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The "Industrial Monessen" Exhibit will be available until December 23, 2011. **Anyone having any photos or items from the great industrial complexes that once lined Monessen's riverbank is asked to either loan or donate the material for use in the displays.** As always, admission to the exhibits is FREE! Tell your friends and neighbors.



"Industrial Monessen" is theme of new exhibit

For the autumn exhibit, the Heritage Museum enlisted the services of retired Monessen art teacher, Dan Matta. He graciously volunteered to create displays looking back at Monessen's great industrial heritage. Monessen's first industry was William Henry Donner's National Tin Plate Company, which was the catalyst for starting the settlement of the town. Construction of the Tin Mill began in 1897 at the same time Mr. Donner built his twenty-five room home between Parkway and McKee. Within a few years, the Monessen Foundry and Machine Company, Page Woven Wire Fence Company, American Steel Hoop Company, Pittsburgh Steel Company, Monessen Brick Works, Monessen Box Company and the Monessen Brewing Company were employing thousands of immigrants, who flocked to work in the new mills. The mill that had started it all, the National Tin Plate Company, was sold by William Henry Donner to the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company just a couple of years after being built.

Mark your calendars please

More for your Money!

We thank those of you who generously donated to the 2011 Fund Campaign held early this year. For one reason or another, some of our supporters were not able to donate at the time we asked for help in taking on the project of renovating the Milsom Building as the Museum annex. **Anyone wishing to donate for the 2011 year will get a chance to do so on OCTOBER 4, 2011 with added benefit to the Society. The third annual Day of Giving event hosted by the Pittsburgh Foundation using its PittsburghGives online program will be held that day.** For a twenty-four hour period, online contributions of \$25 or more can be given and will be matched on a pro-rated share of 20% or more. It will begin at midnight on October 4 and run simultaneously for Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties. The Community Foundation of Westmoreland County became

a part of the Pittsburgh Foundation in 2010. **We ask anyone who wishes to donate to mark the date on your calendar today, so you will remember come October.** This is an excellent way to make your dollars go farther and assist the Historical Society. The web address is: www.pittsburghgives.org. The donation site for the Day of Giving will not be up and running until October 4 and again, only active for a 24 hour period. We ask you to be generous. Thank you! A post card reminder will be sent closer to the day.

Monessen to observe special anniversary, Lisa Hays, of Westmoreland Historical Society to speak. Library time capsule to be opened. Cookie samples available

On September 16, 2011, Monessen will observe the 90th anniversary of changing from a borough form of government to a third class city form of government. The change happened in 1921 and resulted in the election of Carl Woodward as first Mayor of the City of Monessen. The Greater Monessen Historical Society is planning a celebration on Saturday, September 17, 2011. A flea market will be held in the old Milsom Building at 501 Donner Avenue from 10 AM until 3 PM. Donations of items are being accepted at the Heritage Museum during regular business hours. At the Museum, a special program will be held beginning at 10 AM. For a \$5.00 fee, a participant will visit various "Cookie Stations" and receive samples featured in the "Monessen Memories" cookbook. Each person will receive a dozen samples to eat or take home. At 10:30, a tape of Monessen opera star, Blanche Thebom, will be played showing her greatest triumphs on the stage. **At 11:15, Lisa Hays, Executive Director of the Westmoreland County Historical Society, will speak.** If you are unable to come in the morning, the cookie walk and the Thebom tape will be repeated starting at 1 PM. Janet Imbrescia, Vice President of the Monessen Public Library Board of Directors, will open the time capsule buried on the occasion of the Library's 60th anniversary in 1996. It will be a fun day filled with history and sweets.

Did you make a dvd of the implosion of the old Charleroi- Monessen Bridge?

The Historical Society is looking for any film of the recent implosion of the Charleroi-Monessen Bridge. Anyone having dvd copies, who would be interested in donating it, is asked to either bring a copy to the Society during regular business hours or else contact Gary at the Museum. Thank you.

Laura Magone has reedited her dvd

Laura Magone, our local film-maker, is a perfectionist. She felt certain parts of her dvd on Angelo Pallini that

she produced needed reworked. Out came the scissors and onto the editing room floor went the parts she no longer felt were up to her standards. She spent the winter refilming and reediting the dvd. The new edition is ready! Laura has been working with our Board and is pleased to announce a Monessen Premiere! See the following article for details.

