

NANTICOKE LEGACY

NANTICOKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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NANTICOKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MISSION STATEMENT:

The object of this society is for educational, charitable, and literary purposes with a primary focus to research, preserve, develop and disseminate the history of Nanticoke, Pennsylvania.

To collect artifacts, memorabilia and historical documents and facts of Nanticoke, Pennsylvania and to store such items in a central location or specific area where these articles may be preserved, appreciated and used by the citizens of Nanticoke to enhance their heritage

NANTICOKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Our Web Site

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**Upcoming meeting
schedule**

Thursday - August 30

Thursday - September 27

Thursday - October 25

All meetings take place at 7 p.m.at
the Samantha Mill House located
next to the Mill Memorial Library.

Enter the parking lot off of
Kosciuszko Street.

To get directions call the society
office at 570-258-1367.

**WE ENCOURAGE
ANYONE WHO IS
INTERESTED TO
ATTEND.**

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MEMBERSHIP FEES

Individual \$20

Family \$30

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Please advise us of any changes in email or home mailing address

RESEARCH

Non-member – research fee \$25 for the first hour – By
Appointment. See our website for more information.

Editor's Note:

There are so many great stories to tell about our fair city and we aim to tell them. We receive phone calls from all over the country from people who are looking for information about our town. We recently received a Facebook message from Antonio in Italy who somehow has possession of an army helmet that belonged to a World War II veteran from Nanticoke and he requested information about the soldier. There also was a former resident who supplied the society with yearbook photos she found of her family member on Ancestry.com. We also have been contacted by a former resident who now lives in Florida, wishing she could attend our events so she could see our videos and photos. This is only a small cross section of interest we receive from former residents, and in the case of Antonio, someone who is simply interested in the original owner of an artifact that belonged to one of our many hometown heroes. It reminds us of how lucky we are to have an active historical society. Our youngsters are the hope for our future. We need to spawn a passion in our youth to learn more about the history of Nanticoke and surrounding communities. Like I said, there are so many great stories, and we at the historical society can certainly tell them.

Judy Minsavage, newsletter editor

THE NANTICOKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS:

Jared Whittaker, Nanticoke, PA
Sandy Lee, Noxen, PA
Angel and Kelly Dillow Lopez,
Nanticoke, PA

SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER WE HAVE DONE RESEARCH FOR NANTICOKE RESIDENTS WHOSE DESCENDANTS ARE NOW LIVING IN:

Somerset, NJ
Port Orchard, WA
Puyallup, WA
Lusby, MD
Colonia, NJ
Edgewood, WA
Santa Rosa, CA

THANK YOU FOR YOUR RECENT DONATIONS:

Your donation helps us to continue to enrich our community through our history:

- Norma Ushinski And Family,
Tucson,
AZ (Member)
- Raymond And Betty Blockus,
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- Regina And Conrad Plodwick,
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- Rev. John T. Albosta, Nanticoke &
Dunmore, PA
- Al "Tiger" Wytoshek, Nanticoke, PA

SOCIETY NEWS

Historical Society will sponsor lottery basket raffle.



We all know the thrill of hoping that a purchased lottery or scratch-off ticket is going to bring riches beyond our imagination. So the historical society wants to up the ante in September by offering **THREE LOTTERY BASKETS** for which individuals can purchase a chance to win. Hopefully one of the baskets, a large, medium and small, will contain the prize or prizes that will afford a trip or perhaps a new car. In September we will be announcing when the tickets will go on sale. We will also be selling tickets at Sam's Club on dates that will be announced. Just follow our Facebook page or log on to our website www.nanticokehistoryonline.org for details. Or simply call our office to obtain tickets 570-258-1367. **Good Luck!**

Don't forget to smile!



The Nanticoke Historical Society is now a part of the Amazon Smile Program which garners donations for the society through ordering online using the Amazon Smile program. Whether you're an avid or occasional user of Amazon it's now simple to donate to the society on a regular basis without any out-of-pocket expense other than ordering the product or item that you wish from Amazon.

Simply log on to www.smile.amazon.com and choose the Nanticoke Historical Society as your charity of choice. It will ask you if you want your purchase to be credited to the society. Then proceed to order. Amazon will then donate 0.5% of your

order. Amazon will then donate 0.5% of your purchase to the society. That 0.5% does not add to your purchase price. It comes out of Amazon's portion of the proceeds. It's as simple as that. We thank all those who are participating in the program. Please pass this information on to family and friends. Past donations have helped the society with overhead expenses for the society's offices at the Samantha Mill House and purchasing of necessary office supplies. If you have any questions in regard to the program, please call the society offices.

