

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 To collect artifacts, memorabilia and historical documents and facts of Nanticoke, Pennsylvania and to store such items in a central location or specific area where these articles may be preserved, appreciated and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

MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings take place at 7 p.m. the last Thursday of the month at the Samantha Mill House located next to the Mill Memorial Library.

Enter the parking lot off Kosciuszko Street.

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

We Encourage All to Attend

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NEWS: It was a day to “Mill” around



Those who attended the Mill Library event had an assortment of books to choose from

The June 19 Mill Around Event, sponsored by the Mill Memorial Library, was one of the first post-pandemic public events held in the city of Nanticoke. It was a good day to pick up some great reads, meet neighbors, have something to eat, and tour the Nanticoke Historical Society at the Samantha Mill House. Music filled the air as the day started with attendees milling around the library campus, buying books and purchasing goods from vendors.

Those who toured the historic Samantha Mill home, were impressed by the recent

improvements made over the past months including replacing a broken furnace and repairing damage caused by the breakdown. Those repairs were made possible through the U.S. Government’s Covid 19 Rescue package for non-profits.



A visitor tours the second floor of the Historical Society’s Samantha Mill House.

Many touring the home for the first time, commented that they had always wanted to visit and were thankful for the opportunity. All were impressed with our research library, our streamlined database operation and the amount of memorabilia on display.

Many shared memories of the Nanticoke Stove, Pete Gray, the Nanticoke Hospital

Clock and so much more. We met so many great people, some Nanticoke natives, and several who were from out of the area.



Historical Society visitors received information on various topics.

Nanticoke is fortunate to have institutions like the Mill Memorial Library and the Nanticoke Historical Society so proudly representing the city’s future and its past. 📖



A visitor touring the Nanticoke Historical Society office examines a research book from our extensive library.



The WVIA Our Town Nanticoke DVD, T-Shirts and the book “Images of America, Nanticoke,” by Chester Zaremba are on sale at the Nanticoke Historical Society. For more information on these items call our office 570-258-1367

Nanticoke Historical Society helps FBI solve NYC cold case

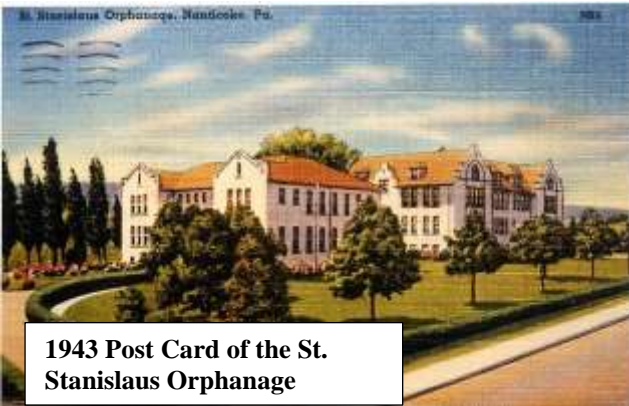


As a retired State Trooper and retired Nanticoke Police Chief, Chet Zaremba, vice-president of the Nanticoke Historical Society is more than acquainted with police investigations but even for him, a call from the Federal Bureau of Investigations in New York City, is not a usual occurrence. It's even more unusual for the Nanticoke

Historical Society. Recently, Zaremba did receive such a call and was informed of a case involving the discovery of a woman's body, a victim of a homicide, found floating in the East River and although the agents investigating the case had a suspicion of who the woman was, they could not conclusively verify her identity. The case languished and the bureau hit a dead end in its investigation. The agent presently in charge of the investigation told Zaremba that the only information known about the victim was that the deceased's mother had, many years ago, resided in what was the St. Stanislaus Orphanage in Newport Twp.



FBI agents gather on the banks of the East River



1943 Post Card of the St. Stanislaus Orphanage

Zaremba was aware of a couple of sources that may help to identify the mother of the victim, so he got to work. After finding the name of the victim's mother, it was discovered that, as an adult, she left the orphanage, was married twice in her lifetime, and had several children. That information made it possible for the FBI to find the victim's siblings. Eventually a brother of the victim came forward and agreed to provide a sample of his DNA. It was a match to the victim and her identity was finally established.

