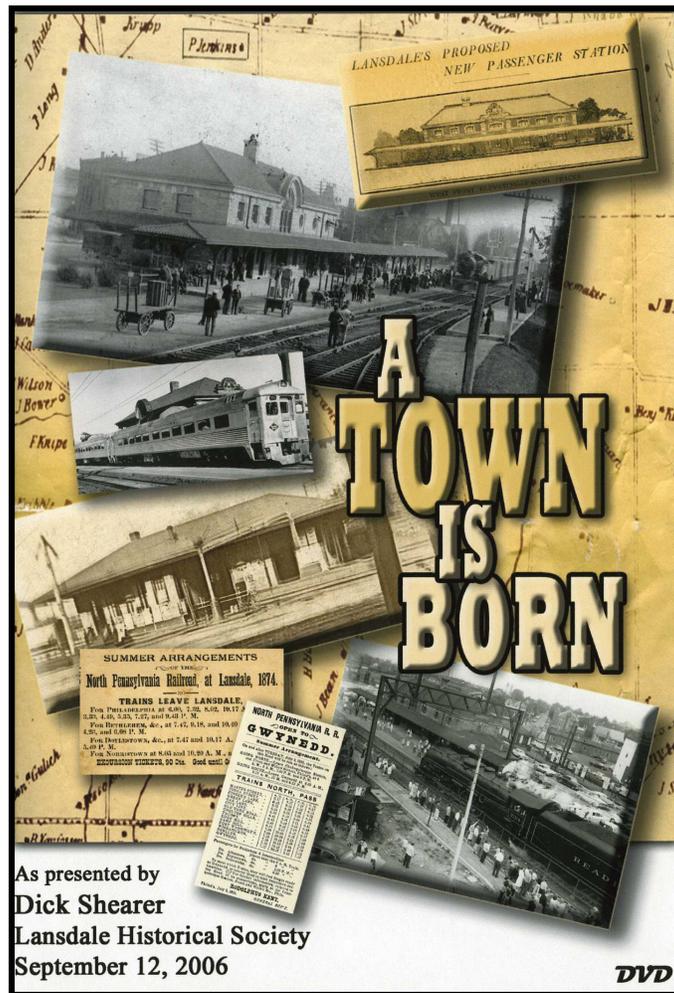


Lansdale Historical Society

HISTORICAL DVD COLLECTION



**DESCRIPTIONS OF THE DVDs PRODUCED AS
PART OF OUR COMMUNITY PROGRAM SERIES**

DVD PRICES

\$18 EACH, \$21 BY MAIL

FOUR FOR \$55 , \$65 BY MAIL

Since 2005, the Lansdale Historical Society has been producing DVDs of many of its Community Programs.

Research for these programs was conducted by society volunteers using the resources of our archives. For some of the shows we solicited participation by a wide variety of community organizations.

Each program is packed with vintage photographs and illustrations prepared by our photo archivist Steve Moyer. The programs are narrated by members of the society. Video-taping and editing are by Jay Delp Productions of Harleysville. Each show is a minimum of one hour in length.

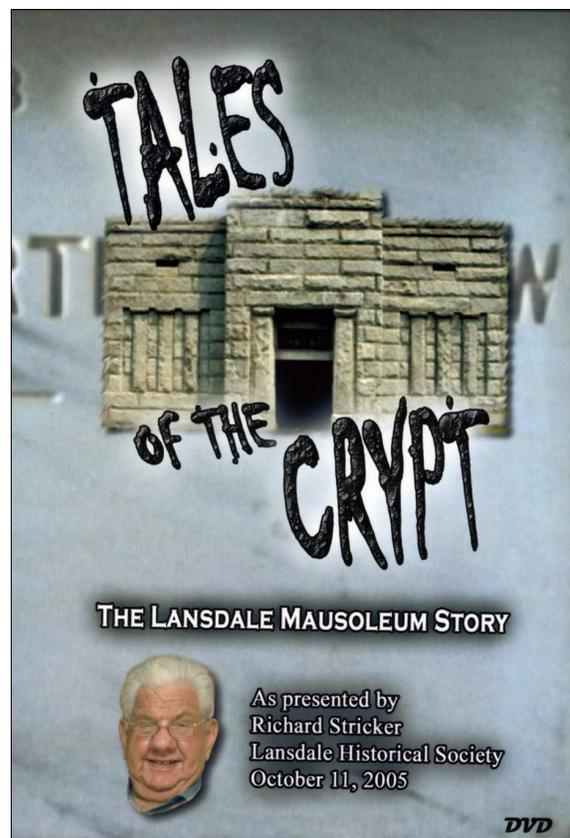
Proceeds from the sale of these DVDs are used to underwrite the cost of taping upcoming Community Programs so that they can be used to inform and educate future generations.

