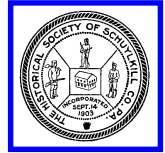




SCHUYLKILL HERITAGE

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Who's Who in Schuylkill County In the 20th Century?

There is presently no updated county biographical publication covering the twentieth century. The Historical Society is working toward remedying that by compiling a biographical data base of Schuylkill Countains. We are asking for your help with this project. Nothing has been compiled in over seventy years. Generations of biographical history may be lost if we do not set out to capture what we can before it is too late.

Following is a list of publications in our reference library that spans early decades. Samuel T. Wiley's Biographical and Portrait Cyclopeda, published in 1893. It contains 550 biographical sketches of prominent men and leading citizens in Schuylkill County. In short succession comes the two volumes History of Schuylkill County written by Adolf W. Schalk and the Honorable D. C. Henning, published in 1907. (Henning founded the Historical Society of Schuylkill County in 1903.) Then in 1916 another History of Schuylkill County was published by J. H. Beers & Company. Finally in 1936 the J. H. Zerbey newspaper family published a six volume History of Pottsville & Schuylkill County which included many biographies of notable citizens.

Compiling this data base may seem like a daunting task. Perhaps that is why it has not been undertaken until

now. Certainly it will take time, but with the modern technology of the internet and e-mail that we have today, it will make it much easier to collect and process the information.

Here is how you can help and submit information. Go onto our web site www.schuylkillhistory.org and you will find on the home page a link to **Who's who in Schuylkill County in the 20th Century**. Click on that link and you will find a list of names of prominent citizens from our county that have been submitted. Background information is needed about these people. If you recognize someone on this list or may know a family member please let us know how we may get in contact with that family member or tell them to get in contact with us.

In addition, you may know of someone whose name does not appear on our list that you want to submit. You will also see a link to the **Biographical Work Sheet** on our web site. If you know of someone that you want to submit to us please fill out the work sheet and send it back to us via e-mail. Share the information with your family and friends about this project and help contribute to a valuable historical and genealogical resource.

E-mail sch.hist@comcast.net

2011 Annual Appeal Drive is Underway



It's that time again when we will be sending our Annual Appeal letters to our members and others who have supported us in the past. This is going to be a very critical year for us with the loss of funding from two sources, the PA Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) and Schuylkill County. We have been receiving \$10,000 from the County which was then

matched by the PHMC. Due to budget restraints we will probably lose a total of \$20,000 again.

This is unfortunate as we have been operating with a bare bones budget of around \$60,000 over the past several years. Our major expenses are our utilities and payroll. We have curtailed these operating costs wherever possible.

As much as you try to cut-back, some surprise always comes along. This year it was the air conditioning compressor for \$6,800. Ouch...that hurt.

So we look to the generosity of our membership once again to help us forge ahead.



The Historical Importance of My Hometown.

We are pleased to announce the 2012 High School History Contest that is ready to be launched. The goal and purpose is to encourage county high school students to do research and develop a project/exhibit on the history or an historical event that took place in Schuylkill County. The topic for the 2012 contest is The Historical Importance of My Hometown

Requirements:

The contest is open to all high school students.

The project must reflect the research completed, creativity, and pertinence to the topic using local resources.

The visual exhibit is limited to a 30" x 60" table. The essay portion should be between 200 to 500 words.

The essay portion is worth 25% and the visual exhibit is worth 75%.

The winning students must allow the HSSC to display the winning projects both at the Society and other local events.

There must be at least one (1) entry per every 100 students from each school. Each school must have a minimum of five (5) entries.

Awards:

Level One: Each school will select the top three winners of the school competition and submit them to the Historical Society for judging. 1st Place - \$50, 2nd Place - \$30, 3rd Place - \$20.

Level Two: Each school's winner will then compete in the county contest held at HSSC. The following prizes will be awarded: 1st Place - \$500, 2nd Place - \$300, 3rd Place - \$100.

Deadline for all entries must be received at the HSSC between January 9th thru 16th, 2012.

This project will be a part of a 3 year pilot program. This contest is sponsored by the Historical Society of Schuylkill County with donations from Mr. & Mrs. Marty Hupka, HSSC Life Members and benefactors. We thank Ann and Marty Hupka for their generosity and willingness to encourage and inspire our county students to become involved.

General Joulwan Exhibit Formally Opened on Veterans Day



General George A. Joulwan

Amidst family, friends and supporters General George A. Joulwan exhibit formally opened on Veterans Day.

