



Fulton House News

Fall 2024

LET'S GET FIRED UP ABOUT HISTORY!
Derry 250 planning is well underway!
Join in the process and help to make history!

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- ◇ *How you can become a Superhero? By becoming an Innkeeper !*

And so much more !!!

2024 Derry Area Historical Society Upcoming Events

Board Meetings are the 3rd Monday of each month 6:30 PM @ the Fulton House

**Interested in helping YOUR historical society? Come to a board meeting and see how you can help make us better!!*

For the latest news and information check our website: www.derryhistory.org and "LIKE" us on Facebook!

October 11 & 12: "A Haunted History Walk" Mossback Park, Derry

October 18 & 19 "Haunted History Guided Van Tours" Mastrococco's Derry

October 18 : "Children's Halloween Party" @ The Fulton House

October 21 : Board Meeting, 6:30, Fulton House

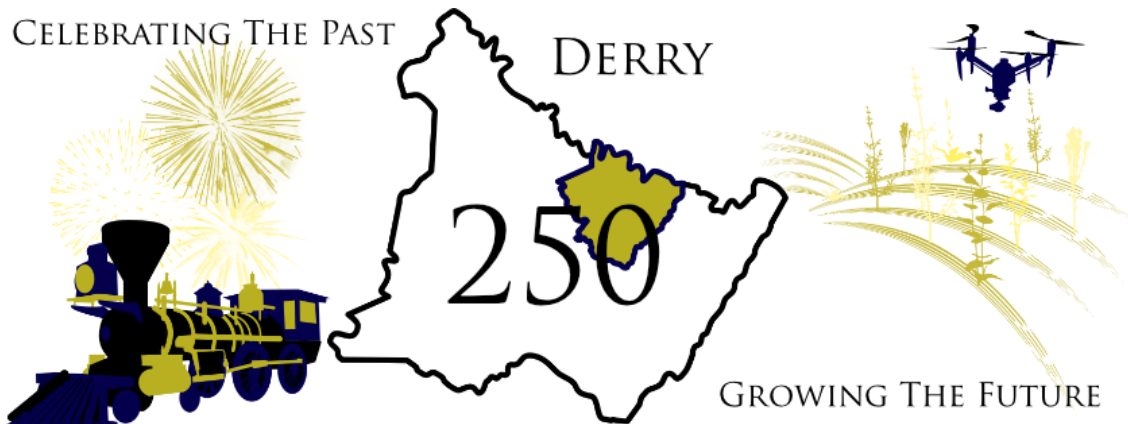
Nov. 3rd: Derry's Mortuary & Funeral History Lecture 6:30 @ The Fulton House

Monday December 9th - 6:30 "Old Salem Christmas Community Sing-a-long"

Friday December 13: "Fulton House Christmas Party", 6:30 @ The Fulton House

ALL EVENTS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! (MUCH more info within...)

CELEBRATING THE PAST



GROWING THE FUTURE

Innkeeper's Bites & Brews Returns for 2nd Year

by Denise Frisko Wood

The Derry Area Historical Society held its second annual "Bites and Brews" at the Fulton House grounds in New Derry on September 7th. This year's festival was another success with over 100 guests in attendance. It was a perfectly beautiful day!

Last year we decided to try something different in lieu of our traditional innkeeper's dinner where we could invite the entire community to come celebrate with us and give local restaurants an opportunity to connect with their community as well. Due to the popularity of last year's event, we decided to make it an annual event.

In addition to foods from 14 local establishments, the event featured food from DAHS's own chef & baker, Will & Missy Snyder. There was also an array of live music, a basket raffle, & an old-fashioned dime toss which guests loved!

The innkeepers being celebrated at this event are the generous group of individuals who have each donated \$175 to cover the monthly costs of running our society over the past year. The Innkeepers program, established in 2006, allows our dues and other donations to go directly into outreach and educational activities in our community. Our historical society has become very active and involved in numerous exciting initiatives. None of this would be possible without the support of our innkeeper patrons!

This year's event was sponsored by & featured food, drinks, & desserts from:

Rosemary's Pizza
Round House Pizza
Pitstop Pizza
Jaffre's
Dexter's Café
Dino's
Terri's Sweets & Treats
Ianni's Pizza

Market Street Pastries
The Villa
Texas Roadhouse
Shop 'n Save
Marino's
Four Season's Brewery
Ownbrook Winery

We humbly thank everyone who made this & the rest of our yearly events a success.

