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Upcoming Historical Programs

**December 20, 12:30 p.m.
Annual Holiday Program
at the Environmental Learning Center, Hawley**

The annual Holiday Program will take place at the ELC on Wednesday, December 20 at 12:30 p.m. Please note this time is later than previous years, when the program began at 12:00 noon. The Wallenpaupack Area High School Chamber and Show Choirs will present a holiday program with carols and music for the season. Please bring a holiday dish to share, as this will provide for the students' lunch on that day.

**January 17, 1:00 p.m.
Annual Business Meeting
at the Environmental Learning Center, Hawley**

The annual Business Meeting will include the approval of the 2018 budget and announcement of 2018 programs. Also featured will be a DVD presentation on life in Paupack in the later nineteenth and early twentieth centuries by the late Janet Ansley Fucci.

**February 7, 1:00 p.m. (no meeting scheduled for February 21)
Embattled Freedom by Jim Remsen
- in honor of Black History Month -
at the Environmental Learning Center, Hawley**

A native of Waverly, near Scranton, and resident of the Philadelphia area, author and former *Philadelphia Inquirer* editor on religion Jim Remsen has researched and written two recently published works. Released on February 7, 2017 by Sunbury Press, *Embattled Freedom* is a thoroughly researched work of nonfiction on the life and times of a group of remarkable fugitive slaves who fled north on the Underground Railroad and found haven in Waverly, Penn., in the middle 1800s. The work describes how, despite local skepticism, a number of white villagers and

farmers set up the runaways with jobs, land and other material support, helping to establish the settlement known until the 1920s as 'Colored Hill'. During the Civil War, a dozen African-American men and boys left Colored Hill to join the Union Army. Jim's research revealed that not only did the men fight, but also their battlefield valor changed white attitudes about black soldiers, even though after the Union's victory, racial restrictions were present even in benevolent Waverly.

Jim's previous work, *Visions of Teaoga*, published in 2014, is a historical novel intended for middle school-aged audiences about Queen Esther, the true-life Indian leader who in 1790 returns to Teaoga, the site of her burned village, today called Athens, Pennsylvania.

Jim has also co-authored, with Judy Petsonk, *The Intermarriage Handbook: A Guide for Jews and Christians*, published in 1988 and available through HarperCollins.

Many Thanks to Barbara Gropper of the Wayne County Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution

Thank you to Barbara Gropper of the Wayne County Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution who presented in November about the history of the American Flag. Pictured on right, a flag from Barbara's display, the Rhode Island Flag, was probably the first colonial flag to show white stars on a blue canton, a design which became part of the



United States Flag. It bore an anchor, thirteen stars, and the word 'Hope'. Rhode Island militiamen carried this flag as early as 1776; it went into battle at Trenton, Brandywine and Yorktown.



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New WHS Display at the Visitor's Center

Showcases the Ansley Family and Quilting



A new WHS display containing artifacts from the Ansley family is now exhibited at the Visitor's Center. The display contains handmade quilts by Lizzy Ansley, Janet (Ansley) Fucci, and Sandy (Fucci) Connell, three generations of Ansley quilters. Also displayed are photos and artifacts from Sunset View Farm, Ansley Road, Paupack, Pike County. Pictured at above is Terry (Fucci) Jung, daughter of Janet and donor of many of the artifacts on display.

2017 Annual Quilt Raffle Winner Announced



Congratulations to Carmen Rodney of Toronto, Canada, winner of the 2017 quilt “Royal Jewels”. Pictured is Richard Briden and Keta Kaminsky of Lakeville, who accepted the quilt on behalf of Keta’s friend Carmen. Keta is a member of Friends with a Heart, and Carmen even helped to produce the quilt by working with Friends with a Heart while she was visiting Lake Wallenpaupack.

Richard Briden and the committee collected over \$2600 in donations for the quilt. Many thanks to Friends with a Heart, and to Cynthia, Allison, Karen and Keith of the Wallenpaupack Visitors Center for selling raffle tickets.