UNDERGROUND NANTICOKE

There is an interesting series on cable television in which explorers seek out sites that have escaped attention for decades and were basically "lost" to history. It may be a man-made tunnel, buried building or an entire community somewhere within walking distance, unknown to everyone living in the vicinity.

It seems that every fair-sized town or city has its share of surprises. Walk down a street that you have traversed every day, something catches your eye and you wonder, "Where did that come from?"

Nanticoke, too, has its share of "underground" treasures that have somehow survived when much of the city has fallen to the wrecking crew. You may have to look quick to find them before they are gone. If you do run across one, let the Nanticoke Historical Society know about it. We love discoveries. Call us at 570-258-1367 or email us at nanticokehistorical@yahoo.com or history@nanticokehistoryonline.org.

READ OUR NEW FEATURE –

**UNDERGROUND NANTICOKE –
TURNER'S RESTAURANT – THE JEWEL
BENEATH THE CARPET ON PAGE 10 AND
YOU'LL SEE WHAT WE MEAN.**

LCCC Library now has Historical Society items on display

We have always felt the city of Nanticoke fortunate to have had Luzerne County Community College call this city its home. LCCC was born of the Community College Act of 1963. By 1966, the PA Board of Education approved a plan for the community college to be established in Wilkes-Barre. However with increased enrollment the college needed to find a location that would afford expansion. By January 1974, the college moved to a 122-acre site in Nanticoke. Over the years that proposed expansion took place and now, according to the college website, the institution “boasts of more than 32,000 degree-bearing alumni.”

We at the society are extremely proud that the college has asked us to add a display of Nanticoke memorabilia and documents to their library. Julianna Zarzycki Nanticoke Historical Society president, and Sally Gorgas, historical society member, recently set up the display containing items from the society’s archives and collections. Now, students and visitors of the library will have a chance to learn more about our community and will perhaps share in the pride we hold for this city.

Viewers of the display will see documents and photos from the 1800s and early 1900s and read stories published in our newsletters, all reflecting an interesting perspective on the life and times of the people who settled here. They will learn about local hometown heroes and see just how those who toiled in the mines left their mark on the community. We wish to thank Lori Shemanski, LCCC Librarian and historical society member, who suggested the display and all those who made this effort possible. 📖





In Honor of Our Military



The Nanticoke Historical Society is honored to hold a vast amount of military information in its archives. It is our pledge to focus on those hometown heroes who sacrificed so much for our country's freedom. A new partial list of the many names of local veterans of all wars will be listed in our "In Honor of Our Military" Section of each Newsletter. The lists are long, so if a loved one's name has not appeared, please follow upcoming issues.

Information obtained from the Nanticoke Historical Society archives.

THE BATTLE OF WYOMING

Captain William McKerachan - 24th Connecticut Militia, a Nanticoke school teacher, participated and died in the Battle of Wyoming. To read the story about this courageous man log on to www.nanticokehistoryonline.org.

CIVIL WAR

John Alexander - 41st PA Infantry

Eugene Alexander - 41st PA Infantry

Arnold Levi - 41st PA Infantry

SPANISH AMERICAN WAR

Nanticoke volunteers for the war in Cuba:

Harry Landy, William R. Yohey, J.E. Jones, David Enyan, E.J. Owens, G.F. Bache, Handel Lewis, William Hamilton, William Talbot, E. Bennett, F. Beddow, David Williams, John Davis

VIETNAM

Walter Novak - Sp. /4 KIA - 1970

Daniel J. Yadock - Sp/4 KIA - 1970

T/Sgt. A.P. Gonshor - 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing at Bien Hoa, AB, Vietnam.

David A. Guard - Navy from 1965 to 1968, had two tours of duty in Vietnam.

Thomas O. Hamilton - serving with the Marines from 1967 to 1969. He attained the rank of Lance Corporal.

Stanley B. Hojnowski - sergeant US Army was killed by shrapnel from an exploding grenade on 6 August 1969.

WORLD WAR I

Garfield Absolem - Enlisted. Battery C, 3rd Field Art.

