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There were many individuals who were either born in Pennsylvania, or spent most of their lives here, who had an impact on our state, nation and the world. When lists of these individuals are presented, they are most often of men. However, Pennsylvania also had a number of women who contributed much to our history. **Dr. William J. Switala, author and historian**, recently retired from Duquesne University, will present a program dealing with five intriguing women who made a lasting impression on the history of our state. They include: Queen Aliquippa, Mary Ludwig Hays, Jane Swishelm, Lucretia Coffin Mott and Rachel Carson. Dr. Switala will discuss their lives and contributions emphasizing their personality traits and the historical context in which each of them lived. He will shed more light on these individuals who have often gone unrecognized and unappreciated.

Happy Birthday HOMESTEAD !
125 Years Young . . .
1880 — 2005

It is hard to believe that today, as you cross the Homestead Grays Bridge (formerly known as the Homestead High Level Bridge) that spans the massive shopping complex known as The Waterfront, that this area was the edge of the known frontier in the 1760's.

Homestead through its last 125 years has seen the entire gamut from fertile farmlands along its riverbanks and a residential neighborhood known as "The Ward," which gave the housing to

workers of the Carnegie "Homestead Works" which became part of the giant U.S. Steel Corporation. At the beginning of World War II these residents sacrificed their neighborhood for the expansion of the steel mill which played a major part in the production of steel for our national defense.

The area comprising Homestead was first surveyed around 1769. Located on a bend in the Monongahela eight miles up from The Point at Pittsburgh, its first settler was an Indian trader and farmer, Sebastian



Serving the Local Communities from the original Mifflin Township of 1788: Baldwin, Clairton, Dravosburg, Duquesne, Hays, Homestead, Jefferson Hills, Lincoln Place, Munhall, Pleasant Hills, West Elizabeth, West Homestead, West Mifflin and Whitaker.

Frederick, a German from the Rhine Palatinate. He lived in the area for a period around 1780, hunting, trapping, and farming for a living, and then moved on, perhaps when the game began to thin out. Originally he settled on land belonging to the 'Leydon Patent' deeded to Colonel Alexander Lowrey in 1789 and descending later to the West family.

John McClure, on May 19, 1786, bought 327 1/2 acres of land in the Homestead area, known as the 'Amity Patent.' 'Amity' was an appropriate name, signifying an intent of friendly, peaceful relation, in contrast to the hostility of the Indians at that time. The price paid for the land was an amazing \$262. Land was the cheapest commodity in those times, and often a farm would be traded for a good rifle.

This Amity tract and the Leydon tract of Colonel Lowrey comprised the area that is now Homestead. The McClure tract extended from Manhole hollow (Ravine Street) to Amity Street. The Lowrey tract extended from Amity Street to West Run and down to the Monongahela River, and included a large section of what are now the Munhall, West Field, and Homestead Cemeteries. Farther south David and Samuel Ferguson farmed the land now comprising Homestead Park. This extended to the Robert Brierly tract, for many years known as 'Roebuck Farm.'

Homestead Gets Its Name !

John McClure's farm was called 'The Homestead'--hence the name of our community. The land was inherited by the son John McClure, and later by the grandson Abdiel McClure. John McClure was prominent in the area and is said to have kept a pack of hounds and horses for fox hunting. In 1850 Abdiel McClure sold 150 acres of his farm to the City of Pittsburgh for

what was then known as a 'poor farm,' long since disappeared.

From its beginnings, Homestead was a farming community. Most of the settlers arrived after the Revolutionary War, clearing the land and establishing farms. In addition to those mentioned, other early settlers Amos McAlister, Daniel Risher, D.K. Calhoun, John Cox, Robert Brierly, the Whitakers, the Vonderas, the Hammetts, John Turner and his famous stepson, the Indian interpreter and scout, Simon Girty. They were chiefly farmers, growing crops and marketing them in the Pittsburgh area. The families were closely associated, helping one another with the harvests and other farm chores including house and barn building.

They were deeply religious, regularly attending church and forbidding all but the most necessary chores on Sunday. (It was considered a sin, for example, to grind coffee on Sunday.) The earliest church in the area was the Lebanon Presbyterian Church, the Lebanon Church was the earliest in Allegheny County. The Ann Ashley Church (known earlier as 'The Neck Church' because it stood on a neck of land between

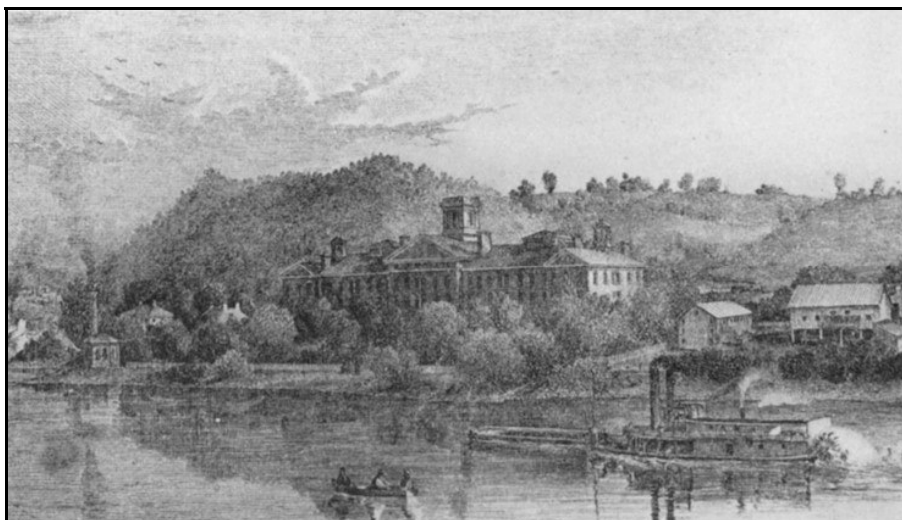
two streams) was the next church to be established in the Homestead area, on land given by the Wests and Whitakers in 1833.