LANSDALE'S INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION: A retrospective of some of the industries that put the town on the map many years ago. Included are Weaver Steel, the Abram Cox Stove Works, the Krupp Foundry Co. and others. Narrated by Marti Drumheller, Ellen Weary and Frank Krimm.

FIREFIGHTERS: Representatives of the North Penn area's fire companies describe how their brigades were formed and relate their histories down through the years.

GOING TO MARKET: From general stores, to mom-and-pop corner groceries to supermarket chains, North Penn area residents have watched food markets go through a dramatic evolution. Narrated by Marti Drumheller and Dick Shearer.

MEN IN BLUE: Big or small, local police forces have been maintaining the peace for more than a century. All North Penn area communities are included. Narrated by Marti Drumheller.



WILLARD KRIEBLE: Famed *Reporter* newspaper photographer Willard Kriebel, whose lens captured 40 years of North Penn life, narrates his favorite work.

1440 WNPV RADIO: Program Director Darryl Berger narrates a history of the Lansdale station on the eve of its 50th anniversary. Joining him are Station Manager Phil Hunt; John Skibbe, who helped found the station, early host Dick Heist, and Jim Church, long-time sports director.

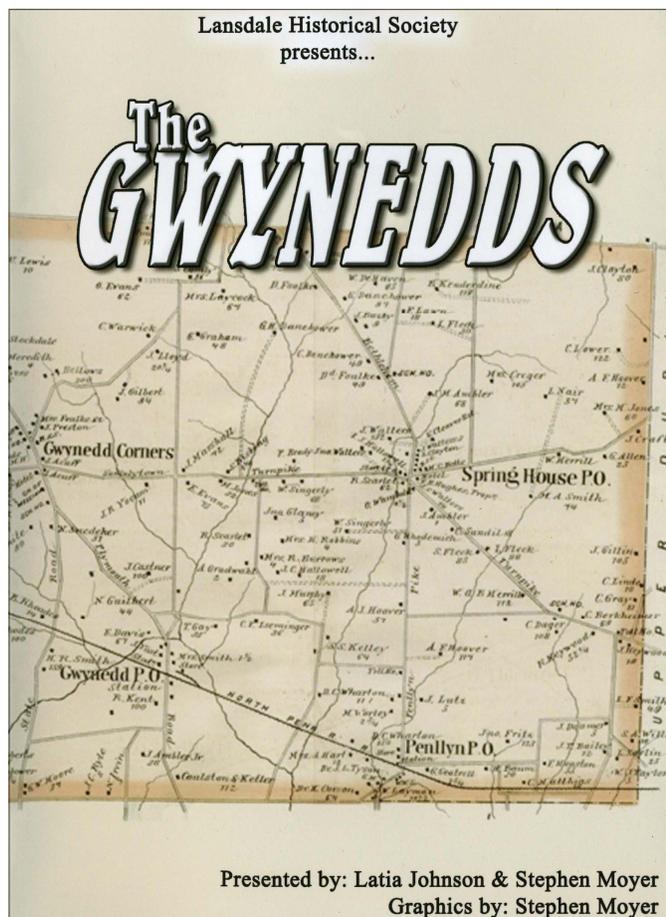
COMMUNITIES SERIES:

NORTH WALES: Steve Moyer narrates a history of neighboring North Wales, his boyhood hometown. This video traces the borough's growth from a tiny village in the 1850s to the present. The North Wales Historic Commission assisted in production of this show.

