



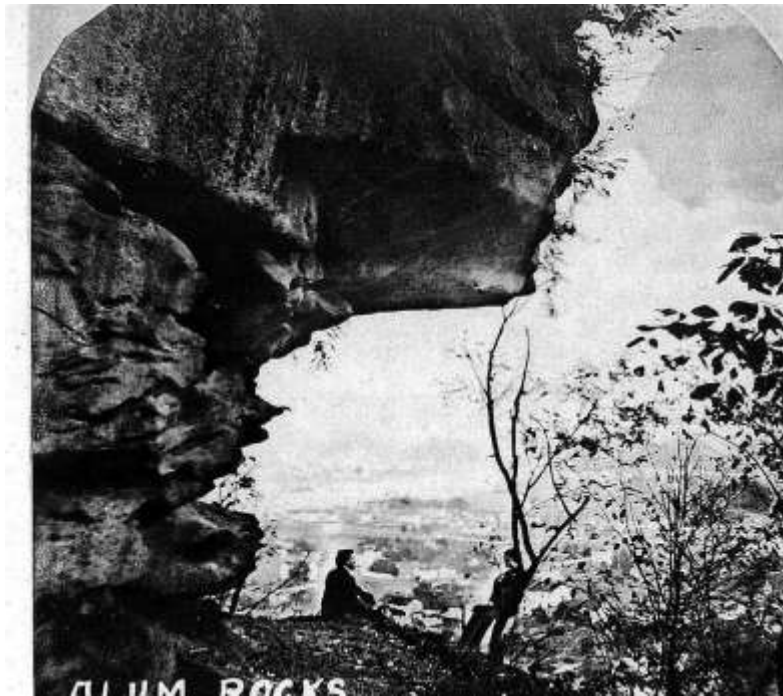
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## PATTERSON TOWNSHIP HISTORY

By Donald R. Inman

People living in this area enjoy a rich heritage from the past. History shows this region to be a most active one for more than two centuries. With the advance of people from the Atlantic seaboard, the Indian was forced to move westward. Here along the Beaver and Ohio Valleys, the Indian aided by the French, attempted to oppose the movement across the mountains into this region. Even after the white man had moved into this area, the Indians would watch their movements at the block house in New Brighton from what is known now as the "alum rocks."

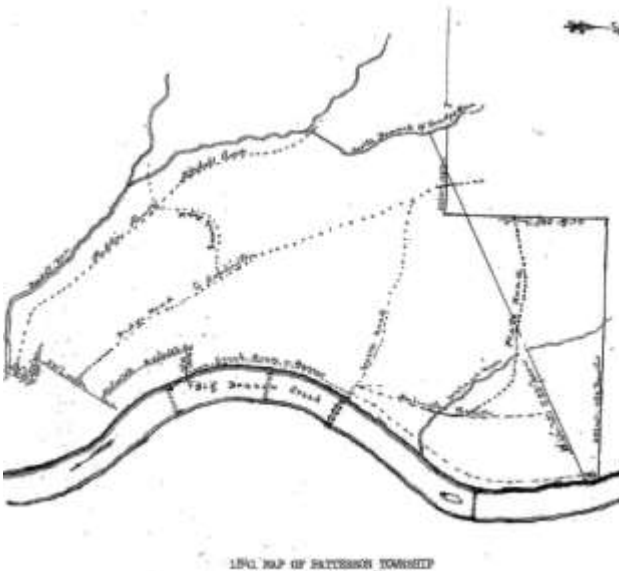


Many an Indian party would come up through the Brady's Run or down Brady's Hill as it was called then (now Fallston Hill) to the swampy alder thicket which formerly existed near the west end of the Fallston Bridge to further observe the white man's activities in what is now New Brighton. It is also alleged that there was some kind of great Indian battle in Patterson Township around the area of Eleventh Street and Darlington Road. Old farmers in this area and later homeowners would tell of spring plowing each year bringing up a large number of flint arrowheads and small spearheads.

It was not until the middle 1700's that the white man challenged the Indian's ownership of this area. For ages it had served as a thoroughfare for the Indian as he traveled from the Great Lakes to the Ohio River. However, with the clash of the English and French for control of North America all of this was changed. Both nations felt the need to dominate the upper Ohio Valley and took the necessary steps to do so. Probably many war parties of both white and Indian passed over our area many times. After the Battle of Fallen Timbers (General Anthony Wayne and "The Legion of the United States") fought in 1794, the Indian power in this area was forever broken and the treaty of Greenville, signed in the following year, established a lasting peace in this region.



Remnants of the Sandusky Trail



& School District" with power to elect "Supervisor and other Township officers"—that as

There were at least two known Indian trails in Patterson Township. One began at the west end of the Bridgewater Bridge in Bridgewater and led up the west side of the Beaver River (east side of the township) to Kuskuskee, an Indian town on the Mahoning River in what is now Lawrence County. At the entrance of the Brady's Run there was an offshoot up the run leading to Sandusky which was used by the celebrated Indian scout, Captain Samuel Brady. It was on this trail that Brady rescued Jenny Stupes and her child who had been taken captive on the south side of the Ohio River. (Consider Brady Letter, page 165, Bausman's) Beaver County was formed March 12, 1800, by an act of the legislature from parts of Allegheny and Washington Counties. The present boundary of Patterson Township was part of the original South Beaver Township. It became part of Ohio Township in 1805 and Brighton Township in 1816. Sometime after the formation of the Borough of Fallston in 1829 it became known as the "Brighton District" and anyone who wanted to vote, voted in the Borough of Fallston. However, they did have a separate school district but no form of local government. Therefore, they could not elect local representatives or justices of the peace.

They had local law enforcement in the form of a deputy sheriff who lived in the area, assigned by Beaver County.

Patterson Township came into being on October 15, 1841, following a petition by 44 citizens of Brighton District: "To the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions & Common Pleas in and for Beaver County: The Petition of the subscribers, citizens of Brighton District Beaver County respectfully represents that the Legislature of the State some year since separated this "District" from Brighton Township as an election district in connection with Fallston, and afterwards into an independent "Election

now we are neither Township, Town or Borough, and in consequence labor under some inconveniences and disadvantages—among others—we are by the decision of the authorities at Harrisburg pronounced incapable of choosing and electing our Justices of the Peace—a privilege secured by the Constitution to the people of Towns, Townships and Boroughs—and which power we are desirous to enjoy with other of our fellow citizens—We your petitioners once before addressed ourselves to your Honors on this subject, but have never heard of any further action. We this session petitioned the Legislature upon the subject, but a “Standing Rule” prevented them from acting in our favor.

We therefore pray your Honors to erect our District (within our present boundaries’) into a “Township” to be known by the Stile and Title of -----Township, and as our elections for justices are held in the spring and as we wish to have the opportunity to elect a Justice, and as there will and can be no objection raised, having been for years separated from Brighton Township, we very respectfully and earnestly solicit your Honors to grant our prayer before the adjournment of the Court—and your Petitioners will ever pray. Hugh Woods, A. Robertson, J. K. Dean, Wm. Harrison, Charles H. Gould, Andrew Nelson, Robert Saddler, Sr., Horation M. Large, John Gibbons, Jacob Bauer, Robert Moffatt, John Robertson, Wm. Conklin, Wm. Platt, Sam. Kennedy, James C. Sims, John Baker, Ralph Delenz, Keron Mollay, James Patterson, Joseph Ross, Nathan Hillis, John K. Hoops, Thos. B. Wells, H. J. King, James M. Grier, Clark Hooker, Thos, Anderson, Daniel Loomis, Joseph Small, Wm. Clayton, Ira Ransom, Charles Alexander, Peter W. Mantle, Joseph Reeves, W. Alexander, John Montgomery, Elijah Moulton, Adam Keller, John Dilworth, Henry Sims, Jr., Robert Calhoon, John Boyles, Robert Partington.”



JAMES PATTERSON  
Early Settler - Patterson Township

April 13, 1841, the court appointed Francis Hoops, Elihu T. Pugh and Charles Lukens as commissioners to inquire into the propriety of granting the prayer of the petitioners. On the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May the commissioners made a favorable report with a draft of a township annexed to be called Patterson Township. The 15<sup>th</sup> of October, 1841, the court erected the township as described in the return of the commissioners by the name and style of Patterson Township. Thus when Patterson Township was formed it encompassed all the present land of the township plus what was later to be Patterson Heights Borough, Beaver Falls Borough and a small part of Fallston Borough.

The first piece of land removed from the township was what was known as the Borough of Beaver Falls. Before this time and after many of the industries in “Old Brighton” had remained idle for some time, Mr. James Patterson of Philadelphia (after whom Patterson Township is named) bought from a Mr. Ormsby 1300 acres in 1829. In that year Mr. Patterson brought his family and some machinery here and began to improve the property. He built a flour mill with the capacity of 200 barrels a day and a cotton factory which employed 35 people and yielded 3000 pounds of yarn per week.



Mr. Patterson did much by his various enterprises to revive trade in the whole region. Harris' Pittsburgh Business Directory for 1841 (the year Patterson was formed) gives the following business occupations for the people of Brighton:

Laborers – David Ames, Jeremiah Maid, Emory Maloy.

Millwright – James B. Angel

Paper makers – John Baker, James C. Fulton, James Roberts, H. Woods, Jessie Zeigler

Innkeepers – Luke Bland, Widow Sutliff

Blacksmiths – David Boiles, William J. King

Farmers – John Boiles, Robert McGaughey

Engineers – William Carter, Daniel Loomis

Carpenters – Robert Calhoun, Joseph Reeves

Calico printer – William Clayton

Clerks – J. K. Dean, C.H. Gould, William Harrison

Coal diggers – Charles Day, Nathan Dillon

Machinist – James M. Creig, James Wilson

Canal boat captain – George Hemphill

Tanner – John R. Hoopes

Foreman flouring mill – H. Huggins

Sign painter – Samuel Kennedy

Cabinet maker – Horation Large, Henry Sims, Sr., Henry Sims, Jr.

Forgeman – John Martin, James Richards

Tailors – Ephraim Martin, William Wallace

Brick maker – Robert Moffit

Teamsters – Joseph Mahaffee, John Murrell

Cooper – Peter W. Maltby

Foreman cotton factory – Andrew Nelson

Storekeeper and flour merchant – James Patterson

Shoemaker – William B. Platte

Wheat agent – Ira Ransom

Paper mill owner – Alexander (Archibald) Robertson

Soap manufacturer – Isaac Warren

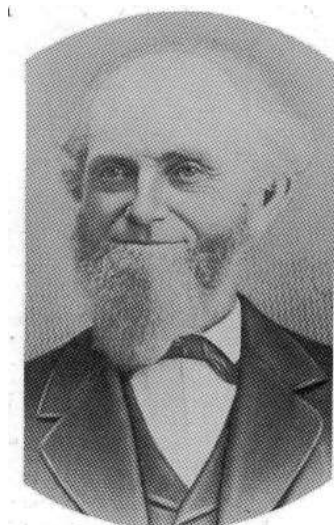
Saddler – David Whitle

During the ownership of the lands by James Patterson, a town had been plotted by him July 4, 1849, the plan of which was acknowledged before William Richardson, J.P., on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August. The names of the streets starting with the creek were Water, Front, and Second; those running at an angle of 45 degrees with the former were Tank, Main and Cedar; those at a right angle with the latter were Factory, Mill, Race, Mulberry, Linden and Oak.

In 1859 the Harmony Society, which held several mortgages on this property, purchased it at sheriff's sale for the sum of \$34,500, the deed being dated September 14<sup>th</sup> of that year. In 1866 the Society made a new survey of the town and greatly enlarged its limits, extending it along the Beaver Creek nearly three miles, and began

actively to carry on and to aid various manufacturing and other enterprises. The growth of the town in population and business became as a consequence very rapid. In 1868 it was felt by the citizens that they should have the advantages of borough incorporation.

On September 9, 1868, 140 freeholders of the Brighton District of Patterson Township petitioned the grand jury under the provisions of the act of April 3, 1851, asking that their district be incorporated as the Borough of Beaver Falls. On November 9, 1868, following the recommendation of the grand jury, a decree of the court was made granting the application. Later under the Harmony Society, Beaver Falls grew to be one of the most active manufacturing centers of Western Pennsylvania.



GEORGE M. McHATTIE  
Early Settler

The second land removed from Patterson was by act of the legislature #751 passed April 9, 1869, which added the farming land of George M. McHattie and Jesse Williams to the territory of the Borough of Fallston. This land would be the land south of Country Club Estates and the Old Patterson Township Airport to the bottom of what is now Fallston Hill and from the Beaver River west to the Brady's Run and north to the present township line. It is interesting that in 2012 a few of the residents of this area tried to get Fallston to merge with Patterson Township. A vote was taken by referendum on May 21, 2013, and the residents in Patterson voted 310-191 to merge, however, there was a council person in Fallston who campaigned against it and Fallston voted 76-25 against it and it did not pass.

After these divisions, the 1870 census of Patterson Township shows 74 residents. This left the township to be mostly a rural farming area with a number of truck farms. One of the most famous farms was the Wissner Farm with the homestead located where the present Fire Department building stands at Fourth Street and Darlington Road. The old coach road between Pittsburgh and Cleveland divided in Fallston, the eastern fork going along the narrows through the lower end of Beaver Falls and up Ross Hill (or Bridgeworks Hill, Ross Hill being named for the family whose farm was located along the hill) to Darlington Road at the Fire Station (4<sup>th</sup> Street) where it joined the western fork which went up Fallston Hill and Darlington Road. McHattie's Farm, which was across Darlington Road from the old airport, was a coach stop as was the old Wissner homestead.

James Patterson once lived in a house located about where Davidson Drive is now. There were in early days only a dozen houses along Darlington Road from the top of Fallston Hill to the top of Steffin Hill. The last three homes were the Corcoran home at 16<sup>th</sup> Street (now Cambridge Village assisted living), the Anderson home between Ninth Street and Eleventh Street (now condo housing) and the McHattie Farm between Fairway Drive and St. Andrews Drive (last one still standing). In the early 1900's there were still occasional cattle drives from Ohio to the Pittsburgh slaughter houses via Darlington Road by cowboys.

The third and final property removed from the Township of Patterson was upon a petition signed by 27 citizens of Patterson Heights, in the Township of Patterson, presented at the March sessions of county courts in 1899, asking that the village be incorporated into a borough. On June 19, 1899, the court presided over by J. Sharp Wilson decreed the incorporation of the "Borough of Patterson Heights." At this time this section of the township was the most populated (1900 census – 272) and the residents felt it unwise to distribute their tax dollars over the entire township as the "heights" area had the higher real estate values and the rest of the township mostly farm land. After the loss of this area, Riverview and Pleasantview areas east of Darlington Road became the most populated sections. Recently, Pleasantview, west of Darlington Road and south of 20th Street Extension and Country Club Estates area have been building up rapidly.



Up until 1921 Patterson Township was a second class township. In order to block further annexation of land and to improve their form of government, it was decided to go first class. The first Board of Commissioners was elected at the November, 1921, election. With a new set of township records being necessary, the old records were placed in a safe in the "Central

School." This was the meeting place of the Township Commissioners as there was no municipal building. When the Central School burned in November, 1922, all township records were destroyed. So a most valuable part of township history was lost.

During this time at least one president of the United States visited Patterson Township. On March 8, 1918, William H. Taft attended a dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred N. Beegle, at the Beegle estate, Heath Manor, which is now part of the Franciscan Manor assisted living facility.



President Taft

The first Board of Commissioners elected at the November, 1921, elections were:

- 4 year terms – L. C. Kennedy, president
  - Elmer Cole, second vice-president
  - D. T. Young
- 2 year terms – W. J. Snowden, first vice-president
  - Charles Casner
- First Road master – James Holt
- Second Road master – Thomas Corcoran
- Treasurer – J. Everett Rhodes
- Constable – H. W. Lockhart
- Solicitor – C. H. Kennedy

The first concerns of the new board were the starting of a fire department and the improvement of Darlington Road through the township. Therefore, at the April, 1923, election, a vote to borrow \$25,000 was approved by a vote of 133 for, 65 against. This bond was split into three parts: \$1,000 for land purchase for a township building, \$9,000 for payment of bills left from the old second class township and \$15,000 for improvement of Darlington Road. On Thursday, September 27, 1923, the first part of Darlington Road was opened to traffic from the Patterson Heights line to Fourth Street, a distance of about 1000 feet. This road was completed in 1925 by N. S. Morrison with township funds and help from the Beaver County Commissioners.

The fire department's first major equipment purchased by the township was a new fire truck from the American LaFrance Fire Engine Company for \$1,722 and a model "M" Sterling Electric Fire Alarm Siren for \$375. This equipment was kept at the K-Y Bus Garage at the North East side of Darlington Road and Fourth Street where Taylor's Pennzoil Service Station once stood.

From 1924 through 1927 water lines were laid in the township by the Beaver Valley Water Company and the Commissioners bought a lot at Eighth Street and Darlington Road for \$1,000 for a municipal building where the school now stands that would never be built.

The township commissioners started paying the firemen 50 cents per hour for actual work performed (now \$6.50 Hour) at township fires and has paid them ever since. It is interesting to note that the township millage in the mid 20's was 16 mills and a township commissioner was paid \$5 per month. (now \$1,875 year) The millage for 2016 is 16.25 mills.



PATTERSON HEIGHTS FIRE COMPANY, WOLFE HOUSE, AND NIPPERTS STORE - 1923  
(8th STREET AND DARLINGTON ROAD)

Starting in the mid 20's with two major fires in the township, the fire department worked in the community to solicit funds for equipment and a new building. In 1926 the fire department asked the commissioners for financial help to build their new building but the commissioners were in no shape financially to help, so the fire department went it alone. On Saturday, September 1, 1928, a parade and exercises marked the dedication of a handsome fire station in Patterson Township with a parade of fire trucks and equipment from Sewickley and West Bridgewater headed by the Col. Joseph H. Thompson Post Band. The parade traversed Darlington Road from Steffin Hill to the new fire hall. At the platform decorated with bunting and flags, the program opened with the Star Spangled Banner by the band after which Rev. J. Boyd Tweed presided as master of ceremonies. A pleasant feature of the program was an airplane swooping low over the building and



casting garden flowers over the crowd and building. A lawn fete and bingo were held on the lot that night, the building remaining open for inspection Sunday and Labor Day.