It was a quiet rural life for these settlers, busy in the crop-growing season and 'holed up' during the long hard winter months. Food was plentiful. Vegetables and fruits were prolific in those early days, dairy and poultry products were always available, beef and pork were slaughtered and prepared right on the farm.

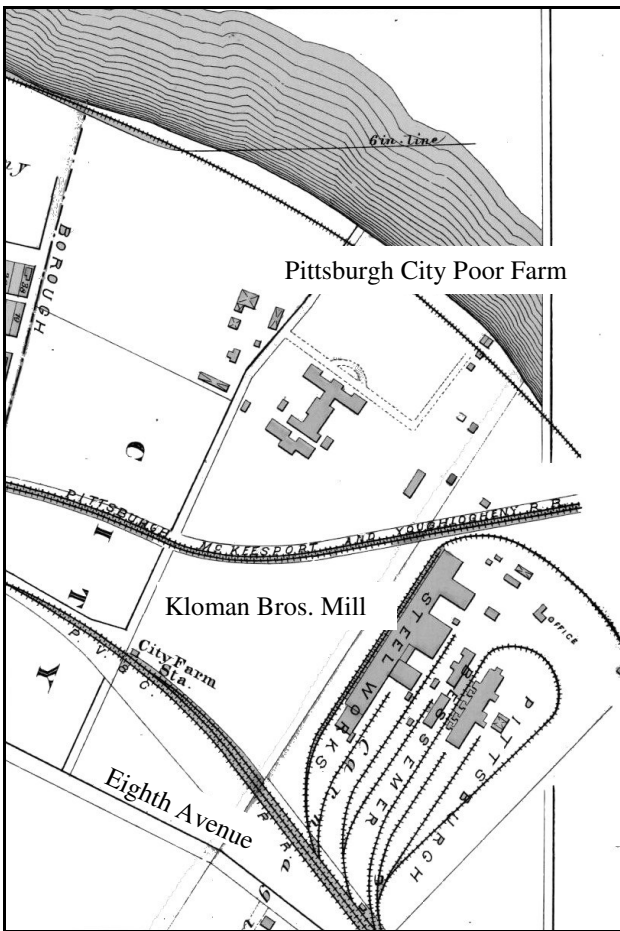
In 1871 the Homestead Bank and Life Insurance Company bought 113 acres of the McClure farm and an additional 100 acres from the West family. The land was laid out in lots, and in the first year six houses were built on this plan.

The Pittsburgh Virginia and Charleston Railroad was laid through the town in 1872, and brought a building boom. Originally, it was designed that Homestead should be simply a place in which to live, not a workshop, and such it was until the first glass factory made its appearance in 1879.

When the census of 1880 was taken although as yet a part of Mifflin Township, the inhabitants numbered 596, all told.

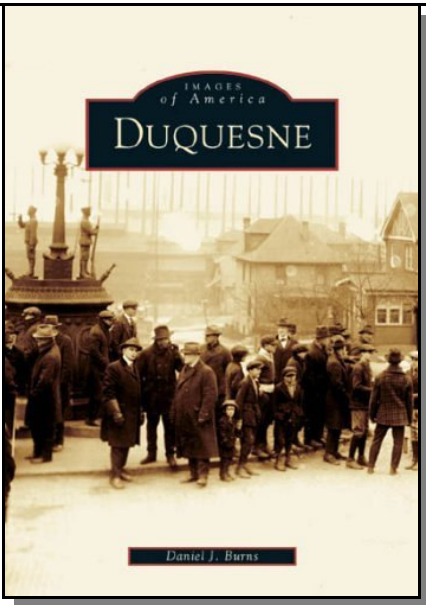


The Pittsburgh City Poor Farm, in this early lithograph, housed some 1,000 residents in its time. The Carnegie Steel Company purchased this property to build its famous "Homestead Works" in the 1880's.



In 1881 a steel mill was established in Homestead. the site was ideal, with excellent transportation facilities on the Monongahela River and a plentiful supply of coal and water needed for the process of steel. The Kloman Steel Company was the first mill established, but the steel industry never really flourished until 1888. In that year the Carnegie group - Thomas and Andrew, with Thomas N. Miller and Henry Phipps - purchased the Kloman plant and began producing steel rails for the expanding railroads.

This was the beginning of a new era in Homestead and the end of the 'gentle past.' The steel mills prospered and grew, consuming all the land below Sixth Avenue. The population, which early was largely Scotch-Irish and German, changed. The steel mills attracted labor from Europe and Mexico, and there was an influx of English, Slavish, Mexican, Italian, and Hungarian nationalities, making Homestead truly a melting pot.



DUQUESNE

“Images of America” Series

By Daniel J. Burns

Arcadia Publishing

Located just eleven miles southeast of Pittsburgh, Duquesne has a history that began when British general Edward Braddock and American colonel George Washington marched through the area and were defeated by the French in 1755. Once a part of Mifflin Township, Duquesne was later named in honor of the French governor general of Canada. Through the 1800s, the area was primarily fertile farmland. After the construction of the Carnegie Steel Mill in 1901, the town became an industrial giant in steel production. Incorporated as a town in 1891, Duquesne became rich in culture, with people from ethnic backgrounds as diverse as the skills they utilized to build the community. By the height of World War II, the Carnegie Steel Company, now the Duquesne Works of United States

Steel, employed over ten thousand people. Through nearly two hundred photographs, Duquesne extols the history of this prosperous town.

