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Natalie Grant Connell

Dennis S. Martin

As you look at the photograph of the pretty little ten-year-old girl with her life-sized doll, do you wonder, as I do, what life had in store for her as she grew to be an adult? Would she become a wife and a mother with children of her own, perhaps someone to whom to give the doll in turn? What is the story waiting to be told? We have many such photographs in the Lackawanna Historical Society collection, many of which are unidentified and whose story we will never know. But this photograph is different as we know her identity and her story. She was Natalie Grant Connell, and to a large extent the history of Lackawanna County can be told through her family. Natalie was the second daughter of William Lawrence Connell, a two-time mayor of Scranton. He started as a breaker boy for his uncle, also named William Connell, to learn the coal business. Connell eventually rose to ownership of the Hudson Coal Company and served twenty-one years on the Anthracite Board of Conciliation, set up after the Coal Strike of 1902. The Board was designed to provide a way of solving labor problems without strikes.

Born in Minooka on October 14, 1862, the future Mayor Connell married Lillian Jeanette Harrington on January 13, 1886. Although the newspapers were proud to mention that she was “from

Philadelphia,” she had been born in Scranton on September 15, 1860. Her father, a distinguished lawyer, moved his family to Philadelphia as his practice expanded. He later returned with his family to Scranton to continue practicing law.

Mayor Connell and Lillian had four daughters. The eldest was Jessie English Connell born November 8, 1886. The next was our person of interest, Natalie Grant Connell, born December 19, 1888. Their third daughter was Lillian Jeannette, born July 29, 1892 and the last daughter, Blandina Harrington, born September 7, 1895.

Our photograph was taken at the end of January 1896, when Natalie was ten. On the back is the notation “To Aunt Dora,” probably referring to Dora Harrington, Lillian Connell’s younger sister. It is reasonable that the doll was a Christmas present that so enthralled Natalie that she insisted

that her family photograph her with the doll so she could show others. The much-loved doll, named Blandina, is in excellent condition, fully articulated and her eyes close when she is laid down. This doll made in Germany by Handwerck is considered one of the best made at that time.

Within a year of the photograph, Lillian, Natalie’s mother, became seriously ill. She died July 17, 1898 after a year’s illness. During her illness, Lillian prepared for



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**The Lackawanna
Historical Society 2014**

A Word from the President...

Hello Everyone

Well, here we are again at that "fall back, spring ahead" time of year. As much as I dislike losing an hour of sleep on a Saturday night, I must admit I enjoy the change of light later in the day. After the long cold snowy winter we have endured, the promise of Spring is there to keep us going. In spite of some chilly overnight temperatures, the ground is getting soft and buds are forming. If you can, go outside and cut some forsythia branches and bring them inside. Put as much as your room will take into a vase of very warm water and just wait and watch as the show begins!

Many thanks to all who supported the success of the 4th edition of "Dinner by Design" recently presented by the historical society at POSH @the Scranton Club. The exhibitors, vendors and attendees made it another great year to highlight what our community has to offer. Congratulations to Jeff Kiefer of JK Designs whose all-white construction site luncheon was selected as the People's Choice design among the 17 on display.

I encourage all to come and enjoy the dancing at our annual Civil War Ball to be held in April at the Century Club. If you don't choose to participate in the fun, then consider enjoying the spectacle of watching the dancers at the Radisson Lackawanna Station during brunch the next day. Both events, which benefit the LHS, are detailed in this issue of the newsletter.

In closing, I want to again acknowledge the contributions of our volunteers. These people, young and old, new and seasoned, provide many hours of service to assist in maintaining the mission of the Lackawanna Historical Society.

Stay well, be happy and keep involved!
Michael Gilmartin

2014 Membership Renewals are now due!

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The Lackawanna Historical Society at 232 Monroe Avenue, Scranton, PA 18510

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In the Catlin House...

Railroad Perspectives

The Lackawanna Historical Society will feature Part II of *Railroad Perspectives*, an exhibit by artist Claire Marcus.



Railroad Perspectives is based on photographs taken at Steamtown National Historic Site and maps from the Lackawanna Historical Society collection. The exhibit is on display at the Catlin House this spring.

Claire Marcus holds an MFA in painting and a BA in architecture from the University of Pennsylvania. Her work in mixed media is created with printmaking, drawing, and photography printed on silk, stitched with found objects. She has special interests in land- and cityscapes, and their power to evoke memory and narrative.

