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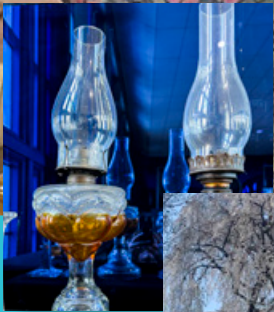
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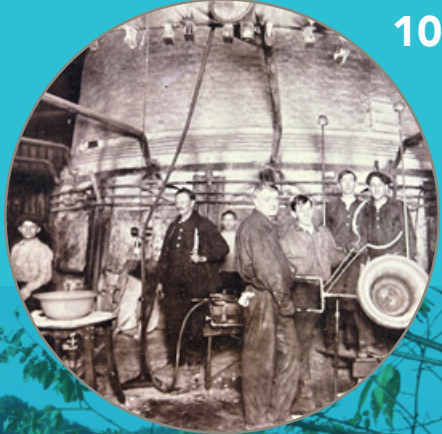
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Tarentum Recreation Board Events

MARCH 30 - Tarentum Egg Hunt – 9am sharp – Tarentum Riverview Memorial Park

APRIL 11 - Senior Bingo 1pm – Senior Center – Dalton’s Edge – must sign up

MAY 30 – American Pie Band – Food Drive- Please donate a nonperishable item

JUNE 6 - Shiners Band

JUNE 13 - Miss Freddye Band

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JULY 25 – Murphys Big Band

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Did You Know?



About the Hemphill Family and How They made Their Mark on Tarentum?

The Hemphill's immigrated to the United States from Scotland in the 1700's and first settled in Cumberland County.

In 1845, John and Anna Longsdorf Hemphill made their way west and settled in Tarentum with their six children. John was a tailor by trade. He opened the first tailor shop in Tarentum called "House of Hemphill" on lower Fifth Ave and made a home for his family in the same building.

John passed away in 1859 and the family was left to run the business. When the Civil War broke out, the two Hemphill sons, John W. and Eli, went off to serve their country. Eli passed during the war in 1863 and John returned home after the war, to continue the family business. The tailor shop was moved from Fifth Ave to a large building at the corner of Lock and North Canal Streets that would also house the family and the business.

John Hemphill married Nancy Staley and the couple had five children, who all eventually worked in the family business. The "House of Hemphill" was a part of Tarentum for over one hundred years.

John was a prominent citizen in Tarentum, serving as bank president, burgess, and other positions.

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Baltimore House, circa 1891 or 1892.

By Marlene Bryan Campell



Marlene Campbell, a lifelong Tarentum resident, shared happy memories of living in Tarentum's Baltimore House, a gracious, 32-room, frame structure, built in the late eighteen eighties. The house, painted a cheerful yellow, stood tall and proud along Fourth Avenue between Ross and Boyd Streets.

The Baltimore House was a popular hotel, offering guests a comfortable and cozy stay. Some traveled to Tarentum by river, some by rail or even streetcar. Some came here for work, some to visit family or friends. Others were longer-term boarders and renters, like my family.

The years I lived in the Baltimore House, during the Second World War, were experiences I will never forget. I can still see the brick sidewalks leading up to the large, elegant front porch. The

porch was used to celebrate birthday parties, weddings or just to swing on the old swing and enjoy a summertime day. To the left of the house was a viaduct stretching over the railroad tracks and to the right was the bustling Tarentum business district.

Surrounding the house were beautiful rose bushes. The pink roses were often plucked from the bushes by children and given to the people who lived in the house, to wish them a good day. Chickens were cooped up in the backyard, ready for Sunday dinner.

Across Fourth Avenue lived many kids. Money was scarce but we made our own fun. After some Tin Can Alley games, we would board a small, wooden rowboat docked in Bull Creek, and travel the world of make believe.

At the back of the house, there was an enclosed porch. It had slate walls and a trap door in the floor. One day I opened the door and saw cobwebs and a black dirt floor. Not a good place to explore.

Maybe my best memory of living in the Baltimore House is of the elegant front doors. They were made of thin wood, with beautiful designs carved into them. The door had no locks. How different times were then.

Eventually, the big, yellow Baltimore House gave way to progress. In the 1950's the owners of the property, Allegheny Lumber, took the property over. Their business is on Boyd with two lumber yards on Fourth Avenue.

Though it's gone, the Baltimore House served us well and the memories will remain forever.