County Commissioner Chairwoman Mantura Gallagher and U.S. District Judge John E. Jones III were among those who spoke of the many accomplishments that General Joulwan has made over the course of his military career.

The exhibit encompasses his life as a student and athlete in Pottsville High School through the days at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. It continues on through his military career from a 2nd Lieutenant in Europe through his two tours in Vietnam.

He served as the Assistant Executive Officer to the Vice Chief of Staff under

Presidents Nixon and Ford administrations.

He served in every echelon of command from platoon commander up through Division Corps commander. His last two assignments were Commander U.S. Southern Command, Panama and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe.

The intention of the exhibit is to inspire our young men and women from Schuylkill County that they too can attain careers and positions of leadership similar to the Generals by hard work and discipline.

The exhibit is open during the normal working hours of the Historical Society.

Group tours are available by calling 570-622-7540.

The Graffiti of War

A unique perspective of war as seen through the eyes of war veterans who have been in Iraq. It's their war...their stories...their art.

Friday November 11th Opening 7-10 PM

Saturday Nov. 12th 10 AM to 8 PM

Sunday Nov. 13th 12 to 6 PM

Wed. thru Fri. Nov. 16-18 3 to 9 PM

Saturday Nov. 19th 10 AM to 8 PM

Sunday Nov 20th 12 to 6 PM

Multiple locations starting at 205 West Market Street and Historical Society of Schuylkill County.

Assessions...

We received several photos (one photo of Camp Hancock, GA, 1918) and letters from Lt. Col. George Ryon from Marci Ryon, HSSC member.

A personal diary on "**The Memories of a Pennsylvania Soldier in WW II**" written by Henry Knauber (member) and compiled by Bob Fromme.

"**The Civil War Letters and Experiences of Samuel Schwalm of the 50th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment**". Given by Roger Schwalm, Treasurer, Johannes Schwalm Historical Association.

Barrister/Lundstrom Glass Door Book Cases Are For Sale

We have replaced the Barrister/Lundstrom bookcases that have been in our library with modern steel bookshelves.

The Barrister/Lundstrom book cases are much sought after book cases for those who enjoy the upscale look of art deco, etc.

They are made of beautiful oak with a lacquer finish and are stackable. You can stack them two to five or six high. They also have a folding glass door which keeps your books or collectibles dust free.

The price is \$100.00 per shelf unit. What a great gift for someone for Christmas.



Unique Handcrafted Czech Electric Trains are on Display



Dusan Neumann, a native of the Czech Republic now living in Pottsville has his Czech handcrafted electric trains on display in our meeting room. They are very well made trains with a variety of models and cars. The exhibit will be open November through December during normal hours for the Society.

Civil War Roundtable

Wednesday, November 16th, 7:00 PM

Topic Civil War Weaponry

Stu Richards will discuss the various weapons used in the civil war. From small arms, muskets, pistols and sabres, how they were used in combat and the type of wounds they inflicted. He will bring different types of weapons for viewing. The program is free and open to the public.



Wednesday December 14th, 7:00 PM

Tom Shay will talk about the Civil War terminology. Please note that the date of this program is on the second Wednesday of the month due to the holidays.

The program is free and the public is invited.

2nd Holiday Market Was A Success

The 2nd Holiday Market was a great success this year. We experienced a steady flow of buyers right from the very beginning at 10 AM up to the end at 4 PM. All the vendors were happy with their sales for the day which is good news to hear with the slow economy we are experiencing.

This was the second year for this event and we had more crafters and more people attending. Thanks to all who took part in making it a big success.

Our special thanks go to Kris Miller Siple and Jill Salmon for all the planning and hard work they put into the event. Also those board members and volunteer helpers that did their share of work to make this a successful event.



New Schuylkill Books

Schuylkill Stories: The Chronicles of Ione Geier



A collection of articles written during the prizewinning journalist's 40 years at the Pottsville Republican newspaper.

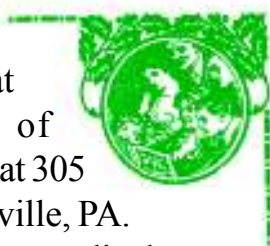
This book has two purposes: to publish a sort of alternate history of Schuylkill County with the kind of information you normally wouldn't find in a history book; and to benefit three nonprofit organizations in Schuylkill County.

Articles in this volume include stories about county residents during World War I, the Great Depression, and World War II, local authors, embarrassing moments, memories of Pottsville, Frackville, and Shenandoah as they were in the mid-1950s and a wide variety of other stories of people from Schuylkill County.

