



# Middletown Township Historical Society

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## MIDDLETOWN MONDAYS

A Lecture Series in Celebration of the 325th Anniversary of the Township

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, September 19

### **SAM RIDDLE: A MAN & HIS HORSES**

*by Kay Ferrari, Independent Scholar*

Legendary horseman Samuel D. Riddle's father purchased mills at Pennsgrove on Chester Creek in 1843. In 1854 the area was renamed Glen Riddle to prevent mail from being delivered to Pennsgrove, New Jersey. Kay Ferrari has been interested in horses since she was a child and soon developed an interest in Man o' War, Sam Riddle and Glen Riddle Farm. Her extensive research has led her to become an authority on Riddle, his family, and his horses including Man o' War' and his most famous foal, 1937 Triple Crown winner, War Admiral.

Monday, October 17

### **GHOST STORIES AND LEGENDS AROUND MIDDLETOWN**

*by Nancy Webster, Independent Scholar*

The rich ghostly lore of our area is based on facts, phobias and cultural beliefs. Come explore these stories from the 17th through the 20th centuries, only a few of which have been published, including that of Middletown's own haunted house in Night Stalks the Mansion, first published by Stackpole Books in 1978. Join historian Nancy Webster as she shares the region's tales of the supernatural that she has collected over the years.

Monday, November 21

### **TRAINS AND TROLLEYS THROUGH MIDDLETOWN**

*by Stan Bowman, Independent Scholar*

Construction of the Philadelphia and West Chester Railroad began west from Philadelphia in 1852. In 1855 the high bridge over Ridley Creek was built and by 1856 the first rail line in the Township ran from Greenwood (later Elwyn) to Grubb's Bridge (today's Wawa). From the early 20th century into the 1930s there were two electric trolley lines that served Middletown. Join rail expert Stan Bowman for this program on rail lines in the area regularly used by Township residents.

### **Middletown Mondays lectures coming in 2012:**

Darlington's Cornucopia Dairy

Wawa Dairies

The Marquis de Lafayette & The Battle of the Brandywine

The Great Minquas Path

Brandywine Valley Ghosts, and more!

This schedule is subject to change, for up-to-date information please visit our website [www.mthsdco.org](http://www.mthsdco.org) or call 610-316-5620.



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