

NANTICOKE LEGACY

NANTICOKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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The Liberty Silk Mill as it stood East Church
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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 To collect artifacts, memorabilia and historical documents and facts of Nanticoke, Pennsylvania and to store such items in a central location or specific area where these articles may be preserved, appreciated and used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.

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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.

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Society News



EDITORS NOTE: Update - In Honor of Our Military Section

In an effort to honor our Hometown Heroes, the Nanticoke Historical Society is proud to have highlighted those who have served in the military. The In Honor of Our Military Section of Nanticoke Legacy began in the August 2018 issue with alphabetical lists of names of local military members who served in various conflicts. If you are new to our newsletter or missed previous issues and would like to see the lists, please visit our website www.nanticokehistoryonline.org and download the issues published from August 2018 on, or call our office at 570-258-1367 for a copy of the newsletter your relative or friend may be listed.

From our archives and information received from family members, we've spotlighted the following hometown heroes in stories published in the issues listed alongside the names. You will also read stories in this issue. If you have additional military information or an interesting story about any of the names listed In Honor of Our Military, please contact us at the newsletter email nanticokehistory@aol.com with details and contact information and we will do our best to highlight that individual.

1. Captain Andrew Lee, Washington's Spy – October 2015 and February 2016
2. William McKarrachan – Teacher and Patriot – February 2015
3. Finding Sergeant Szumowski – Dr. Andrea M. Nerozzi – November 2019
4. Bringing A Hero Home – The Story of Nanticoke Native Son – Pershing J. Hill – December 2020
5. Society Aids in Civil War Veteran Project – June 2021
6. Salvaged gravestone has Nanticoke Connection - August 2021
7. Leandra E. Ramos adds her name to Nanticoke Military History – August 2021
8. Henry Koncynski - Hometown Hero Served in Merrill's Marauders – December 2021

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 help with digital records. Call us at 570-258-1367.

Welcome new members

As always, the Nanticoke Historical Society is pleased to welcome new members. The following are those who have joined our existing membership in the new year. Thank you for becoming a part of our efforts to maintain Nanticoke's history, and enable us to continue to offer our genealogical research services.

Lisa Woodley – Life Member
Cynthia Schmied – Life Member
Serge Yow - Family Membership
Ann Arlene Rose - Family Membership
George Gula – Individual Membership
Jerry Bavitz – Individual Membership
Ryan Stetz - Life Member
Erika Stetz – Life Member
Chase Stetz – Life Member
Reno Stetz – Life Member
Devon Buckley – Life Member
Sandy Lee – Individual Membership

Membership Renewals

John Gregorowicz
Dorothy Koprowski –
Michael Radzwilla

Thank you for your donations

The following members have recently made a generous donation to the Nanticoke Historical Society. Thank you for your support of the society's efforts in gathering and maintaining the history of Nanticoke through research, cataloging and maintenance of treasured memorabilia.

