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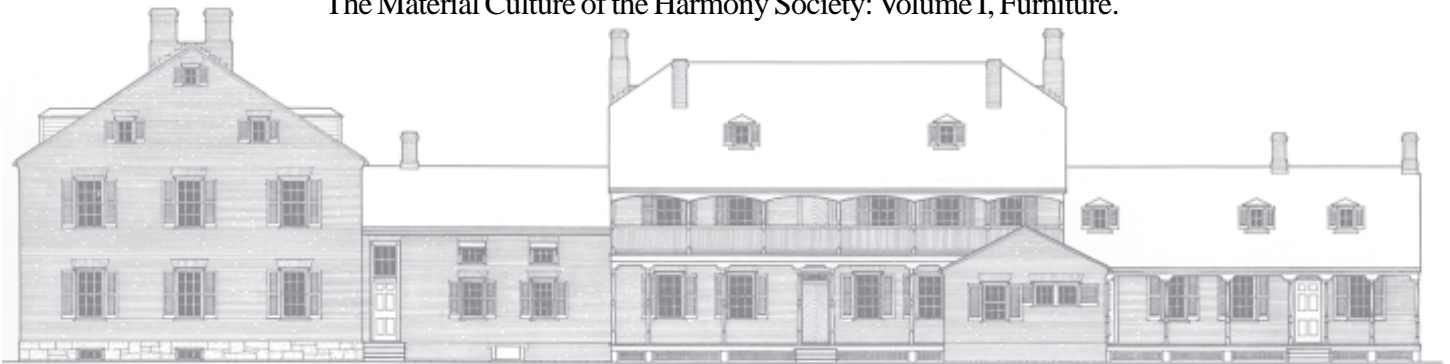
Annual Meeting

6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

The Gardens at Old Economy Village

Wine & cheese in the Gardens (or in the Granary, in case of inclement weather) will be followed by the Annual Meeting, after which Philip D. Zimmerman will present a program entitled "The Material Culture of the Harmony Society: Volume I, Furniture."



Garden Façade of the Great House, Old Economy

from a measured drawing in Charles Morse Stotz, *The Architectural Heritage of Early Western Pennsylvania*, University of Pittsburgh Press, 1966

PHILIP ZIMMERMAN is a museum and decorative arts consultant and American antique furniture broker based in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He holds a doctorate in American and New England Studies from Boston University, a masters from the Winterthur Program in Early American Culture at the University of Delaware, and a BA from Yale. He is a nationally recognized authority on early American furniture and teaches in the appraisal studies program at New York University. He has written numerous monographs as well as articles and reviews in professional journals. Previously, Dr. Zimmerman was director of the museum collections division at Winterthur, executive director of the Historical Society of York County, and curator of the Currier Gallery of Art, Manchester, NH.

Report of the Nominating Committee

The following individuals have been proposed for a two-year term on the Board of Directors of the Sewickley Valley Historical Society:

Joe Zemba, President
Brewster Cockrell, Director
George Craig, Director
Susan Kretzler-Falcone, Director

The election will take place at the Annual Meeting, Wednesday, May 23, 2007.

The Nominating Committee:

Kathy Brandt, Chair; Minta Brown; Connor Cogswell, Agnes Pangburn, Charles Wright

The mission of the Sewickley Valley Historical Society

is to promote interest in and to record, collect, preserve, and document the history of the Sewickley Valley.

Lest we forget...

On May 28, Sewickley Valley will remember those who served and died in our nation's wars. Few communities can equal the honor Sewickley shows its veterans, with its street parade and services in Wolcott Park, followed by the poignant ceremony and playing of taps at the Fame monument in Sewickley Cemetery.

In Edgeworth, a handsome memorial tablet in the heart of Way Park is surrounded by grass and specimen trees. Honored there are Edgeworth's veterans of World War II. In the center of this green sward that is the soul of the borough are their names, recalling how almost every family sent one, two and even three to fight in the global conflict.

We print below the names of the 195 men and women who went forth from the small borough whose total population in 1940 was around 1,700. Many of the surnames will be familiar to our readers.

*Indicates supreme sacrifice

Samuel Adams Jr.
William Arrott Jr.
Thomas H. Ashton
William B. Bachman
Arthur E. Barnes
David B. Barnes
Walter K. Beall
Charles I. Beard
John A. Bell III
Reynolds W. Bell
Holmes T. Bennett
Evard P. Best
Joseph E. Blume
William J. Bolger
William Boyd Jr.
Alfred P. Brooks
J. Judson Brooks
Jesse L. Brown
Neill S. Brown IV
William E. Brown
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Harry F. Burkholder
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Raymond D. Butler
Buckley M. Byers
Elizabeth A. Campbell
Newton Chapin Jr.
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Clinton C. Childs Jr.
Donald Clay
Howard R. Clay
Neal Clay
William W. Collin III