Wallenpaupack Historical Society’s 2017 List of Donations

Items Accessioned to the Collection Archive

(due to space restrictions, not all items accessioned are listed)

FEBRUARY: Terry Jung, Estate of Janet Fucci - The White House Historical Association Christmas ornaments, individually boxed, seven in total.

MARCH: Donal Coutts - Palmyra Township, Pike County, PA; *I Pledge Allegiance*; *See a Penny, Pick it Up*, three books by Donal Coutts.

MAY: Monroe County Historical Society - area postcards including Locust Lodge of Blooming Grove, Wallenpaupack Area High School, ‘Greetings from Hawley’.

JUNE: Audrey Graybill - Palmyra Township Air Warden’s helmet, belonging to her father, Vincent Kroll; *Divide and Conquer*, booklet about Adolph Hitler published by the U.S. Printing Office 1942, Given to Vincent Kroll because he was the Air Warden for Palmyra Township, Pike County; Bulletins published between 1941-Sept.1942 by: Office of Civilian Defense in Washington, D.C., Pennsylvania State Council of Defense, Pike County Council of Defense; Board game, ‘Spot-A-Plane’ 1942 copyright by Toy Creations, Inc., New York, N.Y. In excellent shape; Board game, ‘Ranger Commandos’ 1942 copyright by Parker Brother. In excellent shape; A copy of letters from a Civil War soldier printed in the Pike County Dispatch to celebrate 100 years since the Civil War; Hawley High School *Herald*, 1940 and 1941; Francis Singer deeds: (a) May 1850—Granville John Penn and Richard Ann to Jacob Seamant and Francis Singer, (b) September 1850—Moses Gingham and wife to Francis Singer, (c) September 20, 1852—Francis Singer to Henry Lorentsen, (d) December 16, 1856—Henry Lorentsen to Francis Singer, (e) May 24, 1865—Elsie Bingham to Francis Singer, (f) December 18, 1879—Fraser Smith and wife Jane to Francis Singer (includes hand drawn map).

Nancy Gaylord - Wallenpaupack *Regatta Program*, August 7 1949. 

Opal Hocker - Ledger from Hawley Garage; Document with envelope from PA State government appointing the Hawley Garage as an Official Inspection facility January 5, 1932; Newspaper clipping January 16, 1966, Japanese Emperor’s Car’ a Packard Limousine 1935; Various invoices and memorabilia from Hawley Garage in file folder.

Christopher Mansuy - Hand written telephone numbers on phone ledger advertisement for White Beauty View, early twentieth century.

Donal Coutts Estate - Survey map—a draft of a tract of land part of the Wallenpaupack Manor dated—9th day of September 1805 for Stephan Bennet; Large original parchment copy of deed dated 21st day of December, 1810, between Samuel Sitgreaves and Stephan Bennet; Will of Stephan Bennet 1831; Survey map of Jared Bennet and ...James Bennet?; Deed: 7th day of August 1858, Jared Bennet

and Louisa, his wife, to Michael Staff; August 30, 1858 no liens against Jared Bennet---court house document; Deed: 7th day of September, Michael Staff and Sarah Ann, his wife, to Jared Bennet; Survey of Jared Bennet property August 18, 1893, now Conrad Gumble; Estate of Jared Bennet, a letter of satisfaction from Mrs. Esther Amie Townsend; Receipt of payment from Conrad Gumble to Catherine Hickey, November 10, 1881; Poem: *This is a Flower from my Angle Mothers Grave*, copied by Ann Grathwahl Gumble; 1910—James Butler of Wayne Development Co. release to Conrad Gumble; Deed: Conrad Gumble, November 29, 1913 release of lands to Wayne Development Co.; Indenture: December 1, 1913, Conrad Gumble and his wife Anna Mary, and Wayne Development Co.; Land Survey, October 22, 1926, for lot to Arthur Gumble from Conrad Gumble lands; Promissory note, November 16, 1926 for Conrad Gumble from Floyd, Harold, George and Leland Gumble; Deed: December 18, 1851, Moses Killiam to Jabez R. Rockwell; Deed: 25th Day of October 1854 Jabez Rockwell and his wife Rachel, to James Roughton; Deed: November 18, 1857, James Roughton, and his wife Ann, to William Collins of Philadelphia.