The Homestead & Mifflin Township Historical Society is proud to offer this book by H&MTHS member Dan Burns. The book is 128 pages and gives a pictorial history of the City of Duquesne with 189 vintage photographs.

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Daily Messenger
Saturday, September 28, 1907

COMPILED RECORD OF ACCIDENTS

Long List of Casualties at Local Crossings

23 LIVES SACRIFICED And 25 Others Were Permanently Injured

The board of trade has compiled a record of the grade crossing accidents which have taken place in Homestead from January 1, 1905, up to present time, which will be used in an effort they propose to put forth to secure safety gates. The record shows that 28 people have met death and 25 have been permanently injured on grade crossings.

Just how to proceed to get safety gates seems hard to determine. Some citizens argue that the borough can compel the railroads to construct safety gates by legislation and some that it cannot, and as there is no state law covering the point there seems to be nothing to go by.

McKeesport has at last forced the railroad companies to come to time simply by passing an ordinance declaring that the safety gates must be constructed at all the crossings by a certain time. When the ordinance was first passed the railroad officials only laughed at it and declared the city could not enforce the ordinance, but when the time for action came and they found the city officials determined, they came around and agreed to put up the gates and the material is now on the grounds ready for construction to begin.

Mayor Coleman, when he was in Homestead Thursday night, said the safety gate ordinance was one of the first ordinances signed, and while the railroads had demurred and delayed matters as much as possible they were slowly but surely coming to time, and that the gates would be up within a comparative short time. The mayor, in

conversation with a Daily Messenger reporter, said:

"The material for the gates is now on the ground and I do not think the railroad companies will delay work much longer. When we first passed the ordinance the railroad people declared they would ignore it all together, but later on they came around and wanted to compromise. They declared it was unfair to make them put gates up at every crossing and wanted to compromise by agreeing to put gates at the principal crossings, but we stood pat and it now looks as if we would win out."

When asked if he thought Homestead could compel the railroad companies to put up safety gates by legislation, he said he did, and added further, that we would never get safety gates unless the borough officials forced the companies to construct them.

The record of the railroads, in killed and injured, as compiled by the Board of Trade, from January 1, 1905 to the present date:

1905 Killed – 12, Injured – 13,
Horses killed – 6, Wagons demolished – 3

1906 Killed – 6, Injured – 10,
Horses killed – 3, Wagons demolished – 1

1907 Killed – 5, Injured – 2, Horses
killed – 4

P.V. & C., 1905---Persons killed, 8;
injured, 9; horses and mules killed, 5.

P. & L. E., 1905---Persons killed, 3;
injured, 2; horses killed, 1.

P. V. & C., 1906---Persons killed, 3;
injured, 2.

P. & L. E., 1906---Persons killed, 1;
injured, 2.

Date and name of those killed and
injured. Also newspaper reports of
narrow escapes:

1905

- John Stahl, Jan. 30, 1905, P. V.&C., injured.
- Empire Laundry wagon, Feb. 1, 1905, P.V.&C., two mules killed.
- Jos. Peters (Slav), Feb. 7, 1905, P.V.&C., Gold alley, killed

- Jos. Dubrosky, Feb. 7, 1905, P.V.&C., Gold alley, injured.
- P.J. Crawford, Mar. 7, 1905, P.V.&C.
- John J. Hughes, May 2, 1905, Union, killed.
- Walter Hight, May 4, 1905, P.V.&C., not seriously.
- Cleveland Prov. Co. of Pittsburg, May 8, 1905, P. V.&C., horse killed, driver escaped.
- Lawrence Johnston, May 29, 1905, P.V.&C., Munnhall, seriously injured.
- M. Bellot (Hun.), June 12, 1905, P.V.&C., Amity street, killed.
- Willie Schuette, July 3, 1905, P.&L.E., West Homestead, killed.
- John Uhrin, Sr., July 12, 1905, P.V.&C., City Farm Lane, killed.
- Frank Kovaic, Aug. 3, 1905, P.&L.E., killed.
- Mrs. B. McDonough, Aug. 10, 1905, P.&L.E., City Farm Lane, killed.
- Jacob Bernstein, Aug. 14, 1905, P.V.&C., Heisel street, seriously injured, horse killed, wagon demolished.
- Samuel Walker, Aug. 24, 1905, P.V.&C., McClure street, hurt, horse killed.
- Jos. Sinclair, Sept. 5, 1905, P.&L.E., West street, injured, wagon struck.
- Eugene Friedman, Sept. 10, 1905, P.V.&C., Ann street, killed.
- George Verdo, Sept. 14, 1905, P.&L.E., Heisel street, seriously injured.
- John Zahornaski, Sept. 16, 1905, P.V.&C., Heisel street, killed
- Mike Metro, Sept. 23, 1905, P.V.&C., Heisel street, struck, injured.
- H.F. Botsford & Co. Oct. 28, 1905, P.&L.E., Amity street, horse killed.
- Peter Kilosky, Nov. 1, 1905, P.V.&C., Dickson street, injured, wagon demolished.

- Henry Elicker, Nov. 21, 1905, P.V.&C., Amity street, arm cut off.
- Jacob Rushe, Nov. 27, 1905, P.V.&C., Dickson street, killed.
- S.B. White, Dec. 13, 1905, P.V.&C., Munhall, killed.
- Michael Medzyi, Dec. 21, 1905, P.V.&C., McClure street, killed.