Angelo Pallini dvd Halloween costume premiere

On Saturday, October 29, 2011, at 6 PM, in the Monessen High School auditorium, Laura Magone and the Greater Monessen Historical Society will premiere her newly edited biographical film on the life of Angelo Pallini, the Umbrella Man, who walked 250,000 fixing umbrellas and sharpening knives. There will also be a reading of his Italian poetry by Dr. Patrizia Previtali. **In keeping with the fun of Halloween weekend, it will be a fun costume affair!** What will your costume be? Refreshments will be served. Tickets will be sold at the Heritage Museum.

Email Addresses

Could we ask you to do us a favor? We are updating and creating an email component to our expanding communications page. We want to keep in touch with our members occasionally and let all of you know what events will be occurring. Please either email us with your current email address or send it to us in the mail. We already have our webpage:

www.monessenhistoricalsociety.org

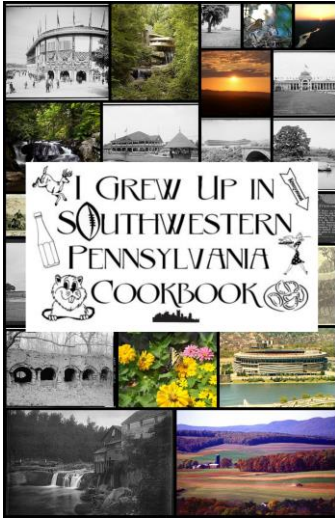
We also are on **Facebook** under Greater Monessen Historical Society. Log in and look around. ☺

Museum Shoppe

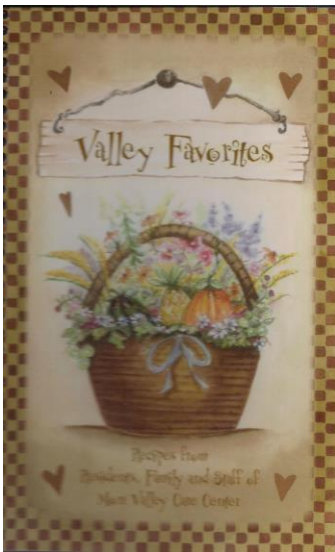
Our "Monessen Memories" cookbook is nearly sold out, and we have had to reorder it after only nine months. Thanks to everyone who purchased a copy. We have now added two new cookbooks to the Shoppe. With the holiday season coming soon, they make excellent gifts. Visit the Museum Shoppe and see the new products.

Searching for a special souvenir. Do you have it?

It has been brought to our attention that for a special anniversary the Pittsburgh Steel Company issued commemorative canes in the shape of nails. We would like to see one of these. Does anyone have one to loan or donate to the Museum for display?



The above cookbook is softcover and spiral bound with 233 pages and is priced at \$18.00. Each recipe page has trivia about southwestern Pennsylvania and there are over one hundred vintage photos in the book.



Our second new addition is also spiral bound and softcover with 108 pages. It is priced at \$10.00 and is a collection of recipes from residents, family and staff of the Mon Valley Care Center.

Founders Day Flea Market

This year we decided to have a flea market as part of the annual Founders Day celebration. We offered space in the old Milsom Building to Monessen Public Library to join us and have their own flea market. On behalf of the Board of Directors for the Library and GMHS, we thank everyone who helped make this one of the best Founders Day in years. So many people expressed delight in the

“treasures” they found. Janet Imbrescia and her committee coordinated the library part. Both groups are still collecting items and will have another joint flea market on September 17, 2011 at our next celebration. Mark your calendar. Items may be dropped off at either the temporary library location of Eastgate 11 or at the Heritage Museum during regular operating hours.

Collecting Genealogies and Memories

The Heritage Museum began collecting family histories and memories of growing up in Monessen a couple years ago. We urge anyone to deposit a copy of their family histories and photos with the Historical Society for preservation and inclusion in our archives. Recently, Jennie Melissas, former Monessen High School science teacher, donated a copy of a biography she and her niece, Katherine Pagonis Drew wrote about her late brother. Miss Melissas and her family generously allowed us to reprint it for our readers.



Nicholas “Mel” Melissas, was born in Monessen July 12, 1925. Mel was the second of the six children of Steve and Irene Melissas. There were three other boys: James (Cab), August (Augie), and Michael (Mehal). The two girls were Mary Pagonis (the oldest), and Jennie (the youngest).

