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## In Loving Memory



It is with deepest sadness, we announce the passing of our esteemed board member, Dr. Martin Dudas. Eternal rest grant unto him and may perpetual light shine upon him. Marty will be greatly missed by all of us.

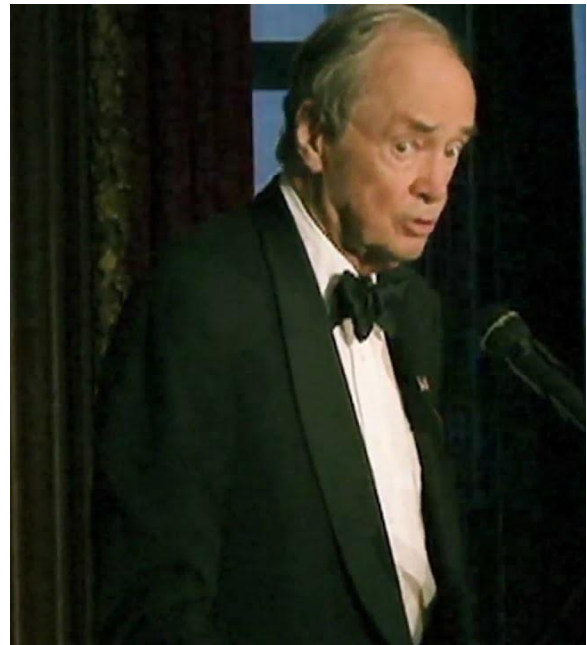
Dr. Martin Dudas died at home on April 24, 2024. He was the last of the six sons of Dr. Joseph and Mary

Mayernik Dudas. He was born June 23, 1940, at the Charleroi Monessen Hospital. Marty was a graduate of Monessen High School, Class of 1958. A graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, School of Dental Medicine (68), he loved practicing orthodontics in Monessen, Johnstown and Somerset. He was a diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics, a member of the American Dental Association, American Association of Orthodontists and a past president of the Mid Mon Valley and Johnstown Dental Societies. He was proud to be a life member of the National Eagle Scout Association, Knights of Columbus No. 954, Elks Lodge No. 773, and to have served as a congressional page at the U.S. House of Representatives in 1957. He was the founder of the Monessen Parks Restoration Group, where he served as chairperson. He also served on Monessen City Council (2010-14) and was chairperson of fundraising for the Greater Monessen Historical Society. He was preceded in death by his brothers,

**Dr. Joseph Jr., Dr. Thomas, John, Richard and Andre. Surviving are his wife, Madeline Dandrea Dudas; sisters-in-law, Virginia and Donna Dudas; stepdaughter, Dana (Col. Todd) Allison; brother-in-law, Joseph Dandrea; and his 12 wonderful nieces, nephews and dear cousins. He dedicated his life to giving people a beautiful smile, so share your smile with the world around you every day. Friends will be received from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday, April 29, 2024, at ROBERT A. BILLICK FUNERAL HOME INC., Grand Boulevard and Marion Avenue, Monessen. Services will be held on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, beginning with a blessing service at 9:30 a.m. in the funeral home, followed by a 10 a.m. Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord Church with the Rev. Michael J. Crookston officiating. Private family Interment will take place in Holy Name Cemetery, Monessen. The Knights of Columbus will conduct services at 6 p.m. Monday in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Greater Monessen Historical Society, 505 Donner Ave., Monessen PA 15062. (From the MVI newspaper)**



**The Board of Directors also extend their deepest sympathy to the Donner Family on the passing of Joseph William Donner, Jr., grandson of Monessen Founder, William Henry Donner.**



**Joseph W. Donner, Jr. passed away peacefully at his New York home in the arms of his loving wife, Pamela (Cushing) Donner, on Thursday, July 13, 2023. Born Jan 23, 1927, to Carroll Elting and Joseph Donner in Buffalo, NY, Joe was the grandson of industrialist and philanthropist William H. Donner, founder of Donner Steel and a close associate of Andrew Mellon. Upon the passing of Joe's father before age three, Joe's grandfather founded the International Cancer Research Foundation, which was the genesis of the William H. Donner Foundation and Donner Canadian Foundation.**

**Joe spent his early years at St. Paul's School in Concord, NH, and then served in the U.S. Navy before entering Princeton University, where he became a founding member of the famed acapella**

group, the Tigertones.