However, the happiness was short lived because the fire company went bankrupt and on June 22, 1931, all the real estate of the fire department was sold to Attorney Stewart McConnell of Beaver for \$6,505. Before the sale, all of the equipment was moved across the street to the K-Y Bus Garage as all



PATTERSON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT IN FRONT OF K-Y BUS GARAGE - 1925

equipment was the property of the Board of Commissioners. A special election was held to float a bond issue for \$12,000 to allow the township to reduce its notes and buy the fire building for a municipal building. The issue carried by 288 for and 161 against.

In December 1931, a new fire company organized by the township according to Ordinance #41 with the following applications received: Walter McGowan, Mont Tanner, John R. Thompson, Harry Merriman, Dan Bingle, Karl Graw, G. W. Steele, Journey McCool, R. H. Smith, Andrew Jones, Charles Porter, Edward Shaffer, William Myers, Homer Swaney, Otto Ubelacker, J. E. Rhodes, Irvin McBride, Curtis May, Frank Porter, J. M. Roberts, C. F. Casner, Howard Young, Ray Mineard, Wilfred Mischka, Ellis Jackson, Cliff Jones and Carl Schlotter. The following persons were suggested as officers:

- Charles Porter, chief
- John Thompson, assistant chief
- Charles Casner, captain
- Walter McGowan, lieutenant

Of course, in 1931 unemployment was a big concern in the township as was discussed many times by the commissioners. They decided to hold registration of all those in the township who wished to cut firewood in Brady's Run Park. With the winter coming it would be a way for many township residents to obtain fuel for their furnaces. The township truck was used and wood was delivered to the homes of those who cut it with 82 truckloads being hauled by March 1, 1932. In January, 1932, a bond issue was floated for \$12,000 to buy the fire building, a fire truck chassis, a used Buick car, 25 firemen's coats and six pair of rubber boots. However, no one bought the bond issue so Stewart P. McConnell bought \$7,000 worth of the bonds at a private sale and the township bought the equipment anyway. By May of 1932 things were so bad that the board talked of turning off all street lights as they could not pay the bill with a balance of \$15.52 in the treasury.

The early 1930's were lean years for Patterson Township and its residents. The public works project for the establishment of a sanitary sewer system was started by Ordinance #52, December, 1933. It was October of 1934 before the project got started and the commissioners were very concerned because of the original 17 men who

started work, five were not residents of the township and more than 80 township men were eligible to work. On April 2, 1936, the first sewer permit was issued in Patterson Township and on July 14, 1936, the sewer was tapped into the city of Beaver Falls. (Projected by W.P.A. – 60 jobs \$10,000) Township street lights were turned on October 1, 1936 – 40 lights.

On July 6, 1937, the firemen were given permission to use the municipal building one night a week for bingo in order to help the township purchase equipment and insurance. However, they had to pay \$1 for light and coal each night and provide the commissioners with a financial statement each year.



PATTERSON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN FRONT OF MUNICIPAL BUILDING - 1938

On November 2, 1937, a new Studebaker Chassis from Daquilla's in Beaver Falls was received for use as a fire truck.

As the 40's began, World War II also came and many township boys went off to war. A list of names will be found later in this book. On September 10, 1942, a community flag raising, sponsored by the Patterson Township Fire Department, was held. The program, with the invocation and benediction by the Rev. Remo Robb, had as its main speaker Dr. J. B. Tweed with songs by the Patterson Township School and solos by Mrs. Dora Carothers.

By 1944 an Honor Roll Committee was formed with L. C. Kennedy as general chairman. Members included Mrs. Homer Craven, Mrs. H. N. Bricker, Rev. Remo Robb, Albert Wissner, Wallace Barr, Harry Carlson, R. B. Webb and J. P. Davidson. A dedication



service for the first honor roll was held Thursday, June 15, 1944, with Homer H. Swaney as master of ceremonies. This honor roll, made of wood, lasted about 20 years. In fact, towards the end nothing remained but the main pillars.



In December of 1946, the Township Volunteer Firemen completed arrangement for sponsoring and organizing a band. This afforded an opportunity for many persons to continue their musical education after high school graduation. The band was very professional and added much to the many parades and programs



PATTERSON TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S BAND - 1953

throughout the Beaver Valley in its some 20 years of existence.

In the last 95 years, much has been done to better the community. A fulltime road department was formed and a new building for the department was built in 1963 on Third Street using the old stone quarry for storage of road materials.

With money raised by the township commissioners through donations, a new veteran's honor roll was dedicated in 1966 at a cost of \$4,800. David Keeton served as honor roll chairman and William Meier as treasurer. It was dedicated "In sincere tribute to the living and dead whose valiant efforts and unselfish sacrifices have made America great; and in special recognition of Louis C. Kennedy, chairman, Memorial Committee. More lasting than words...more glorious than praise...is our gratitude for their great unselfishness." A list of veterans is found at the end of this book. Soon after dedication, it was decided that a field piece was needed. The late Brig. Gen. Frank A. Weber found a 75mm Howitzer field piece in Texas and the township commissioners had it brought in and anchored in front of the flag pole at the honor roll site at School Street and Darlington Road. A rededication service was held in 1994 and the veterans from Vietnam and the Gulf War were added. This was in conjunction with Community Days and involved a parade as well.



The township fire department, with financial help from the township commissioners, enlarged and modernized the township municipal building in 1971. In 1972 the township bought 25 acres of land behind the Strub Plan and along Route 51 as recreational property for \$7,500 from Mr. Braun of Washington, D.C. Mrs. Frances Beegle then donated 25 acres of adjoining property to the township in memory of her son, John Ague Beegle. This property of 50 acres was developed by the township as a nature preserve and was designated by the Township Bicentennial Committee as a Bicentennial project. Proceeds from the sale of a 1976 history of the township went toward the purchase of a wild flower preserve in the park.

In December of 1973, because of a need for better police protection, a full time police force was formed with David Hayes as chief, William Livingston as Lt. and Kevin Morris, Chris Swagger and Gary Renkin as patrolmen. A list of all former members is found later in the book.

A new township office for the police department and the township secretary was moved into on November 1, 1976. The building was the former Bell Photo Lab, remodeled in 1976 and purchased May 1976 for \$14,000. It was located behind the old McCall's Printing building, off Darlington Road on Dixon Way.

The Patterson Township Bicentennial Commission was formed in 1975 and recognized by the U.S. American Revolution Bicentennial Administration. The official recognition and flag presentation ceremony was held at the Veteran's Honor Roll, School Street



DAVID KEETON, RIGHT, WATCHES AS DON THOMAS, TOWNSHIP BICENTENNIAL CHAIRMAN RAISES BICENTENNIAL FLAG OVER MAIN HIGHWAY.

and Darlington Road, on Sunday, November 2, 1975, at 2:30 p.m. The official flag and certificate was presented to David Keeton, chairman, Patterson Township Board of Commissioners, by Gen. Edward Sahli, chairman, Beaver County Bicentennial Commission. The program also consisted of a colonial firearms demonstration and Revolutionary War talk by Sgt. Richard Watkins and Jack Lasswell, a narration by Donald Flick, organ music by John Anderson and special music by the Riverview United Methodist Church choir. The Township Bicentennial Committee sponsored a rock concert/dance at the Patterson Township Municipal Building on Saturday, January 31, 1976, featuring the band "Leviticus." A Bicentennial Street Dance was held on Saturday, June 26, 1976, in the parking lot of the New Patterson Elementary School with Les Brown's Melodaires. The township fire department had their parade on Saturday during

carnival week and also used a Bicentennial theme. The Patterson Township Firemen's Ladies Auxiliary donated six gallons of paint used by the Bicentennial Committee and volunteers to paint all the fire hydrants in the township. The Bicentennial Committee also assisted in sponsoring a bicentennial musical entitled "I Love America" which was presented at the Riverview United Methodist Church by the combined choirs of the Marion Hill Christian Missionary Alliance Church and the Riverview United Methodist Church.

The township has changed over the last 40 years, turning more into a bedroom community. The Fire Department is smaller, as it is harder to get people to volunteer and is supported almost entirely by the Township Commissioners. The carnivals are gone as is the Firemen's Band. Fire Departments from Patterson Township and Patterson Heights are currently (2016) in the process of looking at a merger to see if they would be more efficient as one department.

Our two super markets, Temple's and Skyline, are gone as is our pharmacy, Hofelt's Cut Rate. Patterson once had four churches but now has three. There were also three full service gas stations but now there is one and it is a convenience store. Waite's had some of the best ice cream in Western Pennsylvania and it is gone. So today you are required to leave the township to purchase most things unless you can get them at our two convenience stores. The old Patterson school is now apartments; however we still have a primary school, part of the Blackhawk School District.



HOFELT'S CUT RATE - 1953

Before we go any further, I would like to backtrack to June of 1934 and insert an interesting story that happened in Patterson Township. When I was writing about President Taft visiting Heath Manor, the home of Mr. & Mrs. Clifford H. Beegle, it was

obvious that they must have been well known in the community and of some wealth. Three men, Richard Thomas, Ninth Avenue, Beaver Falls, believed by State Police to be the instigator of the scheme, Kenneth Weir of Geneva Hill, Beaver Falls and James



Heath Manor early photo

Harrington of Ninth Avenue, Beaver Falls, attempted to extort \$10,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Beegle. This was a good sum of money at the time. If you use inflation and look at \$10,000 from 1934 to 2016 that would be \$179,185 in today's dollars.

The Beegles received two threatening letters. The first on June 13 was addressed to Mrs. Beegle, but delivered to her husband, demanding \$10,000 and stating that harm would come to members of the family if the money was not paid. The letter, that was unsigned, directed Mr. Beegle to place an ad in the lost and found column of a Pittsburgh newspaper when he was ready to pay over the money in five and ten dollar bills.

State Police at Junction Park Barracks were notified and they enlisted the aid of Federal authorities as this came under Federal jurisdiction. A second letter was received by Mr. Beegle directing that the money should be left at the Rochester Office of Western Union for a Mr. L. K. Evans. Harrington called three times before a decoy package was delivered. Federal agents, state police and county detectives in plain clothes watched the office for three days before Harrington retrieved the package. He got into a car with Thomas and they drove away followed by the officers in another car. They were stopped just as they reached Bridgewater. In an article in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette it would seem that it was questioned if Weir was involved. Thomas ended up pleading guilty and served four years of a five-year sentence. He was sentenced in Federal Court in Erie by Judge R. M. Gibson. Thomas was an automobile salesman. It was discovered that Thomas had a long record having been jailed in Pittsfield, Mass; Canton, Ohio, Nevada; Columbus, Ohio and Eddyville, Ky.

This was not the end of Thomas's escapades. In 1946 he was a suspect in the kidnapping-killing of 6-year-old Suzanne Degnan in Chicago.



## Ross Hill: Unsafe at any speed

The remnants of Hurricane Frances swept through Patterson on September 8, 2004 and dropped 3.6 inches of rain, breaking a 116-year-old record for the most rainfall in a single day. A week later on September 17, Ivan upstaged Frances and pounded the region with 5.95 inches of rain. Only September 1945 saw more rain in our area.

Apparently motorists in Patterson didn't believe that Ross Hill Road needed to be closed, even though 175 feet of the hillside slid into the ravine after the massive rains.



Concrete Jersey barriers were placed at each end of the slide with a road closed sign; however, Police Chief Bill Livingston was still chasing motorists that would drive around them. It is estimated that at least 100 cars drove up the hillside to get around the barriers. The Township applied for Federal funds from FEMA, and they were forthcoming until it

was discovered that Ross Hill during World War II was designated a Federal Connector and therefore not eligible for FEMA funds. So the Township would need to have Congress approve an allocation for repairs. The money was not forthcoming so Patterson borrowed \$616,000 in 2005 from the state to fill in a portion of the hillside and build a massive support wall. Then the road was repaved. The road program would take a hit for a few years as the road monies would be used to pay on the loan until some of the borrowed monies were repaid by the Federal Government.



The first Township Office on Dixon Way was closed and a new Municipal Complex housing the Police Department, Township offices, Tax Collector's office and Commissioners Meeting Room opened to the public with an open house on April 25, 2009, at 1600 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the remodeled Skyline Market building.



In 1996, the Township Commissioners honored former prominent citizens by naming local roads after them. The road department had a Geneva College student intern, a general engineering major, and he discovered a number of roads that had never been named so the Commissioners turned to history and named them after former township citizens. The people chosen were important to the township since the township was incorporated. The roads and their names are as follows:

Porter Avenue was named for Charles Porter, the second and longest serving fire chief who served for over 50 years as Chief.

Chiodo Avenue is named for former Board of Commissioners Chairman Russell Chiodo who at the time, the longest continuously serving Township Commissioner.

Paxton Avenue was named for Scottie Paxton, a long-serving township constable. Before the township had its own law enforcement "he was the law" for more years than anyone can remember.

Kennedy Avenue was named for L.C. "Lou" Kennedy who was the first fire chief and also the chairman of the first Board of Township Commissioners.

Keeton Avenue is named for David Keeton, a former commissioner and board chairman who spearheaded the development of the township's road department.

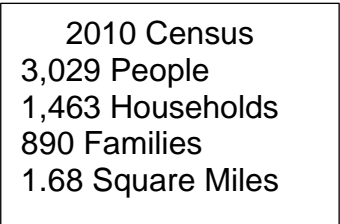
Meier Avenue is named for former commissioner Bill Meier who was a charter member of the reorganized fire department and served for over 65 years.

McHattie Avenue is named for George McHattie, an early township settler and owner of Alum Rock Farm. The white brick farmhouse still stands near the top of Fallston hill. Patterson Township has honored other early township settlers with road names. The others are Patterson and Wisner.



Alum Rock Farm

As the sign entering Patterson Township says, we are “A Safe Family Community.” We truly are. Many of the residents have lived here all of their lives and have found it to be a wonderful place to live and raise a family. In fact two of the present Township Commissioners were born and raised here, went to school here and still live here, both over 70 years. Also Donald Bradow at the end of this term will have served 38 consecutive years as a Township Commissioner.





## **PATTERSON TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS**

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Education has always been important in our district. During the years, there have been seven different schools. The first settlers, mostly Quakers, had as one of their aims a good educational system. In 1806 the first school, an old log hut, was taught by two Quaker ladies – Mary Reeves and Mary Townsend. It was located in Beaver Falls, near the site of the then Patterson block.

In 1834 the Pennsylvania Free Public School Law was signed by Gov. Wolf. This required the establishment of a school in every community and an elected school board. Some objectionable features had to be removed. So, no school was built until 1836. Then a two-room, red brick school was erected on land owned by James Patterson at Seventh Avenue and Eighth Street, Beaver Falls. This “little red schoolhouse” was first used in September, 1837.

Why do we mention this school, because the hilltop was then part of Brighton which included all the land to the Beaver River. Thus the “little red schoolhouse” was the first free school in the district. The building was widely used for Sunday school and church services, a town hall, social events and a polling place.

In 1841, the school board sent a petition, signed by sixty men, to the state. This asked permission to form a separate district from “Old Brighton.” Permission was granted and Patterson Township was formed.

The first building erected by the township was built near the end of Fourth Street, in Riverview. It was a neat frame structure capable of caring for a large number of pupils. Reading, writing and arithmetic were the only subjects taught. Attendance was not compulsory. However, this building was in the Brighton District of the township and when the area officially became Beaver Falls in 1868 the school was lost to the district. The exact year is unknown, but sometime before 1886, the first school in Patterson Township was built. It was a one-room wooden building located near the corner of Eleventh Street and Darlington Road. Heat was provided by a pot-bellied stove. A Miss Cooper was one of the early teachers. Then in 1888 a room was added to the rear. This 20 x 28 foot room was in use by 1890. Land had been owned by Alex Graham.



The first recorded teacher's name was Mrs. Mary Calhoon in 1886. In 1888, Maggie Cook and Mary Frem were teachers. The salary was \$30 a month. In 1894 the salary was raised to \$35 a month for an eight-month term.



In June, 1895, the board voted to build a new two-story, yellow brick school with four rooms on Darlington Road, across from the Reformed Presbyterian Church. Lots were bought from James P. Speer and wife, who were from Allegheny County, for the sum of \$180. The board planned to use local workmen, unless they charged more than outsiders. Mr. Goehring was the successful bidder.

The school term was only seven months. Two teachers, Miss Edna Cleis and Miss Blanch Fisher, were paid \$35 monthly and the principal, Mr. Engles, earned \$40 monthly. In 1897 a truant officer was hired for \$40 monthly. That year "A National Encyclopedia" was bought for \$57.

An interesting notation came from the year 1896. Two janitors were hired. The man received \$8 monthly and the woman \$2 monthly.

After Patterson Heights Borough was formed in 1899 from Patterson Township there was need of a school. In September both boards signed a contract to rent a room in the brick school to the Heights for \$15 a month. Night school was given a month's trial but failed. Attendance was too poor.

After much heated discussion, in 1905 the Berkley system of grading was adopted. By 1911 the school term was extended to eight months.

From the records of the PRIMARY SCHOOL, PATTERSON TOWNSHIP TERM: SEPTEMBER 1, 1909 TO APRIL 8, 1910

Grace Cornelius – Teacher

A GRADE: Elizabeth Belke, Gladys McGowan, Ella Patterson, Herbert Schwenk, Tennings Beck, Lysle McGowan, Charles Porter and Grace Young.

B GRADE: Mary Caler, Jessie Galton, Mabel Hocason, Lawrence Hamilton, Thelma Kennedy, George Miller, Millie Milnes, Harry Patterson, Elma Renouf, George Carlson, Bernie Grove, Lester Hamilton, Leo Joy, Mary McCullough, John Miller, Patrick McQuillan, James Potts and Willie Wissner

C GRADE: John Belke, Fern Ewing, Albert Kittner, James Patterson, Earl Ewing, Ruth Hamilton, Mary Miller, John Peterman and John Watson.



SCHOOL BOARD: Charles Young, George Grove, Thomas Carlton, Arnold Meckelburg, George Beardshall and Fred Smith.

Things happened in 1912. Outhouses were padlocked and schools were locked, a watchman was hired for Halloween Eve and a gas pipe was installed in a lower room of the brick building.