1906

- Mary Sipas, Jan. 9, P.V.&C., Dickson Street, leg cut off.
- Three young girls, Feb. 13, P.V.&C., Amity street, narrow escape.
- Thomas Roach, Mar. 31, P.&L.E., Heisel street, fatally injured (Three companions had narrow escape.)
- Trolley car, Apr. 12, P.&L.E., Amity street, fender taken off.
- Three valuable dogs, Apr. 25, P.V.&C., Amity street, killed.
- Loaded street car, Apr. 27, P.&L.E., Amity street, narrow escape.
- John Milache, May 10, P.&L.E., West Homestead, seriously hurt.
- Street car, May 14, P.&L.E., Amity street, struck.
- Frank McCarley, June 13, dragged from McClure to Howard works, P.&L.E., seriously hurt.
- Street car, July 16, P.&L.E., Amity street, Motorman H.C. Smith and G.H. Hall, conductor, seriously injured; three passengers cut and bruised.
- Joseph Sogat, July 21, P.&L.E., Heisel street, killed instantly, horse killed, wagon wrecked.
- W.H. Gould's team, July 24, P.&L.E., Amity street, killed.
- Street car, July 30, P.V.&C., Amity street, narrow escape. Two passengers injured in jumping from car.
- Thomas Saunders, July 31, P.V.&C., Hays street, killed.
- Bernard Smith, July 31, P.V.&C., killed.
- Bolo Kovachy, Aug. 6, P.&L.E., Dickson street, killed.

- Repair trolley car, Aug. 16, P.&L.E., Amity street, narrow escape.
- John Warko, Aug. 15, P.V.&C., Heisel street, pulled from tracks just in time.

1907

- John Such, killed at the McClure street crossing of the P.V.&C., Tuesday evening, Jan. 11.
- Robert E. O'Conner, killed on Sixth avenue, Thursday, Jan. 10, P.V.&C.
- Sunday, Feb. 24, Penn & Shady car struck by fast train at Amity street, 25 lives endangered.
- Monday, Feb. 25, Patrick O'Mara killed at Ammon street crossing, P.V.&C.
- Tuesday, July 9, John Dryer had one horse killed and another injured at Heisel street crossing, P.V.&C.
- Stephen Sweeney and Al Woodside killed Sept. 21, at West street. Two horses killed.
- Max Rosen lost leg at Amity street crossing, Sept. 21.
- Clyde Graham aged 4 years, struck by train, badly injured.

Daily Messenger October 31, 1907

NEW INSTITUTION OF LEARNING OPENED

A new institution of learning has recently opened in Homestead, of which comparatively little is known. It is the "Homestead Bible Institution" and is in connection with the Second Baptist Church, colored, corner of Seventh avenue and Ann streets.

The instructors are: Rev. Dr. J. E. Elias of McKeesport, dean of the Theological department; Mrs. Emma H. Jones, Mathematics and Language; Mrs. Grove (white), Braddock Junction, Spelling and English branches. The lessons which are free, are given Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 o'clock and all students are eligible. There are eighteen pupils now enrolled, and more are expected soon.

A special class in united States history meets every Thursday evening and is in charge of Rev. C. A. Jones.

The school is kept up by subscription and endowment and is worthy of support, as much good is being accomplished along educational lines.

Daily Messenger, Tuesday, September 15, 1908

DAILYS TO PLAY STRONG COLORED ORGANIZATION

The Dailey A. C. will have for its opponents Saturday the Pittsburg Giants, colored team, which is to be strengthened by several of the best colored players in the country. Bowman, of the Philadelphia Giants, the man who used to make the old Homestead team bite the dust at Steel Works park, is to pitch. This little black man is a wizard with the ball and only his color keeps him out of the big league. Another star who will be on the team, is Dick Garrison, of the Cleveland Giants, of the Ohio State League, who is also said to be a wonderful player.

This team played the Homestead's early in the season and put up a good game and with these stars in their lineup they will make the Dailey's go some. Lipps, who pitched such good ball 1st Saturday against Becks Run, will be in the box for the Dailey's. He is at his best just now and it will be fun to see the colored men going after his wonderful drop ball.

Daily Messenger October 8, 1907

GOOD OLD BALDWIN TOWNSHIP BOOMING

These are fine autumn days out along the old Brownsville road which runs through the center of Carrick and is the chief highway through the fine farming township of Baldwin in Allegheny county. Some day, doubtless, Greater Pittsburg will have taken Carrick borough and not a few acres of the contiguous parts of the township into its ample dimensions; but as yet the thriving town of Carrick stands successfully alone and the ancient Brownsville road winds its long lengths past fertile farms and pleasant rural homes.

But the real estate investor and the prospective suburban resident have long had their eyes on that same old road, and the consequence is that out beyond Carrick is one of the most delightful sections of Baldwin township, elegant suburban homes are being erected with even though no trolley lines as yet stretch farther than Carrick, the section is becoming dotted with fine dwellings.

THE OLD AND THE NEW.

Nestled in a nook near the highway is the venerable old stone building near Carrick built at least 125 years ago, and for many years one of the well-known road houses or taverns. Not far away are several elegant modern homes, as different from the ancient stone structure as day is from night. Many of the attractive buildings being erected in that neighborhood are being put up on the old Bennett property, and when there shall be a trolley line along the Brownsville road the district will be quickly built up.

Baldwin township is an interesting portion of Allegheny county. Originally in 1788, it was included in St. Clair and Mifflin townships; and perhaps it is not generally known by resi-

dents of the township that it was finally carved out of Jefferson, Mifflin and Upper and Lower St. Clair townships. It was in June 1843, that the court designated Stephen Woods, James Scott and William Kerr to "inquire into the advisability" of forming the new district from the townships enumerated above, and on February 24, 1844, Baldwin township was formally created. It embraced 10,446 acres, and was named after that popular and accomplished jurist and member of the United States Supreme Court, Henry Baldwin. Baldwin was a notable man. He was an able lawyer, served in congress from 1817 to 1823 inclusive, and was appointed in 1830 to the position of justice of the United States Supreme Court to succeed Robert C. Gier. He died in 1846.

