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The Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation is the nonprofit partner of the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission. Governed by a volunteer board, PHF helps preserve the commonwealth's rich heritage through charitable funding, membership, grant management, and community engagement.

PHF Marks 40 Years

To mark the 40th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation, we began this column in the previous issue of the newsletter to recount our history, starting with the organization's establishment in fall 1983 as the Friends of the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission to encourage public and private support for the programs of the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission (PHMC). In 1997 the organization was renamed the Pennsylvania Heritage Society, reflecting its role in copublishing *Pennsylvania Heritage* magazine with PHMC and providing it as a benefit of membership.

The Pennsylvania Heritage Society's mission remained essentially the same—to serve the members and their interests in preserving and presenting the history of Pennsylvania—however, there was now a greater focus on the conservation of collections, publications for schoolchildren, and promotion of special events. The society increased its function over the years to include managing grants, programs, workshops and events for all of the bureaus of PHMC.

The majority of income to the society was in the form of grants, which supported such programs as the Certified Local Government workshop for the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office; American history professional development for classroom teachers at The State Museum of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania State Archives; the Pennsylvania Civil War Muster Rolls Preservation Project for the State Archives; conservation of Ephrata Cloister's *Der Christen ABC*, a 72-page, bound fraktur manuscript penned at Ephrata around 1750; and fundraising for new galleries at The State Museum.

The society also began conducting and cosponsoring seminars on a wide range of topics, including geneol-



With a grant from the federal Save America's Treasures program and an appropriation from the General Assembly, the Pennsylvania State Archives in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Heritage Society embarked on a three-year project in 2005 to conserve the priceless Pennsylvania Civil War muster rolls.

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ogy, historic preservation, Black history, historic travel and tourism, and military history and played a major role each spring in the celebration of Charter Day, commemorating King Charles II's 1681 grant of Pennsylvania to William Penn, as the central event in an annual statewide History Week. The society raised funds through Annual Appeals to conserve documents and artifacts that were in danger of being further damaged.

The story of the Pennsylvania Heritage Society, renamed the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation, will continue in the next PHF Newsletter.

Trails of History Sites and Museums

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Railroad Museum Archives Manager Highlights Photo in Collections

In this installment of the newsletter's continuing series on PHMC's collections and the staff members who work with them at Pennsylvania Trails of History museums and historic sites, Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania archives manager Lauren Radkiewicz emphasizes the human element of the industry in a photograph of railroad workers.

Lauren Radkiewicz on Photograph of PRR Paoli Car Shop Workers

As the archives manager at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, I see a lot of images of trains and locomotives. Although the technology and engineering behind these pieces of equipment are truly impressive, what really sparks my interest are the people who were involved with and impacted by railroads. When this photograph (above) was offered to the museum, we were thrilled to accept it as another item in the collection that supported the people-centric story we like to tell.

Taken on April 4, 1945, the image shows 124 workers from the Pennsylvania Railroad's Paoli Car Shop, where they built and repaired railcars. What makes this photo particularly noteworthy is that 32 of those employees are women. During World War II, women entered the workforce in large numbers, taking on the roles left behind by enlisted men and allowing industries to continue to function. By July 1944, United States railroads employed more than 116,000 female employees, out of 1,410,285 total railroad employees.

Railroads were vital during the war. They transported supplies and troops and helped conserve resources by offering an alternative to automobiles for travel.

There are so many wonderful details in this image (below): the clothes, the people's postures, giving us a glimpse at the personalities of the people who made railroading possible.





PHF ANNOUNCES

New Board Member

The Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation is pleased to announce that Christopher W. Kinder has joined its Board of Directors. A native of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Kinder currently serves as the historic preservation planner for the City of Erie, Pennsylvania. He earned his bachelor's degree in historic preservation in 2012 and his master's degree in public history in 2014, both from Southeast Missouri State University. Kinder previously worked for the State Historic Preservation Offices in Alabama and Tennessee before accepting his current position in Erie. He has been married to his wife Jodi for nearly 17 years and together they have three children: Aiden, Hannah and Harry. Kinder has a passion for history and historic places and especially enjoys walking through historic cemeteries.



Christopher W. Kinder

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It is instrumental to the existence of the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation to have the support to continue its mission to preserve the commonwealth's rich heritage. Many of our projects and programs are outside the scope of the state budget. To continue this great work, we depend on donors for their generous gifts.

It is a critical time in our history and together we can keep the door open to the treasures of our past and impact our future.

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