After graduation, Joe met and married the love of his life, Pamela Cushing Donner, at St. Thomas Church in New York City. He joined the foreign service, and the young couple moved to their station in Athens, Greece. There they had their first two children, Alexander Brokaw and Belinda.

Returning stateside, Joe forged ahead with a successful career on Wall Street at First Boston, then Cyrus J. Lawrence as the couple added two more sons to their growing brood - Timothy Elting and Joseph William III.

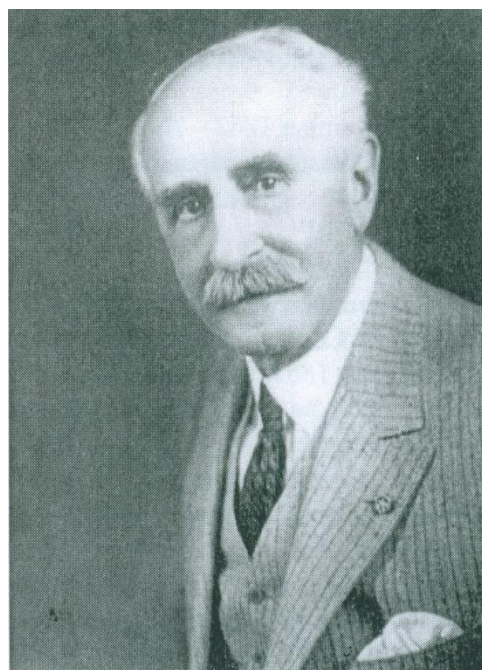
In the late 1970s, Joe left Wall Street to pursue a Ph.D. at Columbia University while supporting several conservative causes, including his service on the board of an influential political publication. He was, in fact, a stalwart patriot and longtime philanthropist who tirelessly supported numerous public policy think tanks.

Aside from his loving wife of 72 years, Joe leaves behind his sons, Alex, Tim, and Joe, as well as three grandchildren, William Henry, Timothy Joseph, and Brielle Marjorie, as well as his two daughters-in-law, Leesa (Kelly) Donner and Karen (Solomon) Donner.



### A NEW Commemorative Book to be Published

Since 1923, a new commemorative book on the history of Monessen has been published every twenty-five years. We are currently working on one for the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary and hope to have it ready for the holidays. Check the webpage or our Facebook page for updates. We need old photos of Monessen! See what you have to share! Scans can be emailed to: [Monessen@verizon.net](mailto:Monessen@verizon.net) . Photos can also be dropped off at the Museum as a loan to be scanned and returned.



Schoonmaker Grants - Thank You

The Historical Society received a \$5,000 grant from the James M. Schoonmaker II Foundation. We thank Mrs. Patrice Schoonmaker for carrying on the legacy of the Schoonmaker Family and remembering the Historical Society.

In addition, the Society also received a \$5,000 grant from the fund established by Colonel Schoonmaker's daughter in law, Lucille Kay Schoonmaker.



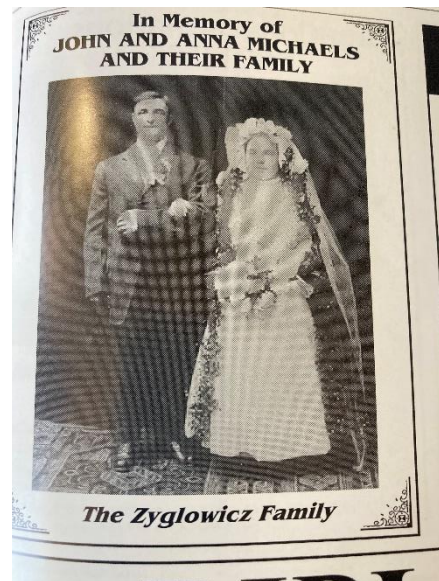
### Slovak Support

At their recent national convention, the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association awarded the Greater Monessen Historical Society a grant of \$4000 to be used toward the preservation of local Slovak heritage materials in our archives, as well as for the continued promotion of Slovak history with special emphasis on the Mon Valley region.