JULY: Christopher Mansuy - *Stories of Pennsylvania*, by Walter Brumbaugh—1897; *Pennsylvania Report of Committee Appointed to Investigate the Railroad Riots in July 1877*. Read in the Senate and House of Representatives—1878; *50th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg*—Revised Edition 1915; *Manual 1871—State of New York and Senate* with Henry Vetterlein's name embossed on cover in gold.

AUGUST: Nancy Killam Gumble Estate - Cut out picture puzzle (Tiger on cover of box) from 1885, belonged to Marcus Killam father of Nancy; Pieces of individual US States with puzzle board to arrange in correct arrangement from 1883; Postcard of Lake Wallenpaupack, picture taken from Jack Hall's farm, Gumbletown Road; School slate 8 1/4" X 11 1/2"; Hawley HS *Herald* 1943 and 1944.

Jodi (Eckes) Whitmoyer - Set of dishes belonging to Emmeline Singer Gumble (Royal Gumble's wife) 12 cups, saucers, dessert plates, 6 small plates, 2 serving platters, handpainted by Nippon

SEPTEMBER: Christopher Mansuy - 1961 *Treasures of Wallenpaupack*, Recipe Book published by the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Paupack, PA; 1930 Pennsylvania Fishing License pin; Teacher's pupil plan book belonging Louise Vetterlein; *File of the Poor*, Palmyra Township, Pike Co. PA, May 20, 1860 to 1892 including record keeping by Ephraim Killam, Overseer of the Poor.

OCTOBER: Louise Knoll, in Memory of George and Arline Knoll - *Christian Dorflinger 1828—1915, A Miracle in Glass; American Glass*, by Valentine VanTassel—1950; *Glass—Hand-Blown, Sculptured, Colored Philosophy, and Method*, by John Burton 1967; *Encyclopedia of Glass*, Edited by Phoebe Phillips—1981 1st Edition; *American Brilliant Cut Glass*, by Bill and Louise Bog; Newspaper article—*Quality Reflected in Cut Glass; Irving Cut Glass*, Catalogue No 23, Published sometime during 1920's; *American Glass*, by Geo. L. and Helen McKearin—1948 by Crown Publishers, Inc.; Pale Amethyst small footed bowl by Art Reed; Small creamer signed by Ray LaTournous 1974; Goblets upper half ruby colored with printing reading "Hawley PA July 4, 1974"; Decanter with stopper—9" tall signed by Ray LaTournous; Bud Vase 8 1/4 "x 11/2" engraved by Ray LaTournous; Bud vase 8" x 3" engraved by Ray LaTournous; Bud vase bulb-shaped bottom 8" x 2 1/2"; Vase 10" x 3 3/4" engraved with daisies by Ray LaTournous; Five (5) coffee glasses with flanged tops and daisies by Ray LaTournous; Three (3) cordials engraved with cherries by Ray LaTournous; Large pitcher with handle—beaded 10 1/2" x 5 1/2" including handle, butterfly/ daisy pattern signed by Ray LaTournous.

Sharon Barbour Rankin - 1886 New England Square Grand Piano by Steinway and N.E. Piano Co.
Dr Marilyn Pardine on Behalf of Estate of Josef and Mina Skier and son Atty Reines Skier - Antique newspapers, important events from the 20th century; Skier's Dry Goods Store cash register from 1930s; bench from Dry Goods Store; bench from Atkinson Box & Lumber Co.; Paintings of Pike County by Bruce Frank; First edition *Whispering Tounges* by Homer Greene, 1902; Civil War soldier's boot; Display cabinet; Case of shirt collars; WWII war bond posters; Antique toys; and more.