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The past is never done. It is not even past--William Faulkner

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Where and What Is This?



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How to reserve a seat for the new episode of the ‘Slices of Downingtown History’ series

Downingtown—The Transformation of a Village, 1860-1910—is the title of the latest episode of the “Slices of Downingtown History” series, to be presented by the Downingtown Area Historical Society at the Downingtown Library, 122 Wallace Ave., at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, October 18.

The new Slices presentation begins in 1859, when Downingtown became a borough and it was primarily a farm village. Over the next 50 years, its population quadrupled and several large factories and mills employed a large number of the village’s residents. The focus of the presentation will be a comparison between 1860 and 1910, emphasizing changes in demographics, housing, businesses and land use. Data visualization through the use of charts, maps and tables will tell this story.

To reserve a seat for the presentation, click on:

<http://ereserve.ccls.org/evanced/lib/eventsignup.asp?ID=106573&rts=&disptype=&ret=eventcalendar.asp&pointer=inhouse&returnToSearch=&num=0&ad=&dt=mo&mo=10/1/2017&df=calendar&EventType=ALL&Lib=&AgeGroup=&LangType=0&WindowMode=&noheader=&lad=&pub=1&nopub=&page=&pgdisp=>

Group Photo of the Week



The DHS Class of 1952 held its 65th reunion last Saturday. The classmates included, left to right: first row, Mary Ippolito Sensenig, Rose Marie Rodri Wright, Jessie Jean Smith Manning, Mary Jane Bird Augustin, Rose Terramin Hoopes, Eleanor DiEullis Hoeflich, Shirley Harper Datner; second row, Vanessa Edelen Myerson, Patricia Piersol Pacinelli, Laura Chandler Ericson, Edith Forte Bartone, Phyllis Griffith Russell, Faye Stauffer Whiteman, Shirley Gabriel Fetters; third row, Yolando Ippolito Garnett, Theresa Sciarretta Gospodarek, Doris Gottier Miller, Janet Kriebel Hesse; fourth row, Grant Wells, Paul Detterline, Jr., Lionel Shaeffer, Elmer Schrupf, Jr.; fifth row, Ralph Hannum, Harry Beyer, Dr. Ralph Pacinelli; sixth row, Elvin Mull, Charles Lammey, James Duca, John Talierco.

What was happening here 36 years ago

Noted below are news items originally published in the *East Branch Citizen* in the latter part of October 1981:

- Dr. Joseph McCahon, president of the parish council of **St. Joseph's Catholic Church**, Downingtown, said each family in the parish should contribute \$1,000 in a fund raising campaign to help pay for the construction of an eight-classroom school at 340 Manor Avenue. The parish had been operating a school, with an enrollment of 330 students, at 40 W. Pennsylvania Avenue for several decades. The projected cost of the new school was \$480,000.
- Dr. Charles Micken, school superintendent, reported that a total of **7,440 pupils** were enrolled in the school district, a 97-student decline compared to the 1980-81 school year.
- Jenny Weldon was crowned **DHS Homecoming Queen**. Members of her court included: Dawn Adams, Karen Cerami, Betty Immel, Kitty Quinn, Anne Borland, Jenny Kallmeyer, Susan Punt, Karen Schoelkopf and Laura Gaspari.
- Recent **property transfers** included 3310 Humpton Road, Caln, \$63,900; 400 Devon Drive, Uwchlan, \$72,000; 1111 New Hampshire Lane, West Bradford, \$55,000; 47 Dorothy Lane, Upper Uwchlan, \$79,900; 300 Lincoln Avenue, Downingtown, \$57,000; 43 Hunt Club Lane, West Pikeland, \$110,000; 52 Blakely Road, East Brandywine, \$100,000.
- Members of **Downingtown United Methodist**, responsible for a fall bazaar, were: Frances Forbes, Sally Woodward, Pearl Brackbill, Grace Woodward, Ruth, Betty and Louise Brookover, Francis McAllister, Ada Huber, Lee Bradley, Shirley Shaeffer, Shirley Moyer, Jean Steeley, Margie McCombs and Trauti Stevens.
- Bill Radford and Norm Glass of Glen Moore were members of the Corps of the Light Infantry, as they participated in the re-enactment of the **Battle of Yorktown**, which ended the American Revolutionary War.
- New students at the **Windsor Christian Nursery School** in Upper Uwchlan were Henry Baker, William Clark, Teresa Horning, Karen Kreiter and Christopher Weston.
- Elected as officers of the United Presbyterian Women at **Central Presbyterian Church**, Downingtown, were Cathy Hankes, president; Sally Jo Anderson, vice president; Carol Chandler, secretary; and Aleen Sciandra, treasurer.
- Marc Ruggiano was named MVP of the **Downingtown Babe Ruth League**. Players who received coaches' awards for their sportsmanship and ability were Jack Oberle, Dave Jemison, Joe Rainey, Ben Bradford, Tom McCool, Bill Pelletreau and Chris Thomas.
- Coach Sally Anderson's **DHS field hockey squad** advanced to the District I playoffs, after Jen Gerlach tallied a goal, on an assist by Kathy Utz, in a 1-0 squeaker over Boyertown.
- The **DHS girls' tennis team** closed its season with a 9-2 Ches-Mont record, after crushing Boyertown 7-0. Co-captains Laura McGeorge and Chris Remley were cited for leading a "very young squad," by Coach Becky Desmond.
- Coach Paul Hurley's **DHS boys' soccer team** kept their District I playoff hopes alive when they recorded shutout wins over O. J. Roberts and Boyertown. Hurley cited the defensive play of Todd Reed, Scott Seymour, Cliff Cheek and Grant Angeny.
- The **DHS football team** beat Spring-Ford 7-0 in the first home night game played under portable lights since 1938. Ed Spang, athletic director, said he hoped permanent lights would be installed in the future, at an estimated cost of \$50,000.

It was the house at Lloyd's Valley Brook Farm in Caln Twp.



Alan Ciarlone is a truly perceptive scholar because he was first person who correctly identified the site above as the farmhouse at Valley Brook Farm, on Lloyd Avenue in Caln Township, along the western border of Downingtown borough. The original part of the farmhouse was built in 1757. The property was owned for decades by William McClure Lloyd, who bought the property from Elhanan Zook in 1910. Lloyd, a Harvard graduate, gentleman farmer and stockbroker in Philadelphia, died in 1970. In 1967, he donated 30 acres of his land to Caln Township, which became Lloyd Park. In recent years, the property has been owned by the Philadelphia Catholic Archdiocese and is for sale.

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What locals were talking about 61 years ago

Noted below are news items originally published in the *Downingtown Archive* in October 1956:

- Downingtown Council put out bids for the construction of **extending East Pennsylvania Avenue**, between Uwchlan and Wallace Avenues. The projected cost for the 1,400-foot street extension was \$60,000.
 - Ruth Hall was crowned **Harvest Queen** at the DHS Farm Fair.
 - Anthony Colella represented Jefferson Avenue residents, who were protesting against **Beloit Corp.** building a Quonset-style hut in their neighborhood.
 - New members of the Downingtown **Junior Woman's Club** were Mrs. Joseph Capriotti, Joan Hughes, Mary Jane Perella and Agnes Pomento.
 - **Cozzone's Esso station**, at Lloyd and West Lancaster Avenues in Downingtown, had its grand opening.
 - DHS students who temporarily took over borough government positions on **Youth Day** were: Peter Sarmiento, Joseph Bird, Joseph Bonaduce, Douglas Hedrick, Susie Norris and Jeanne Charles, Borough Council; Allan Lammey, burgess; David Whittaker, borough manager; and Ruth Brookover, borough secretary.
 - The **Glen Moore Post Office** was "temporarily" moved from C.O. Miller's general store, where it had been for 27 years, to the Glen Moore Fire Company's quarters. Mrs. Alice Springer was postmistress, assisted by Mrs. Ethel Furlong and Mrs. Ruby Scott. The Post Office was established in 1869, when Glen Moore was known as Norwood.
 - Leon Gable announced that he was going to build an **apartment complex** on West Lancaster Avenue in the borough, from Rock Raymond Road almost to Lloyd Avenue. He had been considering developing a shopping center in that area.
 - Officers of the **Chester Valley Rebekah Lodge** in Lionville were Erma Kochel, noble grand; Elizabeth Smedley, vice grand; Lois Thompson, secretary; and Anita Wilson, recording secretary.
 - Don White Jr. and Jack Swarner, who both pitched no-hitters, were honored at the **Downingtown Babe Ruth League** banquet.
 - Officers of the Science Club at **Mount Airy School in Uwchlan Township** were Vernon Keller, president; Victor Keller, vice president; Hilda Casella, secretary; Lynn Watterson, treasurer; and Charlotte Scott, program chairman.
 - Scouts from **Boy Scout Troop 82**, Downingtown, who went on a pilgrimage to Muhlenberg College, Allentown, were David and William Pollock, Mark Jones, James Yamshak, Barton Trader, Stuart Meisel, William Zittle, Lee Hayes, Ronald Johnson and Larry Meredith.

New site on how to trace your property's history

If you're seeking the history of your residence or other property in Chester County, click on this revised site: www.chesco.org/DocumentCenter/View/35680

Vintage Ad of the Week

Announcing the
GRAND OPENING
of our
**DOWNINGTOWN
FORD SHOWROOMS**
East Lincoln Highway
March 27 and 28
SLOAN MOTORS, Inc.
44 Years With Ford
James C. Patterson, General Mgr.
★ Refreshments ★ Prizes
Please Come!

This ad was originally published in March 26, 1965 edition of the *Daily Local News*.

Historical Society will pick up your used books for our Book Sale on October 27, 28 and 29

Someone from the Historical Society will pick up your used books, CDs and VDs, for our Book Sale in October, at your home or business. That can be arranged by calling 610-269-1709 and leaving a message, or by sending an email to: dths1709@gmail.com.

Otherwise, you can bring the books and discs, from 1-4 PM on Sundays, to Ashbridge House, our headquarters in the Ashbridge Square shopping center, next to the Chick-Fil-A Restaurant, on Route 30 in East Caln.

The types of hard cover books and paperback/soft cover books, which will be on sale, include: History, Fiction, Young Adult, Politics, Philosophy, Art, Travel, Gardening, Religion, CDs and Maps.

Used books that aren't acceptable for the Book Sale include: Textbooks, Old Self-Help Books, Water-Damaged Books, Books with hand-writing in them, Books with damaged or torn covers, and encyclopedias.

The Book Sale will be held at Ashbridge House from 7-9 PM on Friday, October 27, **for members only**; from 10 AM until 3 PM on Saturday, October 28; and there will be a **Meet Local Authors** (Marion Piccolomini, Blair Thornburgh, Jim Sundman, Jay Worrall and Catherine Quillman) as well as the Book Sale from noon until 4 PM on Sunday, October 29

Free Ads for Non-Profits

Pasta With a Purpose

The Downingtown Senior Center, 983 East Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, will have a pasta dinner at 5 PM, plus the 49ers Chorus starting at 6:15 PM, fundraiser on Sunday, October 15. \$25 per person, \$20 for Senior Center members. For details see: www.downingtownseniors.org/events/

Used Book Sale

The Friends of the Downingtown Library will hold their Fall Book Sale at the library, from 5-7:30 PM on Friday, Oct. 20; from 9 AM-4 PM on Saturday, Oct. 21; and from 1-4 PM on Sunday, Oct. 22. Donations of gently used books, movies and music can be dropped off at the library during business hours through Saturday, October 14.