### Monessen 125

The Greater Monessen Historical Society Board of Directors and the Monessen 125 Committee want to thank everyone who helped make the anniversary special! Lots of work and time went into the planning of the monthly events of 2023. Special thanks to the City of Monessen and all the organizations that worked with the historical

society. We could not have done it without you!



### Monessen 125th Anniversary Book Advertising

If you would like to place an ad, memorial, dedication, or congratulatory ad in the 125th Anniversary Book, please fill out this form and mail it to:

Greater Monessen Historical Society 505 Donner Ave. Monessen, PA 15062

If writing a check, please include "125th Ad" in the Memo Line.

For additional information, please call 724-684-8460.

Deadline is August 1, 2024.

Name (First and Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Business or Organization (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Text to be included in the ad:**

**You may submit a printed version of your ad design on a separate sheet of paper.**

**Ad Prices are as follows. Please circle which ad you would like:**

**Premium Full Page (Inside front and back cover): \$2000**

**Full Page: \$499**

**Half Page: \$299**

**Quarter Page: \$179**

**Patron ad: \$10 (Just the name, such as “Mr. and Mrs. John Smith”, or “Rebecca Smith”, or “The Vincent Smith Family”).**

**You may submit a photo or artwork for any ad, memorial, or congratulatory ad. You may email ad artwork or digital versions of ads to [monessen@verizon.net](mailto:monessen@verizon.net)**

**Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date:**

### **Your Family Genealogy**

**Have you donated a copy of your family tree to the Heritage Museum? Please consider donating material on your family to us?**

## **Founders Day**

**Mark Your Calendars!**



**The annual Founders Day Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2024 in Jozwiak Hall, Monessen St. Vincent DePaul Society building on Grand Blvd. Happy hour will begin at 5 and dinner served at 6:30 after the welcome address. Call the Museum and don't miss out! The theme will be “HALLOWEEN”! Start getting your best costume ready!**

### **Annual Membership Renewal and Fund Drive Thank you!**

**You are the reason why we are here! We depend on your generosity to sustain us and help us grow! Thank you for your donations during our annual appeal.**

### **Please Keep in Mind that We are Always in Search of:**

- \*Ledger books**
- \*Society minute books**
- \*Membership lists of organizations**
- \*Church bulletins**
- \*Funeral prayer cards**

- \*Advertising items for local businesses
- \*Photos of ethnic celebrations
- \*Photos of religious celebrations
- \*Photos of old businesses
- \*Photos of schools
- \*Photos of industries
- \*Event programs
- \*Family genealogies

### Social Media

The Greater Monessen Historical Society has a Twitter account. Follow us at @MonessenHistory. We are also on Facebook and have over 3000 followers worldwide! We can be located on Facebook under “Greater Monessen Historical Society”. See our latest events, news and photos of previous events. Google us and find our webpage filled with all the necessary information to visit, donate, join or learn about us!

### Planned Estate Giving

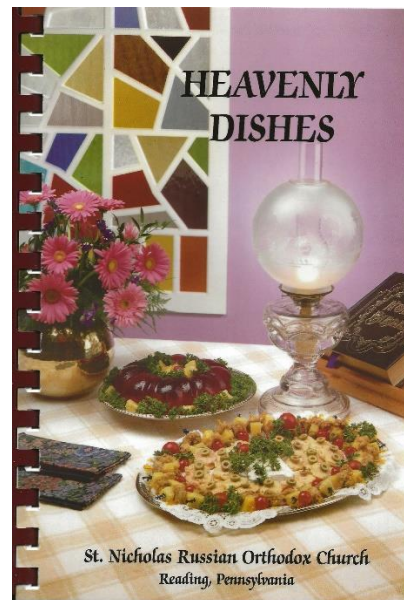
**Make a Plan. Make a Difference. Create a Legacy.**

Making a gift of estate assets can be simple to do and will provide lasting support for the Greater Monessen Historical Society’s efforts to connect people to history. It will also ensure that the heritage and legacy left by our immigrant ancestors continues into the future.