The year 1914 produced interesting news. The teachers were told to spend 5 ½ hours a day in school. Why? In July of that year Miss Cornelius was considered so well qualified that the board recommended that she receive a permanent state certificate. Some eager pupils were coming to school too early. They were ordered not to arrive before 8:30 a.m.

In 1915 the township had a new tax collector, J.E. Rhodes. The next year a girder was placed in a lower room of the brick school. Also, a new room was opened in the small building. The Evangelical Church was granted permission to use this building for Sabbath School. Lacking city water, a one hundred barrel cistern was built by L.C. Kennedy for the school. Then came Halloween and overturned outhouses. Mr. Rhodes, as constable, was instructed to collect \$6.58 damages from the boys implicated.

The year 1918 produced some noteworthy events. The library was taken over as school property with the principal in charge. He must also conduct weekly fire drills. All unvaccinated children were ordered to be vaccinated in three days or they could not attend school. Then came the “flu” epidemic and school was closed for 33 days. The teachers were paid half-time for those days.

In 1921 the Central Building was wired for electricity. A new modern building was needed. A special election was called in June for approval of a \$25,000 bond issue. In August the bid of H.R. Finney was accepted for the new school. Lots were bought from George B. and Paulena Erwin for \$1,250.

Pleasantview residents were unhappy about the distance the children had to walk. A special agreement was made with L.C. Kennedy, owner of the bus line, for transportation.

When the new school was to be built, Riverview Evangelical Church offered to buy the old school for \$300 and set it on a foundation so it could be used as a school room until the new building was ready. The lot it was on was needed for the new school. So the old school was



moved across the Glenn Inman property to the corner of Highland Avenue and Eleventh Street. Many church meetings were held there. It became the polling place for the township for many years. It was known as the "Community Building" and many happy events were held there.

Plans were going very well, but suddenly there was tragedy. On November 27, 1922, the yellow brick central school and everything in it burned to the ground. The loss was about \$28,000. That night it became the headline of the Beaver Falls Tribune.

School had started as usual at 9:50; one of the boys sounded the alarm. The children thought it was another fire drill until they reached the halls. But they knew what to do and all got out in good order. Many lost their coats, even though some of the boys made two trips back in to save them. It was reported that Wade Miller had a burn on his hand when he saved the teacher's coat and purse.

The building was as safe from fire as it was possible to make it. The cause of the blaze can only be conjectured, but it is thought that someone had thrown paper into one of the heating registers. The janitor was exonerated of any blame.

Some were hoping the walls might be saved, but after the heat died down huge cracks and fissures opened up. As it was near Darlington Road, it was declared dangerous and the walls were torn down. It was claimed that a rabbit was found dead on the opposite side of the road, apparently it had been hit on the head by a flying brick.

Another act of heroism was performed by Cy Porter who went back in to get a friend, Willard Steffen, who had been unable to leave with the others. Firemen were unable to save the building as they were newly organized and had not yet obtained the necessary equipment. Children attended half-day sessions at the Bible classroom of the Reformed Presbyterian Church and in the basement of the Riverview Evangelical Church. New books were ordered. Beaver Falls and Beaver helped by furnishing used desks and seats.

Mr. H. Curtis Elder became principal on November 15, 1923, after the previous principal resigned following a charge of incompetence. Much credit is due Mr. Elder for the progress he promoted in the school.

On December 1, 1923, the new building was dedicated. Rev. Meloy opened the program with the invocation followed by the dedicatory address given by D.C. Locke, the county superintendent. The main speaker was the Rev. J. Boyd Tweed. From Pittsburgh came Mr. Robinson representing the Independent Order of Americans. They presented an American flag to the school. Mr. Carlson accepted the flag on behalf of the school board. The local firing squad for the Order gave the salute. The Fife and Drum Corps from Bridgewater played the National Anthem. Others participating were the contractor, Mr. Finney; Mr. Eicher from Harrisburg who commented on the fireproof halls and stairways; and Mr. Dasner and Miss McHattie from the board. It was a day to remember.

Back in early 1924 there was no phone in the building. This was discussed and considered to be unnecessary. But later that year a phone was installed. This same year Rev. Barr was given permission to hold religious instruction for all children for a half-hour a week in the Evangelical Church.

On October 26, 1924, "Flag Exercises" were held. A new flag was flown from a new pole. The program opened with prayer by Rev. Meloy followed by speakers Mr. Loughner and Rev. Schull and special music by Mr. Sylvester and Sidney Anderton. The children sang the National Anthem and America. The flag was presented by twelve Klu Klux Klan members in full regalia.

A really great improvement was the construction of the concrete steps and walk from Darlington Road to the building entrance and yard grading and terracing. In later years more cement was laid in front of the building. Fire escapes had to be built in 1925 and were used until new hallways were built at the south end of the building. For several years the birds used them for nesting, much to the delight of the children. This same year the board secured the lot next to the school for recreation. It was bought from Mr. B.B. Todd for \$2,400.

During the first two years that Mr. Elder was principal there were several innovations such as art exhibitions and eighth grade graduation exercises. Patterson Township School led all the other rural schools in health work. As a reward and incentive for future good work the Red Cross Tubercular Association gave the school a fine set of scales.

Space was needed for the children who attended the burned building. In January 1923 the architect, Mr. Eckles, had suggested a four-room addition to the new building, but no plans were made until late in 1925. Then in June 1926 Mr. Finney was the successful bidder for the addition which was constructed on the north end of the original building for \$18,681.



At the June, 1926, graduation exercise prizes of \$2.50 in gold were awarded to six pupils who had the highest grades in each grade. The idea was to inspire good scholarship in the following years. Prizes were donated. In April of the same year the school board passed a motion that "all married women, whose husbands are able to support them, shall not have a position as instructor in the Patterson Township School." This rule was enforced for many years.

In May, 1927, commencement was held in the Evangelical Church. Dr. Blaisshell of Slippery Rock State Normal School was the speaker. Seventeen received diplomas and certificates for high school. The valedictorian, Ethel Dewhirst, gave an oration and received a \$5 gold piece. Clifford Snowden was second and received \$2.50 in gold.

Clarence Horner also played a piano solo. When September arrived the first grade was overcrowded. Miss Audrey Pardoe was hired as art teacher for one day a week to comply with the new state law.

The new addition provided a fine auditorium and gym for entertainment and games. In May, 1928, the seventh and eighth grades presented the first play. It was performed on two nights and was called "Twilight Alley." Miss Isabel Houk directed the musical numbers. Mr. Karl Grau was in charge of stage setting and makeup for the characters.

For several years plays, operettas, cantatas, minstrels and pageants were presented and well received and well attended. Upper classes and the Dramatic Club prepared these entertainments. Sometimes the whole school was involved, especially at Christmas when younger children were needed.

In February, 1928, the diphtheria Toxin Anti-toxin was authorized. Forty students were inoculated.

Since State Route 51 (Darlington Road) passed the school it brought about safety problems. Traffic was heavy and there were no sidewalks. It was necessary to walk single file facing traffic. Often pupils had to step off the road onto a rough or muddy berm to let traffic pass. On account of this danger, Mr. Damaska, the janitor, was elected patrolman for before and after school. In November a new Kimball piano was bought with the help of the P.T.A.

It was Easter Monday, April 1, 1929, and a very windy morning. That wind came in violent gusts. Some of the little children had brought some of their Easter candy to share with friends and teachers. Among these was a first grade honor pupil, Naomi Mallick, who remembered a family friend, Mr. Damaska the janitor. She was a very happy, sparkling little girl that morning, but not for long.

Since toilet rooms were still outdoors, it was necessary to allow children outside for recess. That morning first and second grades were still playing in front of the school building when a violent gust of wind tore off a coping stone at the rear and carried stones, bricks, dust and some roofing across the roof and dropped it all on the children at play. Over fifty children were outside so it was a miracle that only one was hurt. But seven year old Naomi was knocked down when she was hit on the head by a brick. An eighth grade boy saw it all from upstairs, rushed down and carried her inside. But Naomi was unconscious and never revived despite emergency measures. She died that afternoon. After the accident school was dismissed but no one went out the front entrance. The tragedy brought sorrow not only to Naomi's family but to the entire school.

In May, 29 eighth graders graduated. That year the P.T.A. gave the first annual banquet for the graduates, faculty and board members. The event was held in the community house followed by commencement in the new auditorium.

When the County School Year Book was published that spring the pictures of two eighth grade boys appeared with a writeup for each. Thomas Bricker had won first honors for scholarship and was recognized for several other activities. John Grau held second honors and also placed among the highest scores in the county. Later he became a local physician with a large practice until his death in August, 1975.

In 1930, departmental teaching began in the four upper grades. This paved the way for the same system in Junior High. The addition of six rooms at the south end of the building was finished in December, 1932, at a cost of \$25,000. Then the Junior High dream became a reality of which everyone was proud. The first ninth graders graduated in May, 1933.

In September, Mr. Sharrer presented a bronze tablet to the school board. It was placed in the entrance hall to the Junior High. It contained the names of the board members: Karl Grau, Fred Means, Hazen McCall, H. N. Bricker and Curtis Marlett; H. Curtis Elder principal, Carlisle and Sharrer the builders.

During these years the school had a large enrollment, especially in the lower grades. In 1931 there were 359 pupils including 66 first graders. It was common for a teacher to have a class of 40 to 45 or more. Now a primary teacher is allowed only about one half of that number.

A most appreciated improvement was the installation of inside toilets in January, 1934. As it was necessary for basketball games, shower rooms were installed in 1942. Four years later the gym was refurbished.

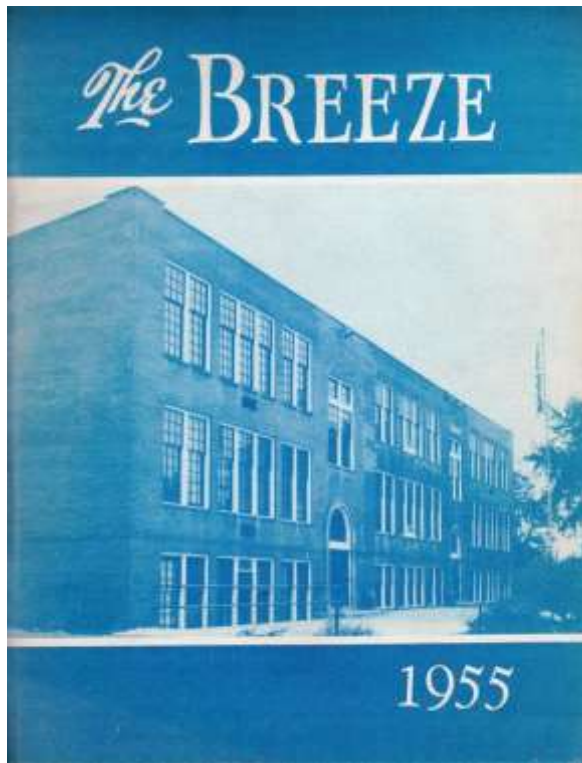
The Home Economics and Manual Training rooms were considered among the best in the county. The communications system was tops as there were radio connections from the office to every room in Junior High. There were fine films and movies with our own projector system and a competitive sports program.

Many social events brightened the scene, such as the big year-end picnics with long lines waiting to be served at the playground. Every family helped with food or money. The food was so good, some youngsters from Beaver Falls got wise and took the bus to the grounds for free food. After several years they were moved to Brady's Run Park.

The Junior High clubs had good times. So did the teachers, especially when Mr. Elder went hunting and brought home a deer. Then there was a "Pioneer Dinner" with all sorts of good old-fashioned food to go with the venison. Everyone helped and all had a good time.

"The Pattersonian," a quarterly newspaper, first appeared in March, 1929, under the guidance of Miss Adella Lawson. George Grau was Editor-in-Chief and Thomas Bricker and William Schmidt, assistants. Reporters collected news from all grades – games, special events and "personals." It cost only two cents a copy and was mimeographed. In the war years it had to be printed because the list of service men was so long.





The first yearbook of the graduating class appeared in 1947 and was called "The Breeze." This was the name of the yearbook until there was no longer a Patterson School District.

Depression years were hard as money was scarce and supplies were limited to necessities. Twice teachers' salaries were reduced but Patterson teachers were more fortunate than many others. They never failed to receive their salaries, even if money had to be borrowed.

Throughout the years there was an active P.T.A. It was one of the earliest organized in the county. Mrs. Horner was the first president and this group contributed much to the school. They served the annual banquet to the graduating class, faculty and board members. They helped at picnics and other

school events. When a piano was purchased they gave financial aid. Pictures were bought for the classrooms. With the help of room mothers they gave Christmas treats and room parties. They sponsored several community projects.

Of all the things they did to raise money, the most enjoyable were the dinners they served from the Home Economics room. We remember well the chicken dinners and homemade pies. Also we remember the smell of the chicken cooking and coming up into our classrooms during school. The dinners took a lot of work but were very well attended. There were many fine speakers and programs at their meetings. For years Room Mothers made lovely invitations for the parents and prizes were given to the rooms for parent attendance at meetings.



PATTERSON TOWNSHIP JUNIOR HIGH BAND - 1940

Recently, (2016) much publicity has been given to standardize tests. Soon after Mr. Elder came to the school he began achievement teaching. The real purpose was to check class progress from year to year and to compare with national standards. Of course, individual scores were important, but I don't remember the emphasis that seems to be placed on today's scores.

Most of the time, the school had a band and/or orchestra and usually a chorus. For

28 years the third grade had a tonette or flutophone band. The instructor was Miss Annie Baker and I am sure all of the older students of Patterson remember her, the funny hats and Miss Baker. She was a legend in her own time. By fingering the instrument we learned to read music. They always gave a concert for the P.T.A. every spring before a large and enthusiastic audience of parents. Any of us who graduated from Patterson remember this well.



Robert Stinson was obtained for year-end programs as the school gymnasium was no longer satisfactory or large enough. Caps and gowns were worn for commencement from ninth grade.

In June, 1947, Mr. Elder resigned to become Assistant County Superintendent. He was replaced by Mr. Robert Stinson who likewise deserves much credit for progress in a well-organized and well-disciplined school. He was principal until his retirement in 1960. During these years improvements included better lighting both inside and out and new steps and walks to the rear of the building. Both teachers and pupils had the latest and best teaching equipment including TV lessons. The Beaver Falls Carnegie Library Auditorium

In 1956 attendance had become so large that more room was needed. So the Temple Super Market storeroom was rented and Miss Baker's third grade moved in. The 23 pupils had a great time that year. Other classes also used this room for a few years.

Plans for a new gym were dropped when plans for a jointure to consolidate with Chippewa Township became a reality. This jointure was authorized in June, 1952, and established a new Junior High School to be built in Chippewa Township. In a contest, two students submitted the winning name for the new district and each won half of the \$15 prize offered. Thus the district became Highland Suburban Jointure in 1953. In April 1961, Patterson Heights and West Mayfield were accepted into the jointure.

Dr. Charles G. Groff was the first Supervising Principal of Highland Suburban Jointure followed by Mr. Thomas Shupe. Mr. Stinson became Elementary Supervisor with his office in Chippewa. After his retirement, Mr. Edmund Truter became Elementary Supervisor. Many of these folks would become leaders in the Blackhawk School District when it was formed.

In 1938 the first of several lots was bought from Wm. H. and Nettie Wissner and Wm. F. and Josephine Wissner. Other lots from the same plot of land were bought in 1940. This gave the school a good playground for many years. Then more of this land was secured in 1968. Located between Seventh and Eighth Streets on Darlington Road, these lots became the site of the New Patterson Township School in 1969. This was the second new school for the district, as the Highland Junior High was occupied in 1959 and the new Blackhawk Senior High was opened in 1973 when we all became the Blackhawk School District. Before this, once you graduated from Junior High you had to make a choice where you wanted to go. Most students went to Beaver Falls but a few went to either New Brighton or Beaver as tuition students.

There had been some vandalism at the schools. The worst vandalism occurred when the old school was set on fire at 7:30 p.m., July 15, 1972, during carnival week. Luckily the fire was soon put out but damages amounted to \$13,869. The building was repaired but it was not many years after this that the building was closed and sold. It was re-fitted into an apartment building.

The year 1942 brought World War II and many problems, especially practice for air raids. Luckily there were no real air raids, but even the practice drills frightened some of the children so badly they became ill. After the war and with the opening of the Cold War many of us had to learn to hide under our desks in case of a nuclear attack. Other war efforts included buying victory stamps at the school stamp bank. Some of the children had "Victory Gardens." The Defense Group was permitted to erect an Honor Roll at the north end of the school lot.

In 1916 two bells were ordered, probably one for each school. The one in the old brick school was damaged in the fire. The other must have been on the old frame building and was probably taken to the new Central building. This must have been the one that in February, 1925, was so badly damaged by frost and cold weather that the top of the bell snapped off, causing it to fall. Repairs were impossible so a new bell was ordered. A bell was considered a necessity. This bell was 24 inches across and weighed 250 pounds. The bell was used for many years and is now a Township treasure. It is mounted on the new Honor Roll at School Street and Darlington Road though few people probably know where it came from.

For many years coal was used for heating. In 1894, \$29.50 was paid for 425 bushels of coal. The price rose from seven cents a bushel to 11 cents in 1914. The board advertised for bids on 120 ton in 1953.

In 1886 teachers' salaries were \$30 a month for a seven month term. Eight years later they were paid \$35 a month for eight months. In another ten years wages were \$37.50 a month. The principal received \$45 monthly. By 1921 they varied from \$85 to \$100 a month and in 1928 were \$105 to \$130 a month. Depression years saw salaries cut twice. Occasionally bonuses were given. By 1950 wages ranged from \$2000 to \$2800 a year. State law required yearly increments to a certain point. Today's beginning teacher starts out on a salary around \$48,000 a year. Of course, more college education is required of teachers.

The millage is of concern to all taxpayers. From 10 mills in 1886, it has been rising ever since. In 1921 the rate was 15 mills plus \$3 per capita tax. Six years later the rate was 28 mills plus \$4 per capita tax. During depression years the millage was 18 mills but was back to 28 mills plus \$5 per capita tax in 1948. In two years the per capita was the same but millage was up to 30. New buildings and higher salaries have always caused sharp raises.