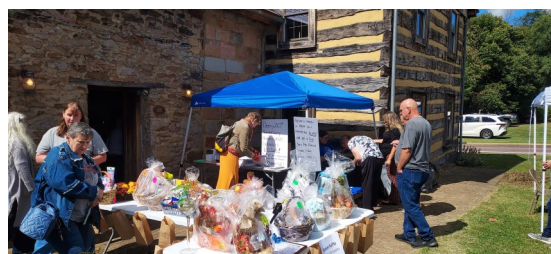
We are lucky to be a part of such a supportive community.



DON'T LET IT DISAPPEAR!



Support local history
www.derryhistory.org



LOOKING FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY GIFT IDEA FOR SOMEONE?



It's finally here! The Derry 250th Anniversary commemorative 2025 calendar is available for purchase!

Our NEW calendar includes **over 50 photos** of Derry's past. Flipping through this calendar is like taking a walk back in time, experiencing the people and places that came before us. **Some of these gorgeous prints have never been seen before** but you can have them all in one place, printed on beautiful, glossy paper. This will make a great keepsake and an even better Christmas gift for friends and family who live or have ever lived in the Derry area. As an added bonus, the back of the calendar contains **two full pages of coupons** from local businesses, with an expiration date of December 2025. You can also stay in the know about upcoming Derry events in 2025 as many of them are listed for you! You can order your own copy by filling out the form & mailing it back with a check made out to, "Derry Area Historical Society."

Additionally, Derry Area Historical Society is offering new, revised prints of our book, **The History of Derry Schools 1835-1999**. This book contains information and photos of 58 local one room school houses and other school buildings.

And for the first time ever, we are offering copies of, **"The History of New Derry"** a 125-page, in-depth account of notable people and places in New Derry, from 1775 to 2007.

GREAT GIFT IDEAS FOR EVERYONE ON YOUR HOLIDAY LIST!

ORDER FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

Please send me:

2025 Derry Commemorative Calendar (**\$20**) Quantity: _____

History of Derry School 1835-1999 Book (**\$15**)..... Quantity: _____

History of New Derry Book (**\$20**) Quantity: _____

Gift Membership (Please include completed membership form found on page ten)..... Quantity: _____

Gift Certificate (recipient name & address will be needed for delivery) Quantity: _____

Derry Area Historical Society T-shirt (**\$20**) (Be sure to indicate sizes needed)... Quantity: _____

Please add a flat rate fee of \$5 for book/shirt orders to offset the cost of shipping. **Shirt sizes** ... _____

Return this completed form along with your check to

Derry Area Historical Society – P.O. Box 64 – New Derry, PA 15671

Lessons From My Mentors

By Denise Frisko Wood



For those who don't know me, I am currently the Derry Area Historical Society's corresponding secretary. Meaning, I'm usually the one sending you letters in the mail & keeping track of your membership. I was also secretary when I was fifteen years old & was a board member back around the time when we built the Fulton House barn and bought the Conestoga wagon – nearly twenty years ago! I like to talk about that era in my life for two reasons. 1. Some folks gave me a big chance to do some big things when I was very young. 2. Hanging around with those folks taught me skills, life lessons, & work ethic. To those people, I may have just been a blip on their radar, some kid they once knew. But when you're a teenager, what you spend your time doing really makes a difference in both your cognitive and social development. Therefore, I've never failed to recognize that the time I spent at the Fulton House as a kid helped to shape me into the person I am today.

Admittedly, I don't remember every person I used to hang around with back then. But there are certainly some people I could never forget. I remember Peggy Lipinski teaching me how to take meeting minutes, Evelyn Ruffing training me to be a docent, & Tom Vallana teaching me to file newspaper clippings. I fondly remember spending time helping JoAnne Vicini with various projects & serving at innkeeper's dinners with Bill & Will Snyder. I still have the little cards that Phyllis Humphreys would randomly give me with words of encouragement & praise.

I found myself spending my free time at the Fulton House. Tuesdays I would file newspaper clippings, Sundays I would help docent, two Mondays a month I would record meeting minutes, and in between, Bob Reintgen (president at the time) always had something else planned for us. I remember taking group trips to the Lochry Blockhouse, Compass Inn, & various other historic places.

