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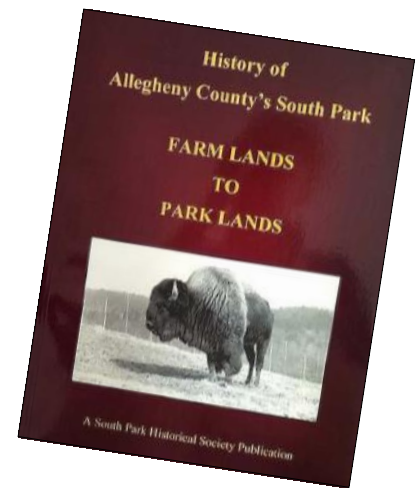
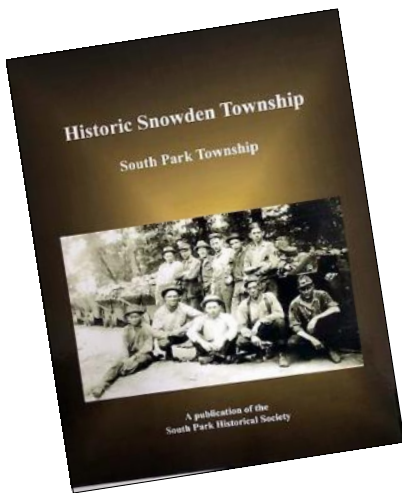
## Looking For A Good Book?

The South Park Historical Society has published two books about the history of our community:

*Historic Snowden Township  
(South Park Township)*

*History of Allegheny County's  
South Park:  
Farm Lands to Park Lands*

The books are \$20 each (tax included) and can be shipped anywhere for an additional \$3.25. You can also pick up a copy at the South Park Township Library or by contacting the South Park Historical Society at 412-835-9529 or [jimru@verizon.net](mailto:jimru@verizon.net).



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## Scheduled Programs

Mary Ann Tkach and Nancy Smith, who chair the Program Committee, have been busy scheduling interesting programs for this year. Our meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Library Fire Hall. The Society does not have meetings in July, August, January, and February.

Our next meeting will be on March 15, 2022, and is free and open to the public. We hope you will tell your friends about our programs.

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## Membership Reminder

Membership Chairman Marilyn Moore reminds us that 2022 membership renewals are due. If your information has not changed, send a check to South Park Historical Society, Attn: Membership, P.O. Box 555, South Park, PA, 15129. For renewals with new contact information please use the form on page 4 of this newsletter. The Society values our loyal members and welcomes new members.

## A New Way To Receive Your Newsletter

We all are aware of price increases with everything. The Historical Society has also had substantial increases, too. In addition to museum expenses, utilities, supplies, and publishing and postage has become more costly to distribute. To help us cut costs, the Historical Society will be emailing the newsletter to our members.

If you would prefer a paper copy, please send an email to [match8058@verizon.net](mailto:match8058@verizon.net), or call 412-655-4104 (please leave a message). We thank you for your help and support.

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## Multi-Year High School Reunion

A multi-year Snowden/South Park High School Reunion is scheduled for Friday, August 26, and Saturday, August 27, 2022. Please contact Cheryl Long Haberstock at [evacheryl@hotmail.com](mailto:evacheryl@hotmail.com) if you would like to attend the reunion. More information will be available in The Park News, South Park Alumni Facebook, and future issues of the Historian.

## The Historical Society Museum is Open to Visitors



On Saturday, April 9th and April 23rd, members and the community are invited to bring family and friends to see the vast displays of coal mining, railroads, schools, veterans, county fairs, sports, and much more at the museum.

The public is invited to visit the museum the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm, except for holidays.

The museum is located at 6425 Pleasant Street, South Park, at the corner of the Port Authority Park and Ride parking lot.

## In Memory

### Dolores Josephites Kortlandt

The Historical Society received news of the passing of our long-time member Dolores Kortlandt. She will be greatly missed .

Dolores Kortlandt, of South Park; age 91; passed away on Monday, January 3, 2022. She was the mother of Grace Gray and the late Fred A Kortlandt, Jr.; grandmother of Barbara Gray and Edward Gray; sister of Josephine Zupancic, Alfonse Josephites and Casey Josephites; Dolores was an active member of Mt Lebanon United Methodist Church and a member Mensa and was active in the South Park Historical Society. She worked at Limbach Co. and she retired from AO Management. She was a life-long resident of Library, PA, and a graduate of Snowden Twp. High School.

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## A Great Christmas Party



The Historical Society celebrated its Christmas party on December 14th with almost a hundred members and guests in attendance. The master of ceremonies for the evening was Vince Ciaramella. Cheryl McKee gave the blessing and Cyd West Comfort Catering prepared a delicious dinner. “The Fabulous Flanzinee”, a comedy master magician, captured the audience with amazing sleight of hand and skillful deception. Everyone enjoyed his performance. The evening included many door prizes and a special raffle prepared by Lisa and Jordyn Manion.