A Little History

St. Stanislaus Orphanage, also known as St. Stanislaus Institute, was founded by Polish Catholic parishes in Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties. The orphanage was established after WWI and initially housed boys of Polish descent who either lost their parents in the 1918 Spanish Flu Epidemic, came from families that fell on hard times or came from broken or unsuitable homes. The boys' dormitory opened in 1919 but by 1923 additional room was needed, and children of all nationalities were included. A girls' dormitory was constructed in 1924. As more children in need grew, a Ladies Auxiliary was formed, fundraisers were



Sisters, Instructors, boys and girls at the St. Stanislaus Orphanage enjoy a St. Valentine's Day party.

held, and donations accepted from surrounding businesses, families and organizations. The orphanage closed in 1972. It was estimated that the orphanage cared for over 8,000 children during its 53 years of operation. The building is now a 30-unit apartment complex. To learn more about the St. Stanislaus Orphanage, and see more photos, visit our website at www.nanticokehistoryonline.org.

We're here to help

Many times, in handling questions from those seeking ancestry information about a family member or in this case an identity, a number of resources are helpful. In this case, Zaremba's knowledge of how to track down the correct resource was imperative. The Nanticoke Historical Society is proud to have aided the FBI in helping to uncover the identity of the woman whose life unfortunately came to a tragic end. ■

Society to repair bindings on ten historical books, two by H.C. Bradsby




Two highly regarded volumes of the *History of Luzerne County*, by **Henry C. Bradsby** were recently donated to the Nanticoke Historical Society. These books as well as several others are the focus of a society project that will see their ragged and separated bindings repaired. Although the society is already in possession of a copy of Bradsby's tome, which is in considerably better shape, Chet Zaremba, vice-president of the society takes ownership of the newly acquired works very seriously, stating "These books are not only historically important, but they are the original leather-bound versions and cannot be replaced. It is crucial that these books be restored and available to those who wish to learn more about the area in which we live." Zaremba recently contacted a local rare book dealer to obtain price quotes and expects to have the two books by Bradsby done first, then plans to have the rest of the books repaired two at a time as funds are available. "As an historical society," Zaremba stated, "it is our responsibility to preserve these books for future generations."

Who was Henry C. Bradsby

Colonel Henry C. Bradsby was a late 19th-century historian and biographer. Many of his works are extensive histories of various counties in Illinois, Missouri, Indiana and Pennsylvania, several are more than a thousand pages long.

Bradsby wrote this statement in the introduction to his 1,540-page book "*The History of Luzerne County published in 1893*. "The last written, usually, though the first read by most intelligent bookmen, is this page (the Introduction). Therefore, authors often use this privilege to fence against adverse criticism or apologize for errors of omission and commission; singularly forgetful of the fact that nothing of man's work is perfect, and that the dear critics are not only busy pointing out the "Mistakes of Moses," but are eagerly exploiting the faults of creation itself. In faith, I would welcome them all, because the critics and doubters I

esteem the salt of every civilization, and I will rest content in the one fact, namely, that everyone competent to know, after even a cursory examination, will realize that the whole has not been the work of "the idle singer of an empty day."

The possible criticism that Bradsby alluded to in his introduction, was reflected in the difference between what Bradsby wrote in his book covering early Catholic diocesan history and an earlier history written by Rev. John P. Gallagher, *A Century of History: The Diocese of Scranton, 1868-1968*, Gallagher disagreed with a few of Bradsby's claims in regard to the Diocese history, but in all, Bradsby's work is exceptionally detailed and prized as a complete, comprehensive history of Luzerne County. If you have any questions regarding the books or would like to donate toward the binding repair, please call our office at 570-258-1367. 