More than anything, I remember being mentored by Bob Reintgen. He had been my freshman history teacher & when I told him I was considering going to college for history, he immediately took me under his wing. I admired Bob's unconventional & extremely passionate teaching style in the classroom. Outside of the classroom, I admired the passion he brought to the historical society. Bob had no "off" switch; His enthusiasm was the same at a 6 pm meeting that it was at a 9 am American History class.

Bob once nominated me for a community service award through the Tribune Review. I won the title of "outstanding young citizen." Myself, my mom, & Bob all got to go to a fancy dinner & award ceremony. I was given an award & listed as a winner in the newspaper. It was very exciting but it also helped me later down the road. That award, combined with a list of my community service hours at the historical society got me a scholarship to help pay for college. In the end, I ended up majoring in music instead of history. I remember telling Bob with the hesitation that he would be disappointed. He reassured me that he would always support me in whatever I chose to do with my future & that I didn't have to major in history to enjoy history.

Nearly twenty years later, I'm now standing in the shoes of my mentors, using the skills they taught me. I find myself emulating the passion & enthusiasm of Bob Reintgen. I care about our local history. I care about preserving it & passing it on. And hopefully when the opportunity arises, I'm able to successfully pass that passion & enthusiasm down to the next generation.

"I say try. If you never try, you shall never succeed." –Abraham Lincoln

Exploring our Coal Mining Heritage

By Donna Showalter



This past summer the Derry Historical Society presented a program about life in the coal mining community around the 1920's. Doing the research for this project was an eye opener for the planners. If we think life is tough today we have nothing on these pioneers of the industrial age as they made the benefits we have today possible. They paved the way for the rail and steel industries that made our country great.

Many people lived in coal mining patches in poorly constructed homes that were hot in the summer and very cold in the winter. Several families shared an outhouse. They were often paid in "script" company issued currency that could only be used at the store owned by the coal company at jacked up prices. Women would gather coal on the very dangerous culm (piles of waste coal deemed unusable by the company) piles to heat their homes. These piles consisted of the rock that was picked out of the coal but still had coal bits in them. The higher the pile the greater the chance that a person could be swallowed up in a collapsing stack and suffocated. Young boys, sometimes only eight years old would be put to work as breaker boys sorting coal from slate and rock, sitting on hard benches in noisy and dangerous conditions for up to 11 hours a day. How many of our grandfathers had to quit school at a young age to work in the mines? The life of a miner was difficult and dangerous. Cave ins, explosions, fires and accidents were very common.

There is a rich history of mining stories in our area that are worth learning about. 'Dynamite Hill', Bradenville, was famous for a huge explosion when the dynamite and powder slated to blast through a hill to build the railroad ignited. Miraculously only one person was killed but many were injured and several patch homes were destroyed. The blast was felt in Indiana and Ligonier.

There are so many stories about mining in our area that are worth knowing about. Almost everyone with roots here has ancestors who lived the coal mining life. As we approach our 250th anniversary our local coal heritage is a good place to start to learn about how truly special we are in the Derry Area.



So, who do you need to begin thinking about Christmas gifts for?

We all have at least ONE person who we never know what they need or want for Christmas. Or perhaps there is someone on our gift list who really needs nothing? Maybe you're never quite sure what to give that Derry native who has moved elsewhere?

LOOK NO FURTHER THAN YOUR DERRY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY!

The Derry Area Historical Society publishes a number of interesting books and booklets containing details about our region that will interest anyone with Derry Area ties or an interest in the past! Our publications cover a vast array of interesting local history stories, family research information, and local hometown historical figures bios, and much more!



The D.A.H.S. is so much more than the many fun filled events that occur throughout the year, but it is also an archival treasure trove of unique gift ideas! How about one of our super cool, super valuable (there are coupons *inside*) **Derry 250** calendars? What about a "**History of Derry**" booklet? Perhaps a **Fulton House mug** or **D.A.H.S. T-shirt** for that special someone? Visit our Fulton House store at one of our events, or if you find that some decisions are too difficult to make, then you can purchase a D.A.H.S. Lifetime membership for your loved one! We will even send your loved one a gift donation from you! Make a donation for \$50, \$100, or other amount, give us the name and address of whomever you've made the donation for, and we will send that person a card explaining that you have made a donation to the D.A.H.S. in their name!

