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Next Meeting: April 21, 2025 Farm & Home Center, Buy, Sell & Trade from 5:30 PM, Meeting – 7:00 PM

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MARCH MEETING

The March meeting of the Lancaster County Postcard Club was held on the 17th of the month at 3:30p.m. at the Farm and Home Center with 25 members and 3 guests attending. Pam Tronsor, VP, led the pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read; the secretary pointed out that there were three names missing from entrants at last month's competition and asked that person's submitting to the competition include their names. After a brief discussion, it was decided to ask participants to include their name on the back of the sheet of paper with their entry so that the information is always made known for recording purposes. Only the name of the entry should be included on the front of the sign-up sheet when submitting a card for the competition.

A correction was made regarding the rental of the room for our meetings. It is \$205, not \$210 as previously reported.

A copy of the 'Card' from Washington Crossing was received and is available. The Morlatton Post Card Club Show will be held here on March 28 & 29.

2025 dues may be given to Barbara Mowrer in Dick Pendergrast's absence.

Pam shared some Irish trivia and cookies in celebration of St Patrick's Day. The 50/50 in the amount of \$9 was won by Julia Rocks. Door prizes were won by Aaron Heckler and Doreen Spencer.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanne Schopf



POSTCARD COMPETITION SUBJECTS

April: Easter Peeps

May: Springtime on the Farm

June: Humor, People/Animals

July: Fireworks

August: Expo

September: Toys with Wheels

October: Advertising

November: Rivers

APRIL PROGRAM

The program, "Mount Gretna: A History in Postcards" will be presented by Sue Hostetter, Chairman of the Mount Gretna and Mount Joy Area Historical Societies. "Postcards tell stories and allow us to take a trip back in time to visit Mount Gretna as it was in its early years. Based on the postcard collections of Morris Greiner, Karl Gettle, and Gerald Hostetter, we'll learn about Robert Coleman and his railroad which led to the creation of Mount Gretna. The National Guard soldiers who conducted maneuvers on Soldiers Field, amusements parks and hotels, Lake Conewago, the Farmers' Exposition, the Campmeeting, the Chautauqua Movement and more will be covered. Find out why Mount Gretna is so much more than ice cream!"



2025 PROGRAMS

May:

June:

July: Picnic

August: Expo

September:

October:

November: Pam Tronsor

December: Holiday Party



MARCH POSTCARD COMPETITION

There were 5 entries for cards showing waterfalls in the competition.

First: Pam Tronsor "Paupack High Falls"

Second: Brian Frankhouser "Nabisco Shredded Wheat"

Third: Kerry Mohn "Niagara Falls, American Side"

Honorable Mention: Bob Kramer "Niagara Falls 1996"

Donna Bashaw "Tafuenamon Falls"

Windsor Forge Mansion

By Brian Frankhouser

In earlier times, this was called “Windsor Place”, named after the English royal residence. It started out small in 1742 when William Branson built the most eastern section of the house (only two windows wide on the second floor). The largest section of the house on the west (five windows wide on the second floor) was constructed in 1765 by Branson’s son-in-law, Lynford Lardner. Around 1815, the two sections were connected by an addition that blends in very well to the original home. The house was built and maintained by revenue generated from the iron industry.

The Jenkins family’s first claim to the mansion occurred in 1773 when ironmaster, David Jenkins, bought the real estate from Lynford Lardner. However, the Jenkins owned the land before the house was built. It stayed in the family for generations after being reacquired. Near the end of the 19th century, Jenkins’ descendent, Catherine Cummins, owned the property. Her husband, James Cummins, retired from his New York law practice in 1885, and they moved to Windsor. They were advanced in years and did not maintain the property. James died on August 31, 1899. His widow sold the real estate to renowned sculptor, Blanche Nevin, on November 13, 1899. Blanche was also of the Jenkins line, and lived in the mansion for a time as a child. Her family pride compelled her to renovate her ancestral home and return it to its former glory. Much of the work must have been done in less than 18 months because Blanche threw a party with 100 guests on May 31, 1901.

Some of Blanche Nevin’s changes survive to this day. The lions still greet you at the front door, and the diamond lattice on the windows still catches your eye. Many years ago, I visited Windsor Forge mansion, and there was one striking detail that still leaves an impression. It looked much smaller on the inside than it did on the outside! The house was only one room deep. I was told that it improved the air current through the house. That, along with the shade trees, provided very comfortable accommodations during the summer months when it was used most often.



Photo #1:
“Front Lawn Windsor Place”,
RPPC photographed and
published by John Haldeman
Jacobs in 1912. John was the
great grandson of Lancaster
County’s most successful iron
manufacturer, Cyrus Jacobs, who
owned more than 8,500 acres of
land when he died in 1830. John
H. Jacobs is listed as a
photographer in the 1909
Lancaster County directory. He
was well known in Churchtown,
and spent years as the caretaker
for the local Presbyterian
Church.



Photo #2:

"Windsor Place Churchtown, Pa." is another RPPC published by John H. Jacobs in 1909, showing the back of the mansion. Blanche Nevin added the back porch, and landscaped the backyard into three tiers.

Photo #3:

"View from Windsor Porch" is a RPPC published by John H. Jacobs in 1909, looking south towards the back yard with the Welsh Mountains in the distance.



Photo #4:

Another "View from Windsor Porch" published by John H. Jacobs in 1912. Jacobs published other RPPCs of the Windsor property down by the Conestoga Creek... at least three of "Upper Windsor" and one of "Lower Windsor". Jacobs' camera was purchased at public auction by the Landis brothers in 1939, and added to their museum.