Kirtland Adams - PA National Guard

Dr. Abram Adams - Received a commission as 1st Lt. in the dental corps. The 1917 graduate of the University of PA was about to leave for training in Louisville, KY.

Samuel F. Agnew - Co. F, 1st Inf. Survived the war.

Arthur Albecker - Enlisted. Battery C, 3rd Field Art.

KOREAN WAR

John J. Barchik - Served in the US Army during the Korean War.

Walter F. Bartkiewicz

Norman A. Bashinski,

Gerard Benson, Navy veteran, served in Korea.

Robert Brenner - Marine veteran of the Korean War.

Frank Chojnowski Jr., KIA, September 23 while serving with the 32 infantry Division.

IRAQ WAR

Chris Sicurella, Specialist, Battery B of the 109th Field Artillery assigned to the 759 MP Battalion.

William L. Thubbron, Sgt. 1st Class

Tony Phan, PFC

Bill Marusak, Spec.

Kevin Hoover, Spec.

Erik Shaw, Spec.

Gene Everett, Sgt.

William Dutzar, SSG

Jason Ellison, Spec.

Mark Brown, SSG.

Ron Bruzza, Spec.

Rodney Fedorchak, SSG

Joshua Bohinski, Spec.

Stephen Houck, Bravo Battery

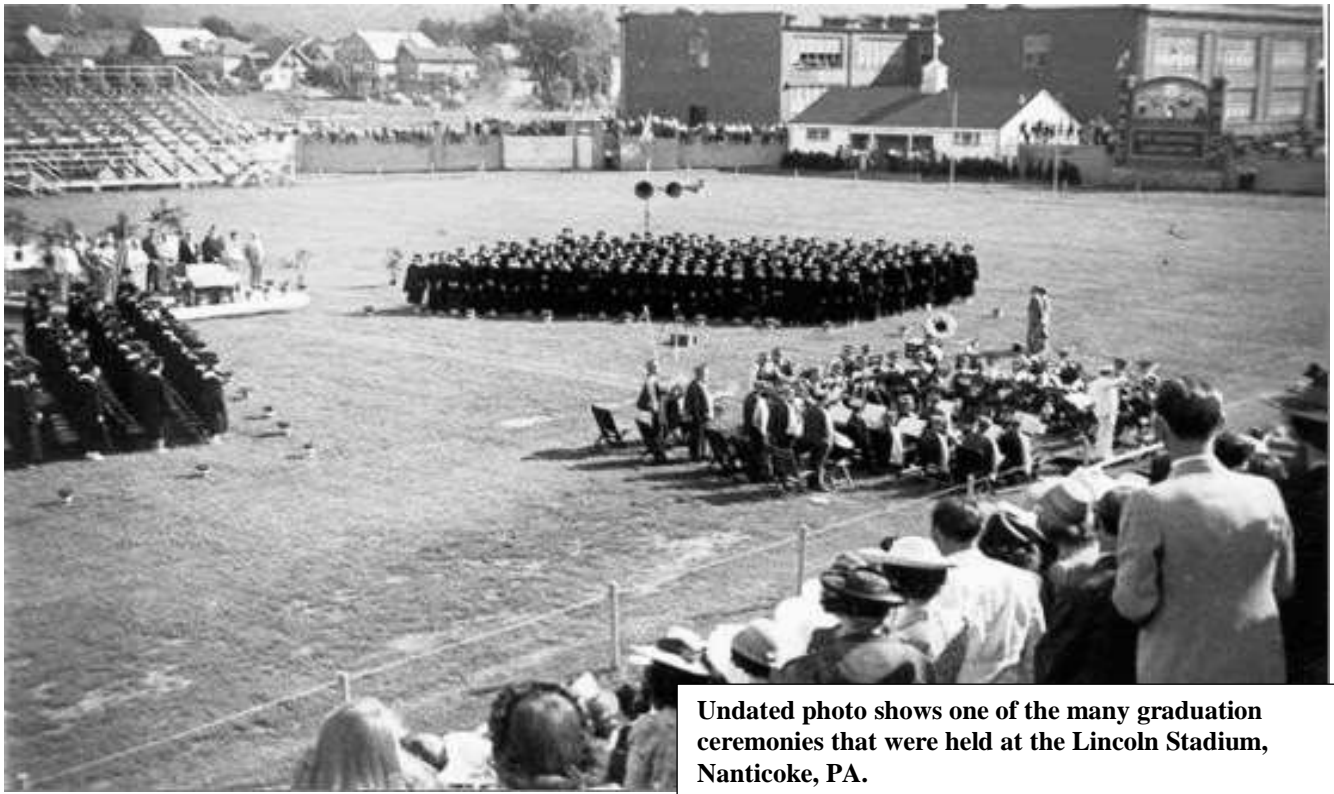
Joshua Malet, Bravo Battery

John Ricci, Bravo Battery

CORRECTION:

Historical Society member, Charlotte Peplinski, called to correct her brother's name as it appeared in our last newsletter saluting WWII veterans. Charles Quees should have read Charles G. Quoos. He died age 22 while serving in the Pacific. We will make the correction in our records.

NOTE: These names are as listed in our Historical Society Records. If there are misspellings, we apologize. Please contact our office to correct any discrepancy. Thank you....



Undated photo shows one of the many graduation ceremonies that were held at the Lincoln Stadium, Nanticoke, PA.

A Stadium Full of Memories

By Judy Minsavage

On June 6, 1968, 330 Greater Nanticoke Area High School students received their diplomas at the last graduation ceremony ever to be held at Lincoln Stadium.

Forty years earlier, a January 23, 1928 news item in the Wilkes-Barre Record announced that "One of the most modern and durable stadiums in the country" will be located at Lincoln Field in Nanticoke. Cost of constructing the new stadium was estimated at \$45,000, but when completed in 1932 the total amount for construction was reported as \$20,000.

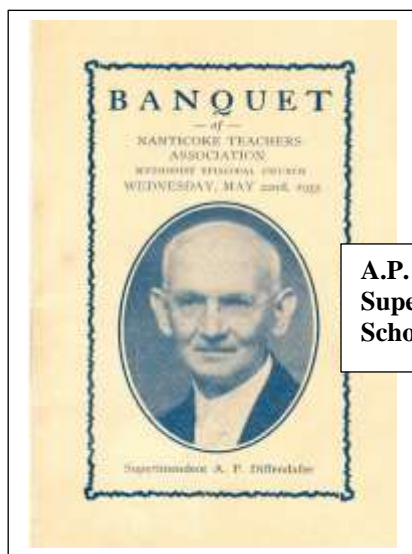
The plans as listed in the newspaper article called for "a stadium with 35 rows of seats with 22 seats in a row in each section, there being 10 sections on both sides of the field with 7,000 seating capacity

of each side, and 4,000 at both ends, for a total seating capacity of 18,000. The length of the side bleachers will be 360 feet, with 20 sections, 22 seats per row. Width of side bleachers: 60' from track; height of top row: 32'; height of bottom row from ground: 5'; material: Fir wood and concrete. A wall would be constructed of twelve-inch block reinforced with thirty-two pilasters and the footing to consist of concrete. The top of the wall would be concrete coping. The contract was awarded to W.F. Schimmel. The proposed bleacher is of the same type as the ones at Leland Stanford University and Soldiers' Field, Chicago. The Fir wood is durable and is the ideal material for a stadium as proposed here."

By July of 1932, excavation for the stadium was complete and the Nanticoke High School Athletic Association approved plans for the stadium with a completion date set for the beginning of the football season. Contracts were awarded to Oplinger Construction for the bleachers, Wyoming Valley Cement Block Company to furnish the block for William Schimmel to construct the

concrete block wall surrounding the facility and ticket offices, Wilkes-Barre Iron and Wire Co. for two large entrance gates, George Balla concrete work for the bleachers and Nanticoke Construction Company, for the furnishing of lumber for seats and foot boards. The turf provided an even greater challenge. Machinery was borrowed from surrounding farms and the ground was harrowed, limed and fertilized. Seeding was done by hand. Two sets of water lines were provided for moisture.

In order to prevent youngsters from climbing into the stadium during games and when school was not in session, shards of glass were embedded in the concrete coping that capped the block wall surrounding the stadium. After it was deemed unsafe by school directors, an attempt was made to hammer out the glass. Regardless of the effort, pieces of glass were still evident. It has been said that the glass did not deter youngsters from finding a way into the stadium for an afternoon



**A.P. Diffendafer,
Superintendent of
Schools**

In October of 1932, A.P. Diffendafer, superintendent of schools, announced the stadium was ready for the first game of the season, a football Booster Day matchup between Nanticoke and Berwick High. To the surprise of many, however, he also announced dedication ceremonies would not be held for some time or if at all. Regardless, it was reported in the October 9, 1932 Sunday Independent that the stadium would be dedicated at the game.