What a perfect gift idea for that hard to buy for loved one, or that special cousin, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or simply a friend who moved away years ago and would enjoy a little history from home!

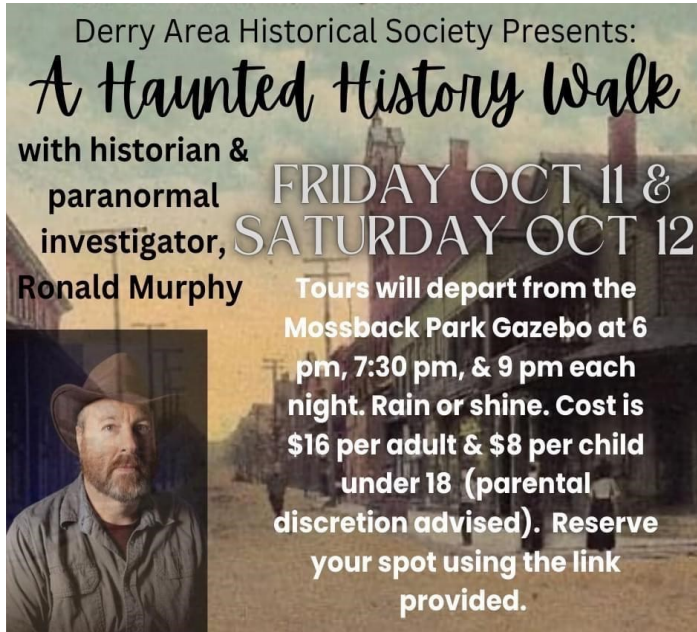
Stop by, call, write us (handy order form on page 3 of this newsletter) to get your gift list fulfilled early!

Thank you in advance! for your support!

Haunted History Tours!

This year, Derry Area Historical Society has a lot of spooky plans for Halloween! Back by popular demand, DAHS member & local author, Ronald Murphy will be conducting “Haunted History” tours throughout Derry. Similar to last year, Ron will be leading tours through Derry Borough. In addition, he will be adding tours through the township this year as well. Each tour will feature stories of the people & places of Derry’s past.

The Derry Borough haunted history tours will start at Mossback Park Gazebo & will be on foot. Walking distance is about a quarter mile. Tours will take place October 11th & 12th at 6, 7:30, & 9 pm. The cost is \$16 for an adult & \$8 for a child. Tickets may be bought at www.DerryHistory.org.