### Volunteers wanted

Do you have talents to share? Do you have spare time? Do you want to give back to the community? Do you enjoy history? If so, please consider joining our group and volunteering at the Museum. Call for details.

We are also looking for people to portray Monessen historical figures, such as Mrs. William Henry Donner, at events. If interested, please contact us.



### Museum Gift Shoppe

Check out our webpage to see items available in our Gift Shoppe. We have the largest collection of ethnic cookbooks available in the area. They make wonderful wedding gifts.

### One Hundred Years Ago in the Newspapers January - May, 1924

Reverend A. J. Wigley is leaving St. Leonard’s Roman Catholic Church after twenty-two years. He arrived on January 12, 1902. (01-01-1924) Monessen News

I. Coccari opened a new garage on Donner Avenue between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Streets. It covers three lots with a capacity of fifty cars. (01-01-1924) Monessen News

Miss Catherine Dudas, nurse in training at Mercy Hospital, is visiting her parents. (01-01-1924) Monessen News

Monessen Chief of Police Horne and his men found 50 to 60 gallon stills on the third floor of the Fontanelli Building, 37 East Donner Avenue, on January 2. Edward Zanadell, the son in law of Mrs. Fontanelli, was arrested. The confiscated property had a value of approximately \$3000. (01-04-1924) Monessen News

The Olympic Theatre is reopening under the management of Charles A. Geiss. The

place has been redecorated and renovated. (01-07-1924) Monessen News

Mrs. John B. Caskey, Schoonmaker Avenue, fell from a second story window, while shaking a rug. She landed on the porch roof and then rolled off and hit the ground. She suffered a broken rib and bruises. (01-14-1924) Daily Independent

Vladimir Lenin, the founder of Soviet Russia, has died. (01-22-1924) Daily Independent

Monessen schools dismissed early yesterday due to the extreme cold weather. (01-22-1924) Daily Independent

Revenue officers raided the basement of the Sheetz Hotel and found thirty-two barrels of whiskey behind blind walls. The building is owned by Frank Ezerski. (01-22-1924) Monessen News

The Motz Lumber Company will remodel the M. Luman Department Store for the sum of \$25,000. H. Ernest Clark is the architect. (01-24-1924) Daily Independent

There was a large fire at Boquet Flats, at Eleventh and Schoonmaker, at midnight with temperatures near zero. Fifty occupants were sent into the cold. Half of the building burned for a loss estimated at \$12,000. The building is owned by George Myford, Belle Vernon, and has twenty small apartments. (01-26-1924) Daily Independent

A Lenin Memorial meeting scheduled to be held at the Finnish Socialist Hall, Sixth and Clarendon, on Sunday evening, has been halted by order of Mayor Carl Woodward. (02-02-1924) Daily Independent

Radio will carry the words of the final rites to 50,000 people who are expected to listen to the funeral of former President Woodrow Wilson. (02-05-1924) Daily Independent

One hundred twenty-five Monessen Boy Scouts gathered in front of the High School flagpole yesterday at 4 PM. for an impressive memorial service for the late

President Woodrow Wilson. (02-07-1924) Daily Independent

The Loyal Order of Moose, No. 80, will dedicate their new auditorium tomorrow. It is the largest in the valley. The Moose Temple is valued at \$135,000. (02-08-1924) Daily Independent

The Monessen Athletic Club has been formed. (02-09-1924) Daily Independent

The Ladies Auxiliary of Thomas McKee Post #28, American Legion, held the third annual community dance and card party in the Moose Temple. The crowd was estimated at 1000 persons. (02-16-1924) Daily Independent

Miss Martha Carney, Monessen, won a beauty contest in the Moose Auditorium at Third and Schoonmaker. (02-19-1924) Monessen News

Mary Friedhoff, age 11, of 116 Reed Avenue, was a prize winner for the Lincoln Essay Contest held by the Pittsburgh Press newspaper. (02-19-1924) Monessen News

Monessen City Council created a City Planning Commission proposed by Councilman Pannabaker. (02-27-1924) Daily Independent

The month of March came in like a lamb. (03-01-1924) Daily Independent

The first robin of the season was seen on Sixth Street hill over the house of E. M. Frye. (03-01-1924) Daily Independent