Thanks to the guests from Hidden Ridge and all members and guests who made this a fun evening. A special thank you to Ruth McKee and her Christmas Party Committee for their hard work in making this a great party.



# ARCHIVED HISTORY

Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph  
November 21, 1942

## Curry Couple's Daughter And 5 Sons in Service



Lt. Mae Williams

"There are six stars in the window of the home of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Williams, of Curry, Pa., today. For Sam Williams, former guard at the government's experimental mine in Bruceton, has gone to join his sister and four brothers in this country's service.

"Sam is the last one at home to go," said Mrs. Williams in a voice filled with patriotic pride and a bit of loneliness. "He didn't pass the first time and he felt badly about it. It, for his younger brothers had gone. But this time he passed and he is so glad. Of course I'm proud of them. But it is going to be pretty lonely with just my husband and I at home. And it is hard

to cook for just two when I've always had 10 or 11 around the house."

Mr. and Mrs. Williams have eight children, six boys and two girls. One son, Roger, is married and has two small sons. One daughter is married. She is Mrs. Henry Krupitzer, of Curry, and the mother of one small son. The other six are in the service. Their names, listed in the order in which they joined the service are: Lester E. Williams, 23, staff sergeant with the Army Air Corps in Panama; Charles E. Williams, 34, private first class with the Army Air Corps at Miami Beach, Fla.; Frank Williams, 17, seaman second class with the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla.; Lt. Mae Williams, 24, Army Nurse Corps, Camp Lee, Va.; David Williams, 20, studying to be a torpedo man at the Naval Training Station, Newport, R. I., and Sam, 36, United States Army, leaving today.

"Mae reported for duty with the Army Nurse Corps in October," Mrs. Williams said, "and she likes it very much." She was graduated from the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Pittsburgh in 1941

and remained on duty there until she joined the Army. Lester, the first to go into the service, enlisted nearly three years ago at the age of 20. He attended Brentwood High School one year and then was graduated from the Connelly Trade School in Pittsburgh after three years of study. He is a staff sergeant and has been on duty in Panama nearly two years. He has not had a furlough since he enlisted, his mother said. She is hoping he may have one in February when his three-year enlistment is ended. She added: "I haven't seen him in all that time, you know."

Charles was a coal miner before he went into the Army Air Corps. David worked in the Pittsburgh Shops at Library, Pa., for a time after he was graduated from Snowden High School. He enlisted in the Navy and reported the last week in October. Frank, who will be 18 next January 26, always had his "mind set on the Navy," his mother said. As soon as he completed his high school studies last June, he enlisted. "He loves it," his mother continued." In one letter he wrote "tell Dad he sent the Navy a boy and the Navy will send back a man."

Mr. and Mrs. Williams will observe their 39th wedding anniversary on January 21. They were married in Curry and have lived there since. On February 27, Mrs. Williams will be 59, and on February 3, Mr. Williams will be 71. Though they live in Curry, their post office is Broughton, Pa."

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Pittsburgh Post-Gazette  
January 1, 1980

## Consol Shuts Mine, Lays Off 61 Workers

"Sixty-one hourly employees lost jobs at Consolidation Coal Co's Montour No. 10 Mine in Library yesterday because the mine is worked out.

Consol announced that 16 hourly employees will stay on the job temporarily until equipment is removed from the mine. Nine salaried employees also will continue on the job to conclude closure. Six others will be transferred to other Consol operations.

Consol also announced that production has been cut back slightly at its Westland No.1 mine in Washington County with 14 hourly employees furloughed yesterday. General economic conditions in the coal industry were blamed for the layoff."

## Membership/Renewal Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one of the following:

Individual Membership - \$15.00

Family Membership - \$20.00

Senior Membership (65 & over) - \$10.00

Student Members - \$ 5.00

Donation \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make check payable to:*

**South Park Historical Society**

**P.O. Box 555**

**South Park, PA 15129**

## Upcoming Meetings and events

**March 15, 2022** - "P. T. Barnum" with speaker Dick Gaetano

**April 19, 2022** - "Boats on the Ohio River" with speaker Noreen Beatty

**May 17, 2022** - "Show And Tell"

**June 21, 2022** - "It's About Time" with speaker and author Ken Kobus

**July 19 - August 16, 2022** - Summer Hiatus

Meetings are held at 7:00 pm in the Library Fire Hall, 6581 Library Road, South Park, PA 15129.

Our meetings are held with no charge and open to the public. Bring a friend and enjoy an interesting program.

If you are considering donating photographs, documents, or other archival material to the Historical Society's collection, please contact Ruth McKee, archivist, at 412-835-9529.

For more information visit us at:

[southparkhistoricalsociety.com](http://southparkhistoricalsociety.com)

Or on Facebook at:

[facebook.com/southparkhistoricalsociety](https://facebook.com/southparkhistoricalsociety)

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