WAS A GERMAN SETTLEMENT

While among the early settlers of the district which was later made into Baldwin township, there were many Irish and Scotch-Irish, the greater number of the pioneers were Germans. That sturdy and thrifty German element is still very conspicuous and the German language and Pennsylvania Dutch are still heard to a great extent.

Among the names of the early settlers were the following: Wilson, McDonough, Varner, Crady, Stewart, Wightman, Carr, Beltzhoover, Kennedy, McCleary, Moore, Whiteman, Lane, Kincaid, West, Hays, Glass, Redman and Risher. Mining has been an important feature of the township for many years and it is also a great agricultural section, the farmlands being fertile and valuable. Carrick borough, which was carved out of Baldwin township, is progressing in every way and has many fine homes within its boundaries. Carrick post office has existed since December, 1853. Hays borough in most parts is in Baldwin township, Streets Run being the dividing line between Mifflin and Baldwin townships.

*Duquesne Times
June 13, 1901*

Mifflin township is going citified. The commissioners have decided that certain sections of the township must have fire and police protection. Last Friday night they gave orders for the placing of 20 fire plugs in Dravosburg and eight at Hope Church, and elected two policemen, one for Hope Church and one for Munhall. Volunteer fire companies are now being organized in Dravosburg and Hope Church.

*Duquesne Times
Friday, June 28, 1931*

Buries a Railroad In North First St.

Street Commissioner Andrew Moffat had a force of men busily engaged this week in putting an asphaltic coating on certain section of North First street where the pavement had sunk and he made a pretty good-looking job out of it. Mr. Moffat said that the life of this composition, which is dug out of the hills in Kentucky, is of long duration has given the best of satisfaction wherever used.

Co-incidentally, this job writes the closing chapter to street railway equipment in Duquesne, for the improvement included covering of the rails of the old Duquesne-Dravosbug line through North First street across Grant avenue. The new generation will not even have a land mark by which old-timers will be enabled to explain to them the circuitous route of the one-time Toonerville trolley.

New age, new modes of transportation, the mad mania for speed—and it just naturally followed that the poor old Duquesne-Dravosburg line had to take its place with the velocipede and bicycle, as a memory of the past.

However, the North First street repair job is a mighty good piece of work and if we may be pardoned, it didn't come too soon. It will leave that busy thoroughfare in splendid shape for resurfacing when council gets around to it.

We're going lonesome without those silvery threads of the old D. & D. throwing off their shining glare under Old Sol's blistering rays, but its all a happy score in the interest of safety.

Duquesne Times
Friday, January 9, 1931

Duquesne's 1930 Death List As Reported By Statistics

Many Pioneer Citizens, Builders Of a Past Era, Are Among Those Who Have Paid the Debt of Nature and Answered the Call to Eternal Rest—City Was Singularly Free From Epidemic During the Year Which Has Drawn to a Close—Duquesne And Mifflin Death List As Recorded by Registrar Arthur B. Pitts.

Duquesne is today well into the second week of the New Year. Regrets and unrealized hopes of an old year are but memories of the past that have given way to the ambitions and aspirations of the present and future. In retrospection, we are reminded by a cursory glance through the obituary chronicles in the columns of *The Times* during the past year, that there were a large number of deaths in our community, even though the news records of the paper show conclusively that we are particularly blessed as a people, regarding health conditions in the abstract. We suffered no visitations to any alarming extent from malignant or contagious diseases, other than what has been the common lot of humanity. If the sanitary conditions in Duquesne looking toward the protection and safeguarding of public health have been more diligently attended to during the past year than in other periods of the city's history. The mortuary record officially compiled for the year 1930, is chronologically given in the following resume:

JANUARY

Infant Mitchell (colored), 411 South First street, January 4th, still born.

Marguerite Drew Shields, Mifflin Township, January 5, 35 years, 1 month, 26 days, broncho pneumonia.

Henry Eckert, Mifflin township, January 5, aged 56 years, 9 months

and 8 days, influenza.

Agnes G. Shultz, Thompson Run, January 7, 3 years, 8 months, 28 days, scarlet fever.

Mike Huliba, 168 Overland avenue, January 7; 44 years, 8 mos., 23 days; cerebral hemorrhage.

Elmer Kopay, 516 Texas avenue, January 9; infant.

Julia Saluta, 373, South First; January 12; 49 years; myocarditis.

Stephen Seeman, 116 Milford street, January 12; 29 years, 10 month, 11 days; undetermined.

Mrs. Mary Peterson, 107 Meadow, January 17; 70 years, 3 months, 3 days; carcinoma.

Josephine Carmona, 16 North Duquesne avenue, January 18; infant, left polar.

Richard G. Gorney, 215 Fern, January 19; 1 year, 6 months, 14 days; cellulitis neck.

Baby Boucum, 44 Pear alley, January 21; infant.

Paraska Surgent, 26 Cochran, January 25; 74 years; cerebral hemorrhage.

Mary Cundon, 15 Meadow, January 26; infant.

Pauline Young, (colored), 38 Apple alley, January 26; 1 year, 9 days; bronchial pneumonia.

George Simko, Linden avenue, January 27; 51 years; cerebral hemorrhage.

Thomas Morries, 10 Camp avenue; January 30; 22 years; pulmonary tuberculosis.

William Stanford, 9 Peach alley, January 31; 56 years, 8 months, 23 days; lobar pneumonia.

FEBRUARY

Helen Nazdan, 931 High street, February 1; 20 years, 3 months, 27 days; lobar pneumonia.

Infant Jennie Diggs, 633 Little street, February 3; infant.