Other Works of Henry C. Bradsby:

- *History of Arkansas*
- *Battle of Gettysburg*
- *History of Illinois*
- *History of Bureau County, Illinois* (1885)
- *History of Cumberland and Adams Counties, Pennsylvania* (1886)
- *History of Columbia and Montour Counties, Pennsylvania* (1887)
- *Commemorative biographical and historical record of Kane County, Illinois* (1888)
- *History of Vigo County, Indiana, with Biographical Selections* (1891)
- *History of Bradford County, Pennsylvania, with biographical selections* (1891)

The following are some of the additional recently donated books that will see repairs:

- *1786, History of Luzerne-Lackawanna and Wyoming Counties 1880*, is a history of Luzerne, Lackawanna, and Wyoming Counties, PA: with illustrations and biographical sketches of some of their prominent men and pioneers.
- *A History of Hanover Township and Wyoming Valley*, contains several lists of persons associated with the settlement of Wyoming Valley and the formation and history of Hanover Township up to 1885. It focuses on the area located along the Susquehanna River surrounding today's city of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.
- *The Wyoming and Lackawanna Valleys Volume II*.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION:

Mrs. Leona Kobela,

wife of the late Nanticoke City Mayor and Police Chief Wasil Kobela, recently donated to the Nanticoke Historical Society in memory of her neighbor, Frank J. Maczuga, who was killed in France in World War II. As a child she remembered Maczuga leaving to join the Army. According to the website HonorStates.org, "Frank J. Maczuga had the rank of Private. He experienced a traumatic event which ultimately resulted in loss of life. He was posthumously awarded the purple heart."

Salvaged gravestone has Nanticoke Connection



A few months ago, Troy Vankevich, of Dallas, called the society with an unusual request. He wanted to try to reunite a gravestone he possessed with the deceased person listed on the marker, Roy Link. Vankevich went on to detail how he had come into possession of this “lost” government issued gravestone and hoped the society would be interested in receiving it for proper placement. Of course, the answer was yes.

An unusual find

Vankevich was attending an estate sale at Lake Silkworth and found the gravestone sitting in a garage located on the property. The owners noticed his interest stating that the stone would only be going into a dumpster and asked if he would like to have it. Vankevich recognized the stone as military issue and could not, in good conscience, let that happen, so he took possession and started researching the name on the stone. Roy Link was a Nanticoke native

who enlisted in the Marine Corps during WWI. He was born in 1897 and passed away on November 7, 1918 at the age of 21 while stationed in Cuba. The obituary in society records listed Link’s cause of death as influenza. He was one of 50 million people world-wide who succumbed to the virus known as the Spanish Flu

Link’s remains were transported to Nanticoke and the burial took place in Nanticoke Cemetery in 1918. Nanticoke Historical Society Vice-President, Chet Zaremba immediately got in touch with the caretakers of the cemetery. Vankevich transported the stone to the cemetery where it awaits placement near the existing stone. Link was survived by his mother and father Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Link and brothers and sisters, Phyllis, Irene and Leona, Ruth, Jesse, Louise, Esther, Bernice, Andrew and Arthur. The state of “Utah” is erroneously inscribed as Link’s birthplace on the original marker. Vankevich feels that may be the reason another stone was commissioned for placement on the grave.

The Nanticoke Historical Society thanks Troy Vankevich for taking possession of the stone, donating it and relating what he had learned of Roy Link to add to the society’s Link family records. The stone has made an incredible journey from 1918 to the present day, but now it will honorably mark the final resting place of one of Nanticoke’s military heroes. 🇺🇸

NANTICOKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY THANKS VOLUNTEERS

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CHARLOTTE DUDKOWSKI**

Leandra E. Ramos adds her name to Nanticoke military history

By: Judy Minsavage

West Point Graduate- Class of 2021

Leandra E. Ramos 2nd Lieutenant CE, US Army Corp of Engineers USMA --



Nanticoke has a long military history, reflected in our continuing series “In Honor of Our Military” section of this newsletter and, more recently, in the many memorial banners that have been installed by the city along Main, Market, Prospect and Broad Streets saluting Nanticoke natives who have served in various branches of the military during wartime and various other military conflicts throughout the world.

Most recently Leandra Ramos, a citizen of our fair city, has achieved the honor

of graduating from the United State Military Academy at West Point. It’s not only a credit to her, but also to her family and their long history of service in the United States Military.

One could visibly see the pride, as a large banner adorned the front porch of the family’s residence on West Green Street for many months announcing Leandra’s graduation in May 2021.



A banner hangs on the Ramos residence on West Green Street.