Direct telephone lines were set up between the field and Nanticoke coach, Frank Chicknoski, who, at the time, was a patient at the Mercy Hospital in Wilkes-Barre with an undisclosed illness. Chicknoski was then able to make suggestions to his assistant coaches during the game.

Originally the cost of admission for games was set at one dollar, but after consideration, it was lowered to 76 cents.

On September 9, 1933, a permanent 22' x 21' score board, designed and erected free of charge by contractor William Schimmel, was unveiled at a football game between G.A.R. and Nanticoke. To see a 1933 Wilkes-Barre Record photo of the scoreboard log on to www.nanticokehistoryonline.org.

By May 30 of 1937, the construction of the Lincoln Field House was complete after six months of work. A project of the Works Progress Administration (WPA), the facility measured 30 x 50 feet. The building contained showers, locker and dressing rooms, an office for coaches and officials and rest rooms for men and women. With the new field house in place, it was said that Nanticoke was better equipped for outdoor athletics than possibly any other school in the valley. Final cost of construction of the field house was listed as \$12,000. The school district was responsible for \$6,000, with the WPA contributing an additional 6,000.

Two of the most notable programs presented at the stadium were, in 1936, the United States Navy Band appeared courtesy of the Nanticoke Lions Club. It would be their only appearance in the area for the year.

In 1946, Col John D. Bulkeley, Congressional of Honor Medal winner famed for exploits with PT boats in the Philippines, spoke at the Flag Day exercises. Bulkeley was a vice admiral in United States Navy and was one of its most decorated naval officers. Bulkeley received the Medal of Honor for

his actions in the Pacific Theater during World War II. In addition to high school games, the new stadium hosted yearly firework displays, community events, band concerts and Golden Glove tryouts, playground pageants and of course the high school graduations.



In 1946, Col John D. Bulkeley, Congressional of Honor Medal recipient spoke during an event at the Lincoln Stadium. The stadium scoreboard can be seen in the upper right



The admission charge for the evening concert was double the matinee price for the United States Navy Band performance at Lincoln Stadium in 1936.

Some residents remember climbing over the walls of the stadium to play baseball or football, perhaps imagining thousands of fans cheering them on. Or maybe they just wanted to hang out with friends. One society member remembered being in the stadium when Hurricane Diane hit the region in 1955. He and his buddies found shelter in a dugout-type structure in the stadium until they could safely make their way home.

Dr. J Franklin Hill wrote in an article published in the Sunday Independent, on September 22, 1968 regarding the stadium, "The reader can select his own favorite coach, team, band and cheerleader, his own favorite player, out of the thousands who have performed brilliantly for their Alma Mater on this hallowed ground. The high school faculty has supervised many beautiful graduation exercises there for thousands of our youth who will always cherish the memory." 📷

DID YOU KNOW?

The stadium was dismantled after 1968 in order to allow for the construction of the new high school. Dr. J. Franklin Hill, school director, gave credit to Albert Rees Sr., for the construction of the stadium saying, "He was a driving force in the building of Lincoln Stadium, he loved people, sports, politics; a fair and worthy adversary in any situation. Rees was a good public servant who sponsored many progressive community activities."

DID YOU KNOW?

There were many opinions as to what to name the new stadium. School directors were opposed to using the name of any individual, but were amenable to the facility being named Nanticoke Lincoln Stadium. The American Legion suggested Memorial Stadium. A.P. Diffendafer, superintendent of schools announced he wanted the newly erected Lincoln Stadium to be known as The Nanticoke Stadium of the Nanticoke School District. The new name did not catch on. Diffendafer died on May 16, 1945.



A Lincoln Stadium sign is displayed at the Nanticoke Historical Society Offices.

DID YOU KNOW?