The district changed from mostly farm land to a suburban residential area with a few stores. In olden days the stagecoach traveled Darlington Road and made at least one stop at Fourth Street. Now school buses travel all the roads and they too stop at Fourth Street. Parents did not always want their children to attend school. In September, 1905, the school board sent 100 notices to parents for keeping children at home illegally. There were also other occasions when notices had to be sent for the same reason.

Times have changed and there is no longer a Patterson Township School District, but parents still have a great influence over their children and their personal interest is important to them. Mothers and fathers still want a good education for their children and now they go to the Blackhawk School District. The Blackhawk School District is a large district of 57 square miles made up of eight municipalities with an enrollment of about 2,500 students. Since this is a history of Patterson Township we will not be going into the history of the Blackhawk School District in this endeavor.

## **CHURCHES OF PATTERSON TOWNSHIP**

### **REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

The First Reformed Church, Patterson Township, was started as a mission Sabbath School in 1892 by the First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Beaver Falls, under the leadership of Dr. Robert James George.

A short time after Dr. George left, on October 28, 1892, 58 members of the congregation took their certificates and organized the Geneva Congregation on College Hill.

First Beaver Falls R.P. Church continued its work without the aid of a minister until Dr. William Melancthon Glasgow accepted its call and became its second pastor October 11, 1893. Dr. Glasgow was an excellent speaker and a gifted historian. He wrote, among other things, the *History of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in America*, better known as Glasgow's History.

The congregation got its charter one year after Dr. Glasgow became pastor. Under his leadership the records show the mission in Patterson Township was flourishing with an attendance of 103 in 1894. The work looked so encouraging there that the church set up a fund for buying a lot and erecting a place of worship. In 1894 the church bought a piece of land in Patterson and built a chapel on it during the same year.



The congregation's hopes of dedicating the chapel were dashed to pieces the night before the dedication service. At 6:30 p.m., December 24, 1894, the Dawsons, who lived next to the chapel, noticed flames shooting from the new structure.



There was no fire department in the area then, so the people formed a bucket brigade hoping to control the fire. As the alarm spread and the neighbors hurried through the snow to the scene, they saw that the fire was out of control. All they could do was to join the others as they tried to save the Dawson house next door by throwing snowballs against the side. Their work was successful in saving the house, but the new \$1,450 chapel was in ashes and a piece of the pulpit was the only thing that they were able to save. They rebuilt the chapel the following year. Dr. Glasgow accepted a call on October 10, 1899, to another pulpit. Dr. John Slater Thompson became the third pastor January 4, 1901, and served the congregation until June 5, 1911. The congregation then carried the work for almost two and a half years until Dr. James Boyd Tweed became its fourth pastor October 28, 1913. Dr. Tweed resigned October 26, 1926, to become a full-time professor of Bible at Geneva College.



Because of the missionary work of the Sabbath School, most of the church members were in Patterson Township. This was one reason why the congregation thought it best to move the congregation to the hill. Another was that they thought it wiser to maintain just one church building. The congregation sold the church in Beaver Falls to the St. Ladislaus Roman Catholic Church for \$20,000 in 1924, and then made the chapel in Patterson Township the main church.

Dr. Tweed's successor was Dr. Donald Bruce Martin who began his duties February 25, 1929, and served the congregation faithfully until February 5, 1939. On August 7, 1939, Dr. Remo Irwin Robb became under shepherd of the congregation. His service ended August 31, 1946. Dr. D. Howard Elliott became the pastor April 4, 1947, followed by the



Rev. David Armstrong on December 1, 1965 then Dr. Lester E. Kilpatrick, became under shepherd of the congregation June 9, 1971 to 1980, 1981 to 1987 Rev. Robert Fullerton then 1987 to 1989 was Rev. Charles Sterrett, from 1989 to 1992 Rev. Doug Comin, 1992 to 1996 Rev. John Tweed, then Rev. Keith Black.

The left side of the new building is where the old church stood. The right side is where the Iden home stood that was moved to 5th Street. You will see a photo of moving the house later in the book.



1997-2004. Geneva R.P. Congregation merged with 1<sup>st</sup> R.P. and Rev. Bruce Brackensto became Co-Pastor. All worship started in Patterson Twp. in July of 2005. Rev. Black accepted another call and Rev. Brackensto continued until his retirement. There were two men installed as associate pastors, Matt Filbert and Tim McClain at this time. Rev. Steven Miller followed Rev. Brackensto but had to resign after two years because of ill health.

## **FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD**

Organized in the early 1920s as First Pentecostal Church and later changed to First Assembly of God, the church's first services were held in homes of interested persons under the direction of members of Assembly of God at New Castle. Later, services were conducted in the storeroom at Eighth Avenue and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Beaver Falls.

In 1927, under the direction of the Rev. Edward Jones, property at Ninth Avenue and 27<sup>th</sup> Street was purchased and a church building was erected.

The original mortgage on the structure was burned in 1942 and in the early 1950s, under the direction of the Rev. Edwin Stevenson, the church was extensively remodeled.

In the fall of 1959, Calvary Assembly of God, earlier known as First Romanian Pentecostal Church, was merged with First Assembly of God.

The Romanian congregation had organized in the 1930s and until a church was built at the corner of 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 25<sup>th</sup> Street had worshipped Sunday afternoons at First Assembly of God Church. The Romanian Church structure was sold after the merger. Pastors most recently serving that congregation were the Rev. John Morar and the Rev. Chester Wesner.



In 1965, under the leadership of the Rev. Gene Kummerer, a three-acre lot at 1300 Darlington Road was purchased. On March 26, 1972 under the leadership and labor of Rev. Park Benner, a new sanctuary was dedicated. A new educational wing was added under the pastorate of the Rev. Kenneth Choflet and dedicated June 21, 1981.

First Assembly of God is affiliated with General Council of Assemblies of God, Springfield, Missouri, and pastors serving the local congregation through the years are:

Edward Jones, Glenn Jones, Everett Phillips, M. R. Searles, Orla C Budge, Oran Catterson, Richard Yunkers, Norman A. Barth, L. A. Hill, L. T. Stewart, Edwin Stevenson, Forest T. Nelson, Gene Kummerer, Park Benner, Thomas Cline, Kenneth Choflet, Joseph Cooper, LaVerne Clute, Craig P. Thomas and Rev. Paul Poole. The big farm house behind the church was removed in 2016 to make room for youth activities.

## **WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH**

In August, 1941, during a meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the Rochester Wesleyan Methodist Church, it was determined that something needed to be done to make an outreach into surrounding communities by the Home Missions Department.

The matter was discussed and interest finally settled in an area "on the hill" better known as the Riverview area. If a meeting could be arranged in the area, Mr. John Rambo offered to purchase a tent. The meeting was arranged, the tent was purchased and a lot was rented on the corner of West 8<sup>th</sup> Street and 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue. A meeting was conducted by three ministers of the area: Rev. John Rambo, Rev. T. O. McCracken and Rev. Kenneth Brannon. The Rochester Church cooperated in the effort and the result was the beginnings of the Riverview Wesleyan Methodist Church.

A building was rented on Darlington Road and was operated as a "mission" out of the Rochester Church from 1941 until 1945. A highlight of the period is noted that on Rally Day 1942, 100 persons were present for the mission services.

In October, 1945, a lot was purchased on West 8<sup>th</sup> Street and on April 7, 1946, the congregation moved into a building constructed on the newly acquired property. On April 28, 1946, the congregation organized as a church, thereby breaking ties with the Rochester Church.

The congregation has continued to operate as a church organization since April, 1946. In November, 1976, a joint resolution was presented to the Allegheny Wesleyan Methodist Connection (original Allegheny Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America) to merge into one congregation the Riverview Church and the Vanport Church. Plans were made to sell the Riverview property and the Vanport property and relocate the merged congregations to Chippewa. The building is no longer a church.

The pastors that served the Riverview Wesleyan Methodist Church when it was in the Township are as follows:

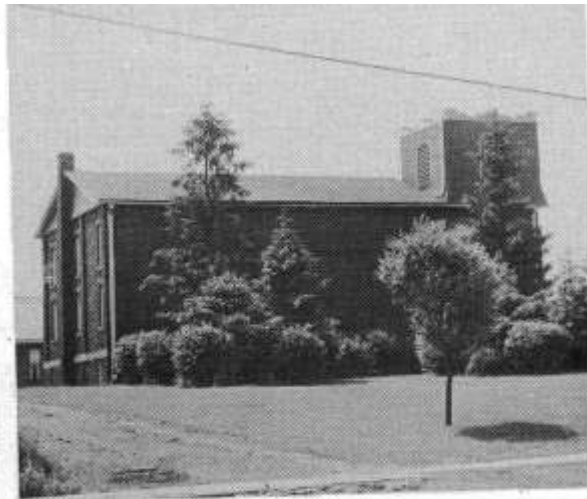
Opal Oman	1942 – 1943	Elizabeth Pew	1957 – 1965
Harry Reed	1943 – 1944	Frank Klassen	1965 – 1969
Dale Brannon	1944 – 1945	Robert England	1969 – 1972
Kenneth Brannon	1945 – 1948	Glenn Dotson	1972 – 1974
John Rambo	1948 – 1949	Robert Zurcher	1974 – 1975
Evangeline Dunkerly	1949 – 1954	Richard Thomas	1975 –
William Shank	1954 – 1957		

## RIVERVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Riverview United Methodist Church had its inception on March 30, 1919. A number of forward-looking members of the Immanuel Evangelical Church of Beaver Falls and some of the people of Patterson Township and Patterson Heights, under the leadership of Rev. Ludwig Mayer, organized a Sabbath afternoon Bible School. The Riverview School Building, known as the "Frame School" located about one block south of the junction of Darlington Road and School Street, was used. The meeting was called to order at 2:45 p.m. by Charles T. Smith, superintendent of the Beaver Falls Sunday School. The total attendance was about 80, comfortably filling the schoolroom, which had a capacity of 100. The offering amounted to \$3.77.

On May 4, 1919, the first staff of regular officers was elected to serve until April 1, 1920. They were as follows:

John Klein, Superintendent  
Clarence Richwine, Assistant Superintendent  
William Klein, Jr., Secretary  
Conrad Moegerle, Treasurer  
Raymond Stokes and Philip Nippert, Jr., Librarians  
Mildred Hocanson, Organist



SITE OF RIVERVIEW EVANGELICAL UNITED  
BRETHEN CHURCH WHERE PRESENT RIVERVIEW  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STANDS.

Mrs. Bucher was hired for \$2.50 per month to sweep and dust the schoolroom.

At a special congregational meeting of the Immanuel Evangelical Church on September 23, 1919, the congregation decided to go forward with the Riverview Mission building plans with J. P. Kennedy, architect. The estimated cost was \$7,000. A building site 100 by 300 feet on the southwest corner of the crossroads at 11<sup>th</sup> Street and Darlington Road was purchased from Mrs. Anderton. The Sunday School room was to be placed far enough back on the lot to allow for a future church edifice. H. V. Kirker was awarded the contract for the erection of the building.

Arnold Meckleburg, oldest member of Immanuel Church, broke ground for the Riverview mission. Eager to make use of the edifice, members held services in the new building before the work was entirely completed. Dedication of Riverview Evangelical Church was held on Sunday, July 10, 1921. The Rev. Dr. E. W. Praetorius, who was then secretary of the Sunday School and Young Peoples Alliance of the Evangelical Association, talked on "The Potter and the Clay."

Sunday school sessions were held in the afternoon and worship services were held in the evenings. The Revs. J. J. Lang and J. Beglinger of Pittsburgh alternated with Rev. H. E. Dornheim in supplying the pulpit.

In the summer of 1922 the school building that housed the small beginnings of the Sunday school was purchased from the school district for \$300 to be used for social purposes. While some outside labor was paid for, the pastor (H. E. Dornheim) did most of the stone and wood work with his own hands and was ably assisted by the Riverview Men's Bible Class who laid the cement base for the stone work. The building was moved by hand from where the present Patterson Township School stands, across the Glenn Inman property to what would now be the back of the present church parking lot. This building was covered with imitation brick siding in 1936 and was razed in 1960.

The Annual Conference of 1926 ordered Riverview detached from Immanuel Church with Riverview taking Morado as its mission and Immanuel taking Bennets Run as its mission. Rev. Paul E. Miller was stationed as pastor in charge of Riverview.

Rev. Paul E. Miller, the first full-time pastor of Riverview Evangelical Church, served from 1926 to 1930. The second pastor, J. Edgar Walter, served from 1930 to 1933. During this period the bank note on the Morado Mission for \$260, carried by Riverview, was paid off. The pastor was paid \$1500 for his first year, \$950 for his second year and \$850 for his third year. In September, 1933, the Annual Conference appointed Harry E. Durnheim as pastor of Riverview Church. His pastorate continued until September, 1943. In 1937 the church became incorporated. The property at 1516 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue was purchased for \$3,500 to be used as a parsonage. In 1941 a church bell was purchased for \$50, but due to the unavailability of labor and materials during the war years, the bell was not installed until 1945.

Rev. C. Herbert Stang served from September, 1943, to September, 1951. The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service was held by Rev. Stang on April 23, 1944. During the Anniversary Week, \$1,750 was raised and the debt on the church property of \$900 was paid.

The belfry was built and the bell was rung for the first time January 14, 1945. The dedication service was held April 8, 1945, by Rev. Dr. H. W. Kaebnick. Also in 1945, the Delta Alpha Class, taught by Mrs. C. H. Stang, started a fund to purchase a Hammond Organ. The money was raised in connection with the 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The organ was delivered January 4, 1946, and played for the first time at the wedding of Ralph Kilpatrick and Naomi Smith. The cost of the organ was \$1,367, the D-20 power cabinet was \$191 and the reverberator was \$138 for a total of \$1,691.

In September of 1951 the First Western Pennsylvania Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church assigned Rev. C. W. Dietrich to the Riverview Church.

On March 23, 1952, the congregation approved the building plans and sketches of Mr. Horace Bailey, architect, for the new sanctuary. Ground breaking services were held on Easter Sunday, April 5, 1953. Conference Superintendent Rev. C. W. Winch, turned

the first spade of dirt and then successive turns were made by persons representing each organization of the local church. The cornerstone was laid on September 13, 1953, and the sanctuary was dedicated on May 9, 1954, at a cost of \$127,908 which included furnishings. On June 4, 1961, the mortgage was liquidated. In November, 1954, the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was observed with Rev. Paul E. Miller, first fulltime pastor of the church, coming from California to conduct the services. Earl Keslar and Dorothy Schwenk were the first couple to be married in the new sanctuary.

In May, 1959, the Rev. Dr. C. W. Dietrich was elected conference superintendent and the Rev. Donald Joiner was appointed to Riverview Church.

At a congregational dinner meeting in the latter part of May, 1961, a building committee was elected and plans were launched for a new Christian education unit. On May 3, 1964, ground was broken for the new facility. The original Sunday school unit was razed, with the exception of the tower. A steeple and cross was erected and new brick facing replaced the old on the tower. A ramp and entrance was made at the south side of the sanctuary at ground level. The kitchen was also renovated. Approximate cost of construction was \$149,000. Dedication was held on Sunday, January 17, 1965. Participants in the dedication service were Bishop J. Gordon Howard, Rev. C. W. Dietrich, Rev. Gene E. Sease and the pastor, Rev. Donald Joiner. General contractor for this unit was Charles W. Smith and the architect was Martsolf and Gross.

The Evangelical United Brethren Church and the Methodist Church were united in April, 1968, in Dallas, Texas, to form the new United Methodist Church, now the second largest Protestant denomination in America.

In May, 1968, Rev. Donald Joiner was appointed to Holiday Park Church and Rev. Gerald A. McCormick was assigned to Riverview. During Rev. McCormick's tenure the church celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Rev. D. True Spangler served from 1972 to 1974, Rev. Ralph W. Martin served 1974 to 1979. During Rev. Martin's service a new nine rank Schantz Pipe Organ was installed May 20, 1979 to replace the old Hammond electronic that was from the original church purchased back in 1946.

Rev. Dr. Frank Garlathy served 1979 to 1983, Rev. William Rautner 1982 to 1992, Rev. George Himes 1992 to 1993, Rev. Dale Livermore 1993 to 1997, Rev. Todd Davis 1997 to 2005, Rev. James Parkinson 2005 to 2010, Rev. Nancy Zahn 2010 to 2012, Rev. Heidi Helsel 2012 to 2014. Then the church became the Rochester Faith/Riverview Charge with the Rev. Dr. Donald Dotterer in charge and Riverview with a site pastor. The site pastor for 2014 - 2015 was Rev. Chris Wright with Rev. Bay Allen coming in 2015.

In September of 2015 a new Schindler elevator was installed so that those who needed it could go from the basement to the second floor with ease. This was a nice improvement as the church members were getting older and this was much appreciated. Rev. Donna Doult started serving the congregation part time in 2016.

## **OUR LADY OF PEACE MONASTERY**

On June 15, 1965, the Croatian Franciscan Fathers of the Custody of the Holy Family purchased the Beegle Estate property, 700 Darlington Road, in Patterson Township. The title "Our Lady of Peace Monastery" was adopted for the newly established monastery.

The Franciscans added a new chapel, kitchen, dining room and conference room to the original building. The new facilities were officially and solemnly blessed and dedicated by Bishop Vincent Leonard, Bishop of Pittsburgh, on October 23, 1970. These new facilities were used by priests and laity who came to the monastery for a day or evening retreat or recollection and also for other religious gatherings and services.

The Franciscan Fathers, in addition to conducting retreats at the monastery, also rendered help on weekdays and weekends to many parishes in the Beaver Valley Deanery and elsewhere. They were also engaged in the teaching profession.

The Franciscan Fathers' numbers dwindled and eventually the monastery closed and was sold to Gordon Health Ventures of Beaver. They enlarged the buildings and opened under the name Franciscan Manor in 1998 with 120 beds. In June 2005, Franciscan Manor was purchased by Five Star Quality Care, a national health care company based in Newton, Mass.