Recently I met with Leandra’s father, retired U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer Luis Ramos, and was amazed at the military memorabilia collection amassed by Luis, his wife Navy veteran, Susan Holminski Ramos,

Leandra and their other children as well as Susan’s father and grandfather.



Only a portion of the Ramos family military memorabilia

A member of the 2017 Greater Nanticoke High School graduating class, Leandra reported to West Point on July 3, 2017. She received a Presidential and



Military memorabilia line the walls of the Ramos family room

Congressional nomination to attend the Academy. Upon entering, she completed six weeks of Cadet Basic Training participated in rigorous physical, small-unit tactical training and rifle marksmanship. She was schooled to respond quickly and accurately to her commander when under extreme mental and physical stress.



Leandra, on the left was a member of the West Point Boxing Team

During her first year, she earned a spot on the West Point Women's Boxing Team and became a member of the Excel Scholars Program, receiving the Superintendent's Award for Achievement by finishing in the top 15 percent of her class. In 2018, she completed Cadet Field Training and advanced to the rank of Corporal.

Leandra graduated at the top of her class from West Point with a Civil Engineering Degree and is currently assigned to the 20th Engineer Brigade, Army Corps of Engineers at Fort Drum, New York. There is no doubt that the honor of being a West Point graduate is a tremendous

achievement as reflected in the Academy's Mission Statement and Honor Code below.

West Point Mission Statement:

"The U.S. Military Academy at West Point's mission is "to educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of Duty, Honor, Country and prepared for a career of professional excellence and service to the Nation as an officer in the United States Army."

West Point Honor Code:

"A Cadet will not lie, cheat, steal or tolerate those who do"

According to www.westpoint.edu

"The ideals affirmed in the Honor Code attract to West Point young men and women who aspire 'to live above the common level of life.' The unyielding requirements of the Code instruct, motivate, and ultimately shape Cadets during their years at the Academy. Most importantly, effects of the Code continue to guide and inspire graduates during their years of military service and beyond. More than any other aspect of West Point, the Honor Code unites the "Long Gray Line" of Cadets and graduate by expressing their shared commitments to personal integrity and professional responsibility."



Leandra on maneuvers first row sixth from left



Leandra's parents, Susan and Luis Ramos pin the second lieutenant bars on her uniform



Commissioning Ceremony



Leandra shows her graduation ring



The traditional hat toss at West Point was first documented in 1946.

A LITTLE HISTORY

The history of West Point dates back to the Revolutionary War when General George Washington proclaimed the location on the west bank of the Hudson River to be a strategic military outpost. He enlisted the help of none other than **Thaddeus Kosciuszko**, a hero of the Battle at Saratoga, to design the fortress at West Point. Kosciuszko was a Polish-Lithuanian military engineer who sided with the struggle of the Continental Army to free the colonies from English rule and for which the Nanticoke Street is named. Saratoga, was a series of two battles that ended in victory for the Continental Army and proved to be a crucial turning point in the Revolutionary War.

In 1802, President Thomas Jefferson signed legislation and established West Point as a United States Military Academy. Civil engineering was the main curriculum between 1817 and 1833. After WWI General Douglas MacArthur increased the academic curriculum and stressed physical fitness and athletic programs. He established the Honor System, with the creation of the Cadet Honor Committee. World War II heroes, Dwight D. Eisenhower, and General George S. Patton, and were among the many graduates of West Point Military

Academy. In 1964, President Lyndon Johnson signed legislation to increase the Corps of Cadets. In 1976, West Point opened enrollment to women. There were 62 women in the 1980 graduating class.

We, at the Nanticoke Historical are extremely proud to add Leandra Ellen Ramos to the list of names of those from Nanticoke who serve and have served in the United States Military. 🇺🇸

THE NANTICOKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

**Al Borowski - Lifetime
Deb Roszkowski – Lifetime
Patrick Cannon – Lifetime
Tom Kashatus – Individual**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

**Tom Mera
Mike Stachowiak
Sally Gorgas
Helen Wasiakowski**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION

Joyce Hulslander

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Individual \$20

Family \$30

Lifetime \$100.00 Individual

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

Join our team

The society is looking for volunteers. Students doing in-service or school projects, retired individuals or anyone who would like to give an hour or two to index or alphabetize materials in our library. Those interested if they are so inclined can also assist with digital records. Call us at 570-258-1367.