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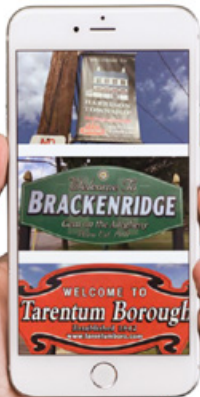


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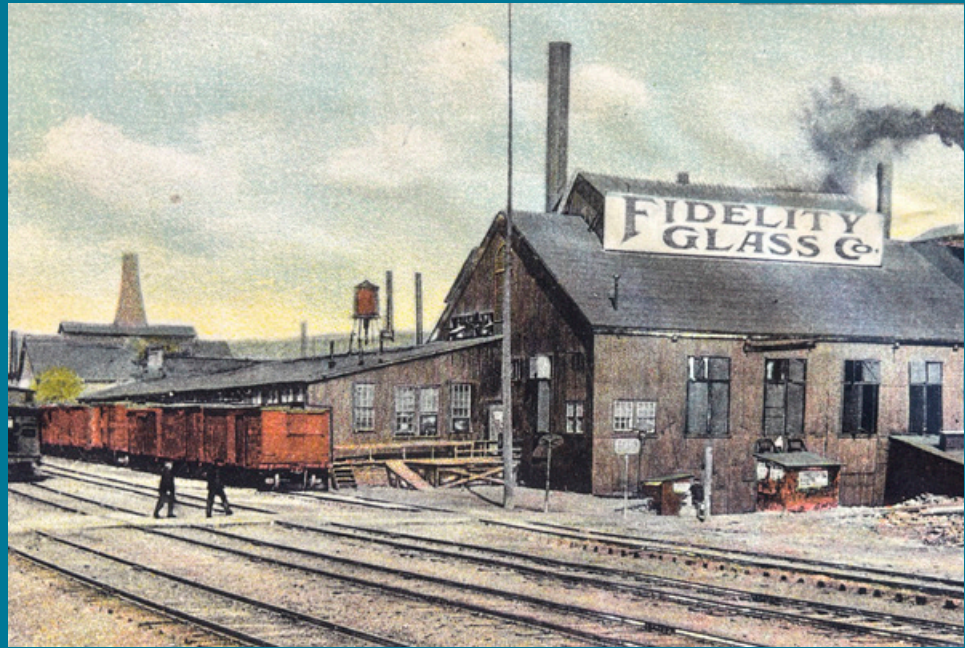
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by Jean Flemming

Glass collectors worldwide have long sought out and treasured their pieces of Tarentum-made glass artistry.

Creamers and wine glasses, delicately cut dessert and dinner plates, berry bowls, pressed glass cake stands, elegant cut glass vases, carafes, and more, hand painted, enameled or tinted in magnificent green, red, blue, amber or gilded in the manner that gives the Golden Age its name. Tarentum Glass is displayed at prestige museums such as the Smithsonian in Washington DC and The Metropolitan in New York City.

How many times a day do we absent-mindedly go to the cupboard and get a glass? Did you know that as you hold that glass in your hands, you may actually be holding a piece of history made and designed in Tarentum, Pennsylvania? In the world of glass, Tarentum was known as the glass manufacturing capital of the nation. As much for decorative glassware as it is for practical items such as milk bottles, medicine bottles, and everyday tableware.

Because of its prime location near the rail lines and near the river, Tarentum was home to several glass factories. The first glass industry established in the Borough of Tarentum was Lippincott & Company in 1874. Lippincott was formerly associated with the Bakewell Firm in Pittsburgh but opened his own plant in Tarentum where he manufactured bottles for two years before the company went bankrupt.

In 1879, things picked up again when Charles L. Flaccus purchased the former Lippincott works at First Avenue and Bridge Street in Tarentum and became the first bottle manufacturer to use natural gas in production. In May of 1904, the company received a charter as the C.L. Flaccus Glass Company.

In 1929, Flaccus closed. The third glass company to locate in Tarentum was the New York City Plate Glass Company which dates back to 1881. It was owned by Captain

John B. Ford. Many years later, the firm changed their name to the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company.

The next two firms to locate in Tarentum were Challinor, Taylor & Company and Richards & Hartley Glass Company, established in 1884. In 1891, both companies were incorporated into the United States Glass Company.

Then, tragedy struck. In 1893, the Challinor Works were destroyed by fire.

The Richard & Hartley Works was sold by the United States Glass Company to the newly organized Tarentum Glass Company in 1894. Then in 1895, this property was sold to the Fidelity Glass Company – a milk bottle manufacturing firm. Later, Fidelity Glass was taken over by the Atlantic Glass Company of New York City.

Additionally, in 1892, Joseph Heidenkamp organized the Tarentum Mirror and Art Glass Works, which produced ornamental and engraved mirrors until 1900.