Joyce Hulslander
Michael Hill
John Gregorowicz

IN MEMORY OF

**A donation was made to the Nanticoke Historical Society:
BY LIFETIME MEMBER, ANDY SHERBINE**



**IN MEMORY OF
JULIA KOLONOSKI SHERBINE**

**A donation was made to the Nanticoke Historical Society:
BY MEMBER GRAHAM VAN SLYKE**

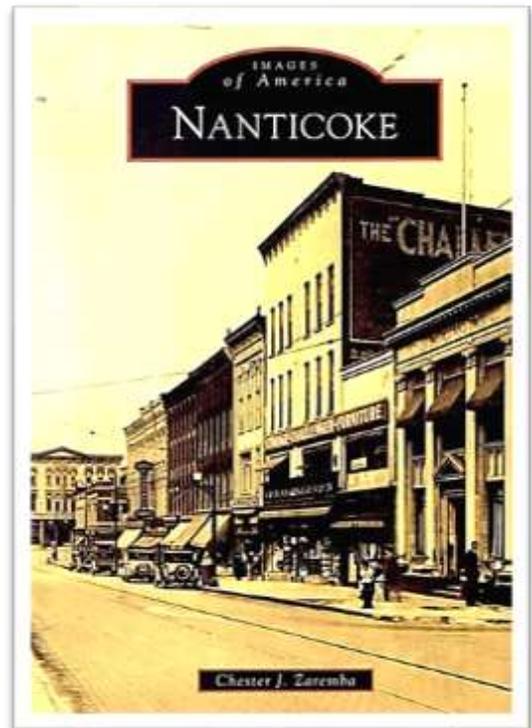


**IN MEMORY OF
VIOLA VAN SLYKE**

Book sales still going strong

We are very pleased to announce that “Images of America, Nanticoke” written by Nanticoke Historical Society Vice President, Chester Zaremba, is continuing to garner new readers. After release of the publication, Arcadia Publishing, made the society aware that the book was one of the bestselling of the local history books.

Filled with hundreds of photos and stories of Nanticoke’s past, the book details Nanticoke’s history from early pioneers to businesses, homes, churches, schools, sports, the coal era, the Susquehanna River and the many trolleys that transported its residents. Take the trip back in time and get your copy of the “Images of America, Nanticoke” at Barnes & Noble, and some CVS stores, or visit our office for your copy. 📖



The Photograph – A mysterious gem in our archives

by Chet Zaremba, Vice President, Nanticoke Historical Society

Nanticoke Historical Society member Mrs. Charlotte Dudkowski has for several long months been indexing our hard copy photograph file. From time to time, Mrs. Christine Thomas assists in the effort. The project consists of reviewing each of the hundreds of photos in our photo file and then writing a brief explanation of who or what the photo shows. Another member has volunteered to put this information into an Excel spreadsheet after which I hope to be able to import that file into our Past Perfect computer program.

As Charlotte neared the end of the second file drawer, she found photos which were difficult to identify. One of these appeared to be a photographic print of a negative with writing on the reverse side. Charlotte showed me the photo and asked for help in identifying it for her project, noting the picture’s date of 1883 on the reverse side, and those pictured identified as the “Pulaski Legion.” Additional written information named some of those pictured and that the group had taken part in a parade in 1883 celebrating the victory of General Sobieski (of



Original negative print found in our files

Poland) at the battle of Vienna. My interest in the photo now shifted into high gear and I asked Charlotte to leave the photo with me so that I could do further research.

The first thing I did was to scan the photo, one side then the other because it is fourteen inches wide, the two sides were then joined together.

I converted the photo to a normal black and white image.



Photo converted to black and white

The photograph “came to life” from its previous condition. In addition to the black and white conversion, there were adjustments made to exposure and contrast.

Although now “alive,” it needed just one more step to take us back to 1883. It needed color! I then processed the photo through colorization software, which is highly accurate, and produced the following image.



Colorized photo of the Pulaski Legion dated 1883

So, now here we were, back in 1883, but just where were we, we still did not know. With a number of us “old-timers” looking at the picture, no one could even offer an opinion of where in Nanticoke the picture was taken. The detective work now had to begin. Writing on the back of the photo provided the following:

**“Gwardia Pulaskiego 3 mounted – Jos. Twardowski-Frank Patrzykowski-Thos. Roczydzki
Pulaski Legion. Took part in parade 1883 celebrating victory of Sobieski at Vienna.
Committee headed by Karel Nowak”** *(Author’s note : remember that name)*

More Research:

Although we had something to go on, we didn't have a lot to go on.

I then decided to check the newspapers of 1883 and see what I could learn. Going to Newspapers.com I went to the Wilkes-Barre Record for 1883 and did a search on that year for terms associated with the photo.

- A Wilkes-Barre Record article dated September 13, 1883, entitled "Sobieski's Victory" The smaller headline read " Demonstration by the Polish Population at Nanticoke."
- A few excerpts: "Nanticoke, Sept 12.- This has been a holiday for this busy mining town, and almost every nationality has united in doing reverence to the man and the historic event, of which this is the 200th anniversary. "
- "At an early hour, the Polish band paraded the streets to encourage some of the men who hesitated to disregard the order of Superintendent Morgan, who had forbidden the men from leaving the works. The order was disregarded by a majority, but it is understood that quite a number through, fear of expulsion, remained at work."
- " At 3 o'clock p.m. the Polish societies formed in front of Broadway Hall and paraded through the streets. (One of these groups was)..the Pulaski Guards. Many were uniformed...and they made the most imposing parade that ever took place in Nanticoke."
- " After passing through the principal streets they in common with many of other nationalities repaired to Broadway Hall where an address in Polish was given by Charles(sic.) Nowak."