Elma Hobson, 122 Mill street, February 4; 19 years, 11 months, 4 days; lobar pneumonia.

Irene Lazor, 926 Chestnut street, February 7; 3 months, 29 days; broncho pneumonia.

Baby Lukucina, 416 South First, February 12; infant.

Marcella A. Koribanic, 122 Kassner Plan, February 16; 8 months; myocarditis.

Bertha Svittak, 601 S. Fifth, February 16; 59 years; cardiac.

Charles D. Marshall, 56 Linden ave-

nue, February 22; 49 years, 10 months, 18 days; chronic myocarditis.

George Tachse, 54 Milford street, February 24; 43 years, 6 months, 14 days; pulmonary pneumonia.

Adam Lasko, 52 Linden avenue, February 25; infant malformation of heart.

MARCH

Stephen Banicjak, Mifflin township, March 3; 44 years; fractured skull.

Infant Herisko, S. First, March 5.

Philip Sprowl, Grant avenue, March 6; 43 years, 8 months, 22 days; myocarditis.

Anthony Bandur, 307 Hamilton avenue, March 10; 4 months, 29 days; broncho pneumonia.

Adeline C. Andrews, 103 Dell street; 80 years, 6 months, 10 days; cerebral hemorrhage.

Infant Popinihick, 18 Mill street; March 10.

Anna Szuko, 726 Catherine street, March 11; 8 years, 11 months, 17 days.

Danica Lancar, 53 Apple alley, March 7; 1 year, 8 months, 12 days; influenza.

Catherine Linn, Thompson Run, March 16; 79 years, 4 months, 29 days; myocarditis.

Edna R. Erickson, 418 S. Fifth street, March 17; 1 year, 3 months, 12 days' pneumonia.

Joseph H. Shaw, 204 S. Fourth street, March 20; 75 years, 11 months, 9 days; bladder.

Mary R. Naugle, 100 North First street, March 21; 2 months, 20 days; lobar pneumonia.

Margaret Barnak, 909 Chestnut, March 25; 23 years, 6 days; pulmonary tuberculosis.

Irene Dubyak, 211 North Fifth, March 26; 8 months, 15 days.

James Harold Shoff, 15 South Fifth, March 26; 1 year, 1 month, 15 days; lobar pneumonia.

William Warren Marshall, 934 Railroad street, March 26; 64 years, 10 months, 21 days; endocarditis.

John Rekstar, 23 Apricot alley, March 28; 42 years, 3 months, 4 days; cerebral hemorrhage.

Anna Fatula, 307 South Third street, March 28; 16 years, 9 months, 24 days; pulmonary tuberculosis.

Michael Visaliwviet, 123 Superior street, March 31; infant.

APRIL

J Boyd Patterson, Lebanon Road, April 2; 73 years, 3 months, 8 days; broncho pneumonia.

Isaac Kirschbaum, 115 N. Second street, April 4; 62 years; chronic valvular heart disease, chronic nephritis.

Norman A. Floyd, 61 Hickory alley, April 5; 50 years, 8 months, 3 days; gall stones.

Elizabeth Annie Herder, 1404 Kennedy avenue, April 9; 62 years, 4 months, 2 days; chronic myocarditis.

Infant Kellerman, 922 Railroad street, (twin); April 13.

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John T. Hogan, 1034 Lincoln, April 20; 82 years, 3 months, 26 days; chronic valvular diseases.

Elizabeth margie, 106 North Second street, April 24; 79 years, 11 months, 14 days; apoplexy.

Dan Blue, Apple alley, April 27; 23 years, 2 months, 11 days; lobar pneumonia.

Margaret Buchleitner, April 27; 1 day; premature.

John Craig Brown, 806 Crawford street, April 29; 5 months, 12 days; hydrocephalus.

MAY

Infant Tidick, May 4.

Earl Flaherty, 1142 Railroad; 6 years, 4 months, 5 days; accidental.

Reverend Anthony J. Vogel, 817 West Grant, May 9; 51 years, 10 months; glands of left side of throat and thyroid.

James Szubo, 937 Chestnut, may 10; 3 months; intestinal decomposition.

Maliza Javunovich, 32 Superior street, May 12; 54 years; cerebral hemorrhage.

John Kazdrony, 1003 Burns avenue, may 13; 47 years; gun shot wound.

Gloria M. Capristo, May 13; 4 months, 11 days.

Infant Filetich, 135 Linden, May 14.

Lee Stenhauser, 411 William street, May 16; 70 years, 6 months, 4 days; cerebral hemorrhage.

Mary Sessen, 614 S. Duquesne avenue, May 17; 54 years; intestinal.

Harry Powell, New England, Mifflin township, May 18; 34 years, 1 month, 18 days; chronic myocarditis.

John T. Haup, 10 North Second street, May 20; 78 years, 11 months, 8 days; tumor.

Michael Keish, 129 Friendship avenue, May 21; 53 years; chronic bronchial asthma.

Albert Louis Parker, 24-A North Fourth street, May 21; 14 years, 5 months, 17 days; acute endocarditis.

Jacob Denne, Sr., May 27; 64 years; bronchial asthma.

Robert A. Horton, 116 Crawford street, May 31; 54 years, 5 months, 1 day; myocarditis.

Ned McGill, 29 Apple alley, May 31; 17 years, 4 months, 17 days; pulmonary tuberculosis.

JUNE

Jandro Fosbica, 55 Apple alley, June 11; 38 years; acute alcoholism.

Frank Hobson, 122-A Mill street, June 12; 57 years, 8 months, 1 day; acute myocarditis.

Unknown infant, Polish Hill found June 15; cause of death undetermined.

Anna Zimmerman, 748 Richford street, June 16; 79 years, 1 month, 1 day; apoplexy.

