

## Mission Statement:

The Redbank Valley Historical Society is a nonprofit group of individuals whose interest is in researching and preserving a factual and accurate history of the area comprising approximately the same area as the Redbank Valley School District.

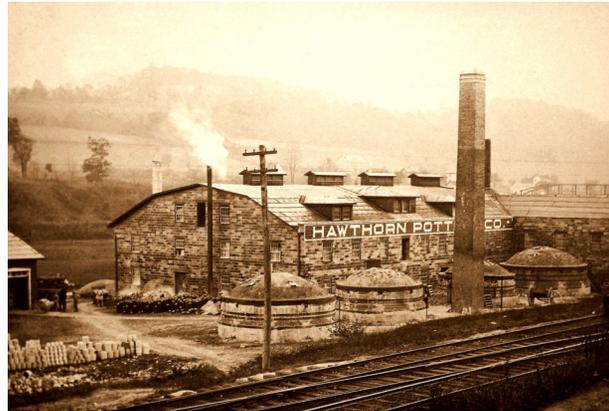
**Goal #1:** Research and compile data to be used in the publication of a book of the area. Establish a Heritage and Genealogy Center. Preserve artifacts pertinent to the history and genealogy of the area for display at a center, which will be open to the public.

**Goal #2:** Entertain guest speakers to present interesting subject matters of local historical interest and conduct field trips to various places of historical interest to the group.

The Redbank Valley Historical Society offers membership to anyone who is interested in and is willing and able to contribute to our society's goals.



Redbank Station



Hawthorn Pottery



Climax Tunnel on the Allegheny Valley Rail Road

The society meets the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. in the basement of the Presbyterian Church at the corner of Wood & Penn Streets in New Bethlehem, PA. (The building is handicapped accessible).

*Invitation to Join:*

## *Redbank Valley Historical Society*



New Bethlehem Passenger Railroad Station

**COME JOIN US**

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Redbank Valley has some amazing history of industry, business, religious and social groups, as well as prominent citizens. At each year's passing we lose a vital link to our local history.

Have you ever sat down with a box of old photographs with no names on the back and no one able to tell you who these people were? Many times these pictures end up in the trash, lost to history. Whether it is family history or local history, if someone doesn't write the story, it too is soon lost.

Our goal is to document our history now before it is lost forever. The customs and traditions of the towns and families in which we grew up, stay with us for life. We can move to the big city, for education and jobs, but sooner or later most of us come back home.

It wasn't until 2007 when the local railroad tracks through the Valley were lifted that it hit us, A very vital part of history was leaving town after faithfully serving the Valley since 1873. Transporting coal, products, people and supplies to and from the area, the railroad that had supported the Valley for 134 years was now gone. Like many things in life nothing stays the same. It is important that we preserve our story. There is a tremendous oral history here as well. These stories need to be told and written down. Our past is who we are. We are what we are because of our past experiences.

We welcome individual pictures or a collection of pictures dealing with Redbank Valley history and other local memorabilia.

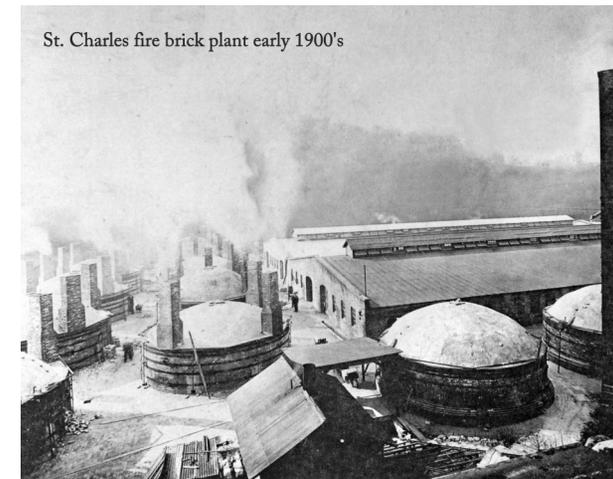
John M. Brown's 1823 history of Schoharie County New York used the phrase "time wearing out memory" to describe how even back then there was the feeling that memory fades and places are forgotten, lost to time. Much of the area's history since WWII is fast vanishing as that "Greatest Generation," is fast departing from among us. The Redbank Valley Historical Society is attempting to put together, in one place, as much history as we can gather from interviews, photographs and research. The Redbank Valley has a rich history. We are researching, gathering, and recording many past events in our local valley. The neat thing about history is, it is all around us and is never complete. History is always being formed. We just need to find and record it so this information can be shared with others and future generations.



**C. E. Andrews Home** (currently the Keith and Toni Stahlman residence)



**Commercial Hotel Hawthorn**



**Looking for:**

- \* photographs
- \* newspaper articles
- \* books
- \* artifacts...

dealing with Redbank Valley history