It is my belief that this photograph was taken on September 12, 1883, although again, I cannot determine where, but it had to be in Nanticoke.

One final note:

On the back of the original photograph, the writing concludes with this statement,

"The next day the mine bosses fired Karol Nowak and his sons. They left for Buffalo, New York - friends

pulled the carriage to Lehigh Valley Station - he was so highly thought of." 



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WE'RE HERE TO HELP IN YOUR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH



Check out our website www.nanticokehistoryonline.org. You will find contact information, membership and research request forms. our archives are full of genealogical records, newspapers, property information, gravesite locations and much more. We are continually working on cataloging deeds, photos, documents and memorabilia donated to the society. A list of what is in our archives is posted on our Research Page and it is growing daily.

We have a collection of yearbooks from the early years of Nanticoke High School, up to today. Our volunteers are hard at work to assist in making your trip into the past possible. Finding even the smallest nugget of information can be a revelation to a family. We've had research requests from across the United States and the globe. We are proud to have been able to connect the dots for many families wanting to learn about their ancestors. Call our office at 570-258-1367, we are there to answer any questions. 📧

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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 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

Stanley Grabowski

Rocco Granati

James Grant

Michael Gregga – Battery C, 3rd Field Artillery

Meda Grick – Battery C, 3rd Field Artillery

John Griczer – Served with the US Engineers in Germany

David Griffith – KIA

Stanley Groblewski – US Navy

John Grozio – US Navy

Henry Grygo

Joseph Gryskievitz – MIA

Patrick Guffrowicz - US Navy

John Gull

Paul Gust

Frank Gutowski – Pvt. US Army

Joseph Guzinski

Alex Gwiazdowski

Brignald Haines – Co, G Local Infantry PA Reserve

Sheldon Haines – Telegraph Corp US Army

Arthur Hamilton – US Army

Walter Hankey

David Harrie – MIA

David Harris – MIA

Raymond Harter

Andrew Haverilak – MIA

W. Heller

Stanley Helmecki

Earl Herbert – Battery C, 3 Field Artillery

John Hibbard – Commissioned a Lieutenant

Robert Hill – US Army

Henry Hinkey – US Infantry

Henry Hitchins – US Army Field Artillery

Reuben Hoffman – Co G. Local Infantry PA Reserve

Gustave Hollenback – Wounded in Action

Eugene Honeywell – Battery C, 3rd Field Artillery

Andrew Horanzy

Leo Hornsby – Naval Reserve

John Howells - Served in France

William Howells –

Andrew Howick

Joseph Hudachek

John Hughes – 103rd Engineers

George Humphrey – Battery A, 3rd Field Artillery

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.



In Honor of Our Military



WORLD WAR II

Raymond, Kroskiewicz –
John Krzywicki – US Army Wounded in Action
Casimer Kuligowski
John Kuruc Jr. – Mechanical Corp
Raymond Kurzawski – KIA
Louis Kwasek, US Army
Chester Kwicien – T/Sgt.
Alfred Labenski
Stanley Lasecki – US Marine Corp
Alex Lasniewski – MIA
Joseph Lawrence – KIA – France
Daniel Leinthall – KIA – South Pacific
Victor Leonczyk – US Navy
Martin Lesneski – KIA
Jack Levanda – KIA – France
John Lewis – KIA – France
Thomas Lipka – POW
Henry Lipsky – POW
Leonard Luba – MIA
Leonard Luzenski – Technician 5th Grade
William Luzenski – POW
Cornelius McGrath – Died while POW
John McKeown – KIA – South Pacific
Earl Macarty – Coast Guard
Walter Machinski – Seaman First Class – Aboard USS Bracken
Edward C. Mack – Died Japanese POW
Frank Maczuga – KIA – France
Leonard Maddy – Died of wounds – Leyte
Clarence Makowski
Norbert Malashefski – KIA - Pacific
Mansor Mankoski – KIA – Italy
Andrew Manosky – Sergeant US Army
Edwin Markiewicz – Served in the South Pacific
Michael Marko
Hubert Markofski – Army Technical Sergeant – Europe – North Africa
Olin Marr – US Army European Theater
Eugene Maxey – US Air Force
Julius Mazaika – Perished aboard ship – Solomon Islands
Frank Maze – US Army – Atlantic, Pacific Theaters
Robert Meade – US Army
Ambrose Meck – MIA – Belgium
Arnold Menge –
Joseph Meshinski – POW
Richard Meshinski – KIA – France