As the new stadium was deemed a community project, members of the Nanticoke Athletic Council appointed a committee to represent the community. Those named were W.D. Jenkins, D.S. Pensyl, Dr. J. F. Hill, Caradoc Rees, Rev. James Lawson, Rev. Roman Wieziolowski, Harry Twarowski, William Harris, R.R. Zarr, Albert Rees, Edward Connolly, Daniel Sakoski, James Grick, Stanley Drapiewski, Stanley Janowski, Frank Narkiewicz, John Wadzinski, Louis Coopey, Michael Lonski, Anthony Czyzyk, Louis Potkonski, Thomas Talarski, Harry Cimmett, Delbert Oplinger, Dr. Fred Davis, Charles Gorski, Adam Olszewski, Robert Job, David Samuels, P.H. Dever, W.E. Weineck, John J. Thomas, George Powell, F.H. Kohlbraker, John Karnoski, Robert Waters, John Turner, Louis Levi, William Challenger, Phil Strauss, William Crotzer, W.W. Waters, Dr. John Kasker, Dr. Isaiah Morgan, Alex Skuzinski, Joseph Benick, William Evans, Louis Diamond, Edward Lewis and A. Leventhal.

DID YOU KNOW?

Plans for the new stadium were not without controversy. Although named as a member of the community citizens committee to promote the project, Rev. James Lawson, of the First English Baptist Church of Nanticoke sent a letter to the Wilkes-Barre Record stating his opposition to the erection of the new stadium. In his letter Lawson stated, "I am an enthusiast when it comes to the matter of taking care of the youth. But even with this conviction in my soul, I cannot adjust myself to the idea of undertaking this new project until we have actually met our obligations and paid debts we contracted during that critical period when civilization was threatened by a heartless militarism. Let the citizens of Nanticoke acknowledge that they have been remiss and promptly set themselves to the task of atoning for their ingratitude (to the veterans of WWI) for not providing an American Legion building suitable to meet the needs of the young men of this city, an American Legion building to serve as a community center. Let us put first things first."



Members of the class of 1968, as they board buses taking them on their senior trip to Washington D.C. These students were the last to have their graduation ceremony in Lincoln Stadium.

Who Graduated in 1968?

To see the names of the 1968 graduate students of Nanticoke High School, log on to our website www.nanticokehistoryonline.org.

New Feature: **UNDERGROUND NANTICOKE: Turner's Restaurant, The jewel beneath the carpet**

While taking a walk on a beautiful early summer afternoon, John Sherrick, Nanticoke Historical Society information officer, noticed a somewhat intricate mosaic design peeking from under a much worn carpet in an entrance way to a building at the corner of East Broad and Prospect Street. Of course Sherrick, who is one observant and curious chap, lifted the carpet giving him, and us, a peek into the building's past by uncovering a gem of a sign welcoming whoever stepped onto the Prospect Street stoop to Turner's Restaurant

In 1911, William Turner renovated a building at 18 E. Broad Street (in the vicinity of the Bus Stop Café). The location was previously the Kosker Restaurant. After renovations Turner's business was described as a lunch room, fruit stand and cigar store and later Turner's Oyster House. In 1921, Turner moved to the 201 Prospect and Broad Street location creating his unique restaurant. In a Wilkes-Barre Record article, the restaurant was described as such, "The room is beautifully (done) in a special blue-colored chestnut wood with other wall finishes to harmonize. The furniture and fixtures are all of the same finish as the wainscoting. The room is divided into two parts by a movable partition, a soda fountain on one side and a dining room on the other. Nanticoke, for the first time, can boast of a thoroughly modern and attractive restaurant."



An unexpected hidden treasure of Nanticoke's past is uncovered. A mosaic sign greeted the customers of Turner's Restaurant in 1921.



An undated photo of Turner's Restaurant on the corner of Prospect and Broad Street.

The property as it appears today



In 1923, Turner's Restaurant advertised a Thanksgiving Day dinner for \$1.25 and in 1929 a Wilkes-Barre Record advertisement announced that Richard James had taken over management of the restaurant which was "open all night." By 1939, James was gone and the building was occupied by Turner's ice Cream.

William Turner was married to Dorothy Dimmick, the couple had four children, Arvilla, Gertrude, Dorothy and Naomi. Turner died in 1967.

No information is found in the historical society records as to who may have constructed the mosaic entrance sign, but it definitely is an underground Nanticoke jewel, that gives us a look into the grandeur of Nanticoke's past. 🏠



Do You Remember?

An advertisement for Squirt Soda which was uncovered during renovation of the exterior of the Turner property some years ago.

UNDERGROUND NANTICOKE:

Next issue:

Does anyone know where this stone is located in the city?