2014 Dinner by Design

We're pleased to announce Jeff Kiefer of JK Designs as the 2014 *Dinner by Design* People's Choice Award winner! Jeff's modern job-site luncheon was the popular favorite. John Mackey Design and Over the Moon were the runners-up. Thanks to all who voted!

Congrats also to the Silent Auction winners: Marilyn Grad (Over the Moon basket & Sidels gift card); Mary Elizabeth Nealon (Body and Soul gift card); Michele McGowan (Mohegan Sun basket and Dessert & Champagne party); Virginia McGregor (Movie Mania basket); Linda Lynett (Coffee House basket, Dinner at Your Home, Sunset Surprise, & Sunday Brunch); Ella Rayburn (Grice's gift card); Mary Ann Jacquinet (Sambuca gift card); John Phillips (Palazzo 53 gift card); and Shelley White (Visitor's Center basket).

The event raised more than \$7,000 for the Society and we are most grateful to everyone who supported it.



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Reminder:

2014 membership are now due.
If you have not received, or have misplaced,
your reminder,
please use the form on page 2.



A view of 2014 Dinner by Design People's Choice.
From left to right: Arlene Devereaux O'Hara, Mary Ann Moran Savakinus, Julie Falzett, Jeff Kiefer, Laurie Cadden, Dalida O'Malley and Michael Gilmartin.

Society Receives County Assistance:

The Lackawanna Historical Society is grateful to Lackawanna County for assisting in the emergency purchase of a new furnace at the Catlin House in February.

Although a campaign is currently underway to raise the needed funds to completely replace the heating systems at the Catlin House, this purchase of a new temporary furnace became an immediate necessity because of the recent extreme cold weather and its possible negative effects on our collections.

The project was financed by a grant from the Lackawanna County Community Re-Invest Program under the administration of the County of Lackawanna.



On behalf of the Members, Trustees and Staff,
we wish to thank County Commissioners
Jim Wansacz, Chairman
Corey D. O'Brien
Patrick M. O'Malley
for their assistance and continued support
to the Lackawanna Historical Society.

MEMORIALS

In the last few months, the Lackawanna Historical Society has learned of the passing of two dear friends.

On April 4, 2013 longtime LHS member Cornelius "Connie" Mulherin died in Titusville Florida, where he had resided since 1979. A native of Scranton, Connie was a dedicated member of the society and often called the office to share his memories and pass on some historical nuggets he thought might be useful. His knowledge of, and enthusiasm for, local history will be greatly missed.

On March 9, longtime LHS partner and historical re-enactor JoAnn Bogdanovicz passed away unexpectedly. JoAnn first came to the Society as a volunteer in some of our living history presentations like the very popular "Under the Lackawanna Moon" cemetery programs. Through the years she continued to serve as an expert historian providing invaluable research for a variety of LHS projects. She was an accomplished scholar who shared her knowledge and love of local history throughout the region. We will miss her.



About Memorial Gifts to the Society

Contributions to the Lackawanna Historical Society in the name of individuals are placed in a Memorial Fund and are not used for general operations. If you would like to make a contribution to the Society in the name of an individual, please send your check payable to the Society including name and address of person(s) for whom memorial is made. All contributions to the Lackawanna Historical Society are tax deductible to the fullest extent that the law provides.

In Memory of Joseph DeLappi
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In Memory of Alice Patterson Lewis
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In Memory of JoAnn Bogdanovicz
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CONSIDER PLANNED GIVING

Remembering the Lackawanna Historical Society in your estate is a wonderful way to leave a lasting gift to the community. Planned giving, or charitable gift and estate planning, allows you to contribute to the Society's long-term financial health. Planned giving has become increasingly popular because it can be tailored to your financial situation. Your gift can be funded through cash, marketable securities, mutual funds, real estate, life insurance, and retirement plans. Your gift can be structured around your circumstances so that you can do more than you might have thought possible. Tax incentives for publicly supported charities are the most advantageous under the tax law. Your bequest is tax deductible.

Let's Get Wired!!!