Betty Jane Holden, 1216 Crawford street, June 20; 2 months, 17 days; atelecluris.

Edward Gehlert, Duquesne, June 22; 6 months, 28 days; lobar pneumonia.

Marie Snyder, 203 N. Fourth, June 28; 62 years; carcinoma of tongue and throat.

William J. Callin, 67 North First, June 29; 22 years, 7 months, 7 days; influenza.

JULY

Nellie M. Thomas, 612 Hamilton avenue, July 3; 26 years, 8 months, 6 days; pulmonary tuberculosis.

Antonia Procaccini, 120 Overland avenue, July 5; 69 years, 22 days; cerebral hemorrhage.

Infant Edward Shelton, July 10.

Alfred Petuch, 1023 Oak street, July 20; infant; broncho pneumonia.

Michael Myovucic, 125-A Superior street, July 13; 42 years; chronic myocarditis.

William Vernon Pungle, 32 Apple alley, July 20; 5 months, 20 days; cholera infantum.

Bertha Hffgren, 20 Mellon street, July 21; 50 years, 6 months, 10 days.

Rachael J. Everett, 112 Erwin street, July 22; 82 years, 9 months, 15 days;

cerebral hemorrhage.

Anna Lesko, 1023 Oak street, July 22; 23 years; pulmonary tuberculosis.

Mary E. Riley, 51 North Second street, July 25; chronic endocarditis.

George William Wijant, 43 Overland avenue, July 27; 4 days; premature.

Otto P. Ful, 109 North First, July 28; 47 years, 7 months, 16 days; cerebral hemorrhage.

Mike Paylo, 51 Mill street, July 29; 50 years; chronic nephritis.

Raymond R. Schink, 51 Ross street, July 30; 13 years, 2 months, 26 days; acute endocarditis.

Anthony Salopek, 134 Milford street, July 31; 2 days; intestinal hemorrhage.

AUGUST

Steve Saman, 120 Dell street, August 11; 52 years; intestinal carcinoma.

Mrs. Ella Miller, 87 South Duquesne, August 12; 67 years, 6 months, 22 days; myocarditis.

Andrew Soos, 302 South South, August 14; 16 years 2 months, 10 days; gun shot wound.

Stephen Zamborski, 404 South First, August 17; 2 months, 12 days; ententis.

Daniel McConeghy, Curry Hollow, August 21; 14 years, fun shot wound.

Albert Wisser, Monongahela Junction, August 23; 50 years, 8 months, 28 days; body crushed Union Railroad, Mifflin township.

Sadie McWilliams, 300 South Second street, August 24; 61 years, 11 months, 14 days; carcinoma of bowels.

Mary Jane Macy, Duquesne, August 28; 49 years, 24 days; myrcustiles.

John W. Wilson, Camden Hill, August 30; 84 years, 5 months, 24 days.

Agnes Salopek, 234 Commonwealth avenue, August 31; 9 days; premature birth.

SEPTEMBER

Unknown infant, September 2; premature.

Raymond Spinock, 200 North Fourth, September 4; 6 months, 14 days; acute gastro entinitis.

John Jasek, 2 Cochran, September 7; 56 years; chronic nephritis.

Geraldine Karch, 204 Commonwealth avenue, September 8; 24

days; melenanation.

Mrs. Verna Walk, Lebanon Road, September 9; premature.

John Koczuk, 1502 Kennedy avenue, September 20; infant.

Theodore Zuder, 821 Catherine street, September 24; 3 months, 10 days; chronic gastro endentis.

Harry T. Phillips, Duquesne, September 29; 38 years, 1 month, 12 days; drowned.

Margaret Smyth, 402 William street, September 28, 60 years, 2 months, 22 days; myocarditis.

Joseph Romanski, Duquesne, September 28; 61 years, 10 months, 13 days; cancer of esophagus.

OCTOBER

Sophia Paterson, Duquesne, October 5; 73 years, 11 months, 25 days; abcess.

Baby Travis, Vermont avenue, October 8; still born.

Mrs. Anna Francis Ketzner, Duquesne, October 11; 72 years, 10 days; chronic myocarditis.

John Vavora, 203 peter, October 11; 12 years, 1 month, 13 days; rheumatic fever.

Deraja Rajhoina, 27 Superior street, October 14; 37 years; carcinoma of liver.

Infant Madja, Duquesne, October 16; stillborn.

Hubert Jackson, 64 Milford street, October 18; 45 years; mitral insufficiency.

Jacob Ruhe, Duquesne, October 22; 1 day.

Shirley L. Harris, 23 Linden, October 23; 1 year, 1 month, 5 days; congenial aleleciuris.

Stephen Tomai, 164 Overland avenue, October 22; 19 years, 8 months, 6 days; sarcoma of right leg.

Infant Fedora Kosky, 1200 Crawford street, October 16.

Howard Schwartz, 206 Priscilla avenue, October 28; 2 months, 3 days; malnutrition.

Dorothy M. Bowers, 204 South Fifth street, October 29; 12 months, 20 days.

Thomas E. Macey, St., 583 Texas avenue, October 29; 55 years; influenza.

NOVEMBER

George D. Allshouse, Duquesne, November 2; 57 years, 11 months, 9

days; drowned.

Infant Bartolic, Duquesne, November 7; stillborn.

Ivan Spellar, 165 Overland avenue, November 9; 43 years, 3 months, 19 days; chronic myocarditis.

Infant Wilson, Texas avenue, November 18; 2 days; diffecromial hemorrhage.

Nicholas Bach, 1204 Goldstrohm avenue, November 18, 89 years, 2 months, 13 days; chronic myocarditis.

Anna Baruzda, 12 Whitfield street, November 19; 61 years, 7 months, 11 days; augina pectoris.