GLASS AND INNOVATION

At the turn of the century, a new direction of glass production started. Borrowing money from John Pitcairn, Jr., Ford founded the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company. As soon as the first factory in Creighton, PA was open and profitable, Ford moved his operations to the town, which he now called home – Tarentum. The Allegheny Plate Glass Company also came into being, and they produced window glass. Pitcairn served as a director of PPG from its start, its president from 1897 to 1905, and chairman of the board until his death.

In 1919, Liberty Mirror Works came to this area. Along with Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company and several other glassworks led to Tarentum's stellar reputation with glass manufacturing.

PPG soon became the United States' first commercially successful producer of high-quality, thick, flat glass using the plate process. PPG was also the world's first plate glass plant to power its furnaces with locally produced natural gas, an innovation which rapidly stimulated widespread industrial use of the cleaner-burning fuel. PPG expanded quickly. By 1900, PPG was known as the Glass Trust. It included 10 plants, had a 65 percent share of the U.S. plate glass market, and had become the nation's second largest producer of paint. It became known as PPG Industries, a multibillion-dollar Fortune 500 corporation, with 150 manufacturing locations around the world. It now produces coatings, glass, fiberglass, and chemicals.



PPG sold the controlling interest in Pittsburgh Glass to Kohlberg in July 2008. At the time, it was a conscious choice to move away from the glass business in favor of coatings. In 2016, PPG officially became a global supplier of paints, coatings, and specialty materials.

Pittsburgh-based PPG is now a global supplier of paints, coatings, optical products, specialty materials, chemicals, glass and fiberglass. The company has more than 140 manufacturing facilities and equity affiliates and operates in more than 60 countries.

Collectors have curios filled with many treasures. Tarentum Glass produced souvenirs for local shop owners with their names embossed which many glass collectors prize to this day. In addition to dinner ware, some items were fashioned in specific shapes such as cows, pigs, sheep, and even ears of corn. Ladder shaped formations held and displayed spoons. A "Tree Of Life" design features tiny blue-green leaves with brown branches. The Jenny Lind Compote is a candy bowl with the image of Jenny Lind worked into the stem of the piece. The heart and thumbprint patterns from Tarentum glass were sold all around the globe.

Tarentum glassworkers took such pride in their craftsmanship, that they fashioned intricately made canes out of glass and carried them when walking in the Labor Day parades.

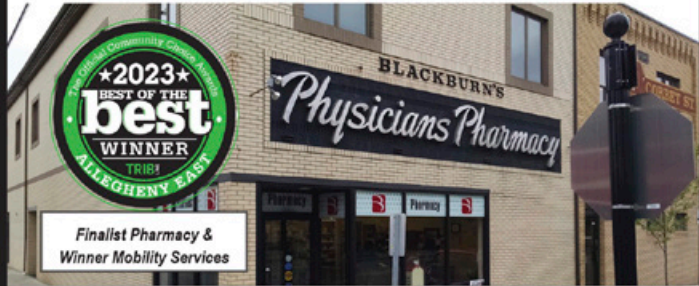
(In this article the history of Tarentum based glass companies was taken from the "Foreword" section of "Tarentum Pattern Glass" by Robert Irwin Lucas, and also from one of Google's on-line Wikipedia excerpts. www.ppg.com)



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*by Carrie Fox
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DISTILLING SPIRITS for popular consumption is an important part of American history. Now that the Iron City Distillery has found a home on the forty-two acre campus of the Pittsburgh Brewing Company in Creighton, a new chapter is being written right here.

It began when the Pittsburgh Brewing Company hired Matt Strickland, who was living in Canada, to be head distiller at the Creighton site. Strickland earned his Master's Degree from Oregon State University, where he studied oenology and viticulture, which is the science of distillation. Today, he and three other employees run the newly-established distillery in the old boiler room of the former PPG plant.



“I am a simple distiller,” said Matt. “Our product is done by hand start to finish.” Matt is highly conscientious about purchasing products from local suppliers. Products that are PA grown are important to him because he believes only PA grains and products should be used to produce the Iron City reserve line.



Matt Strickland

“OUR PRODUCT IS DONE BY HAND START TO FINISH.”

As he works alongside the 160-year-old Iron City brand, Matt is full of ideas and dreams. A 1-million-dollar expansion plan was in place before the distillery was even opened. A 10-year multistate approach is in the works.

For the present, a 4-story brick house, lined with 400 to 500 oak barrels, is kept a constant 70-degrees. The contents of these barrels will not be released any time soon. Maturation time is 5-10 years. Matt sourced whiskey from a Washington D.C. Distillery where he had once been employed. This is the whiskey being sold today, allowing Strickland to taste and see what he perfected all those years back. Smooth

and delicate to taste, Matt never dreamed he would get to sip what was produced in those barrels from his time spent working at the D.C. Distillery.