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Hometown Heroes

Albert R. Haydock

Frank Haydock Receives Republic of Korea Ambassador for Peace Medal in honor of his brother

It started with a letter to the Haydock family from U.S. Senator Pat Toomey stating that Pvt. Albert R. Haydock, would be posthumously awarded the Republic of Korea Ambassador for Peace Medal in recognition of his service which “represents the appreciation shown by the people of that grateful nation.” Included in the letter sent to Haydock’s niece, Sally Haydock Gorgas was an invitation for the Haydock family to attend a ceremony on Thursday ,November 11 at the Ron and Rhea Simms Center of Wilkes-University.



Frank Haydock is congratulated by State Senator John Yudichak

At the ceremony, Frank Haydock, proudly accepted the medal on behalf of his older brother. Frank was seventeen at the time his brother was killed in action in Korea. a total of 29 Korean War veterans, most posthumously, were honored by Senator Toomey and State Senator John Yudichak.

Albert Haydock who lived on West Grove Street, was attached to the 19th Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. He enlisted in 1951 at the age of seventeen, and received his basic training at Fort Dix, NJ., arriving in Korea in October. In November, Haydock’s company captured an enemy hill. Pvt Haydock was killed on November 5, 1951, when his patrol was ambushed. Anna Haydock received the letter announcing her son’s fate just weeks after his arrival in country. Sadly, the Haydock family had previously experienced loss with the death of the family patriarch in May of 1951.

Albert Haydock was born and raised in Nanticoke and attended Nanticoke High School and was a member of St. Joseph’s Slovak Church. He was employed by Lyons-Carnahan, in Wilkes-Barre. Listed as surviving brothers and sisters were, Joseph, John, Michael, Frank, Robert and Bernard and sisters Mrs. Joseph Namowicz, Alois, Bernadine, Josephine, Rita, Anna and Susan.

Albert Haydock’s body arrived at the Lehigh Valley railroad Station and was honored by members of the Nanticoke Post 350 American Legion. Haydock was buried at St. Joseph’s Slovak Church Cemetery.



Frank Haydock proudly displays the medal posthumously presented to his brother Albert Haydock.



Frank Haydock receives the Rep of Korea Ambassador for Peace Medal in honor of his brother Albert from U.S. Senator Pat Toomey

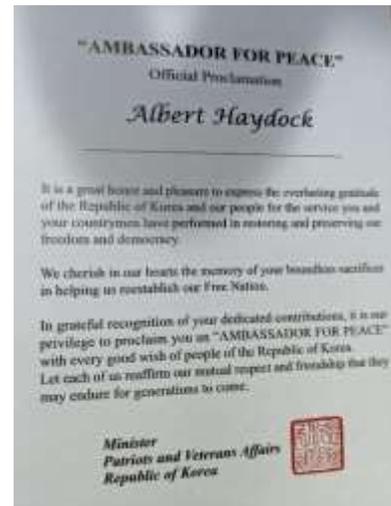


19th regiment patch

The 19th Infantry Regiment became active in 1861 and fought valiantly in the Civil War, War with Spain, World War II, Korean and Vietnam War.

