



Middletown Township Historical Society

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MIDDLETOWN MONDAYS 2012

Lectures begin at 7:30 p.m.

at Lima Estates, 411 North Middletown Road, Media, PA 19063

Free and open to the public, no registration required.

Monday, January 23, 2012

DARLINGTON'S CORNUCOPIA DAIRY

by Nancy Webster, Independent Scholar

Jesse Darlington settled in Middletown in 1795 and shipped fresh-churned butter to shops in Delaware, Chester and Philadelphia counties, first by horseback and then by wagon as roads were improved. For the next 200 years six generations of the Darlington family operated dairy farms along Darlington Road. Beginning in 1858 butter was shipped by rail to Philadelphia, New York and Washington DC, where it was served at the White House.

Monday, February 20

THE MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE: A "FOUNDING SON" OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

by Gene Pisasale, author of *Lafayette's Gold: The Lost Brandywine Treasure*

The lecture highlights the little known role that the Marquis de Lafayette played in America's war for independence including his participation at the Battle of the Brandywine on September 11, 1777. His ongoing support, both monetary and political, helped win the war against Great Britain and earns him recognition as a "Founding Son" of the Revolutionary War.

Monday, March 19

"WAWA MEANS WILD GOOSE" THE STORY OF WAWA DAIRY

by Maria Thompson, Wawa, Inc. Company Historian/Archivist

In 1902 George Wood opened Wawa Dairy Farms to sell milk bottled under sanitary conditions. In the 1910s and 20s Wawa added numerous additional buildings in the interest of health and increased its share of the region's fresh milk market by adding cream to its product line. Wawa opened the first Wawa Food Market in 1964 and continues to be a leader in the regional convenience store market with the recent addition of gasoline sales.

Monday, April 16

FAIR ACRES: THE DELAWARE COUNTY POOR FARM

by Nancy Webster, Independent Scholar

Among the myriad institutions founded by Pennsylvania's Quakers, including schools, orphanages and hospitals, was the poor farm which eventually became the responsibility of the county government. In 1850, with the creation of the Borough of Media, the Delaware County Poor Farm was moved to Fair Acres, a farm purchased from the Pennell family. Today residents no longer have to help run a farm to earn their keep, but enjoy state of the art geriatric services.

Monday, May 21

THE LENAPE AND THE MINQUAS (SUSQUEHANNOCK): PATHS IN THE PAST

by Marshall Becker, Professor Emeritus, Department of Anthropology, West Chester University

Relations between the Lenape and the people they called "Minquas" (the Susquehannock) varied considerably during the turbulent 17th century. After 1623 the Susquehannock, in opening up a new route in the pelt trade, became lethal trespassers in the Lenape heartland. By 1660, in a search for allies, these former aggressors opened the western pelt trade to the Lenape. Movements in and out of the Lenape homeland helped these trails to become important paths, and then roadways during the Colonial period.

Additional lectures will take place on, Monday, September 17, Monday, October 15, and Monday, November 19. For speakers and topics please visit our website www.mthsdelco.org. This schedule is subject to change, for up-to-date information please visit our website or call 610-316-5620.

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