

HOLDINGS OF THE NANTICOKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ATLASSES AND MAPS

Sanborne Maps of Nanticoke Streets and Buildings from 1884 to 1950.

Susquehanna Coal Company Maps and City Maps from the late 1800's.

BIOGRAPHIES

Family Histories compiled from newspapers and personal histories dating from 1891 to the present day.

CEMETERY MAPS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

Photographs of all the headstones in all of the cemeteries in Nanticoke. Burial permits and maps of the Nanticoke City Cemetery showing the location of the family lots and the list of internments.

CENSUS AND CITY DIRECTORIES

City Directories from 1886 to 1924, telephone directories, national census records, Luzerne County voting lists and the Nanticoke City Census of 1973.

CHURCHES

Histories of 79 churches, past and present in Nanticoke including photographs.

COMMERCIAL

Photos and information on more than 6000 business and professional establishments in Nanticoke from 1880's to the present such as stores, doctors, attorneys, etc. On file are hundreds of original bill heads of these businesses.

CONCRETE CITY

A detailed history of the construction of this architectural experiment including original photos of it being built. The Nanticoke Historical Society was instrumental in the placement of the official Pennsylvania Historical Marker for Concrete City.

FAMILY HISTORIES

Extensive histories and photographs of many prominent families who lived in Nanticoke: Mill, Fairchild, Levi, Alexander, Shea.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Histories of all of the Nanticoke Fire Department Companies such as the Auchincloss and the Mowery.

GENEALOGY RESEARCH

Questions on genealogy can be submitted for a small charge and researched by our staff, who have access to various informational resources.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

An extensive history of Nanticoke High School sports especially football and basketball. A list of over 2600 athletes who played for NHS from 1906 to the present and a list, with scores, of 1051 football games played since 1896. In basketball we have detailed histories of Nanticoke's State Championship teams of 1923, 1926 and 1961. There is also information on Newport H.S. State Championship team of 1936. There are team pictures of 64 NHS teams.

MILITARY

The involvement of Nanticoke residents in conflicts dating as far back as the Revolution, Civil War and 20th century engagements; the Nanticoke Armory at both the present and Lower Broadway sites; moving pictures of soldiers leaving for World War II; photographs, including the returning World War I veterans in 1919.

MINING INDUSTRY

A history of each mine operation in Nanticoke and surrounding areas, accidents and extensive employee records of the Susquehanna Coal Company. These include 11,000 employee cards, 1,500 Original Miner's Certificates, and 1000 other various employee records. Additional information is maintained on the Glen Alden Coal Company. We have in our library numerous and various books on Anthracite Mining including two volumes of original documents from the Wanamie Mine.

NANTICOKE CITY (AND BOROUGH) GOVERNMENT

Everything of a political nature, from Nanticoke as a village in 1875 to becoming a third class city in 1926; photographs, elections, political parties, city officials, city hall meetings, financial reports.

NANTICOKE POLICE DEPARTMENT

History of the police department from its rise from a volunteer organization to a paid police force, reports of department activity, officers, and patrolmen.

NANTICOKE SCHOOLS

Photographs of all schools in the Nanticoke Area (Nanticoke, Newport, West Nanticoke), histories, school board meetings, administration and teaching staff, alphabetical lists of teachers and students in the local school district, a collection of Nanticoke High School yearbooks from 1946 to 2006, Newport High School yearbooks of various years. We have a selection of duplicate yearbooks for sale.

NEWSPAPERS

Copies of local Nanticoke newspapers and a complete public record of events in Nanticoke as published in the newspapers from 1891 to 1970.

NANTICOKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTERS

A quarterly publication of Nanticoke history, current events, and a few surprises in the middle.

OBITUARIES

In excess of 15,000 individual obituaries from newspapers covering the entire history of the city.

PHOTOGRAPHS

At last count we have over 15,000 pictures taken over the last 125 years, including streets, businesses, buildings, cemeteries, families, industries, and sports.

READING LIBRARY

Books and periodicals covering Nanticoke, Wyoming Valley, and world history: fact and fiction, including the work of local authors. This reference material is not available for lending.

REAL ESTATE PHOTOS AND HISTORY

Old and new photographs of every house and commercial building in Nanticoke and an historical work in progress to document the history of each building, ownership, residence, public records of activity, fire and police.

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER

A history of the river including natural disasters such as the 1902, 1936, and 1972 floods.

THE NANTICOKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY relies heavily on public records, newspapers and official documents, but they can only tell a fraction of the story of the city. The Society welcomes input from families and anyone who can add their personal memories to the growing knowledge of our past. We're not looking for skeletons (although they certainly would be welcome), just great stories and genealogical information to fill out the empty spaces between the lines of the social columns that sadly no longer exist in our local publications.