The Society continues its work to raise funds for much needed upgrades to the Catlin House electrical and HVAC systems. As of March 26, campaign pledges total \$121,623. In addition to these pledges we are delighted to announce that the Society has received \$118,750 from the Pennsylvania local share gaming program bringing our current total to \$240,373. We are grateful for your support and assistance in spreading the word about the campaign! If you have not yet made your pledge, please use the form on page 9.



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her death by carefully selecting Scriptural passages that might give her family solace. Perhaps she also planned for the care of her children, as William remarried on November 29, 1899 to Ethel Harrington, one of his late wife's younger sisters. Together, they had a son, William Lawrence Connell, Jr., born in 1902. The most striking aspect of Lillian's obituary to modern eyes is that not once was her first name mentioned.

The Connells lived on Clay Avenue and were members of the Elm Park M. E. Church. In the 1900 Census, they were recorded as having Jessie Grant Connell, William's sister, living with them as well as three servants. However, this happy life was further disrupted when Blandina died May 1, 1907 at age 11.

Jessie, the oldest daughter, married George Houck of Bloomfield, Missouri on September 29, 1908 and lived in Missouri for several years after that. While visiting Jessie, Natalie met Rudolph Senn Houck, George's younger brother, and, according to a letter we have, Jessie and George were very surprised when Natalie and Rudolph announced their engagement. Natalie and Rudolph were married June 1, 1910 at Elm Park Church with the reception at her parents' home. Since Rudolph was the mayor of Bloomfield, the couple resided in Missouri. Within ten years both Houck brothers and their families had returned to Scranton.

Jessie and George had two children, Lillian Jeannette (Polly), born July 18, 1912, and George, Jr., born November 29, 1918. Natalie and Rudolph also had two children, Rudolph, Jr. (Rusty), born March 27, 1911 and William Lawrence Connell Houck, born July 14, 1913. When Jessie died January 26, 1919, Natalie, with two children of her own, decided to also raise Jessie's children as well.

Meanwhile, Rudolph was establishing himself as a successful lawyer in Scranton. On January 14, 1918, Rudolph was appointed City Solicitor by Mayor Alexander Connell (a cousin of Natalie's father). Alexander wrote Natalie at the time stating that there was no need to thank

him for appointing Rudolph, as he was well-qualified.

One of Rudolph's main tasks while in office was to assist Alexander in his fight against the People's Coal Company, who had bought the rights to much of the coal under the city and were engaged in "robbing the pillars" in the mines beneath Scranton, causing cave-ins that damaged property and killed people. This activity was perfectly legal and the victims had no recourse in law. A loophole allowed Mayor Connell to fight to stop this dangerous mining practice. One newspaper headline noted that "Men kept working putting up and tearing down walls in Oxford Mine to deceive inspectors and engineers." Rudolph provided valuable assistance to Alexander. Alexander even sent Natalie a check for \$100 in appreciation but told her to spend it before she told Rudolph.

Rudolph knew that after the next mayoral election he would no longer be City Solicitor. He campaigned to be a Court of Common Pleas Judge, even though he was still new to the city. When he lost, the *Scrantonian* headline proclaimed, "A Victory for Righteousness." Rudolph was hired by the Hudson Coal Company in 1925 and rose to the position of General Council and a member of the Board of Directors. When he died on January 28, 1953, he was recognized for his services including a Memoriam by the Lackawanna Bar Association.

William Lawrence Connell had died December 9, 1923 of a heart attack. His obituary notes that he was survived by two daughters, Natalie Connell Houck and Lillian, listed as Mrs. Arthur Hamilton of Toronto Canada. William was noted as having been the first president of the Union National Bank and active in the International Correspondence School, the Northern Electric Railroad and the Scranton Life Insurance Company, all major facets of Scranton's business environment.

In addition to raising four children, Natalie was active in civic affairs. In 1933 she was the General Chairman of the Women's Division of the Community Chest campaign. All four of her

children grew to be adults and had children of their own. The three boys served in the military in World War II. We have a set of letters from George Houck, Jr. who was a captain in the Army Air Force. He was a trainer for Bombardiers at various bases and later was stationed in Jamaica. One continuing request by him was for ginger cookies to be sent to him. He had joined the Civilian Pilot Training Program before the war. The program had been set up by President Franklin Roosevelt to help prepare America in case of war.