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.

WORLD WAR I

Arthur Evans

Edgar Evans – 109th Field Artillery

Illyd Evans – KIA France

John Evans – US Marines

William Evans – PVT – US Army Wounded in Action, France

George Fafinski – Battery C 3rd Field Artillery

Michael Filipiak – Mechanic Co E 165th Infantry

Franklin Fine – Medical Corps

John S. Fine – Battery C 3rd Field Artillery

William F. Fine

Bernard Ford – US Naval Reserves

John Forgach - US Navy

Maynard Fortney III

John Fottorino – PVT US Army

George Frank

Stanley Frankois – PVT Co A 56th Engineers

Thomas Fuge – PVT 9th Infantry

Clement Furmaski – Battery C 3rd Field Artillery

Vincent Furmaski – 34th Balloon Company

John Gallick – Wounded in Action

John Galster – Battery C 3rd Field Artillery

Andrew Gavey

WORLD WAR II

Gordon Jacobs – US Army

Daniel James – KIA

Keith Jeffries. - KIA – USS Arizona, Pearl Harbor

Richard Jeffries - POW

Benjamin Jones – KIA South Pacific

Thomas W. Jones – 80th Infantry Division Wounded Battle of the Bulge

Leon Kalinowski

Cas Katra

Peter Katra

Ted Katra

Leonard Kaczarczyk – KIA Italy

Dennis Kamowski - MIA Mediterranean Theatre

Sylvester Kamowski – KIA, France

Anthony Kanjorski – US Air Force

Joseph Karvaski - KIA

Victor M. Kazmierzewski

Stanley Kemp – POW

Luther Kemrite – KIA Iwo Jima

Robert Kessler

Theofilia King – US Navy Nurse – Pacific

Paul Kinney – Died of wounds suffered in Belgium

Chester Kishelkeski – US Army

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....

SEE WHAT'S IN OUR ARCHIVES

FOR A COMPLETE LISTING OF ALL THE RECORDS AND PHOTOGRAPHS THAT ARE IN THE NANTICOKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES, GO TO OUR WEBSITE www.nanticokehistoryonline.org you will find a full listing on our Research Page.



Ladies dressed in their finest gather to watch the parade to commemorate the 175th year celebration of Nanticoke's first city charter.

On Our Cover -1968 – celebrating 175 years of Nanticoke's first charter

In 1793, the city received its first charter as William Stewart and his brother Captain Lazarus Stewart received land from the Susquehanna Company for their part in defending the Connecticut Yankees claim to the land they acquired from King Charles II of England and the resolution of a treaty with the Iroquois enabling purchase of lands. In that year, William Stewart, under the colonial charter, owned Lot #27, now known as Nanticoke. He had his land surveyed and planned for streets and sale of acreage. By March of 1794, He had sold 36 lots at \$10 apiece.



Just one of the many floats fashioned by local businesses and organizations.



Two fellows find a perfect spot to get a bird's eye view of the many parade floats, marchers and cars that made their way down Main Street in 1968



A young fellow sits beside a pickle barrel on the Leader Store float

Read the full story

To read more about this celebration go to our website www.nanticokehistoryonline.org and click on our Stories page – Go to our August 2020 newsletter and read - 1968 - 175th ANNIVERSARY OF NANTICOKE'S FIRST CHARTER

A steady stream of cars carrying local dignitaries pass by on a crowded Main Street in 1968.



Through “Great Opposition” Nanticoke National Bank was established.