Like many children of the Depression, Mel worked at odd jobs while growing up - he stoked the coal furnace for the Monessen library, set pins at the local bowling alley, and spent the summer months house painting with his father and brothers. He attended Monessen High School from which he graduated in 1943 as Valedictorian and recipient of the High Honors Plaque.

After high school, Mel enlisted in the Air Force but contracted tuberculosis before being deployed. He had a

long and arduous but total recovery in a military hospital in Asheville, NC.

After discharge from the hospital, he attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology, on the GI bill, where he earned a BS in Physics and Economics. His first job out of school was with Raytheon at the Redstone Arsenal. He continued to have close ties with Monessen, always stopping during his travels to visit family and friends Lou Manderino, and Pete and Nick Demas. He spent many hours with his Monessen friends at Johnson's restaurant.

In 1962 Mel married Jacqueline Bean Allen of Boston. Jackie brought three children to the marriage. Jackie and Mel had a daughter, Nancy. Mel was an attentive and loving father to all of the children.

In later years, Mel and his brother Augie co-owned a business in Detroit, called Elstan Industries, which made automobile parts.

After he retired, Mel moved to Brooklyn NY to be near his children and grandchildren. Besides spending time with the family, he read his beloved New York Times daily, closely followed the stock market, went to museums, and attended the theater.

He passed away March 9, 2010 following a brief illness.

Bored? Need something to do? Want to make a difference in the city?

The Heritage Museum is always looking for interested individuals, who want to preserve local history and volunteer for a good cause. We are open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 AM to 3 PM and need people to help. What are your talents? We can work with you. You can come daily, weekly, occasionally or only for special events. You can even work from home. We need organizations and individuals called to see about depositing their records and photos with the Museum. We need PR people and grant people. We need neighborhoods photographed. All of these can be done from the comfort of your own home. Call Susanna at the Museum to volunteer today!

Out of the Ground: Western Pennsylvania's coal mining experience, directed by Andy McAllister, will be shown at the Heritage Museum on Saturday, November 5, 2011, at 1 PM. It is sponsored jointly by GMHS and Monessen Public Library in honor of their Diamond Jubilee.

Class Reunions

During the past couple of years, GMHS has hosted several class reunion gatherings in the Heritage Museum. MHS alumni have enjoyed the Monessen exhibits and looking through the old yearbooks. Videos of Monessen in years past have added to the festivities. Reservations are now being taken for classes interested in visiting in 2011. Call and speak to Susanna Swade, if interested.

Various organizations have also visited and held meetings in the Museum. We would love to have you!

Anyone wishing to cover the cost of a replacement window in the Milsom Building (\$500) can call the Museum.

Dr. and Mrs. Martin Dudas and Susanna Swade have recently purchased windows.

Recent Donations to the Heritage Museum

Valaska / Jamie Kozuskoria.

Copy of first Laslonski Kermesh from August 31, 1941 / Myron Sepitko.

Five MHS yearbooks (1945-1949) / R. E. Cady

Annals of America set / Vito Beneccio.

Monessen Chamber of Commerce welcome to Monessen photo. Bicentennial train photos from Pittsburgh Steel, Newspaper from October 2, 2000 / Ted Harhai.

St. Paul's confirmation class (3-29-1953) and photo of President Kennedy and Mayor Parente / Thomas Weible given in memory of Beverly Kmetz.

Two Louis Studio unknown wedding photos / GMHS

Seven newspapers from 1941-1945 / Kathy Scales given in memory of William H. Tomer.

Local maps, PA flag, MHS program, pamphlets, postcards, calendar, business directory, programs, telephone books, VHS tapes / Monessen Public Library.

Two Lefty Palm caps, three Williams for president pins / John Cheroki.

Princess Diana magazines / Mary Smith.

Slovak book and Bible / Mary Smith.

Minstrel souvenir program (Feb. 20, 1911) / Ted Harhai.

Slovak lodge certificate, birth certificate and wedding certificate, Lions minstrel show, and Christian shawl / Marilyn Pivarnik.

Two 16 mm. films of 1976 games / MHS.

Daily Independent newspapers (12-8-1941, 8-16-1948, 4-6-1945) / Ron Arnoldi.

Copies of C. M. Derickson collection photos in "Portrait Life of Lincoln" book / Ed Owings.