Photo #5:

Hand colored lithographed view published by Isaac B. Hawk, Churchtown's postmaster, and local merchant, Frank S. Weaver. The card was printed ca. 1909 by the Express Printing Co. of Lititz.





Photo #6:

1915 RPPC that gives an exceptional view of the three Blanche Nevin sculptures at the front of the mansion... the two lions in front of the entrance door and the Buddha to their right.

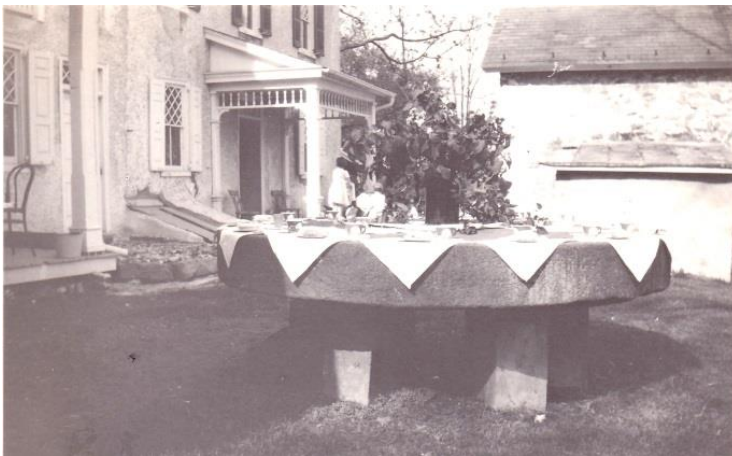
Photo #7:

After Blanche Nevin's death in 1925, once again, the grounds became somewhat overgrown. Postcard shown is part of an early 1930s set of RPPCs. The photographer is believed to be a local resident. She photographed and distributed at least 15 different postcard views of the



Photo #8:

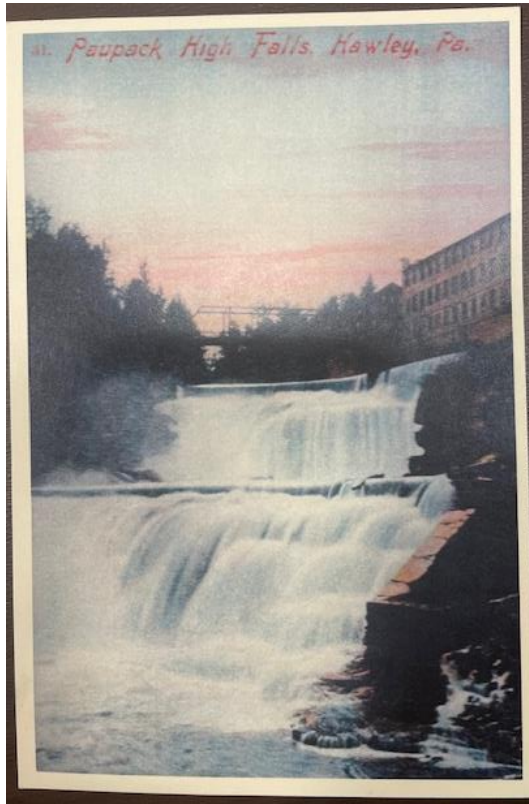
The infamous "mill stone table" was often the centerpiece of Blanche Nevin's parties. Actually, it was not a mill stone. It was cut to Nevin's specifications... eight feet in diameter and 20 inches thick (too large for a mill stone). The table is set for Nancy Ambler's birthday party ca. 1933.



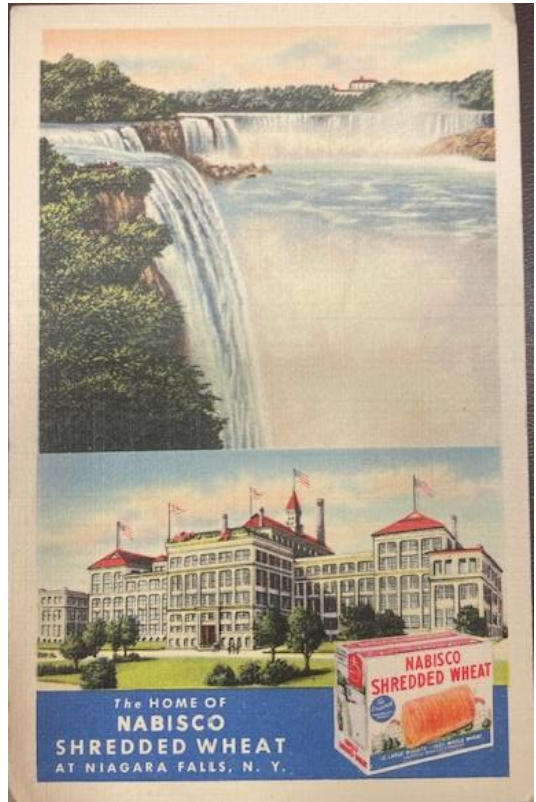
POSTCARD SHOWS

April 26-27: Allentown Spring Paper Show, Allentown Fairgrounds, Allentown, PA, Sat. 9-5, Sun 9-3, Admission \$10 (with ad \$9.00)

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**** MEMBERSHIP REMINDER –
TIME TO PAY DUES****

Now is the time to pay your dues.
**Individual dues are \$15.00 or
\$20.00 for two people residing at
the same address.** You can pay
Dick Pendergrast or Barabra
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