Chicken BBQ & Bake Sale

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Chester County Marine Corps League will have a bake and Chicken BBQ sale from noon until 5 PM on Saturday, October 14 at their quarters, 430 Acorn Lane (enter from Chestnut Street, Downingtown) and behind Victory Brewery. Pre-orders for the boxed BBQ dinners are welcome, as are walk-ins, which are available until 4 PM. Please contact 610-827-9281 if you wish to pre-order BBQ dinners. Dinners include 1/2 of a BBQ chicken, potatoes, side, dinner roll, dessert & beverage. Cost: \$12; credit cards accepted. The League also hosts Bingo games on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month, and Auxiliary meetings are on the 4th Monday of the month. Bake sale includes tantalizing treats--pies, cookies, brownies, etc.--baked by the Ladies Auxiliary in their certified kitchen. Proceeds benefit veterans and their families.

This Run's Personal

1,500 people are expected to participate in the Team CMMD Foundation's fourth annual 5K run and 1-mile walk over Downingtown's streets on Saturday morning, November 4, beginning at DHS West High School. Proceeds go to local cancer families. For more details to registers, go to: <http://teamcmmd.org/project/this-runs-personal/>

Family Genealogy

If you're a family historian, have ancestors from England, or want to learn how to discover your family history, you should come to the East Brandywine Township Historical Commission program to hear Kris Barone's talk on her journey discovering the Cresswell family that settled in Southern Chester County in the early 18th Century. The free, public program will be conducted at 3:30 PM on Sunday, October 15 in the township building on Route 322 in Guthriesville.

Christmas Care Package

The annual Military Christmas Care Package Drive, for items to be sent to military personnel, ends on Monday, October 23. For a listing of items that can be included in the packages and local drop-off points, see: www.downingtowntown.org/images/OpMilitaryChristmas2017.jpg

Fall Fest

The Downingtown Friends Meeting will have its annual Fall Fest at the historic Quaker Meeting House, 809 E. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, from 9 AM until 4 PM on Saturday, October 14. Admission and parking are free. Featured will be thrift, garden and baked items for sale, plus games. For more details, see: <http://downingtowntownfriendsmeeting.org/fallfestival.htm>

Boo Bash

The Downingtown **Parks & Rec Commission** is having a **Halloween Boo Bash in Kerr Park**, from 4-9 PM on Saturday, October 28. Festivities include a costume and pumpkin carving contest as well as a Halloween-themed double feature.

Drug Take Back Event:

You can drop off expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs at the Downingtown Borough Hall annex building from 10 AM until 2 PM on Saturday, October 28, The DEA cannot accept liquids, or needles or sharps, only pills or patches. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked. For more information, call 610-269-0344, ext. 200 or email info@downingtowntown.org

DHS Class of 1967 Reunion

The DHS Class of 1967 will have its 50th reunion on the weekend of October 13-14. Following a tour of the STEM Academy, where the class attended Junior High School, they will get together at the Victory Brewing Co. on Friday. The main event will be held at 6 PM at St. Anthony's Lodge on Saturday evening. For details, see: www.downingtowntownalumni.org/Documents/Reunions/Classof1967_50th_Oct2017.pdf

Freedom Isn't Free

Lt. Col. Henry (Hank) Detering (USMC-retired), decorated Viet Nam veteran and school administrator, will speak about Freedom Is Not Free at the West Caln Historical Society's meeting at 7 PM on Tuesday, October 17, at the West Caln Municipal Bldg., 721 W. Kings Hwy., Wagontown. Meetings are free and open to the public.