## **PATTERSON TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**

August 25, 1922, a group of interested citizens met and talked over the possible organization of a fire company in Patterson Township. The following citizens were present and considered charter members of the fire company:

L. C. Kennedy	Wm. Snowden	Elmer Cole
Chas. Cassner	D. L. Young	W. Loughner
George Graham	Chas. Porter	C. E. Garen
Hugh Lockhart	J. Hitchin	Jos. Wogan
Mont Tanner	Ed. Hocanson	Herb Pierce
Frank Porter	Geo. Young	Ben Grove
A. R. Maroon	Thomas Cochran	Wm. Bucher
H. Waxinfelter	Earl Merriman	Ben Boss
Wm. V. Kennedy	Clyde Funkhouser	Cliff Beegle
J. E. Rhodes	Howard Porter	Wm. Schmidt
L. Weir	Hazen McCall	W. G. Steffin
Wm. McKessick	Harry Wissner	Wm. Shaffer

The charter was obtained from Judge Frank Reader of Beaver County Courts, October 17, 1922, at which time the membership was reduced to 25 members with L. C. Kennedy, chief; J. H. Hitchin, assistant chief; Earl Merriman, president; J. E. Rhodes, secretary. The company was organized without an alarm system, tools of any kind or



fire apparatus. The first tools obtained were 500 feet of  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch rope off the ruins of the old buff brick school that burned on November 22, 1922. Beaver Falls and Patterson Heights had sent trucks and men but with no water they could not fight the school fire.

The fire department spent days and nights having shows, socials and accepting donations. On February 12, 1923, Beaver Falls City Council donated a horse-drawn ladder truck to the township. The fire company placed a truck chassis under the front and made the first piece of fire equipment, a six wheel ladder truck. This truck was housed in the K-Y bus garage at the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Darlington Road.

Other pieces of equipment were obtained and in July of 1927, ground was broken for a new building. On September 1, 1928, the new building was dedicated with a parade starting at Steffin Hill and ending at 4<sup>th</sup> Street. All did not go well with the mortgage and on January 26, 1931, the members of the company voted to place the company in bankruptcy proceedings. During 1931 the fire company was reorganized by the Township Board of Commissioners and on December 22 the first meeting of the reorganized Patterson Township Volunteer Fire Company was called. An election of officers resulted in Dan Bingle, president; Charles Casner, vice-president and Curt May, secretary-treasurer. In 1932 a new charter was secured and by-laws were adopted. Over the years, many items of equipment have been purchased by both the fire company and the Township Commissioners, making the Patterson Township Fire Company one of the most modern and best equipped volunteer fire departments in Pennsylvania.

As with all progressive fire companies, the need for funds and large equipment is always in order. Friday night bingo and the Firemen's Carnival in July became two main sources of revenue for the company. The men were able to purchase a new truck at the cost of \$78,000.



During 1953 and 1971 additions were added to the Township Municipal building making it capable of handling three large pieces of fire equipment with a nice hall at the rear of the building.

The fire chiefs who have served Patterson Township were L. C. Kennedy, Charles D. Porter who served over 50 years as a fireman, Robert Gayhart, Jr., Richard Clark, Gary Downs, Ronald Foster, Frank Policaro III and Philip Graeser.

The Patterson Township Volunteer Fire Company has always stood ready to be of service when called upon. In the early days the most common fires were grass fires, fires caused by overheated furnaces and damage to cars and trucks. Now along with regular firefighting, a pumper truck and a modern rescue unit bring many demands for all types of use upon the fire department.

## **FIREMEN WHO HAVE SERVED IN PATTERSON TOWNSHIP**

James Abruzzino  
Robert Anderson  
Walter Anderson  
Tom Armstrong  
Todd Balmer  
Larry Barr  
David Beal  
Clifford Beegle  
Robert Bennett  
Donald Berresford  
Glenn Berresford  
John Biddle  
Dan Bingle  
Clyde Bonanni  
Dom Borello  
Ben Boss  
Fred Bozic  
Ted Brickner  
Tim Brewer  
Eric Brown  
Frank Buchholz  
Herbert Buchholz  
Louise Buzzi  
Ronald Caler  
Stuart Caler  
John Canzano  
Robert Carney  
B. F. Casner  
Charles Casner  
Russ Chiodo  
Richard Clark  
Thomas Cochran  
Elmer Cole  
Gary Comley  
Megan Cooper  
Hank Crognale  
Travis Crognale  
Tyler Crognale  
Ralph Cumberledge  
Joseph Davidson  
Greg DeLuca  
Jim Donnelly  
Dan Downs  
Gary Downs

Marcie Downs  
William Dwyer  
Raymond Eakin  
Otta J. Eublacker  
Tony Ferrazzano  
Kevin Firth  
William Fletcher  
Franklin Fogg  
Robert Foster  
Ronald Foster  
Herbert Frendberg  
Clyde Funkhouser  
T. J. Gallegher  
Robert Genzler  
C. E. Garen  
David Gayhart  
R. W. Gayhart  
R. W. Gayhart, Jr.  
Joe Geary  
Ed Goehring  
George Graham  
Louis Graham  
Herman Granati  
Chris Graeser  
Josh Graeser  
Melissa Graeser  
Phil Graeser  
Karl Graw  
Mike Grgurich  
Ben Grove  
Phil Hewitt  
Bruce Hill  
Jim Hitchin  
Charles Hocanson  
Ed Hocanson  
Angelette Holtman  
Ron Holtman  
Robert Hooner  
Eric Hoover  
Jerome Howieson  
William Hultz  
Norman Hultz  
Ellis B. Jackson  
Andrew Jones

Cliff Jones  
Ed Karczewski  
Ashley Katus  
David Keeton  
Charles Kelly  
Louis C. Kennedy  
William V. Kennedy  
April Kistler  
Heather Kistler  
Chester Klein  
Mike Kohlman  
John Kosloski  
Greg Lawton  
Jeff Lawton  
Sam Lawton  
Joe Lehner  
Melvin Leslie  
William Livingston  
Hugh Lockhart  
W. E. Loughner  
Jim Malone  
A. R. Marron  
Curtis May  
Irvin McBride  
Hazen McCall  
Turney McCool  
Leroy McCullough  
L. McCullough, Jr.  
William McDade  
Walter McGowan  
Clyde A. McKee  
William McKessick  
William Meiers  
Earl Merriman  
Frank Miller  
Tom Miller  
Ray Mineard  
Wilfred Mischka  
James Moody  
Don Moore  
Brian Mortimer  
Bob Newman  
Josh Norris  
Butch Orlowski

S. E. Patton  
George Pennington  
Myron Petruski  
Herb Pierce  
Fran Policaro III  
Charles Porter  
Dennis Porter  
Emmett Porter  
Frank Porter  
David Prothers  
Doug Raab  
Ron Raab  
Sean Raab  
Al Reynolds  
J. E. Rhodes  
Bill Rizzo  
George Roberts  
J. B. Roberts

Richard Russell  
Rick Russell  
Ron Russell  
Norm Sandoe  
Dakota Scheidweiler  
Dave Schlosser  
Carl Schlotter  
Chuck Schmidt  
William Schmidt  
Don Scott  
G. Setters  
L. H. Shadduch  
Ed Shaffer  
Sean Stiefel  
Homer H. Swaney  
Robert Swastzke  
Mont Tanner  
Lyle Tate

Doug Thompson  
John Thompson  
Dillon Utnehmer  
Mark Utnehmer  
Dan Vukich  
Earl Ward  
David Watson  
V. S. Watson  
H. Waxenfelter  
L. Weir  
Harold Wissner  
Robert Wright  
Tim Wuenschel  
Charles Young  
C. L. Young  
D. George Young  
E. Howard Young

### **Eight Fire Chiefs who served Patterson Township**



L.C. Kennedy



Charles D. Porter



Robert Gayhart Jr.



Richard Clark



Gary Downs



Ron Foster



Frank Policaro III



Philip Graeser

## Fireman in front of Station 90 in 2016



### PATTERSON TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS – YEARS SERVED

James Ball	1936 – 1938	John Klein	1930 – 1934
Carl Berger	1945 – 1950	Lenny Leiper	2008 – 2011
Cheryl Bonomo	1990 – 2013	Wm. Loughner	1938
Donald Bradow	1979 -	Henry Mahosky, Jr	2012
Arnold Braun	1926 – 1929	Marshall Maratta	1970 – 1973
Wm. Bucher	1934 – 1937	Frank Matsuka	1979 – 1989
Frank Caler	1924 – 1932	William Meier	1964 – 1971
J. P. Caler	1933 – 1934	Dwayne Mihalow	2008 – 2009
Samuel Carlton	1926 – 1929	Thomas Miller	1931 – 1935
Charles Cassner	1922 – 1924	W. E. Milliken	1950 – 1959
	1933, 1935		1941 – 1942
Russell Chiodo	1974 – 1979	Robert Omogrosso	1976 – 1979
	1982 – May 2008	George Paxton	1980 – 2003
Richard Clark	1978 – 1981	Frank Policaro, Jr.	2004 –
Elmer Cole	1922 – 1932	Emmett Porter	1948 – 1971
	1935, 1941 – 1949	Myron Russell	1971 – May 1972
John Corcoran	1934 – 1938	Ronald Russel	1988 – 1991
	1941 – 1945	Rudy Schunk	1972 – 1977
Phillip Davidson	1941 – 1944	Albert Schwartz	1936–1937
Thomas Gallagher	1980 – 1987		1943–1947
R. W. Gayhart	1954 – 1957	Charles Smith	1938, 1941
D. L. Gilkey	1960 – 1963	W. J. Snowden	1922 – 1927
James Hitchin	1950 – 1969	John Thompson	1928–1931
Eric Hoover	2010 –		1933
Donald Inman	1972 – 1975	Garth Weir	1969 – 1971
	1995-2007	Lafayette Weir	1958–1968
	2014	Wm. Wilcox	June – Dec. 1961
Andrew Jones	1946 – 1949	Wilbert Wise	1951- 1953
Richard Jones	May 1972 – 1979	D. J. Young	1922 – 1926
David Keeton	1962 – 1977		
L. C. Kennedy	1922 – 1926, 1936-1938, 1942-1961		



## TOWNSHIP SECRETARIES – YEARS SERVED

William E. Loughner	1922 – 1931	Frank Buchholz	1948 – 1956
John R. Thompson	1932 – 1935	Robert D. Balph	1957 - 1966
William E. Loughner	1936	Edward Dixon	1966 – 1982
H. H. Heesen	1936 – 1941	Marian Borghi	1982 – 1985
J. Ellis Jackson	1942 – 1943	Paula Wagoner	1985 –
William Milliken	1944 – 1947		

Paula Wagoner is the longest serving Township Secretary and to honor her in 2012 the Township established Wagoner Way, a street in her honor.

## 2016 Board of Commissioners



Donald Bradow – Frank Policaro – Eric Hoover – Donald Inman – Henry Mahosky

## Others who make things happen in Patterson Township



Paula Wagoner - Tina Seery-Gwen Reese-Joann Ferrazzano-Ken Fawcett - Larry Lennon  
Twp. Secretary Adm. Asst. Sewer Clerk Tax Collector Twp. Solicitor Twp. Engineer

## Additional Township Officials 2016

Randy Morrow, Code Enforcement  
Gregory DeLuca, Zoning Officer  
William Livingston II, District Magistrate  
Douglass Thompson, Constable  
Dillon Utnehmer, Emergency Management Coordinator

### Municipal Authority:

Gary Gache, Chair  
William Bonomo, Vice Chair  
Richard Smakosz, Treasurer  
Bert Robinson, Secretary  
John Weaver

### Planning Commission:

Frank Marzano  
Mark McCormack  
Jackie Heini, Chair  
John Marzano  
Elizabeth Mischka

### Zoning Board:

Ronald Main, Chair  
Ronald Foster  
Russell (Dale) Foster

### Civil Service Commission:

Frances Tunno  
Gerald Goehring, Chair  
Bert Robinson  
Alternates:  
Richard Rocereto  
Henry Mahosky, Jr.

### Vacancy Board:

Open

### Auditor:

Denise Hebb CPA

### Public Works:

Joseph Cipolla  
Richard Smith

### Fire:

Phillip Graeser, Chief  
Tony Ferrazzano, Asst. Chief

**Patterson Twp. Volunteer Firemen**  
Invite You To

**COME TO THE** *Carnival*

**at the Fairgrounds,  
Darlington Road**

**MONDAY, July 10** — Baldwin Organ Concert, Inception Entertainers, Fireworks.

**TUESDAY** — Parade, Concert by Patterson Twp. Firemen's Band, Royales Entertainers.

**WEDNESDAY** — Highland Suburban School Band, Concert by Beaver Valley Music Center, New Brighton.

**THURSDAY** — "Unrested Souls" Orchestra.

**FRIDAY** — John Anderson at the Hammond Organ, Fireworks.

**AT. AFTERNOON** — Pet parade, ticket drawing for 2 bicycles, matinee.

**AT. EVENING** — 7:30 P.M. "Mustangs" Orchestra, "The Henchmen" Orchestra; 12 midnight, car given away.

**\$25 given away every evening but Saturday at 11 p.m.**





## PATTERSON TOWNSHIP ROAD DEPARTMENT 2016



The Maintenance Building is located at 1505 3<sup>rd</sup> Street where all equipment is stored. The Department is made up of two full time persons, two part time summer help and a number of part timers for winter snow removal.



Joseph Cipolla - Richard Smith  
Street Foreman Equipment Operator



New Salt Shed 2015



Pete Horinka  
Street Foreman 1967-1983



Greg DeLuca  
Street Foreman 1983-2013

## PATTERSON TOWNSHIP POLICE

First full time police force 1973



Chief David Hays, Kevin Morris, William Livingston, Chris Swager, Gary Renkin  
Donald Inman, Police Commissioner

Full time Police Chiefs



Robert Mineard



David Hays



Gary Renkin



William Livingston

## Full time Police Chiefs continued



Richard Cindrich  
Retired 2016



David Stanislawski  
Promoted to Chief 2016

## Persons who have served as Township Police

Carlton Adams  
Jack Andrews  
Nicholas Bathgate  
Wallace Barr  
Wayne Bash  
Kenneth Beck  
Robert Berchtold  
Steven Berardi  
James Boak, Jr.  
Ed Bozic  
Joseph Catanese  
Joseph Cavallo  
Richard Cindrich  
N.B. Couch  
Mr. Davidson  
Mr. Dean  
Ed Emes  
Arnold Felsher  
Dan Fleishman  
James Fogg  
Keith Girting, Jr.  
Mr. Hays  
David Hays  
James Healy  
Richelle Herezak  
Gerald Hogue  
Stephen Ivan

John Ivancik  
John King  
Chester Koah  
Vincent Kosloski  
Mark LaValle  
William Livingston  
C. Douglas Loughner  
William Madden  
Lester B. Marsh  
Anthony Mazzant, Jr.  
Robert Mazzant  
Paul McCormick  
George Means  
Robert Mineard  
Anthony Moreno  
Kevin Morris  
Allen Nestor  
Pierson Pollock  
Robert Quay  
Mark Smilek  
Bruce Stump  
Gary Renkin  
Thomas Renkinberger  
Joseph Rini  
James Ruthem  
David Stanislawski  
Joseph Strati

Chris Swager  
Kevin Thompson  
Vincent Vidonish  
William Wagoner  
George Yaccich  
Harry Yonlisky  
Richard Yonlisky  
Christopher Zemalkowske  
Thomas Zurga



Patterson Township Police 2016



Pierson Pollock      Tony Moreno      Keith Girting      Bill Wagoner  
Kevin Thompson      Chief David Stanislawski      Asst. Chief Nick Bathgate

Police cars over the years



1972



1982



1992



2002



2016

# **VETERANS WHO HAVE SERVED AND LIVED IN PATTERSON TOWNSHIP**

## **World War I Veterans**

Amend, Edward  
Beck, George  
Beck, Jennings  
Beegle, Clifford  
Bennett, Arthur  
Buchholz, Frank R.  
Caler, Frank  
Carlson, Harry C.  
Chiappetta, Dominic  
Darby, Carlis  
Dawson, Joseph  
Diehl, Emil J.  
Graham, Arthur W.  
Graham, George (Doc)  
Hamilton, Arthur W.  
Hamilton, Floyd S.  
Haney, John  
Harris, Robert  
Hocanson, Carl E.  
Hocanson, John A.  
Kennedy, William V.  
Kittner, Carl  
Kuder, John

Mallick, Elmer  
McGowan, Walter  
McQuillan, James  
McQuillan, Patrick  
Miller, George A.  
Mischka, Wilfred  
Parker, Clifford  
Patterson, Andrew  
Patterson, James R.  
Peterman, Clyde  
Porter, Howard  
Potts, James  
Renouf, Harold  
Schlotter, Karl  
Schwab, Frank  
Steiner, Leonard  
Steiner, Moran  
Steiner, Steve  
Weil, Fred  
Wickline, Robert  
Wissner, Albert  
Wissner, Harry

## **GOLD STAR SECTION**

### **Veterans killed in action**

Braun, George H.  
Bischoff, Donald L.  
Cozma, George  
Davidison, Philip J.  
Ebelacker, Richard  
Grimes, Paul K.  
Heath, Jack G.  
Phillips, Lewis T.  
Prothero, Edwin L.  
Smith, Paul T.  
Shotsinger, Raymond  
Shelar, Charles W.  
Wood, Clyde

### **Mother**

Mrs. Freida Braun  
Mrs. Margaret Bischoff  
Mrs. Anna Cozma  
Mrs. Davidison  
Mrs. Florence Ebelacker  
Mrs. Paul Grimes  
Mrs. Sylvia Heath  
Mrs. Anna Phillips  
Mrs. Clare Prothero  
Mrs. Charles Smith  
Mrs. C. Shotsinger Braden  
Mrs. Alvin Shelar Garrett  
Mrs. Iva Wood



## WORLD WAR II – AIR FORCE

Bartley, John H  
Beible, Herman  
Berresford, Kenneth  
Bradow, Donald R.  
Burger, Joseph G.  
Burns, John J.  
Clark, Charles  
Clark, William H.  
Corcoran, John W.  
Cumberledge, Theodore C  
Derringer, Raymond A.  
Hamilton, Charles  
Hemmeger, Junior  
Kapp, Delbert A.  
King, Henry  
King, Jerald N.  
Lawrence, Arthur M.  
Lawrence, John R.  
Leckie, Frank  
Luce, R. G.  
Machen, James  
Manroe, William E.  
May, Marvin L.  
McBride, John S.  
McCall, Donald E.  
McCool, Lyle L.