Natalie died January 2, 1967 in her late 70s. She had already passed her doll on to her granddaughter, another Natalie. In lieu of flowers, she requested gifts to the Westminster Presbyterian Church at which she and Rudolph had been active members. We had trouble finding her obituary as it never mentioned her first name. Even at this late date, married women, including widows, did not have first names in their own obituaries. The obituary also did not mention that she was survived by grandchildren although she had at least three at that time.

The last living child of Mayor Connell, William Lawrence Connell, Jr., died traveling in Sicily on March 1, 1972. He was survived by his wife, the former Hester Dunham, and his daughter. He was very active in cultural activities including having served as president of the Lackawanna Historical Society. He was chairman of the First Lackawanna Arts Festival in 1962 and an original member of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, named to that board by Governor William Scranton.

It is seldom that we can fill in the story of the life of a person whose image was captured in an old photograph. We were very fortunate this time to be able to do so. What might have been her thoughts of what her future might be when that photograph was taken? She certainly could not have envisioned much of what did actually occur. This should remind us that every life is precious. While we never can say what the future will bring and what unexpected challenges may be faced, with perseverance and help of family, each person has the potential to provide a valuable story from which we can learn.

The University of Scranton Office of Community Relations *Invites You to Attend*



Neighbor Night

in Cooperation with the Lackawanna Historical Society

April 9, 7 p.m.

The Catlin House, 232 Monroe Avenue

Presentation, discussion and reception for Scranton residents

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The event is free and light refreshments will be provided.



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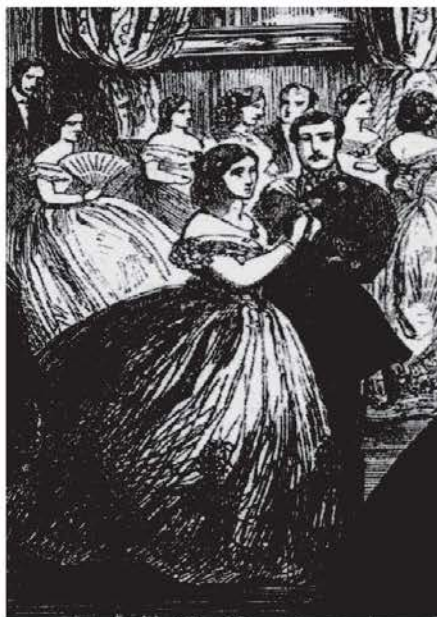
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10th Annual Grand Civil War Ball

In downtown Historic Scranton, Pennsylvania



Period dress and dress blues or greys greatly admired, but not required. Modern formalwear acceptable.

Saturday April 12, 2014

The Century Club
612 Jefferson Ave., Scranton, Pa.

Music by Spare Parts & prompting by Martha Griffin.
Doors open at 7, dancing begins at 8pm.

Cost of Ball is \$35 per person or \$60 per couple.
Light refreshments will be provided.

New this year: Dinner with the Generals
Pre-Ball Dinner at 5pm

The Scranton Club
404 N. Washington Ave., Scranton, Pa.

Prix Fixe \$25 includes salad, Prime Rib of Beef, vegetables, dessert & coffee. Cash bar available. Must pre-register for dinner.
No tickets available at the door for dinner.

Full weekend of events! Check website at:
www.ScrantonCivilWarDay.com or phone (570) 344-3841

I would like to order _____ ball tickets. Please note, all ticket prices are non-refundable.

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Enclosed is my check in the total amount of \$_____.

Name: _____

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Send checks made payable to Lackawanna Historical Society Civil War Ball
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Ragtime Brunch

Join us the day after the Civil War Ball
for a Ragtime brunch
at Carmen's in the lobby
of the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel
Sunday, April 13, between 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.

\$35 per person

Proceeds benefit Lackawanna Historical Society

For reservations, call Carmen's at 570-558-3929



Built in 1908 as Scranton's passenger train station for the Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western Railroad, the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel still retains the original charm of the Ragtime era. The grand lobby will be the perfect setting for an elegant Sunday brunch by Carmen's with live music by **Spare Parts** and yes, there will be room for dancing!

Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee Receives Award

On March 15, the Lackawanna Historical Society joined the Confederation of Civil War Generals to form a division in Scranton's St. Patrick's Day Parade and promote our shared efforts to mark the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War. Marching in the division were several generals including Brigadier General Winfield Scott as portrayed by John Hart, in a horse and carriage, the General's ladies, and the Philadelphia Brigade band. The division received the Ray A. Flanagan Memorial Award.