Three recipe book, photo of Pittsburgh Steel mill, Donner Avenue postcard, Blance Thebom obit., seven photos of U.S.O. canteen, Pittsburgh Steel clipping, Keystone Magazine (Xmas, 1948), Asst. newspapers / Mary Jane Barker.

Pittsburgh Steel Badge pin, pay stubs, and employee card / Mary Jane Barker.

Baseball uniform, Monessen Trust Co. dime box, miniature football of 1965, diamond jubilee program, city report. Elementary Center dedication program, Parente/Kennedy photo / Andrew Dacko.

Memorials

In memory of Helen Senich given by Dr. and Mrs. Martin Dudas.

In memory of John and Anna Choban given by Mary Choban Smolen. (Window Fund)

In memory of Pauline and Andrew Kersnick and Mary and Joseph Hulich given by Barbara K. and John J. Coyle. (Window Fund)

In memory of Steve and Irene Melissas, Mary Pagonis, Nicholas Melissas, James Melissas, and Michael Melissas given by Katherine and Howard Dennis Drew, Karen Drew and Jeffrey Rubenstein, Irene Pagonis, Nancy Melissas and David Terhune, and Jennie Melissas. (Window Fund)

In Honor of John and Apolonia Lenio Family and Ray and Dorothy L. Jozwiak given by Dorothy L. Jozwiak. (Window Fund)

One Hundred Years ago in the newspapers August-October, 1911

Lightning struck the flag pole on the Jefferson High School on August August ripping it into splinters. A plumber in the building said the current entered a monkey wrench in his hand and ran to a nearby sewer. At Mrs. Jack Hepple's home on Park Way she was using an electric iron, when her electric chandelier was struck forming a ball of fire that expended itself and caused no more harm. () Daily Independent

Holy Name of Jesus Church on Reed Avenue has a new pastor, Fr. Stanislaus Noravek, who comes from Star Junction. (8-8-11) Monessen News

The Bijou Theatre, which has been closed for three weeks of remodeling, will reopen on August 18, 1911. One thousand free ice cream cones are to be furnished by the Philadelphia Candy Kitchen and will be available free to theatre patrons. The added attraction will be G. W. Connors, the Fat Boy of Indiana Harbor, who is ten years

old and weighs 166 pounds. (8-17-1911) Daily Independent

Captain James M. Neil, of Greensboro, died on August 27, 1911 at the age of 71. He served three years under the command of Colonel James Schoonmaker and was known as the best river pilot on the Monongahela. (8-28-1911) Daily Independent

The Olympic Theatre Company has leased two lots on Donner Avenue near Fifth Street adjoining the Monessen Hotel to build a marble front theatre. The company is composed largely of Greek capitalists from Pittsburgh. (9-1-1911) Monessen News

The Monessen Laundry and Cleaning Company has added a dyeing and cleaning annex to their laundry. The new plant is one of the finest in the United States and is larger and more modern than any in Pennsylvania. The company employs twenty-five men and women and was begun six years ago. (9-15-1911) Monessen News

The Kneseth Israel Hebrew Synagogue on Schoonmaker was dedicated on September 17, 1911. M. Janavitz, the chairman, of the congregation, delivered a welcoming address and Rabbi Levendorf addressed conducted the program. Miss Bergstein lit the menorah. (9-18-1911) Daily Independent

Colonel James M. Schoonmaker has written a letter of sympathy to the family of Captain James M. Neil expressing his sorrow that he was away and unable to attend the funeral services. He called the deceased soldier brave, obedient and dutiful, who struggled for the preservation of the life of the nation in the 60's. (9-21-1911) Daily Independent

The Luna Theatre is closed and will be improved. The floor will be lowered and sloped, while six exits will be made. The vestibule will be tiled, and the entire place illuminated with 250 electric lights. (9-26-1911) Daily Independent

The Page Fence Company has shipped eighty tons of wire to the United States government for use on the construction of the Panama Canal. (9-26-1911) Daily Independent

Monessen Superintendent of Schools, H. E. Gress reports that 1940 pupils are enrolled in the public schools. There are fifty teachers and one substitute with each school room filled to capacity, with the exception of the Third Ward school. (9-30-1911) Daily Independent

J. A. Sheetz has decorated a window of the drug store with straw and pumpkins and put a five foot black snake he found on his farm inside the display. A crowd of the curious gather daily to study the snake. He would be willing to take \$5.00 for the reptile. (10-3-1911) Daily Independent