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James O. Crittenden
Harlow W. Culbertson
John A. Daubenspeck
Edgar M. Davidson
Charles C. Davis
Alois Dill
James J. Dillon
Fred M. Dixon
James B. Dixon
Robert R. Dolan*
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Frederick H. Donner
Joseph D. Dury Jr.
James P. Edson
John Joy Edson IV
Anthony R. Egler
Clarence W. Egler
Frederick C. Emerick Jr.
Charles R. Evans
Richard A. Evans
Robert O. Evans
Edith Hatton Feehan
Robert A. Finlayson
C. Morrison Fitch
William A. Galbraith Jr.
Harry B. Gibb
Lillian M. Gibb
George McC. Gibbs
Holbrook Gibson Jr.
Robert C. Gill
William L. Gilliam
Paul L. Griffiths Jr.

John F. Hagar
Jo T. Hatton
Drayton Heard Jr.
George Heard
Marshall R. Herron Jr.
Nancy L. Herron
S. Davidson Herron Jr.
James H. Higgins II
Charles W. Honhold Jr.
John E. Honhold
William F. Iorio
Henry T. Irwin Jr.*
Robert R. Irwin
Charles A. Jones Jr.*
William A. E. Jones
William Arrott Jones
Donald W. Kelly
Julian Kennedy III
Alice M. Kendrick
Grant J. Kendrick
Donald E. King
Leonard F. King
George Kroepil
God-frey J. Kroepil
John G. Kroepil
George M. Kovacs
Samuel E. Lambert Jr.
John S. Laughlin
August Macaluso
Michael P. Macaluso
Clarence C. Mackall Jr.
Edward Mackall
Howard L. Malone

Lewis H. Malone
Stewart H. Malone
James H. Marks
J. Donald Mattern Jr.
Ruth E. Mattern
John R. Meagher
Kenneth Moir
Kingsley C. Moore
Lawrence H. Moore
Leonard B. Moore
Leslie G. Moore Jr.
J. Stuart Morrow
Richard S. Morrow
Kenneth D. McClester
Ar-thur McCrea
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Arthur G. Noble
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B. Lawrence Pearce
George W. Phillips*
William Pickett
Leslie A. Powner
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Samuel Principato
M. Stanley Quay

David K. Quinby
James P. Rains
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D. Leet Shields
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Albert A. Sickeler
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William L. Siegel
G. Harton Singer III
Jay L. Smith

Ralph K. Smith Jr.
Thomas J. Smith
Samuel A. Stafford Jr.
Robert N. Standish Jr.
Harry M. Stewart
Howard M. Stewart
Edward Stiteler
W. John Stiteler
William J. Street
Harriman W. Sutton
Ferguson Taylor
Andrew R. Thein
Charles T. Thein
John M. Thorton
Vincent R. Tocci
Robert S. Value
George G. Vincent
Edmund D. Wardrop
Robert Walkingshaw
Laura M. Wallace
John N. Weber
Benjamin T. Wehner Jr.
Charles DeQ. Wehrum
Carlton Williams Jr.
Don H. Witherspoon
G. Russell Witwer
William O. Wotherspoon
Orvis C. Yingling Jr.
James M. Yost
Theodore E. Young

The Sewickley Valley Historical Society invites veterans and their families from our 11 local municipalities to share their recollections for our files.



Postcard image courtesy of Dr. Leroy J. Egan

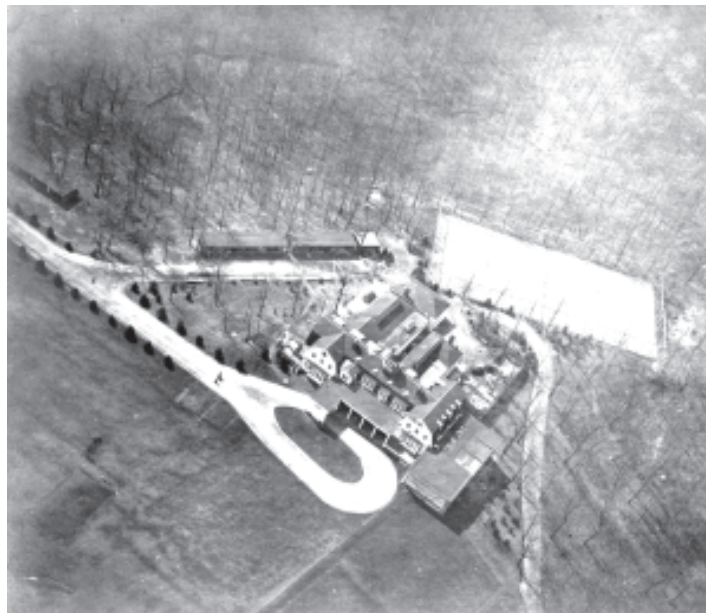
Seeking Information on Area Caves

The Sewickley Valley Historical Society requests any information or photographs that our members might possess concerning caves in the Sewickley and Coraopolis areas for inclusion in a new publication. The subject was last addressed in a 1991 book by Richard Taylor entitled *The Bellrock Caves of Sewickley*. Many of these caves have since been filled in or otherwise obstructed for safety reasons, and it is hoped that their locations and appearance can be preserved before they are lost to history.