But the long-aging process is part of the history of distilled spirits. And Pennsylvania is an important part of that history. In 1753, Rye whiskey was first produced by John Shenk, a Swiss Mennonite farmer from Schaeferstown, PA. Michter’s whiskey was originally sold under the name of Shenks, then Bombergers. Rye, an oil rich grain, was valued highly. George Washington purchased whiskey for his men hunkered down in the camps to keep them warm through the brutal winters. Michter’s is known as the whiskey that warmed the American Revolution.





One day, Cliff Forrest's cousin brought him a bottle of Gin from Finland. Cliff loved it! He approached his distiller, Matt Strickland and asked if he could produce Gin of this caliber and the rest is history. Iron City Distillery now produces Gin.



Cliff Forrest, the owner of Pittsburgh Brewing Company, says distilling is his legacy project. He and Matt Strickland's goal is to produce 1.25 million bottles, 4,500 barrels a year, not to compete with large companies, but to focus on quality not quantity. "Sweat equity is priceless," says Matt "Not to be innovative but to be original and traditional. Using a variety of ryes, Iron City Distillery can compete on experience instead of volume. We want to create a different experience for our consumer by creating a product that takes you back 100 years, a good whiskey taste, an American whiskey. Pittsburgh Brewing focuses on quality and integrity."

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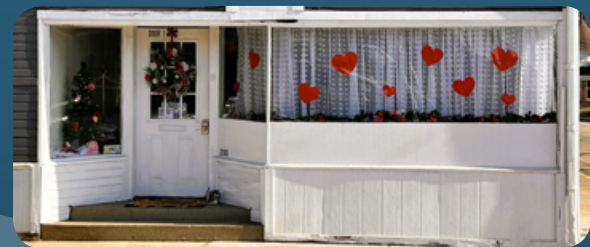


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From the Desk of the Borough Manager:

Strengthening Our Community Through Active Involvement



As the Borough Manager, I am continually inspired by the vibrant spirit and sense of community that defines our town.

Our residents' collective effort makes Tarentum a wonderful place to live, work, and thrive. Through this article, I want to emphasize the importance of community involvement and how it significantly benefits our borough.

BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY

Community involvement is the backbone of a strong and resilient town. When residents actively participate in local activities, events, and decision-making processes, it fosters a sense of ownership and pride in our borough. This engagement strengthens community bonds and encourages a collaborative approach to addressing local issues and opportunities.

ENHANCING QUALITY OF LIFE

Active involvement in the community directly impacts the quality of life for all residents. By volunteering, attending council meetings, or participating in local initiatives, you help shape the environment and services that affect your daily life. Your contributions lead to improved public spaces, better recreational facilities, and more responsive local governance, enhancing the overall well-being of our community.

EMPOWERING VOICES

Every resident of Tarentum has a unique perspective and valuable insights to offer. Community involvement provides a platform for your voices to be heard and for diverse viewpoints to be considered in decision-making processes. By engaging

with the borough, you ensure that policies and initiatives reflect the needs and aspirations of our entire community.

DRIVING POSITIVE CHANGE

Your active participation is crucial in driving positive change within our borough. Whether volunteering for projects, supporting local businesses, or advocating for special causes, your efforts contribute to Tarentum's sustainable development and growth. Together, we can address challenges, seize opportunities, and create a brighter future for our town.

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

There are numerous ways to get involved in our community:

- Attend borough council meetings.
- Volunteer for local events, committees, or community projects.
- Participate in clean-up days or spearhead new initiatives.
- Support local businesses and cultural activities.
- Provide feedback on proposed plans and policies.

In conclusion, community involvement is essential for the prosperity and vitality of Tarentum. As your Borough Manager, I encourage each of you to help actively shape our community. Your participation, ideas, and efforts are invaluable to our collective success. Let's continue building a strong, inclusive, and vibrant borough for generations to come.

Sincerely,
Dwight Boddorf

TARENTUM TRIVIA QUIZ

1. Nickel & dime store _____
2. Home of the Skyscraper Cone _____
3. Home of Neptune _____
4. Roller rink of the 60's & 70's _____
5. Hebe _____
6. Best bakery of the 60's & 70's _____
7. Most unique hardware store in Tarentum _____
8. First home of the library _____
9. First high school in Tarentum _____
10. Butcher shop & meat market combined _____
11. Water is 6 feet high and rising _____
12. Gibson Girl from Tarentum _____
13. First undertaker in Tarentum _____
14. Grandest opera house between Chicago & New York _____
15. First organized church in Tarentum _____
16. How many square miles is Tarentum? _____
17. When was Tarentum incorporated? _____
18. What creek joins the Allegheny? _____
19. What is the population of Tarentum Borough? _____

**Find the answers at the bottom of page 2*

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