John Check and John Barno went to Pittsburgh to look after the naturalization of Joe Karch, Paul McGalia and John Bogdan. (10-10-1911) Monessen News

John Janosik, of Knox avenue, has received his naturalization papers from the United States Court through John Radacsy of the Peoples National Bank Foreign Department. (10-13-1911) Monessen News



Late summer and early autumn weddings and engagements of 1911

A marriage license has been granted in Allegheny County to John J. Dotten, of Monessen and Bessie A. Sphar, of Gibsonton. (8-2-1911) Daily Independent

Miss Marie Massie and Frank A. Woleslagle were married August 5, 1911. They will honeymoon with the groom's parents in Crawford County, then return to reside in Monessen. (8-7-1911) Daily Independent

On August 13, 1911, Miss Helen Weisberg, of McKeesport, will marry Lewis Weinberg, of Monessen. The groom owns a gents furnishing store with his brother on Donner. The couple will live in Monessen. (8-8-1911) Daily Independent

Jacob M. Pincus, one of the owners of the Hub Store, is engaged to Miss Ethel Broida, of East Pittsburgh. There will be a late fall or early winter wedding. (8-15-11) Monessen News

J. P. Nicholas, of Monessen, and Miss Maria A. Bregar, of Collinsburg, were granted a marriage license in Greensburg this week. (9-8-1911)

Barbara Jean Gregg, of Monongahela, is engaged to Charles Barr, of Brownsville. They will have an autumn wedding. The bride is a former Fairmont Seminary girl and a leader in the young social set. The groom is engaged in the hotel business. (8-12-1911) Daily Ind.

Miss Anna Mae Giles and Harry Norris, both of Donora, are engaged to marry. The bride is chief operator of the Donora Bell Telephone Company and a graduate of Geneva College. The groom is an electrical engineer at the Donora Steel Co. After marriage, the couple will probably move to the west. (8-15-1911) Daily Independent.

Jacob M. Pincus (spelling varies from next entry), one of the owners of the Hub Store on Schoonmaker, is engaged to Miss Ethel Broida, of East End, Pittsburgh. The bride is an artist with the violin. There will be a late fall or early winter wedding. (8-15-1911) Monessen News

Miss Ethel Broida of East Pittsburgh and Jacob Pineus, of Monessen, are engaged. They will have an early fall wedding. The groom is one of the owners of the Hub. 8-15-1911) Daily Independent

A marriage license was granted in Allegheny County to David Briggs and Beatrice Campbell, both of Charleroi. (8-16-1911) Daily Independent

Miss Mary Ellen Hopkins was united in marriage to Harry Jones on August 19, 1911 at the home of the bride's parents on First Street. They will reside next door to the bride's parents. (8-21-1911) Daily Independent

Edward May, formerly of the H. F. Craig Drug Store, is engaged to Miss Ruth McPartland, of Connellsville. (8-22-1911) Monessen News

Frank Venneri and Mrs. Mary Shepler were married August 20, 1911 at the bride's home on Schoonmaker. The groom is considered thrifty and is one of Monessen's leading merchants. The couple will live on Schoonmaker. (8-22-1911) Daily Independent

Ora Hosmer Shalcrosse, a Monongahela actress, is divorcing her actor husband, Harry Alexander Shalcrosse. He is traveling in Vaudeville in some part of the United States. (8-22-1911) Daily Independent

At a formal dinner on August 30, 1911, the engagement of Miss Lucy Smith of Donora to Thomas H. Robinson, a Donora druggist, was announced (9-2-1911) Daily Ind.

Charles Reed McCabe, a former resident of Monessen, was married on August 31, 1911 at Lima, Ohio to Miss Elsie Chapman, of Lima. The groom is a chemist with the Lima Locomotive Works. After a honeymoon, the couple will reside at 1125 Brice Avenue, Lima, Ohio (9-5-1911) Daily Independent

On September 1, 1911, near Conneaut Lake, Thomas W. Agnew, of Monessen, was married to Miss Beatrice Thompson, of Ireland. The couple will live in Monessen. (9-6-1911) Daily Independent

Charles Reed McCabe, formerly of Monessen, was married on August 31, 1911 at Lima, Ohio to Miss Elsie Chapman, of Lima. They will live at 1125 Brice Avenue at Lima. (9-5-1911) Monessen News