The Korean War, also known as the Forgotten War, began on June 25, 1950, when North Korean soldiers, crossed the 38th parallel into South Korea. In July of that year American troops entered the war in support of South Korea. Over the next three years over 5 million soldiers and civilians lost their lives. An armistice was signed in July 1953, to avert a more devastating conflict with Russia and China leaving the peninsula divided to this day. 🇺🇸

A special thank you to Nanticoke Historical Society member, Sally Gorgas for the photos for this story.



Robert C. Carter

USS Triton Machinist Mate 1/C US Navy

It was the middle of the cold war and military might and endurance were key factors in being prepared for whatever might happen anywhere around the world. The USS Triton was the first generation of nuclear-powered submarines and was the first to circumnavigate the Earth submerged, approximately 36,000 miles. Machinist Mate 1/C Robert C. Carter of Nanticoke was one of the crew members aboard.



The Triton departed from St Peter and St. Paul Rocks in the South Atlantic on February 24, 1960. From there the sub continued to Cape Horn, South America; across the Pacific, through the Philippines, across the Indian Ocean around the Cape of Good Hope, arriving back at St. Peter and St. Paul on April 10. The trip took 60 days and 21 hours. Politically the trip proved the might and endurance of the new fleet of nuclear-powered submarines and their crew members. An immense amount of oceanographic data was collected on the trip. The Triton received the Presidential Unit Citation, its captain, Edward L. Beach received the Legion of Merit from President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

European waters became the next destination for the ship and its crew in an effort to track Soviet bombers and to keep an eye on Russian submarines.

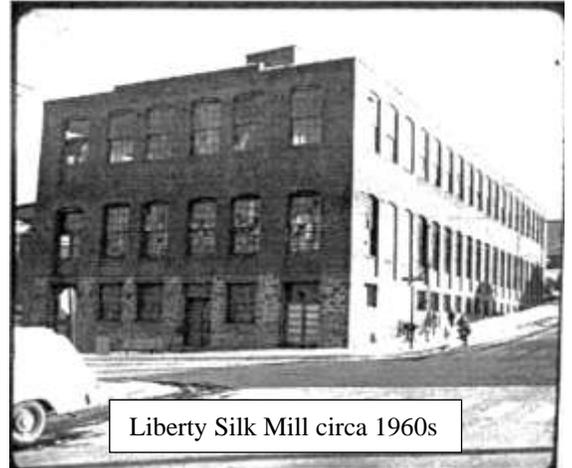
Robert Carter was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Carter, formerly of Nanticoke. Carter was born in Nanticoke and attended Nanticoke High School. He was the brother of Mrs. John Evans, of East Noble Street. ■

Nanticoke: Yesterday and Today

Liberty Silk Mill

By: Judy Minsavage

In 1918, Benjamin Levi purchased a property owned by William Maynard at the intersection of E. Church and Walnut Streets. Levi's plan was to build a two-story building to house a silk manufacturing business. His son Malcolm Levi and son-in-law Charles Epstein joined the venture. The property contained a house purchased by Patrick Haggerty, which was cut into three sections, and moved to the corner of East Broad and Walnut Streets. According to the Encyclopedia of Greater Philadelphia, "By 1900 one-third of the silk products made in America were produced both in Philadelphia and in the coal regions of the Northeastern Pennsylvania."



Liberty Silk Mill circa 1960s

Most assuredly the Levi's and Epstein saw this progress and believed it to be a good fit for Nanticoke. During this time, wives and children worked in the mills to supplement the miner's wages.

The Mill began operation on Feb. 3 of 1919 and employed 125 people. In 1921, a new addition doubled the capacity of the mill at which 340 people worked.

By 1938, the coal industry, which had previously employed the greatest number of people in the area, was waning. Three businesses in Nanticoke were thriving, Duplan and Liberty Silk

Mills and General Cigar Factory. over a three-year period, Liberty employed the highest number of workers bringing thousands of dollars into the community.