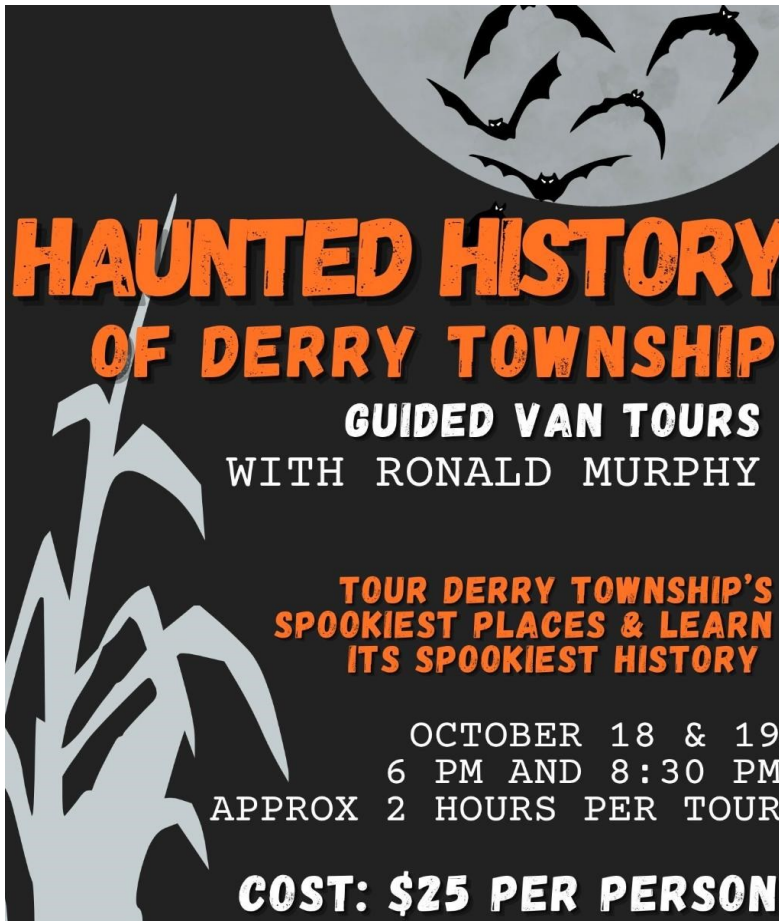


Derry Area Historical Society Presents:
A Haunted History Walk
 with historian & paranormal investigator, **Ronald Murphy**
FRIDAY OCT 11 & SATURDAY OCT 12
 Tours will depart from the Mossback Park Gazebo at 6 pm, 7:30 pm, & 9 pm each night. Rain or shine. Cost is \$16 per adult & \$8 per child under 18 (parental discretion advised). Reserve your spot using the link provided.

Haunted History Van Tours!

The Derry Township haunted history tours, due to distance between stops, will be a guided van tour. The van will leave from the Mastrorocco’s parking lot & travel into the township to some of Derry’s most historical & spooky locations.

Township tour dates are October 18th & 19th at 6 pm & 8:30 pm. Van tours will last about 2 hours & are limited to 14 passengers per time slot. The cost is \$25 per ticket. Tickets may be purchased at www.DerryHistory.org.



HAUNTED HISTORY OF DERRY TOWNSHIP
GUIDED VAN TOURS WITH RONALD MURPHY
TOUR DERRY TOWNSHIP'S SPOOKIEST PLACES & LEARN ITS SPOOKIEST HISTORY
 OCTOBER 18 & 19
 6 PM AND 8:30 PM
 APPROX 2 HOURS PER TOUR
COST: \$25 PER PERSON

For the Kiddies!

For the kiddos, the historical society will be hosting an “old fashioned” Halloween kid’s party on October 18th from 6-8 pm at the Fulton House.

The event is free & open to any child 8 and under! There will be treats, games, crafts, & a costume contest.

**This is an indoor event.*



Discover Derry's Mortuary History & Historic Funeral Homes at the Fulton House

Lastly, on November 3rd, the society will be hosting a talk on Derry's Mortuary History & Historic Funeral Homes at the Fulton House from 1—3:00 pm. Local funeral directors, John McCabe & Matthew X. Merlin will be the featured speakers for this event.

The event is ONLY \$5.00 online payment is preferred and can be completed at “www.derryhistory.org”. Alternatively, you may pay at the door on the day of the event but space is limited so please reserve your spot by calling

724-717-3187 or email derryareahistoricalsociety@gmail.com to reserve your spot.





Look over the next page to learn exactly what an

*Innkeeper does for **YOUR** historical society!*

We already have a few people dedicated to becoming Innkeepers to keep us going!

Join the few, the proud, the historical superheroes;

The 2024 Innkeepers

These amazing individuals below have already pledged for this year!

**JoAnne Vicini
Nathan & Angela Bundy
Lee Ann Hrycaj
Gary Lamolinara
Carol Jean Albaugh
Andrew & Lori Majorsky
Kathy Dennis
Pat & Donna Showalter
James "Ron" George
Chris & Judy Johnston
Dennis & Lorie Dablock
Richard Santella
Clay Stoner
Sarah Currykosky
John & Vickie Kuhns
Rebecca & Lidia Gamble
Evelyn Ruffing**

Please consider becoming an annual Innkeeper!

Although we had no idea at the time, seventeen years ago, the creation of our Innkeepers Program saved our Derry Area Historical Society. Each and every year since we have had at least 12 generous community members step up and make a tax deductible donation of \$175.00 to keep the non profit group alive. Of course costs have gone up, but this amount can sustain us for at least one more month and every additional Innkeeper guarantees that we can hold the line at \$175.00.

All of us who cherish what our predecessors did to build our community and our country regularly donate our time, talents, and money do so because we think that it is important not to lose our heritage. Once the past is gone, it cannot be brought back.

Please consider joining us and doing your part to preserve the past to educate the future.

Learn how you can help too on the next page!

Innkeepers are our lifeblood

Join them in helping us preserve the past

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Dear Community member

You may already be aware of the importance of the Innkeepers program to the Derry Area Historical Society, when this program was started 17 years ago, it saved our group. The Innkeepers program pays for all of our utilities and general operating expenses, while our dues and other donations are used to provide our research services and pay for our special events throughout the year. Without the Innkeepers we could not pay the bills and without paying the bills, the historical society would cease to exist.