Members may recall that in October the Society welcomed the generals to our annual dinner. We have been pleased to work with this enthusiastic group to plan the 2011 Nay Aug Encampment, several Meet and Greets with President Lincoln and the very popular 2012 Civil War Train, to name just a few events that have taken place in Scranton during the last few years. We look forward to continuing our partnership and are grateful to John Hart for his work to mark this important milestone in our nation's history.



Left to right: Mary Rose Sulger, General George Pickett (Dennis Silver), Col. John Logan (Ray Sulger), Brig. Gen. Winfield Scott (John Hart), Bob Savakinas (dressed as a soldier from Clinch Rifles of Georgia), Sarah Piccini (sporting a festive chapeau), Laura Duda (Brook Valley Farms), Jennifer Ochman, Maj. Gen. Ben Butler (Tom Moran), Brig. Gen. Henry Hunt (John Mills)

Upcoming Events

Tour St. Tikhon's Monastery



LHS will be offering a group tour of **St. Tikhon's Monastery** in Waymart, America's oldest Orthodox monastery, on **Saturday, May 4**. Members are invited to meet at the monastery's gift shop at **10 a.m.** for guided tour. Space is limited, so reserve your spot today by calling the Society at 570-344-3841! Ask about car pooling opportunities.



LHS Receives Support

In January, the Lackawanna Historical Society received state arts funding support in the amount of \$2687 through a grant from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. The grant is administered locally through the Pocono Arts Council.

The Society also received notice from Lackawanna County that a grant of \$14,250 would

be received in March. This project is supported through a Lackawanna County Community Arts Grant, a program of the Lackawanna County Commissioners and the Council on Art, Culture and Education.



DINE LACKAWANNA



Want to take a night off from cooking, and support the Lackawanna Historical Society at the same time?

We're excited to announce a new fundraising program, *Dine Lackawanna*, hosted each month at a different Lackawanna County restaurant. Enjoy a fabulous meal chosen from a great menu at one of the county's premiere dining locations, and a portion of night's proceeds benefit LHS.

Our first *Dine Lackawanna* night will be at **Carmen's** at the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel on **Wednesday, April 16**. Call Carmen's at 570-558-3929 for reservations, and please call or email LHS as well so we can give the restaurant an accurate count.

*Stay tuned for the May date at **State Street Grill** and watch our website and Facebook page for updates on other **Dine Lackawanna** nights!*

"You Live Here, You Should Know This!"

Our local history game show,
"You Live Here, You Should Know This!"
is back!

Join us **Sunday, May 4 at 2 p.m.** in
Shopland Hall at the Scranton Cultural
Center to see the defending champion
Scranton Times-Tribune team try to hold
onto their title!

The games will continue in a
fast-and-furious *Jeopardy!* style, testing
contestants' knowledge of local people,
places, and events. Winners will have the
exclusive bragging rights for one whole year
of holding the status of

***Local Lackawanna History
Legends of Lore!***

We are very grateful to this year's event
sponsors Prudential and LHVA.



Don't miss this year's games as the **2013 You Live Here; You Should Know This!** champions defend their title! Scranton Times team members Josh McAuliffe, Patrick McKenna, Chris Kelly and Brian Fulton, pictured above as Riverside students and game scorekeepers Andrew Panek & Mason Dennis observe.

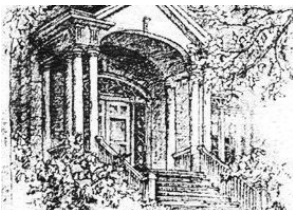


Mark Your Calendars!

Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

On Thursday, August 7 the *Scranton Wilkes-Barre RailRiders* will welcome the Lackawanna Historical Society as its community organization of the night. Please mark your calendars now and plan to join us for what's sure to be a historic night of baseball! More details will be announced later this summer.

The 2014 LHS **Annual Dinner** will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Century Club's headquarters. Join us to honor this local architectural treasure. More details will be announced soon!



Downtown Walking Tours

Architectural walking tours are back! We will once again be hosting guided walking tours on summer Saturdays focusing on some of Scranton's beautiful buildings. The hour-long tours will focus on different sections of the city. There is no charge but donations are appreciated. New this year will be a special offer of a \$10 gift card at POSH to tour participants. Tour reservations are required;

watch for upcoming information about dates and times!