Benjamin Levi



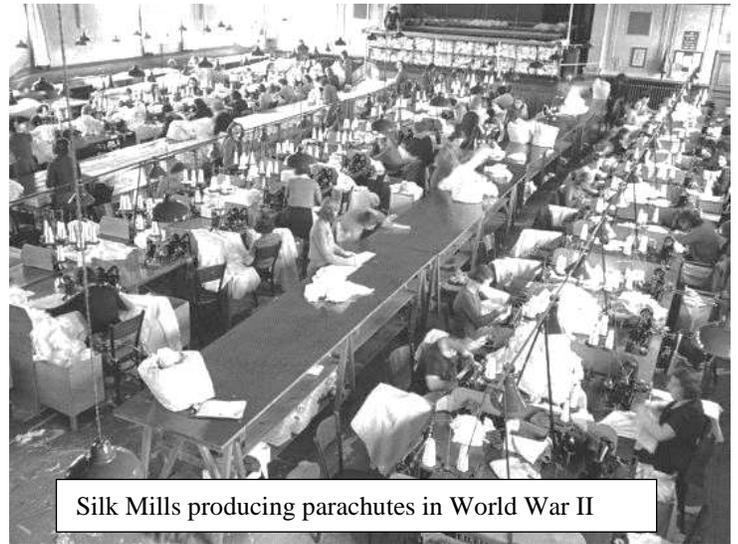
Charles Epstein

Parachutes used during WWII contained Silk manufactured at the Liberty Mill. According to Popular Mechanics, Jean-Pierre Blanchard discovered that folded silk had distinct advantages over early parachute designs made of linen. The new way was lighter and stronger.

In the 1944 WWII Operation, Market Garden, the largest airborne operation in history; twenty thousand Allied troops parachuted into occupied Holland helping the Allies to capture key bridges.

As time progressed the coal mines began to close, and families became increasingly dependent on different manufacturing businesses in order to make a living.

By 1954, both the Susquehanna Colliery No. 6 and the Liberty Silk Mill would close. In a Sunday Independent Article published on Feb. 28 of 1954, Charles Epstein Jr., listed as owner of Liberty Silk Mill, called his employees in for a meeting. Noting the loss in funds and its inability to compete without new machinery, Epstein announced the closing of the plant. Epstein told his workforce he would be willing to help them with finding new employment and offered help with their financial difficulties. Duplan Corp. had moved to the southern part of the country years prior, the closing of the Liberty plant ended silk manufacturing in Nanticoke. Demolition of the building began in 1971.



Silk Mills producing parachutes in World War II

Real Estate History:

203 E. Church Street

Liberty Silk Throwing Company (1918-1954)

Delorena Dress Company (1954)

Alta Products Corp; Sid Mar MFG Company (1954-1964)

Tico Manufacturing Company (third floor; opened and closed in 1954)

Building demolished by Nanticoke Redevelopment Authority (1971)

Frances Micocci, CPA, office, residence constructed; address altered to 415 S. Walnut Street



East Church and Walnut Street Today

Television in Nanticoke

By Judy Minsavage

Although the idea of television appeared in the early 1800s those of us who were the first to have one in our living rooms remember them in the 40s and 50s. A hefty box with a twenty-one-inch screen, and a spindly contraption called an antenna sitting on top of the set. We remember how channels signed on in the morning with the day's end test pattern coming on somewhere around 11 p.m. (depending on the day). We remember twisting and turning the rabbit ears, positioning them just right to pick up the channels. Sometimes aluminum foil helped. Rooftop Antennas popped up all over town. With just three or four channels to choose from getting up to change the channel was not as much of an ordeal as it would be today with channel selections numbering in the hundreds.