Thebom Cash Meat Market opened Saturday at Ninth and Knox. It is owned by Carl G. Thebom. (03-03-1924) Daily Independent

The Polish Veterans Lodge, No. 19 will hold a banquet at Konopinski's Hall, 230 Knox Avenue tonight at 7 PM. Three hundred invitations were sent. (03-03-1924) Daily Independent

The period of mourning for the late President Woodrow Wilson has ended. Flags can be returned to full staff again. (03-04-1924) Daily Independent

**Dr. W. W. Hall gave an address called the “Dance of Death” at the Methodist Church. It was on the evils of dancing. He said no girl can attend a dance without lowering her standard of modesty. He continued that dancing can only be done with blood relatives or with your wife or mother in law. No one should hug at a dance. (03-05-1924) Daily Independent**

**Monessen Volunteer Firemen’s Band will perform on KDKA Radio at 8 PM. They will do fifteen numbers. This is the second appearance of the thirty-six member band on KDKA. (03-07-1924) Daily Independent**

**At the revival campaign “Musical Night”, in the Methodist Church last night, one hundred members of the Ku Klux Klan marched into the church. Two members sang a duet, “The Fiery Cross”. One hooded member came forward and handed Evangelist Hall a package with money in appreciation of all the good work he has done in Monessen. (03-08-1924) Daily Independent**

**The Monessen Cash Market, Donner Avenue, that is owned by Thomas Bergstein, has given a contract to Ernest Clark for remodeling the store. There will be a new front and windows, along with a new refrigerator for his meats and produce, which will replace the old ice box.**

**Douglas Williams, African American, will open “Douglas’ Shoe Shine Parlor on Donner Avenue between “Harry’s Place” and the “City Bakery”. He will sell tobacco, cigars, cigarettes and mill gloves. (03-21-1924) Daily Independent**

**A fire yesterday at the garage of Mike Joseph, rear of 934 Knox Avenue, destroyed two autos and the building for a loss of \$7000. The two automobiles were a new Paige Touring Car and a Hupmobile Coupe. (03-24-1924) Daily Independent**

**Police Chief Horne raided 1023 Morgan Avenue and arrested Theodore Flamos. They found a large still, four hundred**

**gallons of mash and fifty gallons of liquor. (03-28-1924) Monessen News**

**St. Leonard’s Roman Catholic Church launched a \$75,000 campaign to build a parochial school at the corner of Schoonmaker and Seventh Street. (03-29-1924) Daily Independent**

**The New Grand Hotel was sold to Harry C. Hunter, the traveling carnival man, for \$7,500. It contains thirty-two rooms with hot and cold water. (04-11-1924) Monessen News**

**M. Luman Department Store opened last night at 525-529 Donner Avenue. It is a three story building with a basement and elevator. (05-23-1924) Monessen News**

**Memorial Day services will be observed Friday with a parade starting at the P&LE Freight Station. It will be led by the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic followed by the American Legion, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Firemen’s Band, and the Company D Auxiliary. The route will travel up to Schoonmaker to Seventh Street, to Donner, to First Street and then to the Cemetery. (05-27-1924) Monessen News**

#### **Weddings, Divorces and Engagements of January – May 1924**

**George Halkias, Monessen, granted a divorce for desertion from Jessie Halkias. They were married on February 20, 1918. He stated he only lived with her three weeks. (01-01-1924) Monessen News**

**Miss Singe Soderholm and Werner Wiita, both of Monessen, were married on Tuesday at the Finnish Lutheran Church. (01-04-1924) Monessen News**

**Mr. and Mrs. M. Rogawitz, Third and Schoonmaker, celebrated their Silver Anniversary on Friday. (01-08-1924) Daily Independent**

**Miss Sarah Johns, Monessen, and J. W. Maughan, Smithdale, wed last week. (01-18-1924) Monessen News**

**Miss Mary C. Hill, 1004 Knox Anue, and Daniel K. O’Connor were married today**



at St. Leonard's Roman Catholic Church. Both are employed at Brautigam Garage. The bride wore an orchid crepe dress and hat, while carrying white roses and lilies of the valley. (01-23-1924) Daily Independent