While this vital program has kept our organization alive, it is not enough. Yes, we always desperately need donations, but what we need more than ever are volunteers. The amount of work to keep any organization afloat is tremendous, our load has long been carried by a small handful of people

Continuing or becoming a first time Innkeeper shows others that you value the legacy left to us by our ancestors. It says that you understand that the lessons of the past can be a valuable tool for the future. It says that you feel it is important to preserve the past to educate the future. Please consider becoming an Innkeeper by returning the sign-up slip (below) and your \$175 donation as soon as possible. As always, because we are a non-profit organization, your donation is tax-deductible.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Missy Snyder

President Derry Area Historical Society

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### **2024 Innkeepers Appeal**

\_\_\_\_\_ values the past and wants to help “keep the lights on” at the Fulton House as a 2024 Innkeeper. Enclosed is my check for \$175 made out to the Derry Area Historical Society.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Amt Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please consider helping to keep historic preservation alive in our area by becoming an Innkeeper!

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Email: [derryareahistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:derryareahistoricalsociety@gmail.com)

## Membership Application

*The mission of the Derry Area Historical Society is to encourage the appreciation and preservation of local history, genealogy and historic architecture while building strong partnerships with other organizations and groups that will strengthen our community.*

### Membership levels

| <u>Annual</u> |                 | <u>Lifetime</u>  |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Business \$25 | Individual \$10 | Individual \$100 |
| Student \$5   | Couple \$15     | Couple \$150     |

Join us in preserving the past for the future by mailing this completed application, together with your membership dues at the level you have selected, to the above address. A membership card will be mailed to you with a letter of welcome. Annual membership dues, based on the calendar year are payable by February 1<sup>st</sup>. New annual members joining the DAHS after September 1<sup>st</sup> will have their dues covered for the following calendar year. **\*NOTICE:** *If this is a gift membership for someone other than yourself, please fill in the recipient's address!*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP LEVEL \_\_\_\_\_ AMT. INCLUDED \_\_\_\_\_

OPTIONAL (but VERY MUCH needed!) - Indicate below the activities of the DAHS you are willing to volunteer time for:

|                                          |                                                        |                                             |                                                |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Officer or Board of Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events     | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media Presence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter      | <input type="checkbox"/> Docent at Fulton House        | <input type="checkbox"/> Building, Grounds  | <input type="checkbox"/> Programming           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Writing   | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Webpage assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Outreach     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance         | <input type="checkbox"/> Promotions                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Craftsperson       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                 |

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

(please return to the D.A.H.S. address listed at the top of the form)

Revised, 5/2019

*Already a member? PLEASE share this form with someone who should be!*

To inquire about how your logo can appear here email us at:  
[derryareahistoricalociety@gmail.com](mailto:derryareahistoricalociety@gmail.com)



**\*A very special Thank you to all who support your  
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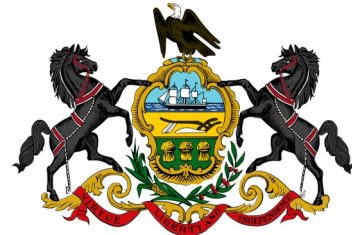
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The Fulton House  
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## Archive!

By John Kerin

# ARCHIVE

An archive can be a place where public records are stored, a collection of historical records, or in computing the transfer of data to a digital media for long-term storage.

In the Derry Area Historical Society archives we have collections of paper records, video tapes, 35mm slides, photos, and many historical items both new and reproductions. In my attempt to preserve them my first concern is to transfer the information stored as VHS tapes, films, and photos to a digital format.



Tape and film has a limited expected life before it is no longer usable. Depending on how they are stored the film and tape usefulness can be anywhere between 10 and 30 years. VHS tape is expected to lose about 1% of its magnetism a year and film will fade and deteriorate quickly if not kept in a dry dark area.

I am preserving the VHS tapes by playing them on a standard VHS tape player and capturing (encoding) the generated video signal in to a digital MP4 file. MP4 files are digitally recorded videos that are condensed to limit the amount of storage required to store them. These files can easily be copied or played back on just about any computer operating system.

8mm and super 8mm movie film is scanned by a scanner designed to scan each frame and store it directly on to a SD card (a small device for saving digital data) in the MP4 file format is the same as the files generated by the VHS tape encoding.