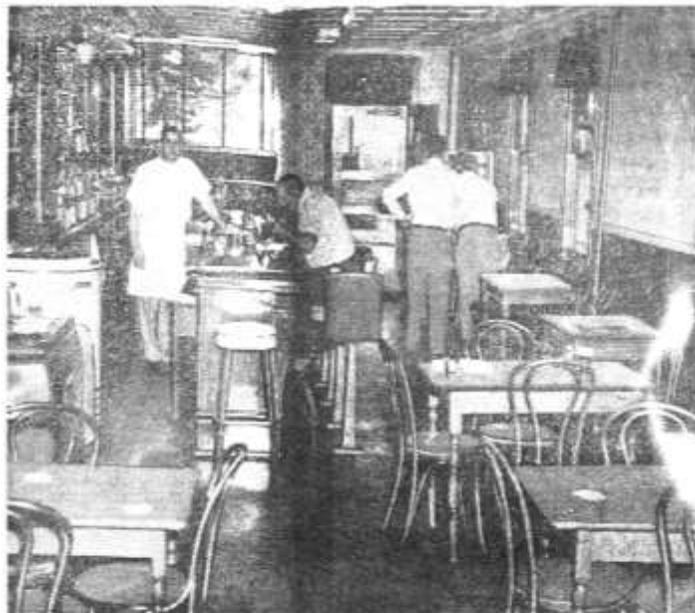


Founded in 1926, The National Broadcasting Company, NBC, is the oldest network in the United States. Columbia Broadcasting Systems, CBS, came on the air in 1929. The American Broadcasting Company, ABC, came into existence in 1943 and used pre-taped shows instead of live productions. This enabled stars like Bing Crosby and Perry Como to have a flexible schedule. There was a fourth company, one that readers of our newsletter would remember from our last issue, DuMont Broadcasting Company, which started Edie Adams on her way to fame and fortune.

South Market Street electrician John (Lefty) Janowski must have had an inkling that television was on the horizon, in 1932 he took an advanced course in radio and television in New York.

In 1950, WNBC-TV – Binghamton, NY offered television shows like Philco Television Playhouse, Chesterfield Supper Club, Fred Waring Show, Kukla Fran and Ollie and Lone Ranger.

Tushinski's Tavern and Restaurant at 41 E. Noble Street, was the first Nanticoke business to have a television. Long lines of people waited to get in to see the Friday night boxing match. In 1951, Newport Twp. furniture store owner, Joseph O'Karma, placed a television in the store window so kids could gather to watch.



Tushinski's Tavern and Restaurant 41 E. Noble Street 1954

By 1951, the soap operas Love of Life and Search for Tomorrow aired and were called such because soap manufacturer Proctor and Gamble used the medium to sell its products. Personalities, Steve Allen, Gary Moore, Bert Parks and Perry Como started their television careers.

In 1952, WPTZ Channel 3 Philadelphia and WNBF Channel 12 Binghamton, NY were the first two stations, but by the end of the year seven stations were rushing to get programming on the air. WBRE hoped to air the Rose Bowl Football Classic on New Year's Day 1953. Work on a massive tower constructed near Pottsville delayed its premier. Ultra-High Frequency (UHF) replaced Very High Frequency (VHF), known to have unsatisfactory reception. Retailers were recommending that consumers buy sets that receive only UHF, or they would have to buy a converter.

Channels broadcast seven days a week, but most days shows would start morning or early afternoon and end by approximately 11 p.m.

Advertisement in local newspapers announced 21-inch UHF televisions for a purchase price of \$389.95 at Williams' Radio and Television in Kingston, and \$579.95 at E&J Television. According to the US Inflation Calculator, those would respectively equate to \$4,071.87 and \$6,055.85 today.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approved color televisions in 1953. The First color TV set went on sale for a purchase price of \$1,175. According to the US Inflation Calculator that price would equate to \$12,269.38 today.

By 1954, WARM announced they would be broadcasting on Channel 16, a precursor to WNEP.

In 1956, a Chicago newspaper reported that "Television had replaced the family budget as the number one cause of domestic squabbles. The article was based on interviews with lawyers, marriage counselors and set owners. One husband put his foot through a set because his wife liked the late movies, keeping him awake at night. A Nanticoke man reported to the Sunday Independent, "The amazing difference television had made in his home. The family radio went to the attic. It was a good radio, too. The batteries were good, we probably could still use them for months."



1955 – Oliver Andes formerly of Nanticoke was playing the lead in a drama You're Only Young Once to view on Channel 22. Andes was a member of the Columbus Boy Choir, Princeton NJ and after the play, he flew to Florida to join the choir on a tour through the Southern States.

Russ Yurchak also known as Russ Alden formerly of Alden Station made his television debut as a novelty harmonica player.

Cub Scouts Pack 430 Glen Lyon were guests of the W Bar E Ranch television program on WBRE. **Leonard Gorney** was the Cubmaster.