Means, Mervin  
Milliken, Thomas Mack  
Moore, Herman  
Muio, James R.  
Nagy, Alex  
Payton, John O.  
Pengidore, Joseph J.  
Porter, Charles M.  
Powell, James L.  
Powell, Robert D.  
Schnubel, R. A.  
Sepack, Louis J.  
Tanner, Paul J.  
Taylor, Willis W.  
Walrond, John E.  
Weir, Garth L  
Wissner, Eugene  
Wissner, Harold J.  
Wogan, Paul J.  
Wood, Cecil E.

## World War II – Army

Adams, Robert J.  
Andreas, Robert A.  
Ayres, George  
Ball, James W.  
Bash, George  
Bash, Merle H.  
Beal, David E. Jr.  
Bearer, Thomas W.  
Belzyk, John  
Best, Henry  
Bischoff, Wilber A.  
Blagg, George A.  
Bonovic, Zigmont  
Braun, Arnold F.  
Breneman, George W.  
Bricker, Charles Loyal  
Bricker, Thomas G.  
Burns, Robert F.  
Bushless, Walter J.  
Caler, Stuart  
Carlson, William C.  
Carson, Norman  
Charon, Albert E.  
Charon, Robert W.  
Cooper, Bob  
Copeman, Thomas F.  
Corcoran, Martin F.  
Craig, J. H.  
Crumrine, Del  
Demel, Anthony  
Dewhirst, Alan R.  
Dougherty, Bernard  
Dougherty, Stephen O.  
Doyle, Delbert  
Doyle, William A.  
Ebelacker, Robert  
Elms, William T.  
Eurick, Fred N.  
Eurick, Joseph F.  
Fields, Floyd R.  
Firth, Charles  
Fleeson, Alfred D.  
Frank, James J.  
Fraser, David  
Fraser, Harold  
George, Paul  
Gill, Arthur H. Jr.  
Golnik, Albert

Goodman, Louis  
Goosby, Charles T.  
Goosby, Leroy B.  
Gossard, William H.  
Graham, John H.  
Grau, Edward W.  
Grau, John Karl  
Heesen, H. H.  
Hill, John J.  
Horn, Elmer J.  
Hultz, John N.  
Hupp, C. L.  
Hupp, Roy  
Inman, George W.  
Jackson, Howard E.  
Keefer, Richard M.  
Kennedy, William V.  
Koczur, Frank  
Kosloski, Vincent M.  
Koziol, John F.  
Lallement, Austin  
Lallement, Edwin  
Lallement, John  
Lane, Robert E.  
Lawrence, Glenn B.  
Levy, Robert A.  
Lindquist, Robert A.  
Loughner, Clark  
Madden, Robert C.  
Madliger, Norman  
Marconda, A. P.  
Martin, W. H.  
McComb, George H.  
McComb, James  
McComb, Theodore B.  
McGowan, Charles  
McKee, Glenn  
McQuillin, Edward  
Means, Willis  
Morelli, Robert- Air Core  
Mowen, Ned W.  
Neidlinger, Claude A.  
Neidlinger, Howard R.  
Ong, Albert  
Pengidore, Louis  
Pennington, Walter E.  
Peterman, James  
Phillips, Frank A.

Podbielski, Henry  
Porter, Harold D.  
Porter, James  
Reich, Lewis  
Reich, Lyle  
Sawatske, Robert P.  
Scherer, John W.  
Schmidt, Harold R.  
Shanor, Dale  
Shanor, Lysle E.  
Sheers, Geo. Blair Jr.  
Sheers, William C.  
Shotsinger, Walter P.  
Simmons, Glenn  
Snowden, Clifford A.  
Steffen, Elmer  
Steffen, Harold  
Stephenson, Art  
Stephenson, Jack  
Stuart, James  
Sturm, William H.  
Sumner, Daniel W.  
Swager, John G.  
Swager, Raymond  
Tanner, Glenn  
Telford, John C.  
Thomas, Joseph  
Venger, Jacob  
Volk, Charles R.  
Wachos, Morris A.  
Walrond, George  
Weil, Glenn  
Weil, Ralph  
Weir, Jack  
White, H. H.  
White, Robert  
Williams, Phillip  
Williams, Raymond C.  
Wissner, Jay

## World War II – Navy

Altman, James  
Baker, Elwood  
Belke, Mervin  
Belzyk, Anthony  
Bradow, John K.  
Bricker, Dean W.  
Carlson, Robert B.  
Charon, Joseph L.  
Clayton, Robert J.  
Copeman, Todd W.  
Corcoran, Raymond  
Craven, Robert W.  
Dershimer, W. R.  
Dougherty, Robert  
Dougherty, Tom  
Ebersberger, William L.  
Ebert, Lester L.  
Firth, Charles M. Jr.  
Fleeson, Charles  
Gilkey, Delbert L.  
Gilkey, Oran K.  
Hershberger, Robert  
Hill, William K.  
Hudin, Evan  
Kennedy, Charles L.  
Luce, Bryon B.  
Mahosky, Henry  
Martin, Edward H.  
Massey, Paul  
McKee, Raymond  
Means, Robert G.  
Milliken, Charles W.  
Mowen, Wilber E.

Muoio, Eugene  
Nesbit, Al  
Orlowski, Walter  
Pallow, Stephen  
Perri, Ralph  
Peterman, Robert  
Phillips, George P.  
Phillips, John W.  
Pingatore, Robert J.  
Policaro, Anthony  
Policaro, Phillip  
Richards, Charles F.  
Schwartz, Eugene  
Schwartz, Paul F.  
Shanor, Delmar R.  
Shelar, Edwin  
Smith, James  
Snyder, Joseph E.  
Steffen, William E.  
Swartzlander, Charles  
Thomas, Horace B.  
Tunno, Eugene  
Watterson, Jess Jr.  
Weil, Raymond  
Weir, James T.  
West, Edward C.  
Williams, Carl  
Wogan, Robert  
Wolfe, John Leroy  
Wood, Ellsworth  
Wood, Orville T.  
Young, Paul W.

## **World War II – Marines**

Balmer, James G.  
Baker, Kenneth  
Bricker, Neil J.  
Brown, James C.  
Brown, Shirley (MCWR)  
Epperson, Donald B.  
Graham, George A.  
Gruber, James B.  
Hitchin, James T.

Jackson, J. R.  
Madden, Richard G.  
McKee, Paul  
Muio, Adolph  
Paton, Charles  
Pengidore, Vincent  
Steffen, J. Keith  
Stuart, William  
Volk, Robert V.

## **World War II – Waves**

Smith, Naomi M.

## **World War II – Merchant Marines**

Craven, Charles

Damaska, James

Paxton, George H.

## **World War II – Coast Guard**

Ague, Robert M.

## KOREAN CONFLICT – NAVY

Beck, David S.  
Boyle, Charles R.  
Blyth, Ernest  
Carlson, Richard  
Corcoran, William J. Jr.  
Croft, Donna L. (WACC)  
Early, William E.  
Hamilton, Phillip S.

Heath, Wilmer  
Huddy, Donald  
Jackson, John David  
Keis, Robert H.  
Kolumban, Alex  
Landon, Donald L.  
Pennington, Sam  
(Coast Guard)  
Peterman, Robert

Phillips, George P.  
Policaro, Frank  
Policaro, Robert  
Slem, Harry  
Thomas, Clifford  
Weir, Gale  
Weir, Harold  
Weir, Richard

## KOREAN CONFLICT – ARMY

Bauer, Raymond E.  
Corcoran, William Jr.  
Crombie, James  
Dixon, Edward  
Doolittle, Charles  
Doyle, Edward  
Eddy, Jack  
Estermeyer, Louis J.  
Follett, Dale  
Graham, Carl R.  
Greider, Curtis  
Greider, Kenneth  
Hamilton, William  
Inman, George W.

Jones, John C.  
Keis, William H.  
Klein, Gary M.  
Klein, James D.  
Leslie, Donald  
Mannarino, Anthony J.  
McGowan, Donald  
Muio, George C.  
Muio, Joseph A.  
Nippert, Paul  
Peterman, William  
Phillips, Ernest R.  
Policaro, Albert  
Radcliffe, Lester

Reisinger, Richard  
Schlotter, Donald  
Schlotter, George  
Schlotter, William  
Shelar, Robert  
Swartzlander, Robert  
Thompson, William Jr.  
Uebelacker, Charles  
Uebelacker, Edward M.  
Wilcox, William R.  
Wood, William  
Yonkee, Harold  
Young, Donald R.

## KOREAN CONFLICT – MARINES

Landles, Joseph P.

Madliger, William J.



Jim Crombie

**Sargent James R. Crombie**, the son of Helen and Robert Crombie of 1015 School Street, was captured April 25, 1951, after he was wounded in the back at Cherwon, Korea. He was a Cannoneer with Battery B of the 555<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, 24<sup>th</sup> Division. He was in Prisoner of War Camp No. 5 on the Yaul River for 28 months. On August 30, 1953, he was welcomed home by the citizens of Patterson Township and Beaver Falls with a parade in Beaver Falls where Beaver Falls Mayor Edward C. Corcoran gave Jim the Key to the City.



Beaver Falls Parade



## **VIETNAM – ARMY**

Borello, Bruno J.  
Bortz, William H.  
Cohen, Edward D.  
Demaria, Joseph A.  
Dimmit, Frank R.  
Fink, W. Russell  
Haddix, Archie G.  
Hagerty, Robert J.  
Harpold, Ronald C.  
Howarth, James N.  
Jones Warren V.  
Kinkoski, Vincent A. Jr.  
Klemen, Martin J.  
Kughn, Larry E.  
Lack, Dennis M.  
Mahosky, Charles M.  
Mannerino, Ernest J.  
Mazzei, Roy S.  
McCall, David W.  
McCall, Richard D.

McKeever, Dalton E.  
Morrison, Keith  
Murray, Donald  
Pavkovich, Nicholas G.  
Phillips, Gary L.  
Rieseck, James N.  
Rieseck, Joseph H.  
Riesinger, Scott A.  
Rossman, Terry D.  
Russ, Michael B.  
Schweinsberg, David A.  
Scott, Donald  
Sheers, William S.  
Skabo, Richard M.  
Smith, Robert  
Stephenson, Tom  
Stillitano, Philip J. Jr.  
Stimpson, Thomas Jr.  
Tretiak, Jonathan G.  
Wissner, Dale B.  
Zielger, Ernest J.

## **VIETNAM – NAVY**

Bricker, Albert I.  
Brown, George J.  
Calior, Kieran W. Jr  
Croft, Robert  
Detore, Santo C.  
Fox, Daniel J.  
Frieler, Allen B.  
Frum, Gerald G.  
Hudak, Howard M.  
Jones, Daniel A.  
Lestyan, Stephen M.  
Littell, Richard N.  
Mahosky, Henry J.

Maratta, Bruce M.  
Marshall, David J.  
Marshall, Thomas A.  
Pease, Terry W.  
Phillips, George P.  
Rabb, Ronald L.  
Sheperd, James T.  
Waite, John W. Jr

## **VIETNAM – AIR FORCE**

Beatty, William E.  
Bennett, Robert C. Jr.  
Bortz, Kenneth M.  
Counts, Richard  
DeSalle, David C.  
DeSalle, Ronald J.  
Hammer, William E. Jr.  
Harpold, Robert E.  
Houlette, Howard B.  
Jones, David

Kosloski, John A.  
Lack, Gerald M.  
Mannerino, James E.  
Morrell, Stephen F.  
Russell, Richard R.  
Schmidt, Charles E.  
Scott, Lee A.  
Shanor, Howard A. Jr.  
Smail, David E.  
Stanczak, Frank E

## **VIETNAM – MARINES**

Carmichael, Patrick T.  
Foley, Michael R.  
Javens, Thomas H.  
Kosloski, James E.

Martin, Bernie J.  
McCloskey, Patrick E  
Porter, Dennis D  
Wright, Robert B

## **VIETNAM – NATIONAL GUARD**

George, Kenneth

## **VIETNAM – COAST GUARD**

Meir, Donald A.

## **GULF WAR – AIR FORCE**

Logan, John E.

## **GULF WAR – ARMY**

Clark, Carol J.

## **GULF WAR – MARINES**

Fillipelli, Anthony

McLaughlin, Michael J.

## **GULF WAR – NAVY**

Bethune, Charla M.  
Hildebrand, Gregory

Tritschler, John M.  
Twenty, Glenn

## THOSE WHO ALSO SERVED OUR COUNTRY

Allen, Sam	Air Force	1964-1968
Brown, Jeremy Sheehan	Air Force Reserve	2006-2016
Fillipelli, Ralph	Army	1952-1954
Freundberg, John E.	Army Reserve National Guard	1963-1964
Gilarno, Daniel J.	Navy Airman	1971-1975
Speck, Andrew	Army	1970-1972
Teaford, Dale T.	Air Force	1952-1953
Utnehmer, Mark	Army Cuban Crisis	1961-1963
Watson, Karl	Army Reserve National Guard	1979-2005
Wenkous, James	Army	1957-1963
Wollman, David	Army	1963-1965

## PATTERSON TOWNSHIP'S PERSONAL CARE HOMES

The Township has two very modern Personal Care homes. Cambridge Village is located at 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Darlington Road and the other, Franciscan Manor, is where the Our Lady of Peace Monastery was located and before that was the Beegle Estate. They both have a population of about 100 residents. Most of the township land has been developed over the years leaving just a small area along the west of Darlington Road between 12<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Street undeveloped, a small area behind the Paulson Plan and some land on the golf course.

### CAMBRIDGE VILLAGE



Cambridge Village is a 100-bed personal and dementia-care residence privately owned and located in Patterson Township, minutes from the Chippewa Township exit off Interstate 376 and Route 51.

Cambridge Village is anchored by a medical director and provides many on-site medical clinics and services including rehabilitation, lab testing and X-rays, all covered by health insurance.

Cambridge Village boasts a unique design with a bright, traditional floor plan flanked by two landscaped courtyards and an inviting fireplace in the front entry. There are two Tiffany-inspired dining rooms to enjoy all meals including medical-specific diets. A large, secured dementia unit offers a homelike setting, with coping strategies, behavioral interventions and stimulating, fun activities seven days a week. All rooms are equipped with a dual-emergency call system, WiFi, satellite television and extra-large handicap bathrooms.

Cambridge Village offers progressive levels of care from independent through hospice. They honor veterans' benefits and long-term care insurance. New improvements in 2016 include a covered, handicap-accessible gazebo outside the front entrance.

## Franciscan Manor



Franciscan Manor is a senior-living community at 71 Darlington Road in Patterson Township.

Franciscan Manor specializes in individualized programs and services with 24-hour nursing care. It has 90 full and part-time staff members. Other services and amenities include local transportation, restaurant style dining, social events, daily housekeeping, linen service, a barber and beauty shop and on-site physical, occupational and speech therapy provided by Genesis Rehabilitation.

Franciscan Manor was founded with the purpose of building a senior living residence on the site of the former Beegle Estate and our Lady of Peace Franciscan Monastery. Nearly 18 acres of the original estate remain. In 1920, Country Homes Magazine produced a lengthy pictorial which showed the highlights and amenities of the property. Other photographs taken from 1920-1930 have been reproduced from the Beegle family album. Through their generosity and support, the present Franciscan Manor is able to offer the community an accurate glimpse of the property's gracious past. In the 1950s, the Beegles sold the estate to the Franciscan Order. Our Lady of Peace Monastery became one of only three Croatian monasteries in the United States and was an integral part of life in Patterson Township for many years.

As the order's numbers dropped, its leaders knew the property had to be sold but were also determined to preserve and restore it. The purchaser, Gordon Health Adventures, followed the order's wishes. In June 2005, Franciscan Manor was purchased by Five Star Quality Care, a national health care company based in Newton, Mass. Although little has changed in the overall operation of Franciscan Manor, being part of Five Star allows management to offer families flexibility.

## Bits and pieces around the township of Patterson

### Taylor's Bums



Willis "Bill" Taylor's service station, at 400 Darlington Road, was where for the longest time the "Bums" would religiously meet for hours every day talking about girls, beer, cars and relationships. Was there anyone in Patterson Township in the 1960s or 70s that did not know someone that was a Taylor Bum? The Bums were teens or young adults and many served in Vietnam, raised families and turned out just fine though at the time many wondered if they would. In fact, when I was a Commissioner in Patterson and had the Police Department I wanted to hire Bill Livingston. One of the Bums' father, Marshall Maratta, was a Commissioner and did not want to hire Bill because he was a Taylor Bum. I convinced the other Commissioners to hire Bill and he

Willis "Bill" Taylor went on to become the Chief of Police and then upon retirement became District Justice. The group became large over the years and a list of former members, submitted by Bill Livingston, is included at the end of this writing.

The service station is gone and is now an Auto Sales but the Bums still meet, just not as often as they did when the "Motor Heads" would go to Waite's Ice Cream, located right across the street and destroyed by fire in March of 1992. The Bums would grab a cone at Waites and mosey over to Taylors to discuss the day's trivia. Lots of memories were made and lots of men in Central Beaver County remember the father figure Willis Taylor became for them. He was a good listener and let hundreds of teen-age boys loiter at the garage when many business owners would have called the cops. Therefore, he kept many of them out of trouble. The first officers of the Bums were President James Hohbach, Vice President Richard Granati, Secretary Dennis Porter and CEO and Fiduciary Bill Livingston. Both the President and Secretary are deceased as is Bill Taylor. The Bums webpage is run by Bill Livingston. The next big bash of the Bums will be August 25<sup>th</sup> 2018.

From The Late 50's And Continuing Through The Early 70's, The Men Whose Names Appear Here Shared A Common Bond. They All Were Proud Members Of What Would Become The Phenomenon Known As "TAYLOR'S BUMS". Information below is from Bill Livingston.

