



Kane Manor Inn

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### **Kane Manor Inn Named One of the Top Ten Historic Bed & Breakfast Inns in the US**

The Kane Manor Inn, a local Bed & Breakfast in Kane, PA, has been named to the Newsweek Reader's Choice Award for Top Ten Best Historic Bed & Breakfast Inns in the United States coming in at number four nationally.

The Kane Manor Inn was nominated for the honor by freelance travel writer, Robin Smith. In mid-July, Newsweek announced the beginning of a month-long public voting program for an initial 15 historic inns nominated by various acclaimed travel writers. The original list featured inns from across the United States, including four from PA.

The nomination centered on the Kane Manor Inn being the family home of Civil War General, Thomas Lieper Kane and his wife, Dr. Elizabeth Kane. The mansion, officially known as "Anoatok," has been on the National Registry of Historic Places since 1986.

In the early years of the US Civil War, Thomas Kane raised a regiment of local farmers and hunters from Northwestern PA who became known as the "Bucktails" for the signature deer tail they wore on their caps. The Bucktails went on to play pivotal roles in numerous battles including Cemetery Ridge at Gettysburg.

Dr. Elizabeth Kane, a suffragist and pioneer, is also a historically important figure. She was one of Pennsylvania's first female medical doctors and one of the first female photographers in the world,

possibly the first outdoor photographer in the world. A book of her photography was recently released by the Kane Historic Preservation Society.

Although General Kane died before the house was built, Elizabeth Kane supervised the building of the mansion and lived there until her death in 1909. Kane family descendants continued to live in the home until 1983, when it sold to an outside firm.

Other Kane family members also figured prominently in history. Thomas and Elizabeth's son, Dr. Evan O'Neill Kane, became world famous for performing an appendectomy on himself as part of his support for local anesthesia.

Evan's son, University of Tennessee Professor, Elisha Kent Kane, was renowned for being the subject of a sensational trial for the murder of his wife, for which he was acquitted. The trial is the subject of the book, *Down by the Back River Light: The Sensational 1931 Murder Trial of Professor Kane* by Ann Davis. Elisha, known as "Sashy" converted the 18000 square foot mansion into an inn in 1931.

The Kane Manor Inn is now owned by Mr. Ben and Dr. Debra Miller, who are dedicated to restoring and maintaining the property, continually highlight the Kane family and property's place in history to its thousands of annual guests. The mansion house features a historical timeline along its first-floor hallway featuring the history of its owners and the town of Kane.

Kane Manor Inn is a traditional B&B which sits atop the Allegheny Plateau overlooking the Kinzua Valley. It features fifteen tastefully decorated historic guest rooms at the Manor and guesthouse and is one of Pennsylvania's longest, continually operating Bed & Breakfast Inns.

The winners of the vote and Top Ten Honors will be announced August 21, 2024 and includes two other Pennsylvania bed and breakfast inns.

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