DO YOU KNOW WHERE THERE IS A SECRET GEM HIDING IN THE CITY THAT MAY HOLD AN INTERESTING TALE OR WOULD PERHAPS BRING BACK SOME MEMORIES OF DAYS GONE BY?

CALL US AT 570-258-1367. WE'RE NANTICOKE'S HISTORY DETECTIVES. WE'LL DO OUR BEST TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOUR HIDDEN GEM.

NANTICOKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY WEBSITE UPDATE:

We are still in the process of updating information on our website www.nanticokehistoryonline.org. In the last two months, we've updated our cover page to show current topics and our calendar page to show up-to-date information on any upcoming event or meeting. We are committed to making your future visits to our site a pleasant and an educational experience and are constantly looking for ways to enrich your knowledge of the history of Nanticoke. Please log on to read more regarding the stories published in this newsletter. We also invite you to keep following us on Facebook.



**FIND OUT MORE
ON OUR
WEBSITE:**

IN HONOR OF OUR MILITARY VETERANS PAGE

We are honoring one of our first hometown heroes Captain William McKerachan - To read the story about this teacher turned soldier during the American Revolution log on to www.nanticokehistoryonline.org.

Captain William McKerachan - 24th Connecticut Militia, a Nanticoke school teacher, participated and died in the Battle of Wyoming

STADIUM FULL OF MEMORIES STORY

Log on to www.nanticokehistoryonline.org

To see a listing of the 1968 graduating class of Nanticoke High School, The last class to hold graduation exercises in Lincoln Stadium. Also, see a photo of the scoreboard.

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HISTORICAL RESEARCH/PHOTO REQUEST FORM

Thank you for contacting the Nanticoke Historical Society in regard to your research/photo request. Please complete this form as completely as possible and mail it to the NHS at the above address.

There is a \$ 25.00 charge for all responses and that fee covers one hour of research. The base fee must accompany this request form and also covers up to four (4) pages of photocopies. There is a separate fee and postage schedule for photographs. Should your request require more than one hour of research, you will be contacted regarding the additional fee.

DO NOT send requests asking for all information available about a subject, family name or specific person. Such requests are too broad for our volunteer staff to handle.

IMPORTANT: The fee you pay is based on the time spent on the research, not on the results. While many searches produce results, not all do. Although every effort will be made to obtain the information, there may be no information available. Submission of this form indicates the acceptance of these terms.

Requestor Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____

Description of Research/Photo Request: _____

Subject Name: _____
Pertinent information to assist with your request:

SIGNATURE

I understand that this service of provided as a courtesy and that all research is done by NHS volunteers. Requests are processed in the order that they are received and may take any amount of time to produce any results. I understand that the volunteers are not responsible for the data contained in my results, or lack thereof. There is no guarantee associated with this service. Research fees are nonrefundable.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

WONDERING WHAT TO DO WITH OLD PHOTOS AND MEMORABILIA?

Our loved ones have a history. Their life stories are deeply rooted in their community as residents, veterans, business owners, teachers, members of organizations and so much more. The Nanticoke Historical Society realizes and respects how important each person's story is to their relatives and friends as well as the community in which they lived.

That is why the society respectfully asks those who have lost a loved one to consider the historical society when taking stock of memorabilia and photos. The society may already have pieces of a family's history in its vast database to which pictures of an old homestead, business, rare family photos or writings may be added completing a genealogical picture in tribute to those who have passed. We sometimes find ourselves with memorabilia or photos passed down through generations. Some of these photos may contain scenes of old Nanticoke, a street, or building that has been long since razed. Society information officers will scan and return items to families if requested.

We do reserve the right to accept or deny items that we can and cannot use, or store ourselves, but at the very least, we may be able to take some of the burden off of family members who find themselves undecided as to what to do with countless old photos and/or memorabilia that may contain valuable pieces of the city's history. For more information or to donate items Contact the Historical Society at 570-258-1367 or Email: history@nanticokehistoryonline.org.

LOOKING FOR A YEARBOOK?

THE FOLLOWING YEARBOOKS ARE LOCATED AT OUR OFFICES:

Check our website for availability

Nanticoke High School

John S. Fine or GNA (Greater Nanticoke Area High School)

Newport High School, Wanamie,

Newport Twp.

GAR High School

Bloomsburg University

Wilkes University

Kings College

Duplicates from each high school are available for purchase.

For more information call our office at 570-258-1367.