**Donny Aber \* Chuckie Allen \* Bobby Anderson \* Dave Anderson \* Timmy Aquino \* Tommy Aquino \* Eddie Ayers \* Greg Balmer \* Larry Barr \* Bob Bates \* Eddie Beercook \* Ralph Belke \* Glenn "Chip" Benson \* Kenny Berresford \* Bob Bischoff \* James Bischoff \* Paul Bischoff \* Denny "Gypo" Blaskowitz \* Scott "Bino" Bloor \* Bruno "J-Dago" Borello \* Ron Borghi \* John Bruny \* Keith Bureau \* Pat Bush \* Rich "Killer" Caler \* Bob Charsky \* Mike "Chitzzy" Chiodo \* Neil Clark \* John "Skip" Cline \* Jimmy Coakley \* Tom Cooper \* Jerry "Macel" Corbin \* Stanley Corbin \* John Corcoran \* Billy Coulter \* George Craven \* Chuckie Criss \* Bobby Croft \* Tom Croud \* Jeff "Bucky" Davis \* Billy Joe DeAngelis \* Alan Desanzo \* Bobby DeSanzo \* Greg DeSanzo \* Ray DeSanzo \* Larry Dewhirst \* Bill "Deetle" Dietrich \* Rich Dixon \* James "Orbie" Dougherty \* Mike "Duke" Dougherty \* Bob "Bean" Dougherty \* Rodney Dwyer \* Johnny Ehrhardt \* Dave Engel \* Billy Estermeier \* Lou Estermeier \* Dave "Flash" Fleischman \* Doug Fortner \* Allen "Homer" Frieler \* Bill Frumen \* Barry Gallentine \* Buddy Gallentine \* David Gallentine \* Jack Gallentine \* Keith Gallentine \* Timmy Gallentine \* John Garrett \* Bobby Gaz \* Rich Gearhart \* Steve "Gebby" Gebhard \* Jimmy "J-Giles" Gill \* Rich Gillespie \* Frank Grahek \* Herman "Hermie" Granati \* Ricky Granati \* John "Pinky" Grau \* Tim Grau \* Gary Groom \* Lee Groom \* Mark Groom \* Ron Gruber \* Dave "Sam" Haggart \* Howard "Bill" Hall \* Jim Hamilton \* Phil Hamilton \* Bobby "Hendu" Henderson \* Chuck Hershberger \* Jack Hildebrand \* Bruce Hill \* Denny Hill \* Carl Hodge \* Jack Hohbach \* Billy Hosack \* Roy "Bucky" Householder \* Dave Howe \* Mike Howe \* Jeff Huber \* Lex Hurbanek \* Bobby "Huey" Huston \* Richie Hutton \* Gary Iden \* Donnie Iris \* James "Scott" Jamison \* Danny "Jayco" Jaycox \* Terry Jaycox \* Bob "Bones" Jones \* Danny Jones \* Bill Kalior \* Don "Big Steve" Karaisz \* Steve Karaisz \* Bobby Kasputis \* Bobby "Babs" Keeton \* Pat Kelly \* Randy Kelly \* Steve Kimmel \* Billy Kirk \* Tommy Kirkpatrick \* Alex Klepic \* Denny Klepic \* Jerry Klepic \* Bill Kludo \* Vince Koslowski \* Dan Kreshon \* Dave Kuder \* Bob Lawton \* Larry Linta \* Bobby Littell \* Bill "Bimbo" Livingston \* John "Bonehead" Luce \* Abby Macioce \* Ron "Dags" Medaglia \* Bill Mahon \* Bruce Maratta \* George "Kahuna" Marnicio \* Bruce Matheny \* David "Froggy" McBride \* Billy "Jeepster" McGraw \* Mac Magreal \* Dicky McKeever \* Paul McKeever \* Gene McLaughlin \* Ray McMahan \* Tom "Feet" McMahan \* Don Meier \* Dave Menges \* Gary Menges \* Billy "Myers" Mentz \* Bill Midon \* Don Midon \* Wayne Mitchell \* Larry "Lar-Mon" Montani \* Louie Muoio \* Paul Nippert \* Carter Nulton \* Gary "Saph" Orlowski \* Timmy O'Shea \* Dave Parks \* Doug Patterson \* Nick Pavkovich \* Ron "Red" Pegg \* Sam Pennington \* Bob Peterman \* Craig Peterman \* Jamie Peterman \* Robert "Slim" Peterman \* Steve Pettler \* Ted Pettler \* Ernie Phillips \* Rob Porter \* George Quay \* Ken Riggle \* Roger Regaldini \* Rich Reisinger \* Glenn Rimbey \* Carl Riser \* Criss Roman \* Robbie Rosenbaum \* Rick Russell \* Jim "Sadie" Sadenwasser \* Alan Safreed \***



Mark Safreed \* Randy Safreed \* Harry Schleifer \* Don "Mouse" Schlotter \* Dave Schweinsburg  
 \* Billy Shaffer \* Jimmy Shaffer \* Mark Shansky \* Tim Shaw \* Mark Shriver \* Ricky Skabo \*  
 Barry Smith \* Bob Smith \* Chuck "Smitty" Smith \* Jimmy Smith \* Ronny Smith \* Tim Snitger \*  
 Bill Stanley \* Bobby Stedila \* Mike "Froggy" Tagg \* Terry "Stick" Tagg \* Bill Takas \*  
 Rich Tanner \* Gary Tate \* Art Taylor \* Tommy Taylor \* Dale Teaford \* Donnie Thompson \* Jeff  
 "Buckwheat" Thompson \* Andy Tkacik \* Fred Toter \* Tim Tress \* Jeff Tritschler \* Bobby  
 Tunno \* Gene Tunno \* Jimmy "Lemon" Tunno \* Joe Tunno, Jr \* Rich Tunno \* Dom Vietz \* Bob  
 "Whiffy" Waite \* Jack Waite \* Dave Weaver \* Dale Weir \* Harold Weir \* Joe "TA" White \* Terry  
 Wilderoder \* Burton "Butch" Wilson \* Chuck Wissner \* Harold "Butch" Wissner, Jr \* Paul  
 "Curly" Wooley \* Bobby Wright \* Don "Cheeks" Young \* Tommy Young

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## IN MEMORIUM

Bobby "Moe" Allen \* Bruce Benden \* Jack Berresford \* Jay Breen \* Ray Brenner \* Dick Bricker  
 \* Dick Bricker \* Sylvester "Brick" Brickett \* Allen Brown \* Louie Buzzi \* Ron Caler \* Stuart  
 "Stogie" Caler \* Bill Calior \* Joel Carr \* Bobby Caughey \* John Chevalier \* Rusty "Buddha"  
 Chiodo \* Dick Clark \* Clarence Corbin \* Clarence "Biff" Corbin \* Chuck "Bippy" Craven \* Henry  
 DePaul \* Donny Deyber \* Ricky Doolittle \* Elmer "Eddie" Enigson \* Ralph Fillipelli \* Tommy  
 Fortner \* Andy Freund \* Danny Freund \* T.J. Gallagher \* Dave Ganelin \* Shy Graham \* William  
 "Stogie" Grahek \* Herm Granati, Sr \* Bob Greenfield \* Dale "Scooter" Groom \* Terry Groom \*  
 Bill Hamilton \* John "Chief" Higgins \* JAMES "HOBIE" HOHBACH \* Fred Houlette \* Jimmy  
 Howarth \* Charles "Hocky" Hocanson \* Larry Ivcek \* Jack Jaycox \* Ed Karcheski \* Alex  
 Kolumban \* Jimmy "Fern" Kosloski \* John "Bear" Kosloski \* Bob Landsbaugh \* Bob Lane \*  
 Allen Little \* Fred "Tiger" Luce \* Irv Mannion \* Ken Marlowe \* George McCombs \* Mike  
 McDermott \* Timmy "Ski" McGowan \* Willis "Sonny" McClain \* Ed "Huck" McQuillon \* Gary  
 "Guito" Mittica \* Carl "Ed" Morgan \* John Morgan \* Steve "Wizmo" Morrell \* Hobart "Hobie"  
 Morris \* Ronnie Moskal \* John "Murk" Muris \* Billy Ohnezeit \* "Butch" Orlowski \* Ron "Big  
 Saph" Orlowski \* Ray Otlowski \* Chuckie Pander \* Eddie Pawlos \* Pete Petruska \* Frank  
 Phillips \* George "Dodie" Phillips \* George Pinchera \* Denny Porter \* Lee Porto \* Rich  
 Reisinger \* Rex Rice \* "Bucky" Robinson \* James "Skinny" Robinson \* Ron Russell \* Dan  
 Seaman \* Ron Sandoe \* Hans Schmidt \* Don "Scottie" Scott \* Ray "Razor" Scott \* Mike Smith \*  
 Mike "Koo-Koo" Snyder \* Bob "Bear" Stanley \* Elmer "Moe" Steffen \* Frank Tagg \* Tommy  
 Tagg \* WILLIS TAYLOR \* Bill Thompson \* Jim Thomas \* Bill Thompson, Jr \* Andy Tkacik \*  
 George Trombulak \* Joe Tunno, Sr \* Gale "Monk" Weir \* Harold "Butch" Wissner, Sr \* Jack  
 Wissner \* Bill Woods \* John "Bo" Young

## Waite's Ice Cream

Located in what is now the parking lot of the Patterson Township Fire Hall, Waite's was the place to go for penny candy & ice cream. It was a HUGE deal when your parents trusted you enough to let you ride your bike or walk there. When you went in the main door, to the left was the convenience store, in front of you was the ice cream counter and to the right was the soda



fountain and sit down tables. If you went to the left and then to the right you could find Mr. Waite and you could purchase frozen food in bulk as he had frozen food lockers and trucks that went out and took ice cream and frozen food to the stores of the valley. They had the best ice cream around, family owned, and they employed a number of the women and youth in the township. The Waites even lived in a small house on the property in the back corner of Fourth and Wissner Avenue.



Fire Dept. on left, house where they lived in left rear

The township landmark was operated by the Lowell Waite family for about 70 years until its sale to Chris and Miles Mooney in October, 1986. The Patterson Township Firemen purchased it in January of 1992 because it was adjacent to the fire hall and they needed parking. On March 19, 1992, three construction workers from Boring's Demolition, Aliquippa were inside the front of the first floor when they said they heard an explosion. They fled the first floor uninjured. John Blasdell of New Castle, who was renting office and living space in the building, was packing to leave the second floor when he saw smoke. Shouts from neighbors alerted him to the fire. As he tried to get his dog Rocky out, who was in another room, he could not because of the smoke. Rocky was soon rescued by the fire department and he was fine as was Mr. Blasdell.



Waite's after the fire

Lots of memories were made at Waite's and Taylor's, lots of friendships forged and lots of relationships kindled.

Even Willis Taylor met his wife at Waite's in 1957.

## Chippewa Sewage Disposal Plant Explosion

I know you are wondering why this is in the Patterson Township history. Simple, at the time of the explosion the plant was in Patterson Township.

At 2:30 PM on July 21, 1983, an explosion like an atomic bomb, shaking buildings as far as a mile away, ripped apart the sewage disposal plant along Route 51 in Patterson Township killing two employees, Robert Elleson, the plant manager, and Steven Sekeres, Jr. Also treated were thirteen firefighters for toxic gas fumes, probably chlorine and methane. Another Patterson Township Fireman, Charles Schmidt, was admitted to the Medical Center Beaver for tests. It is believed that a heavy buildup of methane gas due to sewage decomposition accumulated around the digester and caused the blast. Steve Zunac, the owner of a sand blasting company across from the plant, said, "I saw a big cloud of dust and debris and then parts of the building." When everything cleared up, the building was gone. An employee of Blackies Auto Body Shop, about a quarter mile away, said the blast sounded like "a sonic boom" and shook the building. The entrance door of the plant building was a steel door about three feet wide and about seven feet high. It was blown completely across the road. Four fire departments answered the call which prompted the necessary closing of State Route 51. The plant was about 14 years old and served about three-fourths of Chippewa Township.



The blast caused quite a stir. We had township summer employees working in the Township Park across Route 51 from the blast so we went down thru the woods looking for them. Once the Fire Department arrived on the scene we realized that Mr. Elleson was trapped under debris and we needed equipment to get him out. Then there was a jurisdictional dispute on the fact that the blast was in Patterson Township but the plant belonged to Chippewa. As the Patterson Township Emergency Management Coordinator I called Tom Roberts, the Chippewa Emergency Management Coordinator, and we worked together. The Fire Departments worked side by side as did the Police,

however, one of the Chippewa Township Supervisors came and was upset because Patterson personal were on scene. He felt it was his plant and wanted to ask everyone to leave. Things were somewhat ugly until Chippewa Police Chief Doug Loughner took the Supervisor back to Chippewa and then everyone could do their work again.

Sometime later Chippewa Township asked Patterson Township to sponsor with them a ballot referendum to exchange some land in Chippewa for the land that the Sewage Plant sat on so the plant would be in Chippewa rather than in Patterson Township. That was agreed to and both municipalities voted for the swap. Now the plant is located in Chippewa.



## Notable Patterson Area Musicians

### DONNIE IRIS



The yellow jacket and bow tie were worn by "King Cool," Donnie Iris, when he was with the Jaggerz in the 1970s. He also wore the outfit for the cover photo of his 1980 album, *Back on the Streets*, with his band, Donnie Iris and the Cruisers. Among his many hits have been *Ah Leah!* and *Love Is Like a Rock*. In recent years, the jacket was on display at Nick's Fat City in Pittsburgh.

(Taken from Musicians of Beaver and the Beaver Valley)



The "Granati Brothers" are classic rock artists whose rich harmonies have been compared to Jellyfish, Queen, and Supertramp. They rocked the nation and in 78 sold out concerts with Van Halen in the 80s. David Granati's soaring melodic guitar riffs earned him a nomination for player of the year by Guitar Player Magazine in 1981. They released two recordings on A&M Records; the "G-Force" album (1979) and the opening cut "Go Crazy" on the A&M sampler "Propaganda" (1979). Their independent CD "G-The Continuing Adventures of the Granati Brothers" was released in 2002. They have also performed with Bruce

Springsteen, J. Geils, Ian Hunter, the Doobie Brothers, Sammy Hagggar, Heart, Peter Frampton, Boston, Def Leppard, Southside Johnny, Gentle Giant, Dionne Warwick and many others at venues across America.

The Granati Brothers Herman, Rick, Joey, David, and their cousin Tony Lee Bonomo began their rock adventure here in Patterson. Hermie began playing piano at age 3 and was writing music at age 5. After graduating high school he performed with several popular Pittsburgh and Youngstown area bands including Coconut with B.E. Taylor, Phweet Phwew with future concert promoter Rich Engler, and in the Jaggerz with Donnie Iris. The Jaggerz recorded Hermie's song "I'll be Okay In the Morning" on the Jaggerz 1975 "Coming Home" album. Back home in Patterson Township Rick, David, and Joey formed their own band called Salt and Pepper and began playing Pittsburgh area clubs including the original Fat City in Swissvale. In 1976 Hermie left the Jaggerz and joined forces with his brothers and cousin Tony Lee to form the Granati Brothers. They became regulars at Morry's Speakeasy in Rochester, packing the place every week, playing their original songs along with jazz fusion, funk, reggae, and Beatles classics. (Taken from Pittsburgh Music History)

### Donna and Mark Groom



A prodigy who was singing by 18 months and playing piano before she was 3, Donna Groom graduated with a B.M. from Duquesne University in her native Pittsburgh, immediately landing a job as lead female vocalist with the Steel City's famed vocal group Jimmy Beaumont & The Skyliners ("Since I Don't Have You", "This I Swear", "Pennies from Heaven"). She studied piano with Barbara and Audley Wasson and Joseph Esposito, Jr. and organ with Ann Labounsky, John Walker and David Craighead.

Her dazzling voice, both pretty and powerful, coupled with her captivating smile and youthful allure helped the Skyliners maintain their popularity as a concert act with the clout to delight crowds.

(Taken from donnagroom.com)



Mark Groom drummer for the Skyliners for more than 26 years, Mark has turned more than a few heads in the music industry. What put Mark in the elite class as a drummer was his 11 cymbals in one. There is an instructional video demonstrating his unique style of getting 11 different sounds from one cymbal. It has sold worldwide and has brought him attention from cymbal companies, schools and some world famous drummers. Mark says, "It can really make your day when you get a letter from New Zealand saying you have influenced some drummer's style."

Mark's two brothers were both with The Skyliners for 20 odd years until Terry's death in 1996. His brother Dale recently passed away with a similar heart problem. Along with The Skyliners, the three brothers backed name acts like The Diamonds, Little Anthony, The Coasters, The Drifters, Sam and Dave, to only name a few.

(From Jimmy Beaumont & the Skyliners)

## Football Star Greg Best



Gregory Lee Best (born January 14, 1960) is a former American football defensive back who played in the NFL with the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Cleveland Browns. Greg participated in three sports at Blackhawk High School but excelled at football, making second team All-Conference as a junior and first team as a senior. He matriculated at Kansas State where he walked on to the football team as a wide receiver. He became a four-year starter as a

cornerback and kickoff returner, although he redshirted his sophomore season due to an injury. As a senior in 1982, Best was named to the All-Big Eight Conference team.

He was invited to play in the Blue–Gray Football Classic all-star game following his senior season in 1982. He caught two interceptions in the game and was named the game's defensive MVP. Although he was not drafted by the NFL after college, Greg was determined to give the pros a shot. He signed with the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1983 and made the team. Against the Cleveland Browns, Greg returned a fumble 96 yards for a touchdown, a Steeler record, earning a game ball and recognition as the Special Teams Player of the Week. Greg played the following season in Cleveland and then went to Birmingham in the USFL, later playing for Montreal in the Canadian Football League and with Pittsburgh and New York in the Arena Football League before retiring in 1988.

(Taken from Wikipedia)

## Football Star Henry DePaul



When Henry DePaul played tackle for the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1945, he had to play both offense and defense for the princely sum of \$225 per game. There were only 25 to 30 players on most professional football teams in those days and many of them played without contracts. Henry once said "We would play Sunday, have Monday off, and then go through full scrimmages in pads on Tuesday and Wednesday." Henry revealed that, "It was a rough league and rules went out the window. You played football because you loved the game. There was no stock market speculating to take your mind off the game, and no endorsements or any other distractions.

(Taken from Beaver County Sports Hall of fame)



## Baseball Star Bob Lawrence



In the summer of 1958 he played semipro ball in Little Falls, Minnesota, and batted .440. In the playoffs Bob had 11 hits over four games and smacked two home runs, three triples, and two doubles, and one of his homers traveled over 460 feet. Signing a contract in 1958 for a reported \$50,000 with the Boston Red Sox organization, Bob's professional career began in 1959 at Corning, New York, where he was named team MVP. In 1961 at Waterloo in the Midwest League he hit 30 home runs (a league record at the time), had 127 RBIs, and batted .305, earning another league MVP. In 1962 Bob was named MVP of his Army baseball team at Fort Chaffee. His professional career ended in 1964 after reaching Class AAA Seattle. Bob returned to Indiana University in 1965 and coached the baseball team until 1980.

