph L. Peterman and Miss Ella Skurkay, both of Monessen, received a marriage license on July 23, 1912 in Washington, PA. (07-26-1912) Monessen News

Miss Emma Jane Morgan, of Youngstown, a former Monessen school teacher, and Eli Hillis Wolf, of the firm of Newcomer and Wolf, will marry on August 6, 1912. The couple will reside in Monessen. (07-26-1912) News

### **Late Spring and early Summer Births and Birthdays of 1912**

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Berbatis had a baby boy on May 5, 1912. (05-06-1912) Daily Independent

Mrs. Alma Grimsley, who lives in the old National Bank building at the corner of Donner and Eighth Street, had a surprise party for her twenty-third birthday on May 6, 1912. (05-07-1912) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. H. Cherkin, of 533 Schoonmaker Avenue, had a daughter on May 9, 1912. (05-10-1912) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Freeman, the manager of the Luna Theatre, had a baby boy on May 6, 1912 in New Castle. (05-11-1912) Daily Independent

Sara Minehart celebrated her eighth birthday on May 11, 1912. (05-14-1912) Daily Independent

Hannah Evans celebrated her seventh birthday on May 22, 1912 with a party. (05-23-1912) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin H. Dils, of Fourth Street, had an eleven pound son on May 24, 1912. (05-24-1912) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce had a baby boy on May 26, 1912. Mr. Pierce is currently in Denver, Colorado, but will return home and bring his family to the west. (05-27-1912) Daily Independent

Beryl Thomas, of Reed Avenue, celebrated her fifteenth birthday on May 27, 1912. (05-29-1912) Daily Independent

George A. Rogaliner, Manager of the Five and Ten Store, had a birthday dinner on June 2, 1912. He lives at 643 Parkway. (06-03-1912) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jones, of First Street hill, had a son on May 30, 1912. (06-04-1912) Daily Independent



William Williamson, a clerk in Warman's Sixth Street store, is the father of a nine pound boy. (06-06-1912) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hoon, of McKee Avenue, had an eight and a half pound baby boy on June 5, 1912. (06-06-1912) Daily Independent

Charles Regula, of Fourth Street, is now the father of an eight pound daughter, who arrived on June 9, 1912. (06-10-1912) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Buragar, of Muncie, Indiana, had a baby daughter. (06-19-1912) Daily Independent

Attorney A. M. Wyant, of Greensburg, has an eight and a half pound daughter, who was named Anna Moore Wyant. She was born on June 23, 1912. (06-26-1912) Daily Independent

Mrs. Mary Ellen McMahan, of McMahan Borough, was surprised on June 26, 1912 with a birthday party. (06-27-1912) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. William Bates, of Sixth Street, are the parents of a nine pound baby boy. (07-03-1912) Daily Independent

Herbert Jones, of Knox Avenue, observed his fifteenth birthday on July 2, 1912 with a surprise party. (07-03-1912) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cummins had a ten and a half pound baby boy on July 4, 1912. (07-06-1912) Daily Independent

George Kremer, of East Schoonmaker Avenue, and his son-in-law, Basil Henry celebrated their birthdays on July 21, 1912. (07-22-1912) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Brenner had a seven and a half pound daughter on July 21, 1912. (07-22-1912) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Anton, of 508 Donner Avenue, had a twelve pound baby girl on July 24, 1912. (07-26-1912) Monessen News.

Mrs. Andrew J. Keller, of Union Street, Monongahela, celebrated her birthday on July 26, 1912 with a dinner party. Her husband is the father of Mrs. W. A. McShaffery, of the Star Theatre. (07-30-1912) Daily Independent

## Dan's Archives

In the last issue of the "Valley Historian" there was a death notice for David W. Owens, who passed away in April of 1912 at the age of 91, and had owned the ground on which the Pittsburgh Steel Company built their plant.

That small look back at history was read by Mr. Owens' grandson, Bill Ross, who was given the newsletter by his neighbor. Soon he came down to the Heritage Museum with family photos and a family history to add to his grandfather's file. Here are a couple of the scanned photos we now have thanks to a look back at 1912.



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