J. P. Nicholas, of Monessen, and Miss Maria A. Bregar, of Collinsburg, were granted a marriage license in Greensburg. (9-8-1911) Monessen News

Cornelius Buchanan and Miss Thressa C. Lambert, both of Charleroi, were married September 13, 1911 at St. Jerome's Catholic Church. They will live in North Charleroi. (9-14-1911) Daily Independent

Roy B. Davis, of Donora, and Miss Bessie Clark, of Lonaconing, Maryland, were united in marriage on September 13, 1911. (9-18-1911) Daily Independent

Mrs. Nellie V. Beatly, of Belle Vernon, is divorcing her husband, A. P. Beatly. (9-19-1911) Monessen News

Miss Rose McPartland and Edward May, of Connellsville and formerly of the Craig Drug Store of Monessen were married September 20, 1911. (9-22-1911) Monessen News

Mary Elizabeth McDonough and Charles George Ryan, both of Monessen, were married September 26, 1911 at St. Leonard's Church surrounded by Easter lilies. Groom is steel worker at Pittsburgh Steel. (9-26-1911) Monessen News

Stanley M. Martsof and Miss Pearl Speers, both of Monessen, secretly wed on August 7, 1911. Groom is employed at Kirk Drug Store and is a graduate pharmacist. The bride was a clerk at the Cowan Shoe Store. They will live in Monessen. (9-27-1911) Daily Ind

Miss Delila Miller, of Allenport, and B. H. Crawford, of Twelve Mile, Indiana, were married September 27, 1911 in Pittsburgh. (9-28-1911) Daily Independent

Stanley Martsof and Miss Pearl Speers were married August 7, 1911 in New Jersey. The groom is a druggist at the Kirk Drug Store, while the bride was a clerk at Cowan Shoe Store. They will live in Monessen. (9-29-1911) Monessen News

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Agnew of Knox Avenue were married a month ago and had a tin shower on September 28, 1911 at their home with thirty people. They had games, speech making, music, supper and taffy pulling. (9-29-1911) Daily Independent

Lloyd Corwin and Della Craig, both of Belle Vernon, were granted a marriage license in Greensburg on October 7, 1911. (10-10-1911) Monessen News

Miss Emma Meyers, of North Charleroi, and Dr. O. J. Kreger, of Monessen, were married on October 11, 1911. The couple will honeymoon in New York City. Bride was formerly a principal of the Ninth Street School in Charleroi and later a secretary to Professor H. E. Gress, of the Monessen schools. (10-13-1911) Monessen News

Charles Martin, manager of the Star Theatre in Donora, eloped on October 13, 1911 and was married in Cumberland, Maryland. (10-13-1911) Monessen News

Dr. O. J. Kreger married Miss Emma Myers, at her home in Lock Four. The bride is a former public school teacher. They will live in Monessen. (10-11-1911) Daily Independent

Mrs. May Hale, of Monessen, is divorcing Charles R. Hale, of Anderson, Indiana. She cites cruel and barbarous treatment as the reason. (10-11-1911) Daily Independent

Mrs. Louisa Carogne, of Monessen, has filed for divorce from Andy Carogne. (10-13-1911) Monessen News

Andy Joseph Rickey and Isabel Farrell, both of Belle Vernon, were granted a marriage license. (10-13-1911) Daily Independent

Miss Katherine Barrett and C. G. Wilson, both of Charleroi, were quietly married on October 12, 1911 by the Justice of the Peace after getting a license in Washington. The groom is employed at the Pittsburgh Steel Works. (10-13-1911) Daily Independent

Miss Armieminta G. Gully, of Harrisburg, and Frank L. Wall, civil engineer of the PA State Highway Dept. and formerly of Monessen were married October 8, 1911. The couple will live in Harrisburg. (10-17-1911) Monessen News

Miss Elsie Woods and Russel Stoneburn, both of Monessen, were married on October 16, 1911 at the home of the bride's parents on Knox Avenue. (10-17-1911) Monessen News

Miss Elsie Wood, of Knox Avenue, married Russell Stoneburner, of Toms Brook, Virginia, on October 16, 1911. They will live at 119 Knox Avenue. (10-17-1911) Daily Independent

Miss Louis Boyd Gabler, formerly of Monessen, and Earle DeBerry were married on October 17, 1911 in Brownsville. The couple will live in Brownsville where the groom has a responsible position. (10-18-1911) Daily Independent

George Luttigan and Anna Adam of Monessen have a marriage license. (10-19-1911) Daily Independent