1956 - Nanticoke Girl Scout Chorus directed by **Mrs. Leonard Clarke**, appeared on television the same day they sang over a Nanticoke radio station.

Vocalist **Bill Kolly** of Alden appeared on television.

1957 - Mrs. Joan Zavatsky of East Main Street Nanticoke appeared on Strike It Rich and won hundreds of dollars

1958 - Mrs. Regina Manowicz of West Nanticoke won a trip around the world, a television and a complete kitchen on the Price is Right.

Francis Baron of West Church Street was the champion on the NBC morning television show Treasure Hunt. Baron won a "deep freeze," mink jacket, an all-expense paid trip to a New York State resort and another at a New Hampshire vacation spot, a small foreign auto, and cash winnings of \$140.

Diane Winters of Glen Lyon appeared on David Blight TV Christmas Show on a local television station dancing with Luther James of Wilkes-Barre.

1959 - Chosen from over 10,000 girls attending the Girl Scout Round-Up at Colorado Springs, **Susan Jenkins** of East Green Street appeared on The Dave Garroway Show, Other Girls Scouts who also attended the round up were **Judy Nork** and **Wendy Zerfoss**.

1960 - Paul Hromchak also known as Paul Rhone, formerly of Pine Street, Hanover Section of Nanticoke played a buffalo hunter on a popular show which aired, June 5, 1960, starring a well-known Nanticoke Native. 🍷

Did you know

On the square of Wilkes-Barre, many milestones are celebrated with historical plaques -- including the Birthplace of HBO in 1972.

The plaque was bolted to an outdoor wall in 1984. It was paid for by HBO -- as part of a promotion launching Cinemax. Another plaque on the Square claims Wilkes-Barre was the site of "America's First Jazz Festival."

Around 365 Teleservice subscribers were the first to receive the premium cable service when it commenced broadcasts.



WHAT WE WERE WATCHING IN:

1953

I Love Lucy
Dragnet
Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts
You Bet Your Life
Milton Berle Show
Arthur Godfrey and Friends
Ford Theatre
The Jackie Gleason Show
Fireside Theatre
Colgate Comedy Hour

1959

Dobie Gillis
Twilight Zone
Bonanza
Rawhide
The Deputy
The Untouchables
Laramie
Dennis the Menace
One Step Beyond
The Edgar Wallace Mystery Theatre

1960

Gunsmoke
Wagon Train
Have Gun – Will Travel
Andy Griffith Show
Real McCoys
Rawhide
Candid Camera
Price is Right
Jack Benny Show
Dennis the Menace

1965

Lost in Space
Days of Our Lives
Hogans Heroes
I Dream of Jeannie
The Wild Wild West
Get Smart
Green Acres
F Troop
That Girl
The Big Valley

WHAT WE WERE WATCHING IN:

1970

Marcus Welby M.D.
The Flip Wilson Show
Here's Lucy
Ironside
Gunsmoke
ABC Movie of the Week
Hawaii Five-O
Medical Center
Bonanza
The F.B.I.

1975

All in the Family
Sanford and Son
Chico and the Man
The Jeffersons
MASH
Rhoda
Good Times
The Waltons
Maude
Hawaii Five-O

1980

Dallas
The Dukes of Hazzard
60 Minutes
MASH
The Love Boat
The Jeffersons
Alice
House Calls
Three's Company
Little House on the Prairie

1985

The Cosby Show
Family Ties
Murder, She Wrote
60 Minutes
Cheers
Dallas
Dynasty
Golden Girls
Miami Vice
Who's the Boss

2020

Chicago PD - NBC
Dark – Netflix
Jack Ryan – Amazon Prime
The Orville – Hulu
Lord of the Rings – Amazon Prime
Deputy – Amazon Prime
Star Trek – Picard – Paramount+
Coyote – Paramount+
The FBI – Paramount+
FBI Most Wanted – Paramount+

MYSTERY QUESTION:

What Nanticoke film and television actor was nominated for best supporting actor for his role in a 1964 movie starring Richard Chamberlain?

MORE MYSTERY PHOTOGRAPHS



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