THE HATFIELDS: Dick Shearer and Hatfield Borough Mayor Bob Kaler trace the changes that have taken place in Hatfield Township and Borough over many years. Produced in conjunction with the Hatfield Historical Society.

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP: Richard Roller and Kathy Sands of the Montgomery Township Historical Society narrate a history of the township, which has become the commercial center of the North Penn region.

TOWAMENCIN TOWNSHIP: Sarah DiSantis of the Welsh Valley Preservation Society and Steve Moyer narrate this tale of the township's historic past. The program was dedicated to the late Thomas Hollenbeck, president of the Towamencin Historical Society and a township supervisor.



THE GWYNEDDS: Steve Moyer and volunteer Latia Johnson trace the history of Gwynedd Township which was split into Upper and Lower Gwynedd as the population of the region increased in the 1890s.

MORE PROGRAMS:

LANSDALE’S GRAND OLD MOVIE HOUSES: A sentimental tribute to the Lansdale Theatre, the Music Hall and three other long-forgotten venues that brought motion pictures to Lansdale during the 20th century. Steve Moyer narrates.

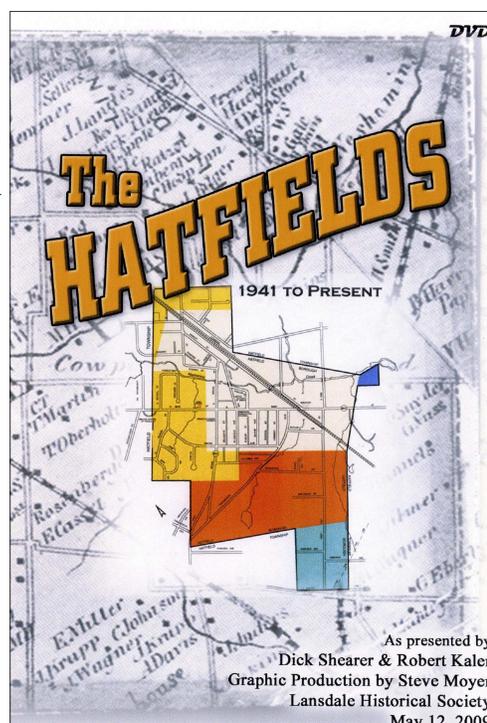
SCHOOL DAYS: Marti Drumheller narrates the evolution of public schools in Lansdale from their primitive beginnings in 1871.

SILK STOCKINGS: At one time, 5 percent of the world’s silk stockings were manufactured by Lansdale’s hosiery mills. This program, featuring Dexdale Hosiery, the largest of the firms, includes film of a violent workers’ strike in the 1930s. Dick Shearer and Steve Moyer narrate.

THE LEGACY OF DR. FRANK BOSTON: The story of a remarkable physician who founded the Volunteer Medical Service Corps and Elm Terrace (North Penn) Hospital while living under a cloud of racial prejudice. Steve Moyer and Dick Shearer narrate.

LANSDALE’S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION: A retrospective of the town’s 100th anniversary celebration in 1972. The week-long event was the biggest celebration in Lansdale’s history. Dick Shearer and Willard Kriebel narrate.

THE TILE: For almost half a century, Franklin Tile, later American Olean Tile Co., was Lansdale’s biggest employer. The business, founded by Roy and Malcolm Schweiker, is now gone, but in its day the Tile was the place to work – and for many employees it was the only job they ever had. Marti Drumheller narrates.



EATING OUT IN THE LANSDALE AREA: From the beloved Hotel Tremont to old standbys like the R&S Diner, a good meal was always easy to find in the North Penn Valley. Marti Drumheller and Steve Moyer narrate.