All the MP4 files will be transferred to a 5TB HDD (Hard Disk Drive). Unfortunately this is not the best means of preserving data for an extended period of time (over 5 years). I am looking into other options that would include cloud storage or storage at archive.org.

Printed material, paper and photos, are scanned by a high speed document scanner capable of generating a searchable PDF file (a digital file format capable of digitally recording text and pictures). The advantage of a searchable PDF is its ability to locate any name or word within the document by just typing the name in the search box in the PDF reader. The PDF reader is also comparable to most computer operating systems. The family historical books in our library will each have a digital file folder with the name of the family and contain the scanned PDF files of the book version. The file folder will also have a book number that is reference in the current card catalog.

The card catalog, at least for this time, can not be scanned and saved as a searchable PDF file but I plan to scan all 30,000+ cards into PDF files but will not have the capability of a searchable PDF file. A person wanting to find a item in the catalog will have to use a computer screen to read each record in the catalog file or they still can use the catalog file to find the book number containing family data. The catalog file, like it is now, will still be in alphabetic order.

We have a large collection of family data in newspaper articles that have previously been collected though out the years. There will be no effort to scan these articles because they are already available through the Latrobe Advance (1873 -1899) and the Latrobe Bulletin (1902 to 2019 at newspapers.com).

The above task that I outlined will take considerable amount of man hours. I will need help in preparing the documents for scanning and indexing them for easy access. To help in this project contact me through the Derry Historical Society and we can work together to save our archived history!



**WE NEED YOU!** *\*If you care about the preservation of our local history, please let us know and we will find a way for you to do your part!*

# The Origins of Railroad Days

by Judy Johnston D.A.H.S. Vice President



In 1990 my son Chris Johnston and Mr. Robert Scalpello Derry Area School District Superintendent at that time and I, sat down to discuss the railroad history of Derry and how could we honor the men and women of that era, hence the birth of railroad days! I was at that time the President of the Derry Business and Professional Association and we approached them for a startup donation. They approved the princely sum of \$75.00 and that enabled us to send a mailing to various crafter, artisans, and food vendors hoping to fill our Derry Streets!



It being our first year, we anticipated a crowd of less than 5000 visitors. It was an added bonus that we were able to enlist the help of several retired railroaders to talk with visitors about their careers. Those railroad retirees also generously donated items for the Caboose Museum.

We also had a 1" gauge mini steam railroad that did steam train rides. The word was out about our new festival soon had a group of railroad 'hobos' visiting us. The 'hobos' are an organization of people dedicated to reenacting those who 'rode the rails' in search of opportunity, mostly during the Great Depression years. Their organization came and camped here, giving the Railroad Days event an air of authenticity. One of the popular attractions to the event is the annual 'Hobo Picnic' which always occurs the Thursday before the Railroad Days festival.

We also had help from CSX, the railroad transportation company, who donated two retired cabooses, set tracks, and placed them near the post office in town.

As time went on, eventually bus tours were added to the festivities. The tours included steam engine rides from Marienville to the Kinzua Bridge, Bald Eagle Express, Horseshoe Curve, and the East Broad Top Railroad.

Our Railroad days celebration has steadily grown year after year and has developed into one of the premier events in our region. If you haven't yet visited Derry for our Annual Railroad Days festival, you need to remedy that for next September! With the food, fun, entertain, and so much more, you'll be glad that you did!



*Interested in finding out more or how you can help, visit: "<http://www.derryrailroaddays.com/>" to learn more!*



Through the diligence of volunteers at the Fulton House we have been able to maintain this important relic not only as a monument to the past that houses our local historical archives but also a headquarters for our group and a family friendly instructional tool to educate the future with our various events throughout the year.

We desperately need to energize local community members to keep our local history alive. Donations are always needed, but more than money, we need you. Nothing our society does happens in a void. We are desperately seeking willing volunteers with a variety of skills. We are in dire need of help in many areas, but specifically collections archivist, financial secretary, web design and maintenance, acquisitions, promotions, community outreach, musical events director, genealogist, the list goes on and on. No matter the skill, we need you! Without out you, this cultural icon may fade away more quickly than you may think!

# Derry Area Historical Society

We touch the future by preserving the past    Join us

**Visit us at: [www.derryhistory.org](http://www.derryhistory.org)**