Limited supply. Price \$20.00 including sales tax.

The Season of Giving Is Upon Us

This year why not do your Christmas shopping at the Historical Society of Schuylkill County located at 305 North Centre Street, Pottsville, PA.



A large variety of items are on display in the gift shop and our friendly and knowledgeable staff will help you make your selections. Payment can't be easier because we accept credit cards.

No long lines to fight, no high pressure sales people to deal with just the friendly atmosphere one can expect from the Historical Society staff. Don't wait. Christmas is closer than you think.

Now Accepting Credit Cards



If you're from Schuylkill County then you are a "SKOOK".



"SKOOK" Euro oval decals, B150 B, \$2.50 each



Got Boilo
Coffee Mugs, \$5.00 each
Front "Got Boilo"

Back "Champagne of the Pennsylvania Coal Region"



Got Boilo
Shot Glasses, \$4.00 each
Front "Got Boilo"
Back "Champagne of the Pennsylvania Coal Region"

Check out these great tee shirt gifts



**Kiss me
I'm a Coal
Cracker**

Childrens T-Shirt
Sizes 12 Months,
2, 3, 4. P \$13.00



**Got Boilo
T-Shirt**

Front "Got Boilo"
Back "Champagne of the
Pennsylvania Coal Region"
Sizes S, M, L, XL \$13.00
XXL & XXXL. \$14.00



**Coal Region
Pride T-shirt**
Front
"Coal Region
Pride"

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Coal Cracker if...."
List of 10 reasons....
Size S, M, L \$13.00
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Skook T-Shirt
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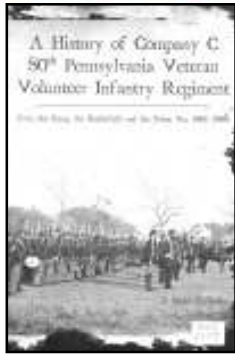


**Historical Society
Visit The Past T-Shirt**
M, L, XL \$13.00
XXL \$14.00





Give a great book from the Historical Society of Schuylkill County



A History of Company C 50th Pennsylvania Veteran Volunteer Infantry Regiment
By J. Stuart Richards

The story of the men from Schuylkill Haven who made up Company C written in their own words from letters, official records and surviving narratives. Stu Richards brings to light the men who worked on the Schuylkill Canal as they fought from Beaufort, SC, to Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania to the siege of Petersburg. Truly an interesting read.

Order # B003 Sale price \$14.95 + \$.90 tax + \$4.00 S&H -- Total \$19.85

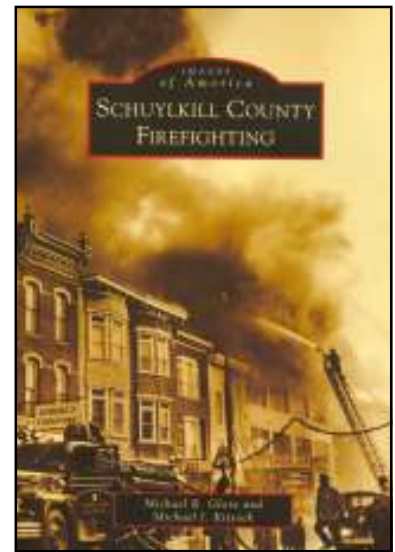


Schuylkill County Firefighting
by Michael R. Gore and Michael J. Kitsock

From the inception of the Friendship Hose Company No. 1 of Orwigsburg in 1820 to the organization of the West Penn Fire Company No. 1 in 1999, more than 130 volunteer fire companies have served Schuylkill County. This proud tradition of volunteer service for the protection of fellow man continues strong to this day as scores of volunteer firefighters continue to serve their communities. This book illustrates the heroic battles faced over the years by those dedicated public servants.

Michael Gore and Michael J. Kitsock are both veteran firefighters and authors of Pottsville Firefighting and Reading Firefighting. Both are members of the Schuylkill Historical Fire Society. Gore is a career firefighter with the Reading Fire Dept and Kitsock is a member of the Seltzer Hose Co.

Order # B065 Price \$21.99 + \$1.32 tax + S&H \$4.00 Total \$27.31



The Anthracite Coal Region's Slavic Community
By Brian Ardan

The Anthracite Coal Region's Slavic Community presents a pictorial history of Slavic people in hard coal country, conveying the unique and rich culture brought to the area with the arrival of these diverse communities

Order # B036 - Sale price - \$21.99 + \$1.32 tax + \$4.00 S&H -- Total \$27.31

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Saturday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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