Anilia Miklo, 400 South Second street, November 21; 57 years; carcinoma of bladder.

Nicholas Buchleitner, 32 North Fourth street, November 23; fractured skull.

Andy Rupais, 15 North Fourth street, November 27; 45 years; acute alcoholism.

Etnely Tucker, 102 Pear alleey, November 27; 2 years, 6 days; bronchial pneumonia.

John Bodnar, 168 Milford street, November 28; 45 years; pulmonary tuberculosis.

Margaret Sivoky, 53 Clearview avenue, November 29; 1 year, 11 months, 5 days; pneumonia.

DECEMBER

Agnes Blaskovich, Duquesne, December 6; 67 years, 1 day; hepatic carcinoma.

Baby Hallas, Mifflin; stillborn.

Thomas Martin Connelly, 32 North Third street, December 18; 76 years; general chirosis of liver and kidneys.

Stephen Vogh, 308 South Fourth street; 49 years old December 18; chronic intestinal hypertension.

Frances M. Stoner, 516 Crawford avenue, 49 years, December 25; cerebral hemorrhage.

Ella Henderson, 1011 Wool street, aged 70 years, 2 months, 2 days; December 28; myocarditis.

Mary Ann Rahland, 801 Crawford avenue, December 28, 78 years, 2 months, 9 days; cerebral hemorrhage.

News Messenger March 8, 1907

S. B. HAYS WANTS INTO MUNHALL

Has Petitioned Council to Take in His Farm

HE REFUSED TO GO INTO WHITAKER

And Fought the Incorporation of That Borough – Now Seeks to Gain Admission to Munhall Borough Where the Taxes are Low and Good Schools are Maintained and Fire and Police Protection Given

S. W. B. Hays has made application to Munhall borough council to have his property taken into that Borough. The application was made at the last meeting of council, but owing to it being re-organized nothing was done with petition it being held over. The petition asking for admittance came as a surprise to most of the people, as it will be remembered when Whitaker applied for a charter, Mr. Hays was the strongest kicker and forcer the borough people to draw their lines around his property, leaving it in the township, and in order for the children that lived on his property to reach school they have to walk about a mile and a half, which is entirely too far. The objection Mr. Hays had to his property going into Whitaker borough, was that he claimed the place was not large enough for a borough and the taxes would be too high.

This however is different in Munhall, they having about the lowest taxes of any county borough, in the County. Whether Munhall will take his property is or not is a question that has not yet being decided. A great deal of the Hays property is farming land and the borough would be compelled to spend a great deal of money for improvements in the new territory annexed. The matter will likely be brought up at the next meeting of council and disposed of.

News Messenger February 14, 1907

ANOTHER NEW MILL TO BE BUILT AT CLAIRTON

Wabash Has Completed Road Into the Works There

With the completion of the Clairton connection of the Wabash railroad with the Clairton plant of the Carnegie Steel Company which cost about \$200,000, and of which the Carnegie interests paid a part, comes the announcement that the Carnegie Steel Company will install two additional rolling mills at Clairton at a cost of about \$250,000.

The Clairton plant now produces about 500,000 tons a year. The new mills are expected to be completed in December and will have a capacity of about 100,000 tons annually, making the total output more than 1,600 tons a day through out the year. The Carnegie company is also ready to begin the construction of two smaller rolling mills at Donora, according to a statement of an official of the company last night.

Following the driving of the last spike in the Clairton connection, the special train of B. A. Worthington, Vice President and General Manager of the Wabash lines, passed over the new branch. Mr. Worthington was accompanied by members of his staff as well as some officials of the Carnegie Steel Company, and all were satisfied with the road. The first freight cars passed over the link yesterday, and thus opened to the Wabash system what the Gould interests have been fighting for several years---access to the tonnage of the great mills of the district along the Monongahela above McKeesport.

The increase of tonnage thus secured is expected to give the Wabash access to more than 25,000,000 tons of business annually into and out of the Pittsburg district, in ore and finished products. This is partly due to the traffic arrangement with the officials of the Pittsburg & Lake Erie railroad by which the use of the latter road's spurs to and from all manufacturing establishments which it reaches, is secured to the Wabash. The agreement does not permit the Wabash to handle ore to the mills of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company, but only the finished products from the great Southside plants of the concern.

The Wabash will now rush all available cars to the McKeesport district. Already the car shortage is making itself felt on the Wabash system's Pittsburg terminals. Orders for new rolling stock are greatly delayed in delivery.



Members of the Board of Directors presented a check in the amount of \$750.00 to the Carnegie Library of Homestead. The library has supported our Society by providing office space for our archives and also a place for our monthly meetings for the public.

The Carnegie Library of Homestead sponsored its first annual Community Picnic on the grounds of the Library on Saturday, August 27, 2005. Although the day ended with rain it did not dampen the spirits of those who attended the affair which had numerous community booths for children's activities and community information.



During the month of August the Society offered a special to all those persons who joined. Those who joined were entered into a special "History Basket Raffle" valued at \$250.00 of history items and gift cards. Pictured above is Karen Mueller, of Duquesne, the winner of the basket.

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October MEETING

Our speaker for the October 11th meeting of the Society will be historian and HMTHS Board member Mark Fallon.

Mr. Fallon will present a video presentation of the transformation of the US Steel Homestead Works into the present day Waterfront Shopping Complex. Through the years Mr. Fallon took personal videos from various locations of the changing skyline of the area.

Plan to be a "part of history" and attend this meeting to view this very informational video. Doors open at 6 p.m. and meeting begins at 6:45 p.m. Members are encouraged to bring a friend or guest to the meeting.



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 but some abuse the privilege." *Unknown*



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