By Judy Minsavage



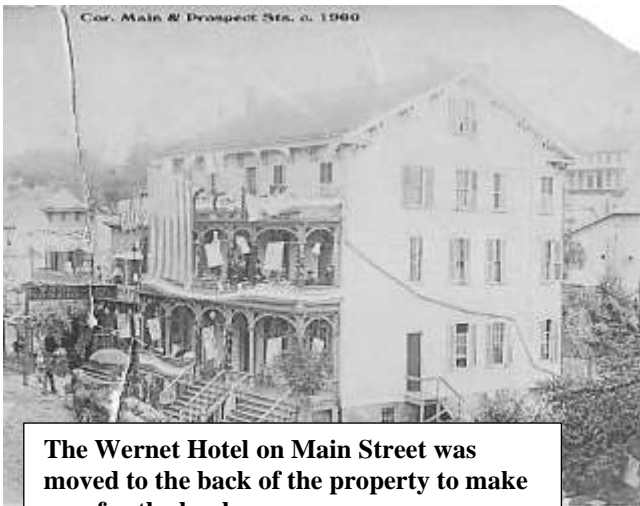
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of Nanticoke Penn'a.
3 per cent. paid on Savings Deposits.
One Dollar opens an Account.
A. A. ENKE, President A. LAPE, Vice Pres.
E. M. MUIR, Cashier.

The 1904 Wilkes-Barre Record announced “ The people of Nanticoke owe a vote of thanks to Attorney D.S. Pensyl and his two most efficient lieutenants, William W. Bittenbender and Dr. J. Grant Harter for the organization of the Nanticoke National Bank, who have worked courageously, fearlessly and persistently for this new financial institution in the face of the greatest opposition that could possibly meet it.”

What the opposition was, is unclear, but the article proclaimed the “smoke of battle” had passed in local history. Newly incorporated, the bank named A. A. Enke, president, Albin Lape, vice-president and Charles L. Fairchild, secretary.

Two locations were considered, the first being the Leisenring Building at 15 E. Main Street and the other the former First National Bank Building on the “Mill block” on East Main Street. The Leisenring Building was chosen and the bank opened for business at 9 a.m. on October 10, 1904. Frederick Moon was the first depositor.

By 1912, the bank was needing a larger space and the Reilly and Schroeder Architectural firm of Wilkes-Barre was selected to prepare plans for a new building to be erected on the site of the Wernet Hotel at 35 E. Main Street. The hotel was moved to the rear of the lot.



The Wernet Hotel on Main Street was moved to the back of the property to make way for the bank

As described in an article in the Wilkes-Barre Record, “The entire front of the bank is constructed of gray Vermont granite, almost 500 tons of this material being used, and is of the Greek Ionic type. The side and rear walls are based with buff pressed brick. All the exterior window and door frames are of calamine bronze with a Verde antique finish. The window sashes are of the same material closed with polished plate glass. At night, the front of the building being illuminated by two electric light standards presents a beautiful and most pleasing appearance.”



An artist's rendering of the Nanticoke National Bank

With massive bronze doors leading into a vestibule of Italian Marble, the bank projected the aura of money. Three carloads carrying vault material supplied by the Mosler Safe and Lock Company arrived by train. Liveryman, Walter Kelly and local teamsters handled the transfer from the train to the bank. The steel vault installed in March of 1913 weighed approximately 27 tons. The door of the vault was two feet thick and protected by a burglar alarm system that would sound with the slightest attempt to tamper with the door or vault shell. By 1922, the bank claimed assets of \$3,117,536.62 today that figure would be equivalent to \$84,173,472.

NANTICOKE BANKS JOIN FORCES

In 1928, Philip Strauss, the successful owner of the Million Dollar Store on Main Street, arranged a meeting of the leaders of the Miners, People's Savings, First National and Nanticoke National Banks to join forces and work for the greater good by forming a branch of the Anthracite Cooperative Association. The purpose of the widespread Association was to promote the sale of anthracite coal and enable more growth for their depositors and for themselves. Through the 40s and 50s the use of Anthracite diminished as consumers began to favor oil burners for their source of heat. Long labor strikes and mining accidents also contributed to the decline. But it was the Knox Mine Disaster in 1959 that ended the Anthracite era.

In 1971, the bank went through exterior and interior renovations. Time had taken a toll on the Nanticoke National Bank building as evidenced by removal of 16 tons of stone from the front of the building due to subsidence. The building was 6½ inches out of plumb and steel anchors and I-beams had been broken.