Mill at Anselma

The Mill at Anselma, Route. 401 (1730 Conestoga Road), ½ mile west of Route. 113 in Chester Springs, will hold a Harvest Festival and Milling Demonstration from 10 AM to 4 PM on Saturday, October 14. There also will be historical cooking demonstrations, quilting, cider making, and crafts for children. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for children, 4-14 years of age. Mill members admitted free of charge. The mill is open for tours Thursday through Sunday from 10 AM to 4 PM. Visitors will learn how a mill was operated, see the 16 foot water wheel power Colonial-era gears and mill stones, and see and feel the final product as it flows from the stones. Admission to the Mill is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, and \$3 for children ages 4-14. Children under 4 are free. For more information, contact the Mill at 610-827-1906, email info@anselmamill.org, or visit www.anselmamill.org.

DHS All-Alumni 5K

The class of '97 presents the inaugural DHS All-Alumni 5K/1 mile Walk /Kids' Run at 9 AM on Saturday, October 14, on the campus of DHS West. Come and see how much your alma mater has changed, while reconnecting with old friends at this family-friendly event! Event details can be found here: <https://runsignup.com/dhsalumni5k> All proceeds from the race will be used for 3 scholarships, to be given out by the DHS Alumni Association to a student in each DASD high school.

Roast Beef Dinner

Marshallton Methodist Church, 1282 W. Strasburg Road, will have a Roast Beef Dinner (eat-in or take-out) from 4:30-6:30 PM on Saturday, October 21. Menu includes: roast beef, mushroom & brown gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, applesauce, rolls, dessert and a beverage. To order tickets, send an email to: office@marshalltonchurch.org or call 610-696-5247. If ordered before October 17, tickets are \$13 for adults and \$5 for children (ages 5-12). Tickets bought at the door, are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children.

Mayor's 5K

Downingtown Mayor Josh Maxwell is sponsoring a 5K "Run to End Gender-Based Violence" to be conducted on the Struble Trail, beginning at 9:30 AM on Saturday, October 14. Proceeds from the race will be distributed to: the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County, the Chester County Fund for Women and Girls, and the Crime Victims Center of Chester County. For more details on the run, see: www.mayors5K.com

Senior Center programs & activities

You'll find information about the programs and activities at the Downingtown Area Senior Center via: www.downingtownseniors.org

Open Houses in Lionville

The Uwchlan Township Historical Commission will offer several open house events in the Lionville National Historic District on the first Sunday of the month, from April through November, at the John Cadwalader House and the Edith P. Moore School. Both are located on North Village Avenue and are staffed and open from 2 - 4 PM. The Moore School is the original one-room building where children can try on clothing replicas of the period and sit at historical desks. For more info, call 610-280-9522.

Lyme disease

The Lyme Disease Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania, an education and support group for patients and caregivers who have been affected by Lyme Disease, meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 7 PM at the Kennett Friends Meeting House on Route 82 (125 W. Sickel St. Kennett Square). Meetings are free and all are welcome. Check www.lymepa.org for directions and program information.

Brochure on DARC classes & activities

You can gain access to the latest Downingtown Area Recreational Consortium brochure, listing all classes and activities, at: www.darc.info/. For more info, call 610-269-9260, or stop by the DARC office (8:30 AM-4:30 PM, Monday thru Friday), 114 Bell Tavern Road, Downingtown.

Banquet room for rent

The Downingtown (Williamson) Masonic Lodge, a non-profit organization located at 210 Manor Ave. has a Banquet Room for rent. The area is perfect for parties of up to 80 people and has a full kitchen. Rental fees are reasonable. Call 610-269-3555 for more information.

Joseph's People, Downingtown chapter

An ecumenical support mission to help unemployed or underemployed people. The group is entirely conducted by volunteers, and has been at St. Joseph's since 1995. Meets at 7:30 PM on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month. All are welcome. Visit web page, <http://josephspeople.org/our-chapters/downingtown/>, or just come to a meeting at St. Joseph's Parish Meeting Room behind the school, 460 Manor Ave., Downingtown. Call 610-873-7117. Leave Message. Leader: Cheryl Spaulding, Email: cheryl.spaulding@josephspeople.org.