Michael Toker and Amelia Seaman got a marriage license in Greensburg on October 18, 1911. (10-19-1911) Daily Independent

Miss Elizabeth B. MacLellan and William H. Cunningham, both of Stellarton, Nova Scotia, were married October 18, 1911 at 671 Reed Avenue. Bride wore an empire gown of white silk and carried white rosebuds. The dining room was decorated with chrysanthemums, pink carnations and palms. Fraser C. MacLellan is brother of the bride. The couple will live in Nova Scotia. (10-19-1911) Daily Independent

George Lutigan and Anna Adam, both of Monessen, were granted a marriage license in Greensburg on October 18, 1911. (10-20-1911) Monessen News

Michael Toker and Emella Seaman, both of Monessen, received a marriage license in Greensburg on October 18, 1911) Monessen News

Daniel Winchell and Miss Barbara Gilbert, both of Monessen, were married on October 22, 1911 at the German Lutheran Church parsonage. They will live on Schoonmaker Avenue. (10-23-1911) Daily Independent

Dick Reamer, Republican candidate for County Commissioner has wed Miss Marguerite Ater, of Marieta, Pennsylvania in New York. (10-26-1911) Daily Indep.

W. D. Reamer, Republican nominee for county commissioner, eloped with Miss Marguerite Eater, of West Marietta, PA last week in New York. (Spelling varies from above article) The bride has been forgiven by her parents. The groom is a member of the Wild Cat Association. (10-31-1911) Monessen News

Late Summer and early Autumn Births of 1911

Mr. and Mrs. John Redacy, of Schoonmaker Avenue, had a baby boy on July 30, 1911. The father is in charge of the foreign department of the People's National Bank.

Mr. & Mrs. A. G. Dunlap had a baby daughter on August 7, 1911. The father is a train dispatcher in town. (8-8-1911) Daily Independent

Mr. & Mrs. A. G. Dunlap, of the First National Bank building apartments, had a baby girl on August 7, 1911. (8-8-1911) Monessen News

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Dawson, of Fourth Street, have a new daughter, which arrived on August 9, 1911. (8-10-1911) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Dawson, of Fourth Street, are the parents of a baby girl that arrived on August 9, 1911. (8-11-1911) Monessen News

Mrs. John Mowatnik had an eight pound daughter on August 13, 1911 at 4 PM in the center of the Charleroi Bridge while walking to her home on Linden Avenue after a five month trip to her native country. In distress, she waded to a Slavish woman in Wireton, who came to help. Dr. Farquhar was summoned in his car, but the baby was already born by the time he arrived. He drove the woman home with her baby and her three year old son, who was traveling with her. (8-14-1911) Daily Indep

Mrs. John Mowatnik, after leaving a Pennsylvania RR train and walking to the center of the Charleroi Monessen Bridge, gave birth to a daughter on August 15,

1911. She was to meet her husband at Wireton. The child was named Bridget. (8-15-11) Monessen News

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Tucker, of Graham Avenue, had a girl on August 14, 1911. (8-18-1911) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lewis, of McKee Avenue, had a baby boy on August 19, 1911. The father is a roller in the Tin Mill and has not yet brought cigars. (8-19-1911) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zollars, of 181 Oneida Street, had a bouncing baby boy on August 30, 1911. (8-31-1911) Daily Independent

Dr. D. C. Farquhar had a ten pound baby girl on August 30, 1911. (8-31-1911) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zollars had a baby boy on August 30, 1911. (9-1-1911) Monessen News

Twins were born to Patrick Gaynor, an employee of the Dilworth Coal Company at Rices Landing on September 15, 2011. One twin died on September 19, 2011. (9-21-1911) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Shambaugh, of Donner Avenue, had twins, a boy and a girl, on September 30, 1911. (10-2-1911) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Allen, of Tenth and Morgan, had a ten pound girl on October 2, 1911. (10-2-1911) Daily Independent

Dr. and Mrs. G. T. Cornelius had a nine pound baby girl on October 2, 1911. (10-2-1911) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burns, of the corner of Eleventh and Donner Avenue, had a son. (10-10-1911) Daily Indepen

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hubinson had a baby boy. (10-19-1911) Daily Independent

Coming soon:

Dvd's will soon be available showing the former Polish and Greek ethnic exhibits. Others will follow. Watch for forthcoming details.

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