PRESENTING OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

LEFT TO RIGHT:	J. Wm. Schreiner Schreiner's Insurance Agency	David F. Jenkins The Leader Store
Dr. Thomas P. Williams Dentist	Attorney T. G. Wadzinski Attorney at Law	John Raskos Accountant
Dr. Albert J. Abbott Medical Doctor	Louis Glowacki Retired	Thomas W. Turner, Retired (Absent when photo taken)
Joseph Grzynski Joseph's Furniture Store	Harold Cimmet Cimmet's Variety Store	



**OUR
FRIENDLY
BANK
FAMILY**

SHOWN LEFT TO RIGHT ARE:

Edward Karpowicz, William Gibbons, Alice Kalweit, Henry P. Schwartz, Asst. Cashier, Lorraine Ploan, Josephine Stocks, Elizabeth Bird, Mary Alice Clark, Charles Thorne, Attorney T. G. Wadzinski, President, John Kost, Fred S. Pensyl, Cashier.

SEE OUR MAGNIFICENT NEW CHANDELIER . . .

It symbolizes our hopes for the future.

Designed on our main banking floor, this light new chandelier, we hope, will light the way to a bright future for our bank and that it will speak in helping provide a brighter life for many thousands of customers.



THANKS TO SO MANY THOUSANDS—

Our 67 Years in Nanticoke have been memorable ones.

The following excerpts appeared in the Nanticoke Daily News on Friday, October 7, 1960:

"The idea of establishing this new bank was first conceived by J. W. Schreiner, Jr., President, in plans made for the celebration of the 67th anniversary of the bank's opening, which was held on Friday, October 7, 1960."

"The institution was organized on July 11, 1893 by the stockholders who started it with a capital of \$100,000. At that time, the bank was the first of its kind in Nanticoke."

Many other most interesting things appeared in this paper on that day and it is to be hoped that the new bank will start to with a new business, and will continue to grow in strength in the future, and that the new bank will be a first class institution for its customers."

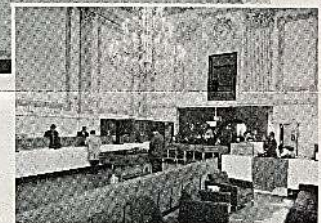
This flyer announces the opening of the newly renovated Nanticoke National Bank, staff and board of directors in 1971.

Now! A NEWER, LARGER, GREATER NANTICOKE NA

In 1984, an addition to the bank was built on the site of the former Leader Store. The new facility centralized the loan department. Completion of the construction was planned for October of that year.



**NOW . . .
Our Main Banking Floor
Doubled In Size—
for your convenience**



On your visit to our bank, you will find that the space, magnificent chandeliers, and classic interior will cause . . . with much of the space dedicated to the new banking floor. However, you will find that the old main banking floor has been eliminated and that the whole bank floor itself has been completely reorganized and modernized. There are now ten better equipped, new lounge areas, and many other improvements made on this floor.

The office, which used to take up a large part of our main bank floor, are now located in a new addition on the rear of the bank building. These are completely modern in design and extremely functional. We have added a new lounge room in which you will find the most modern up-to-date electronic machines available. There is a new lounge room for you, still, a new Quasi-Lounge Room, and we have other rooms provided to enable us to operate better and more efficiently. You see, the new home—what we think you will like it, too.

**COME IN AND MAKE A TOUR OF
OUR EXPANDED AND MODERNIZED FACILITIES—**

We'll Make It Worth Your While

Now! A NEWER, LARGER, GREATER NANTICOKE NA

Although it had several different banking institutions operating within it, the last being The First National Bank (FNB), the bank closed its doors for good in 2021. the exterior of the bank still holds the original title given it in 1903 and serves as a reminder of the prosperous beginning of the city of Nanticoke.


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MYSTERY QUESTION:

Who was this famous stage and screen actress and what was her connection to Nanticoke?

We will announce the answer on our Facebook page in the near future with a detailed story to be posted on our website www.nanticokehistoryonline.org



MORE MYSTERY PHOTOGRAPHS

Over the years the Nanticoke Historical Society has obtained photos contained in collections from various families and events, but unfortunately do not know who are in some of the photos. We will be placing these photos in this and future newsletters. If any match the ones in your collection, or perhaps you recognize a family member, please let us know by calling our office at 570-258-1367 or emailing history@nanticokehistoryonline.org. Just give us the number on the photo and the name or any information you may have, so we can add them to our records. **See more of these photos on our website at www.nanticokehistoryonline.org click on our PHOTOS page.** .