Northeastern Pennsylvania “in Stereo”

Be a part of history at a premiere program that will take you on a 3-D journey through the Lackawanna Valley!

7 p.m., Wednesday, May 28 at the Catlin House

LHS Members: \$5 Non Members: \$7



Do you remember the View-Master? If so then maybe you also know about antique stereoscopes. Stereoscopes, also known as stereopticons or stereo viewers, were one of America's most popular forms of entertainment in the late 1800s and early 1900s. The concept was simple. By using the device, a person could observe a left-eye and a right-eye view of the same scene, as a single three-dimensional image. During the height of its popularity in the 1880s and 90s, the production of stereo card sets was very common, often being sold as local interest collections or scenes from interesting places around the country. Several were produced to promote railroad lines and local scenes in the Lackawanna Valley. The Society is pleased to hold some of these in its collection and know that some of our members have private collections as well. One such member is John Revak of Fell Township and recently Mr. Revak approached the Society with an exciting proposal. Using a PowerPoint program, he will present a narrated ride along the D&H Gravity of scanned stereo views enhanced with modern 3-D technology. 3-D glasses will be supplied for a truly virtual experience. Space is limited so please call the Society if you plan to attend.

SPECIAL THANKS

We would like to thank trolley historian George Gula for coming to LHS from Pittsburgh for his March 16 program, “A Ride on the Laurel Line.” Mr. Gula spoke about the origin and history of the Laurel Line and provided an illustrated ride along its route. Thanks to George for making the trip, and thank you to all who came out for “A Ride on the Laurel Line!” We hope you enjoyed the journey!



We Want to Hear from You!

Tell us what you think! We'd like to hear your comments and questions.

Have an interesting idea for a program or speaker? Let us know!

Email us at

lackawannahistory@gmail.com



We'd like your input to help make LHS a resource to better fit your needs and interests. Please let us know how we can better serve you!

“Let’s Get Wired!”

Commit now to keep the

Catlin House wired!

The cost of the Catlin House Electrical and HVAC upgrades is \$523,180. Please join us in taking care of one of the area’s architectural treasures and make your commitment today.

Make your pledge today by using this form. Make check payable to the LHS Restoration Fund and return to:

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I am pleased to support the Lackawanna Historical Society with my contribution indicated below to upgrade the Catlin House electrical and HVAC systems:

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☐ **Ohms** **\$1000 - \$2999**

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For Your Viewing Pleasure

“REMEMBER BACK IN THE DAY?”

If a story starts with the phrase, “Remember back in the day when...” you can be sure it’s going to be a good story. A new documentary series on WVIA-TV, hosted by Larry Vojtko, will explore those stories, looking at events and place from “back in the day.”

The series will premiere on Friday, May 30 at 8 p.m.



Some of the stories included in the show include the Huber Breaker in Ashley; Kaier’s Brewery in Mahanoy City; WARMLAND Days at Rocky Glen Park in Moosic; the Hotel Sterling in Wilkes-Barre; the Pocono Drag Lodge in Bear Creek Township; and the Globe Store in Scranton.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

MARCH	<i>RAILROAD PERSPECTIVES Part 2</i> (see page 3) exhibit at Catlin House
APR. 9, 7 PM	UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON NEIGHBOR NIGHT (see page 9) at the Catlin House
APR. 12, 8 PM	10TH ANNUAL CIVIL WAR BALL (see page 10) at the Century Club
APR. 13, 10 AM - 2 PM	RAGTIME BRUNCH AT CARMEN'S (see page 11)
APR 16	<i>DINE LACKAWANNA NIGHT AT CARMEN'S</i> (see page 12)
MAY 3, 10 AM	ST. TIKHON'S MONASTERY TOUR (see page 12)
MAY 4, 2 PM	<i>YOU LIVE HERE YOU SHOULD KNOW THIS!</i> (see page 13) Local History Game Show in Shopland Hall at the Scranton Cultural Center
MAY 28, 7 PM	NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA "IN STEREO" (see page 14) Take a ride through the Lackawanna Valley with 3-D stereo views at the Catlin House!

Ongoing: **World War I: The Great War**, a sampling from the Society's Collections on display