Miss Anna Cecelia Rialti, Charleroi, and William Smyth, Schoonmmaker Avenue, were married today at Mother of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church, in Charleroi. Breakfast was in Johnson's Restaurant. The bride wore a grey crepe dress and hat. (01-24-1924) Daily Independent

Miss Dorothy Hielt, Fourth Street, and Alfred Stassin, Warren, Ohio, eloped and wed yesterday in Pittsburgh. The bride is employed at the Daily Independent. (01-30-1924) Daily Independent

Miss Marie Moskole, Monessen, and Jacob Dyszbakie, Donora, married last week in Wellsburg, W.V. (02-11-1924) Daily Independent

Miss Eleanor Smith and Morgan Paul, both of Monessen, wed Friday at Cumberland, MD. (02-12-1924) Monessen News

Mr. and Mrs. John Benson, Knox Avenue, are celebrating their Silver Anniversary with a trip to Youngstown, Ohio. (02-16-1924) Daily Independent

Miss Mabel Hughes, Monessen, and Haven Thompson, Brownsville, were married in Pittsburgh on Tuesday. (02-22-1924) Monessen News

Geneoffa Antonina, Monessen, filed for divorce from Petro Antonina. She alleges her husband choked her and made her sleep on the floor. They wed on June 10, 1922. (02-26-1924) Monessen News

The wedding of Mrs. Laura Abbott, Monessen, and Raymond Wise, Donora, is today at St. Leonard's Roman Catholic Church. (02-23-1924) Daily Independent

Miss Lucy Shaw, Monessen, and Herbert Hunt, Donora, secretly married in Baltimore last September. The bride is the bookkeeper for Peoples Natural Gas. (02-29-1924) Monessen News

Torrance P. Hannigan, Monessen, and Miss Thelma Anderson, North Belle

Vernon, wed at St. Leonard's Roman Catholic Church today. The groom was a Monessen High School football champion. (03-01-1924) Daily Independent

Miss Genevieve Hare, Belle Vernon, wed Jay McGaughey, of Donner Avenue, on February 20, 1924 in Ashville, N.C. (03-04-1924) Monessen News

Miss Regina Stevenson, 411 Schoonmaker, wed John S. Leffler, Irwin, on July 9, 1923 in secret. The bride is a nurse for Page Steel and Wire Co. During the Great War, she volunteered and served overseas as a nurse. (03-04-1924) Daily Independent

Miss Betty Kline, Pittsburgh, wed Al Itakovitz, Monessen, yesterday. The groom is employed at Meyers Clothing Store. (03-06-1924) Daily Independent

Florence Wengstrom, Monessen, filed for divorce from Chauncey E. Wengstrom for desertion. They wed on September 6, 1919. (03-14-1924) Monessen News

Miss Amelia Pehl, Rostraver Street, and Donald Lewis were married on Saturday. (03-18-1924) Daily Independent

Miss Laelia Cook, Monessen, and Lloyd Hawkinsan, Clarksburg, W. V., wed on March 15, 1924. They will reside on Donner Avenue. (03-21-1924) Monessen News

Mr. and Mrs. Max Janavitz, Reed Avenue, were surprised with a Silver Wedding anniversary party. They were presented with a one hundred piece dinner set. (03-21-1924) Daily Independent

Margaret M. Miller has filed for divorce from Jesse Miller. (04-01-1924) Monessen News

Grace Tower is seeking a divorce from Harold K. Tower citing desertion. (04-11-1924) Monessen News

Lizzie I. Barbie filed for divorce from James Q. Barbie citing cruel treatment and death threats. (04-11-1924) Monessen News

Katherine Pollack was granted a divorce from James Pollack, due to desertion.