More Aerial Photographs

J Frederick Haworth (1866-1928), a native of Troy Hill, was living with his family at “Mosscroft” in Edgeworth when he attracted national attention with his kite photography. A son of Jehu and Anna Mary Mosscroft Dewhurst Haworth, he was a brother of Lucy Eliza Haworth, the subject of an article in the April 2007 issue of *Signals*. Much of Mr. Haworth’s experimenting was done over the Sewickley Valley between 1895-1905, and by the time Orville and Wilbur Wright had flown their first plane in 1903, Fred Haworth had taken hundreds of kite photographs, many of them over Pittsburgh. In addition, constant eruptions of Hawaii’s Kilauea volcano had excited international interest, and Mr. Haworth was sent there to map it by kite. He perfected the art of launching a huge box kite equipped with a camera and clicking the shutter when over the target. He also contrived a plan to keep the kite aloft, bring the camera back to earth, reload it, send it back to the kite, and take another view. The only aerial photographs taken before Haworth’s had been made from manned balloons.

The Sewickley Valley Historical Society has several of Haworth’s aerial photos in its collection, including this one of the Allegheny Country Club, taken soon after the Club was built in 1902.



Allegheny Country Club

Haworth’s photos are complemented by the recently acquired aerial shots of the Heights taken from the airplane of William H. “Wild Bill” Riley in the late 1930s. The Riley photo seen at left is reproduced courtesy of Glenn and Carol Bohn.



“Windward,” home of Henry Oliver Rea

And then there’s the photo at right, brought to our attention by Ann Schroeder. In the foreground, we see the Singer estate in Edgeworth, with “Hillcrest” at bottom, “Harton Hall” to the left, and “Ridgewood,” the home W. L. Jones, Jr., at middle right. The doctored photo, which makes Pittsburgh look much closer than it is, was advertising copy from *Time* magazine, dated September 1959. The headline reads, “Wherever executive and professional families live...there you’ll find TIME,” and the caption below the picture reads “BACKGROUND: View of the Pittsburgh sky line taken from Mt. Washington. FOREGROUND: Sewickley Heights, looking east over Quaker Road.” Further copy in the ad says that “the one best way to reach the *big* concentration of best U. S. prospects, reach them efficiently and economically, is TIME—with 2,250,000 families in all the best places.”



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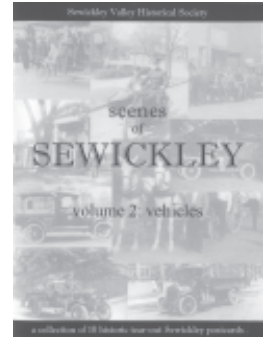


The Historical Society now has for sale a reprint by Higginson Book Company of the 1929 edition of Franklin Taylor Nevin's *The Village of Sewickley*. In her foreword to the *Sewickley Herald's* 1978 paperback reprint of the book, now out of print, B. G. Shields stated that "The author was lauded as one who was...a historian known for painstaking research and as one gifted with a charming and readable style... *The Village of Sewickley* filled a gap in the chronicles of local history that had existed since the publication of *Lights and Shadows of Sewickley Life*, by Agnes L. Ellis, in 1891." Franklin Taylor Nevin (1867-1939) wrote most of these reminiscences for the *Sewickley Herald* when it was under the editorship of one of his cousins, Daniel Eagle Nevin (1875-1947).

The Village of Sewickley (hardbound, 6 1/2" x 9", 227 p.) is available at Headquarters for \$25, or by mail for \$30. A reprint of the 1893 edition of Agnes Ellis's *Lights and Shadows of Sewickley Life* (hardbound, 6 1/2" x 8 1/2", 316 p.) is \$30 in person or \$35 postpaid. The 2006 postcard history *Sewickley* (paperback, 6 1/2" x 9 1/4", 128 p.) costs \$19.99 plus 7% sales tax in person or \$25 postpaid.



Recent additions to the Historical Society's items for sale are *Scenes of Sewickley: A Collection of 10 Historic Tear-out Sewickley Postcards — Volume 1: Businesses; Volume 2: Vehicles*. Produced originally for the Old Sewickley Post Office Corporation, these two booklets are the first in a proposed series. Preceded by a brief history of Sewickley, each booklet, printed in sepia, contains ten 4" x 5 1/2" postcards of a different vintage photo from the Sewickley Valley Historical Society Collection. The booklets are \$6.00 each, plus 7% sales tax in person, or \$7 each postpaid.



New Members

Dale Broadhurst, Hilo, Hawaii; Elisa DiTommaso & Jack Burns, Sewickley; Mr. & Mrs. James B. Haines, Sewickley

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