(Taken from Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame)

## Football Star Joe Walton



Joseph Frank Walton, a 26 year resident of Patterson Township and Beaver Falls native (born December 15, 1935), is a former American football player and coach, who most recently retired after 20 years as the head football coach and creator of the football program at Robert Morris University.

Walton played eight seasons in the National Football League (NFL) as a pass catching tight end for the Redskins and Giants. He served as head coach of the New York Jets for seven seasons, guiding them to the playoffs twice. He has also served as an assistant coach for the New York Giants, the Washington Redskins, the New York Jets and the Pittsburgh Steelers during a 20-year period. Then came an opportunity at Robert Morris University.

The Robert Morris opportunity came up unexpectedly. The school was looking for a chance to enhance its appeal and increase enrollment and fundraising. It thought a football program would help. The timing was right for Walton, then 56. He wasn't ready to retire but wasn't ready to jump back into the stress, high pressure and long hours of the NFL, either. He gladly took the Robert Morris job in the summer of 1993, although those early days weren't easy. Walton said he started out with "No players, no locker room, no practice field, no equipment, nothing," But it all came to fruition.

Walton's wonderful career came to an end with his retirement and his last game of the season coached at Joe Walton Stadium on the thriving Robert Morris campus in Moon. The Robert Morris administration had the good sense to name their new stadium in 2005 after the man who started their football program from scratch in 1993 and turned it into one of the top Division I-AA schools in our little corner of the world.

(Taken from Wikipedia and Robert Morris University information)

## Basketball Star Norma Heesen



Some of our older residents will remember Mrs. Norma Heesen as our former Township Treasurer, however, Norma played three years of basketball for New Brighton and was selected all county center for two years. She was our Tax Collector for 24 years and was very active in the Riverview United Methodist Church serving as Treasurer and a Sunday School teacher. She was a driver for the Rochester Meals on Wheels and was treasurer of that organization as well. She was an inductee of the New Brighton Sports Hall of Fame.

## People from Patterson Township who served in Federal Government Service

### Frank Policaro, Jr.



Frank grew up in Patterson and became a police officer in the City of Beaver Falls. In 1965 he was promoted to Captain and eventually became Assistant Chief of Police. After 20 years of service to Beaver Falls he ran in his first try at political office against Sheriff John Hineman, Jr. He won easily because Hineman was under Federal indictment at the time. He was Sheriff for a time and was elected President of the National Sheriffs Association in the 1990s.

President Clinton, August 9, 1995, nominated Frank to be the United States Marshal for the western district of the state of Pennsylvania for a four-year term. Frank brought to his new position, after confirmation in December by the US Senate, a strong background in law enforcement. Since 1976 he had been the sheriff of Beaver County, Pa. For 20 years Policaro served his community as a police officer in Beaver Falls, Pa. He and his wife had five children.

The United States Marshals Service is the nation's oldest and most versatile federal law enforcement agency. Since 1789, federal marshals have served the nation through a variety of vital law enforcement activities. Ninety-four U.S. marshals, appointed by the president or the U.S. Attorney General, direct the activities of 94 district offices and personnel stationed at more than 350 locations throughout the 50 states, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Each district and the District of Columbia Superior Court is headed by a U.S. Marshal. The Marshals Service's headquarters are located in the Washington, D.C. area. The Marshals Service occupies a uniquely central position in the federal justice system. It is involved in virtually every federal law enforcement initiative.

### Dr. David Wollman



Dr. David Wollman grew up in Patterson Township, graduated from Blackhawk and while in college worked summers on the Township road crew. Dr. Wollman is Deputy Director of the Smart Grid and Cyber-Physical Systems Program Office and manager of smart grid standards and research efforts at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), the lead agency in the U.S. Federal Government responsible for coordinating and accelerating the private-sector development of smart grid standards as part of NIST's smart grid program.

He played a key role in establishing the public-private partnership, the Smart Grid Interoperability Panel (SGIP), with over 700 organizational members and 1900 participants and significant international participation, coordination and outreach.

Before joining the Smart Grid and Cyber-physical Systems Program in the NIST Engineering Laboratory, he managed efforts within the NIST Physical Measurement Laboratory to maintain and advance the Nation's electrical standards and metrology supporting the electric power industry.

In addition, he has served in several other positions at NIST, including Scientific Advisor in the Electronics and Electrical Engineering Laboratory, Program Analyst in the NIST Director's Program

Office, and bench-level scientist in Boulder, Colorado developing advanced high-resolution x-ray detectors.

Before joining NIST, Dr. Wollman received his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in the areas of superconducting electronics and device micro/nanofabrication. He has given numerous invited talks at international conferences, and holds three U.S. patents. He has received many awards, including two U.S. Department of Commerce Gold Medals and the NIST Applied Research Award. He and his wife Susan presently live in Montgomery Village, Maryland near Washington D.C.

## **Beaver County Service**

### **Mr. H Curtis Elder**



Mr. Elder came to Patterson Township School as Principal, November 15, 1923, just before the dedication of the new building on Darlington Road at School Street. During his tenure there were many innovations such as art exhibitions and the first eighth-grade graduation. Patterson Township School led all other rural schools in health work. In June of 1947 Mr. Elder resigned to become Assistant County Superintendent, then to become County Superintendent of Schools. (1950-1970) He was instrumental in establishing the present fourteen consolidated school districts in Beaver County as the State changed the way school systems were run in the State of Pennsylvania. Today each school district has their own superintendent where in the past, the smaller school districts were run by a supervising principal with a county superintendent. The Beaver County Office of Education was replaced in 1970. Mr. Elder writes in the last Beaver County Public School Annuals, "The final word is that the Intermediate Unit will provide consultative, advisory, and program services to school districts." Mr. Elder and his wife both died in a tragic automobile accident on Ohio State Route 14, between Unity and Columbiana, when someone pulled out in front of their car suddenly, out of a bar parking lot.

### **Judge Thomas Mannix**



Judge Thomas C. Mannix, died October 1, 2010, in Patterson Township. He was born April 5, 1928, to the late Thomas and Ellen Cavanaugh Mannix. He lived in either Patterson Heights or Patterson Township all of his life.

Tom graduated from New Brighton High School in 1945. He went on to college at Bucknell University and graduated from Dickinson School of Law in 1952. During the Korean War, he served with the United States Army Corps of Engineers. While stationed in Washington, D.C., he met his beloved wife Jean McGonigle Mannix and they were married in 1955. That same year, Tom was admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar and began his career as an attorney with the firm of Whitmire & Mannix in Beaver Falls. He was Solicitor for Patterson Township for many years until in 1978 when he was appointed by Governor Shapp to the Beaver County Court of Common Pleas and was subsequently elected in 1979 and retained in 1989. Once retired, he continued to serve on the bench as a Senior Judge until his total retirement in 2008 serving a total of 30 years.

He was always honored to serve the Beaver County community in his judicial position - working with the courthouse staff, the attorneys of the Bar and his fellow judges. Tom was very active in the local community and a board member of various organizations, including the Carnegie Free Library, the Beaver County Chamber of Commerce, the Blackhawk Foundation, Penn State Beaver and the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, where he served as president of the local and state chapters.

## Judge Richard Mancini



A graduate of Beaver Falls High School, University of Louisville and Ohio Northern University Law School, where he was elected president of the Student Bar Association, Judge Richard Mancini was elected Beaver County Judge in November 2003.

Following graduation from law school in 1979, Judge Mancini was an associate in the Cleveland firm of Bernard, Haffey & Bosco for three years before establishing his own private practice in Beaver County. As a sole practitioner for more than 22 years, Judge Mancini represented clients in a variety of matters, including family law, business and corporate law, municipal law, real estate, wills and estates and criminal and civil litigation. He was the Patterson Township Solicitor for a number of years until his election as Judge in 2003. He has been a resident of Patterson Township for many years.

As a very active member of his community, Judge Mancini served as the head football coach for Beaver Falls High School for 12 years and has been extensively involved with numerous civic and non-profit organizations including the Blackhawk Foundation. In April, 2007, he became the second judge inducted into the Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame. On the playing field, he was a two sport star at Beaver Falls: in baseball he helped his Legion Tommies team reach the state semifinals in 1971, and in football he was a two-year two-way starter, earning All-Conference and All-WPIAL honors and setting a school record for interceptions (7) in his senior year. Rick also played basketball at the YMCA and led the league in scoring as his teams won two championships. When Rick returned to Beaver Falls, he was an assistant coach with the football team from 1982 to 1988 (including the 1984 WPIAL championship team), then became head coach in 1989. His team was MAC co-champions in 1991 and Rick was named 1993 Parkway Conference Coach of the Year as he guided the Fighting Tigers to their 500th win. As you can see he has been very successful in all that he has done over the years.

### Some things that are gone



The Heesen family ran a Custard Stand for a few years near the entrance to Brady's Run Park on Route 51. It was always a treat to take the kids for a cone on a hot summer evening.



Crown Homes at the Heesen Custard Stand after the stand closed.



## Out and about in Patterson Township 2016



Co-Go's Darlington Road & 20<sup>th</sup> Street



The Brake Stop Darlington Road & Steffens Hill



State Farm and Allen Chiropractic



Bettors development 11<sup>th</sup> Street & Darlington Road



Barber Shop and Hair Dresser  
9<sup>th</sup> Street & Darlington Road



Hill Top Laundry,  
formerly Porters Dairy Lunch  
9<sup>th</sup> Street and Darlington Road



Circle K 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Darlington Road





Patterson Primary School and Allstate Insurance 8<sup>th</sup> Street & Darlington Road



Catton Chiropractic 7<sup>th</sup> St. & Darlington      Small Strip Mall Darlington Road and 7<sup>th</sup> Street



Ross Hill Auto Sales



Ross Hill Car Wash



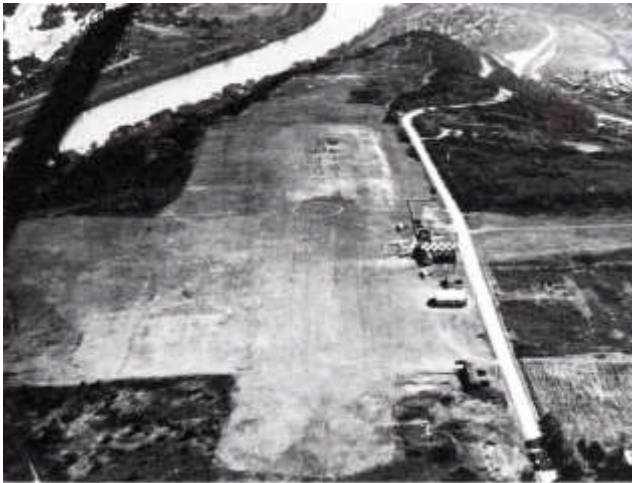
Blackie's Collision Service



Route 51

Hostetler Actions

## Things that have changed



Above left is an aerial view of the old Patterson Heights airport that was located in Patterson Township, 1919 to 1957. You can see the airport hanger center right in the left photo. In the right above photo you can see the present Beaver Valley Golf Course Fairway with the old hanger now used as the course maintenance building.



Above left is Seventh Street with the open field and houses south east to Darlington Road in 1920. The photo on the right is the same view today. The houses today are the same but now the new Patterson School is in the field and there are some trees.



## More things that have changed



The Rudi and Wenkhouse residences 607 and 609 Darlington Road in 1925 then today 2016.  
Temple's Super Market was located at Ninth Street and Darlington Road



Temple's Super Market 1953



Same building today 2016. Now a barber Shop



Seventh Street and Darlington Road the Maratta Service Station and store early photo and then a later one. You can see the Nippert Store in the background in the photo in the right.



Catton Chiropractic is the same building as above left next to the Ford Model A. The building above right is the former Nippert Store now apartments in the photo directly above behind the car.



Joseph A. Burger Store 2111 16<sup>th</sup> Street



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Burger inside



2111 16<sup>th</sup> Street in 2016 now a residence

**Things that are old, things that are gone.**



Homes on 12<sup>th</sup> Street in 1901



Watson Wagon 1915







Darlington Road 1910



Was located where Pineloch Estates is located next to Franciscan Manor



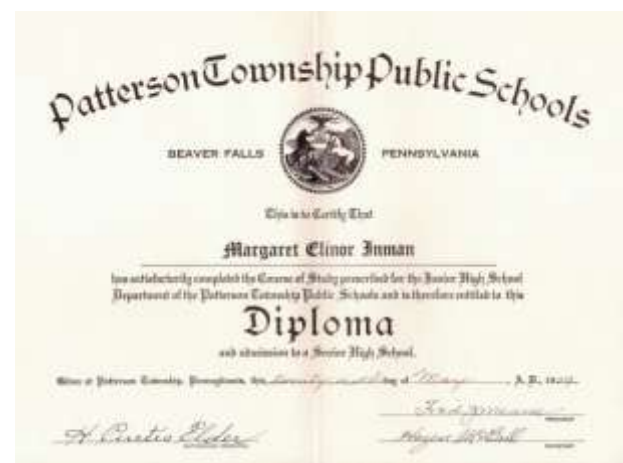
Edna Wenkhouse at estate,  
Darlington Road and Fern Avenue



Wenkhouse Family 609 Darlington Road  
Edna holding Marjorie, James, Donald, Ralph



One room school, School Street & Darlington Road later moved to behind the Riverview United Methodist Church and known as the Community Building.



Patterson Township School Diploma, 1939. Ninth grade graduation then to Beaver Falls for High School.





Fredrick's Clover Farm Store later to become Quality Cleaners on 16<sup>th</sup> Street



First Ohnezeit Lumber building



Building new strip mall 6<sup>th</sup> Street & Darlington Road with the old McBride building in front.



Second Qhnezeit Lumber building located on 15<sup>th</sup> Street between 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue.



The big 1950 snow. Cars covered at Skyline Supermarket on 16<sup>th</sup> Street. There was so much that Darlington Road was closed for almost a week. There was just a path down the center of the road.



Highland Avenue-Don Inman- Unknown  
Betty Lou Orr, Earla-Jean Orr  
1950 Snow

## 1953 in Patterson Township



Patterson Township Board of Commissioners  
Volk (Eng.) Porter Kennedy Hitchin Wise  
Buchholz (Sec.) Milliken Heesen (Tax Col.) Whitmire (Sol)



Patterson Township School Board  
Dawson Stinson (Principal) Balph  
Shearer McClain Schlotter



1953



1953



## Bands in Patterson Township 1953



Patterson Township Firemen's Band 1953  
James Mills, Director



Patterson Township Junior High School Band 1953  
William Springer, Director.

## 1950s, 1960s and 1970s

The fifty's and sixty's brought two new church buildings to Patterson Township. In 1952 the new Riverview Evangelical United Brethren Church and in the sixties the new building for the Reformed Presbyterian Church. In order to build the new Reformed Presbyterian Church the Iden home next to the old church had to be moved. It was moved to Fifth Street and the photo below shows it in the process of being moved.



You can see above, the workman moving the newly-purchased home of Fred Karmie as they cut tree branches and four Bell Telephone Co. departments took part by lowering cables in at least five locations to clear a path for the 100-ton home to move to the intersection of Fifth Street and 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, June of 1967.



The first Patterson Township Office housing the Secretaries' office and Police Department.



## 1976 in Patterson Township



Board of Commissioners 1976

Robert Omogrosso	Rudy Schunk	Richard Jones	Russell Chiodo
Tom Mannix (Solicitor)	Dave Keeton (Chair)	Richard Russell (Tax Coll)	Ed Dixon (Sec.)

Many originations and persons in Patterson Township celebrated the American Revolution Bicentennial. The Township had a large parade and a program at the War Memorial. As part of the festivities the Riverview United Methodist Church had Bicentennial Observance day.



Church members who dressed



Tacy Inman, Don Inman, John Inman  
Mrs. Roy Nichols, Bishop Roy Nichols





Patterson Township Firemen's Ladies Axillary 1976

Patterson Township Axillary Police 1976



The Township Park was also a bicentennial project



Don Inman, Paula Wagoner 1976

After the Bicentennial, the Township under the leadership of Paula Wagoner started for a time to have Community Days. It was very successful until it started to become costly and the Commissioners decided to no longer fund it. It was picked up by the Riverview United Methodist Church and is continuing there to this day in September in the church parking lot. It is now an apple dumpling festival.



Betty and Russ Chiodo working the Community Day booth



Open house for new Township Building, 16<sup>th</sup> Street and 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue on April 25, 2009  
Mr. Bradow welcoming residents and giving a tour of the remolded building

## Without a past there is no future

This book was prepared in commemoration of the one hundred and seventy fifth anniversary of the founding of the Township of Patterson. Our purpose in publishing this book was to compile an interesting, factual and nostalgic view of what happened here and a general idea of when it happened. I pray it will serve as a lasting memento of our 175 years and it will help our residents to remember our past as a township and as a nation.

As with any endeavor of this nature I need to thank a number of people who helped with ideas, photographs, proofreading and conversations to help remember that which came before.

Photographs were graciously provided by Dr. Ann Forrest, Dr. Joseph Burger, Mr. Jim Rudi, Mr. Frank Policaro, Mrs. Paula Wagoner, Mr. Bill Livingston and a majority of them from the Don Inman collection. For all these folks I am grateful.

Some of the ideas in the book and proofreading of it came from many of my friends who took the time out of their day to help make things look better and easier to read. For them I am also grateful. To my wife Carol, to Paula Wagoner and my son John, without their help there would be no printing. If you helped in any way and are not recognized, for this I will say I am sorry.

And lastly for the reader, I hope you enjoy this book as much as I did remembering a life spent in Patterson Township, bringing up a family and going through all of life's day to day trials. It is a blessing to be able to say that I was born in Patterson Township. We had some of the best school teachers, some of the best experiences growing up in this wonderful community and some of the lasting friendships as expressed in the article on the Taylor's Bums. Hopefully this book is another way of giving back to a community so many of us learned to love.

We need to give thanks to so many that came before us and left this legacy to us. It is a blessing every day to live in such a small community where you can say many are your friends.

May you be truly blessed in life,

Don Inman  
Patterson Township Commissioner  
September 1, 2016