**They wed on April 27, 1916. (04-11-1924)  
Monessen News**

**Miss Dorothea E. Miller, Monessen, and  
Raymond V. Neil, Donora, were married  
on Tuesday. Will reside in Donora. (05-  
02-1924) Monessen News**

**Miss Anna Corrigan, 972 Donner Avenue,  
and Desire H. Scholleart wed today at St.  
Leonard's Roman Catholic Church.  
They will live in an apartment at Tenth  
and Donner. The groom works for the  
Pittsburgh Steel Company. The bride is  
the bookkeeper for Potter-McCune. (05-  
06-1924) Monessen News**

**Lillian Mae Sisley, Speers, is engaged to  
William K. Rodgers, McKee Avenue. The  
wedding will be in June. (05-06-1924)  
Monessen News**

**Miss Sarah Moore, Schoonmaker Avenue,  
married T. W. Cary, Donora. (05-20-  
1924**

#### **Late Winter and Early Spring births of 1924**

**Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, Donner Avenue,  
baby girl, Saturday morning. (01-01-  
1924) Monessen News**

**Mr. and Mrs. Miller Todd, baby girl,  
Sunday, Dudas Maternity Hospital on  
McKee Avenue. (01-01-1924) Monessen  
News**

**Mr. and Mrs. Eli Myers, Morgan Avenue,  
baby boy. (01-16-1924) Daily  
Independent**

**Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Howard, 39 Knox  
Avenue, baby girl,, 7 ½ lbs., January 12,  
1924. (01-23-1924) Daily Independent**

**Mr. and Mrs. William Sadler, Aliquippa  
Avenue, baby girl, 8 lbs., Thursday. (01-  
28-1924) Daily Independent**

**John Dublinsky, baby girl, 11 lbs., Friday.  
(01-28-1924) Daily Independent**

**Mr. and Mrs. Gus Leclercq, 400 Motheral  
Avenue, baby boy. Father is a mailman.  
(01-30-1924) Daily Independent**

**Mr. and Mrs. Marko Fugansla, baby girl,  
January 26, Dudas Maternity Hospital.  
Baby is very ill. (01-30-1924) Daily  
Independent**

**Mr. and Mrs. John L. Gibson, 205 Reed  
Avenue, baby girl, today, Dudas  
Maternity Hospital. (02-08-1924)  
Monessen News**

**Mr. and Mrs. George Serbach, McMahon  
Avenue, baby boy, 7 ½ lbs. (02-08-1924)  
Daily Independent**

**Mr. and Mrs. Louis Seykoski, Dutchtown,  
baby boy, 9 ½ lbs., Saturday. (02-09-  
1924) Daily Independent**

**Mr. And Mrs. Tormay, 25 Reed Avenue,  
baby girl, Friday morning. (02-12-1924)  
Monessen News**

**Mr. and Mrs. Lee Vaughn, McKee  
Avenue, baby boy, Dudas Maternity  
Hospital, Saturday. (02-11-1924) Daily  
Independent**

**Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kiefer, 212 East  
Donner Avenue, baby girl, named  
Frances Amelia. (02-23-1924) Daily  
Independent**

**Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rotolo, 1240  
McMahon Avenue, baby boy, 12 lbs.,  
yesterday. (02-29-19224) Daily  
Independent**

**Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sherwin, Reed  
Avenue, baby girl, Dudas Maternity  
Hospital, today. (03-03-1924) Daily  
Independent**

**Mr. and Mrs. George Yurcho, Clarendon  
Avenue, baby girl, yesterday. (03-04-  
1924) Daily Independent**

**Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Miller,  
Monessen, granted permission to adopt  
William Topping. His father is dead, but  
the mother consented. (03-07-1924)  
Monessen News**

**Mr. and Mrs. Ina Green, 516 Donner  
Avenue, baby girl, March 5, 1924. (03-07-  
1924) Daily Independent**

**Albert Gaudio, 436 Donner Avenue, baby girl, 9 lbs. Father is manager of American Woolen Mills Co. (03-10-1924) Daily Independent**

**Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gaudio, Donner Avenue, baby girl, yesterday. (03-11-1924) Monessen News**

**Mr. and Mrs. James F. Taylor, Donner Avenue, baby boy, 9 lbs., today. Father owns Taylor's News Stand. (03-17-1924) Daily Independent**

**Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stefanski, 403 Reed Avenue, baby girl, 11 lbs., today. (03-27-1924) Daily Independent**

**Mr. and Mrs. Warnford McGinnis, Donner Avenue, baby boy, Monongahela Memorial Hospital. (03-28-1924) Monessen News**

**Mr. and Mrs. T. Lachena, 377 Schoonmaker Avenue, baby boy, Thursday. (03-28-1924) Daily Independent**

**Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ney, Jr., baby girl, last night, Dudas Maternity Hospital. (03-28-1924) Daily Independent**

**Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Skirpan, baby boy, yesterday. To be named "Bill". (03-31-1924) Daily Independent**

**Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Skirpan, McKee Avenue, baby boy on Sunday. (04-01-1924) Monessen News**

**Mr. and Mrs. John Mahusky, baby boy, at Dudas Maternity Hospital. (04-08-1924) Monessen News**

**Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brown, Donner Avenue, baby girl, Sunday, at Dudas Maternity Hospital on Sunday. (04-08-1924) Monessen News**

**Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McGuire, Ninth Street, baby boy, on Wednesday. (4-18-1924) Monessen News**

**Mr. and Mrs. Jack McMahan, baby girl, at Dudas Memorial Hospital, last week. (05-02-1924) Monessen News**

**Mr. and Mrs. Issac Lammi, baby girl, on Wednesday. (05-09-1924) Monessen News**

## **Dan's Archives**

### **Emancipation Day Celebrated**

Monessen's African American community celebrated "Emancipation Day" on September 22, 1915 with a parade and the county convention of the Afro-American Protective League. The parade was headed by Civil War veteran Gabriel Butler, followed by President William Taylor and Ex-president W. A. Spriggs. The Monongahela Union Band and Chief Burgess A. G. Dunlap followed in automobiles. Next, was a float with the Emancipation Queen, Miss Francis Ferguson, with her ladies of honor and flower girls. At the rear of the parade, the Sunday school scholars of the M. E. and Baptist churches and the delegates of the Afro-American Protective League followed. After driving through the main streets of the city, the marchers went to Electric Park where the Burgess delivered the welcome. The Emancipation Proclamation was read by Mrs. John Arnold. Samuel Pangburn was the keynote speaker of the event and spoke for an hour on "Our Emancipation" urging everyone to stand by the flag and be good citizens. Convention business was conducted, and later in the evening, there was a reception and dance in Assembly Hall attended by over two hundred couples. Myers Orchestra furnished the music.

### **A Recipe For You**

From the table of Mrs. James M. Schoonmaker II.

Chicken breast with garlic and rosemary

8 cloves garlic

2 T. sugar

1/3 C. butter

1/2 C. dry vermouth

1/2 C. chicken stock

6 sprigs fresh rosemary

½ C. heavy cream

4 boneless skinless chicken breasts

In a saucepan, place garlic, sugar, ¼ C. butter and vermouth. Heat and reduce until garlic caramelizes, add chicken stock and 2 sprigs rosemary.

Simmer until reduced by half, add cream and let sauce thicken. Swirl in rest of butter. Grill chicken breasts, spoon sauce over each and garnish with rosemary.

*Remove from oven and sprinkle with grated cheese. Cut and serve hot or cold.*

#### GMHS MEMORIALS, Winter/Spring 2024

In memory of JOHN DUDAS by Cathie Lewgood, Dr. Martin & Madeline Dudas, Virginia M. Fisfis, Gary Strelick, Susanna Swade, Lucille D’Alfonso, Gina D’Alfonso, Paul & Dianne Tobacco, Karen Cosner, Don & Mary Swaney and Thomas & Tamara Bojsen.

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In memory of THE MINER FAMILY OF GRAHAM AVENUE by the Robert Miner Family Foundation.

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In memory of RICHARD DUDAS by Gina D’Alfonso and Lucille D’Alfonso.

In memory of JOHN & EMMA (CASS) GARFOLA – Parents by Jessica Garfola Wright, John (Jeep) Garfola, and Rick Garfola.

In memory of ROBERT KOPKO by Dr. and Mrs. Martin Dudas.

In memory of JERRY DRAKE by Dr. and Mrs. Martin Dudas.

In memory of PATTY PETTKO by Dr. and Mrs. Martin Dudas.

In memory of WILLARD & ROSALIE KRASIK by Wilma Krasik Dalton

In memory of MILDRED BOWERS by John Zuro

In memory of ALICE MAE KOTCH by Paul & Dianne Tobacco.

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