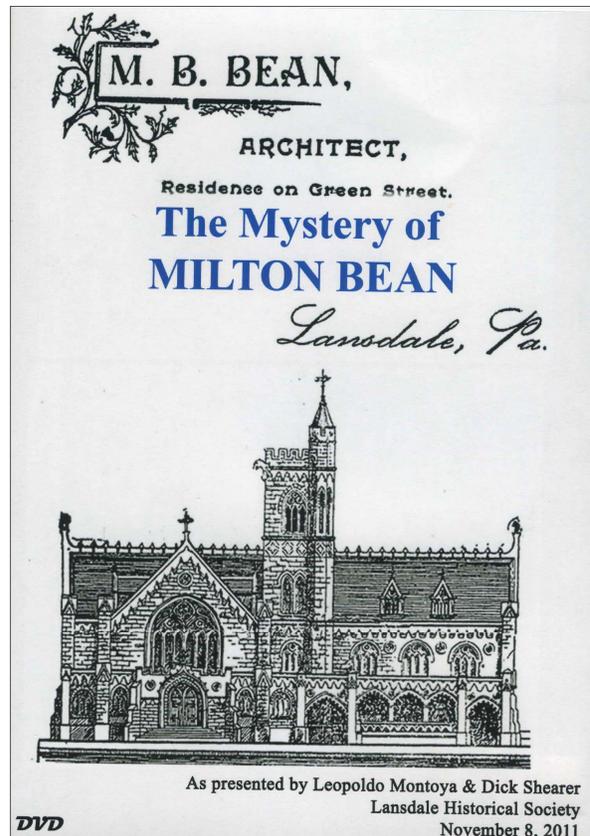
EXTRA! EXTRA! Former Editor Dick Shearer and former Chief Photographer Willard Krieble detail the history of The Reporter newspaper which began as a weekly in 1870. They share stories about some of the people who made the paper a special place to work.

RUMBLE SEATS AND TAIL FINNS: A retrospective of the North Penn Area's love affair with the automobile from the day architect Milton Bean built the first horseless carriage in Lansdale. Narrators Dick Shearer and Steve Moyer provide a rundown on local car dealerships, the problems with early roads and a popular indoor auto show held indoors during the winter in the 1920s.

ALL HAIL THE TROLLEY: Long-time trolley historian Andy Maginnis of Lansdale describes the many trolley cars and routes that traversed the region during the first half of the 20th century. The famed Liberty Bell Limited route is featured.

FIVE MAYORS: Five mayors – Hugh Cullen, Richard Bitner, John Scheetz, Mike DiNunzio and Andy Szekely – have served Lansdale consecutively since 1970. They sit down for a fireside chat with WNPV Program Director Darryl Berger.

THE MYSTERY OF MILTON BEAN: Lansdale was home to one of eastern Pennsylvania's most prolific architects of the Victorian era and the early 20th century. Yet Milton Bean's fame flew under the radar, even among his contemporaries. Researcher Leopoldo Montoya describes the scope of Bean's accomplishments.



FAITH OF OUR FOUNDERS: The first in our annual series on the histories of Lansdale's churches. In this opening edition Pat Rieker describes the earliest of the churches: St. John's Reformed Church, Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church and Lansdale Methodist Church.

A WALK WITH ALLEN AND INEZ LINCOLN: These two founding members of the society recorded a walking tour of historic downtown Lansdale during the 1980s. Pat Rieker narrates this program using Inez Lincoln's original script and Allen's photographs.

A FIRESIDE CHAT WITH FOUR FORMER FIRE CHIEFS: WNPV Radio's Darryl Berger conducts a discussion with former fire chiefs Jay Daveler (Fairmount), Clair "Butch" Clemens (Towamencin), Robert Kaler II (Hatfield) and Jim Swartley (Colmar) who together have compiled more than 225 years of volunteer service to the community. They talked about major fires of the past and the driving forces behind their long-time commitments.