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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 Offers Scholarships for Essays on PA's Underrecognized History

The Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation's mission to help preserve the commonwealth's rich heritage includes supporting the next generation of scholars and encouraging their enthusiasm for Pennsylvania history. For our second annual PHF Essay Scholarship, we are asking applicants to prepare an essay about a person, location or event that has been underrecognized in Pennsylvania history, along with a separate personal statement.

Two cash awards of \$1,000 and three awards of \$500 will be presented for the best essays received. We will be looking for well-written and thoughtfully articulated essays that elevate the topic with originality and understanding.

Awards will be announced by June 30, 2025, on our website and in the PHF Newsletter in the Fall 2025 issue of the *Pennsylvania Heritage*.

Due date: May 2, 2025

Requirements:

- An essay of 1,500 words maximum about a person, location or event that has been underrecognized in Pennsylvania history.
- A list of citations (not part of the word count).
- A brief personal statement outlining how your educational path engages with the field of history.

Applicants must . . .

- be attending a Pennsylvania two-year or four-year college or university in fall 2025;
- be pursuing a course of study in history or an allied field (should be explained in the personal statement);
- provide proof of full-time enrollment in a Pennsylvania two-year or four-year college degree program or a copy of letter of acceptance (if entering the first year of post-secondary education).

Visit our website for more information on how to apply. If you have any questions, please email or call Jodie Dodson at c-jododson@pa.gov or 717-787-9123.



Elizabeth Thorn, caretaker of Evergreen Cemetery in Gettysburg during the Civil War, who helped care for the wounded and buried 100 soldiers who died in the Battle of Gettysburg, was the subject of an essay by Rachel Legore that won last year's top PHF Scholarship award.

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Members Enjoy Return of PHF Bus Trips

Last Fall, PHF offered its first bus trip since 2011. Taking advantage of The State Museum of Pennsylvania's exhibit of the Fallingwater model on loan from the Museum of Modern Art, PHF partnered with Historic Harrisburg Association (HHA) to offer a bus excursion to see Frank Lloyd Wright's famed architectural landmark in person.

Participants on the sold-out bus were treated to Pennsylvania snacks and listened to commentary on the Pennsylvania Turnpike from HHA's executive director, David Morrison. The trip's return route included a stop at the Flight 93 National Memorial in Somerset County and dinner at the turnpike's historic South Midway Service Plaza.

Participants were surveyed after the trip, and responses were very positive. One traveler remarked: "This was a lovely trip and was very well organized. The bus and the bus driver were fabulous!!"

Another participant commented: "Very inexpensive trip considering today's inflation. Great value! Excellent driver, and comfortable bus."

PHF plans to offer more trips for its members to enjoy. Future excursions will be announced to members by email and on the PHF website: paheritage.org.



Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater.
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The Tower of Voices at the Flight 93 National Memorial.
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Sloan Joins PHF Board

PHF is pleased welcome Lenwood “Leni” Sloan to its Board of Directors.

Sloan is executive director of the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Monument Project, which preserves, conserves and rededicates historic and cultural monuments throughout the state. In that capacity, he spearheaded the placement of the first monument dedicated to the 15th and 19th amendments on the grounds of the Pennsylvania State Capitol. He is also co-chair of the building committee for the Thaddeus Stevens and Lydia Smith Center for History and Democracy, targeted to open in Lancaster in October 2025.

Sloan was Gov. Tom Wolf’s appointee to the Capitol Preservation Committee. He was a founding board member for the African American Irish Diaspora Network and has provided stewardship as a member of the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, the Pennsylvania Downtown Association, the Lancaster Heritage Society, the Lancaster Public Arts Program,

and the Harrisburg Sprocket Mural Project. He was also co-convenor and moderator of Lancaster: ARTS TALK!

Sloan’s artistic credits include creating the Art in the Marketplace programs for the Rouse Co. in New Orleans, St. Louis, Boston and Baltimore and participating as a movement specialist on the artistic team for *12 Years a Slave* and four national public television documentaries: *Faubourg Tremé: The Untold Story of Black New Orleans*, *Ethnic Notions*, *Stephen Foster*, and *Dance Black America*. He was guest artist with the international Silk Road Project for PBS and Irish Public Television, released in fall 2024. For more than 30 years, Sloane collaborated with the late Dr. Mick Moloney, presenting programs, concerts and masterclasses on the convergence, contributions and conflicts of Black and Irish experiences in the U.S. *Two Roads Diverge*, a film about their collaboration, premiered October 28–29, 2024, at New York’s Irish Repertory Theater.

Thank you very much!

Not for any one thing you’ve done but for all you’ve done. Through your thoughtfulness and generosity, you have been a hero to history. You have powered the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation’s efforts to protect, preserve, share and commemorate history in our state.

As time rolls on, the need to build awareness and appreciation of our shared history grows stronger. Your support has impact. Thank you for standing up for history.

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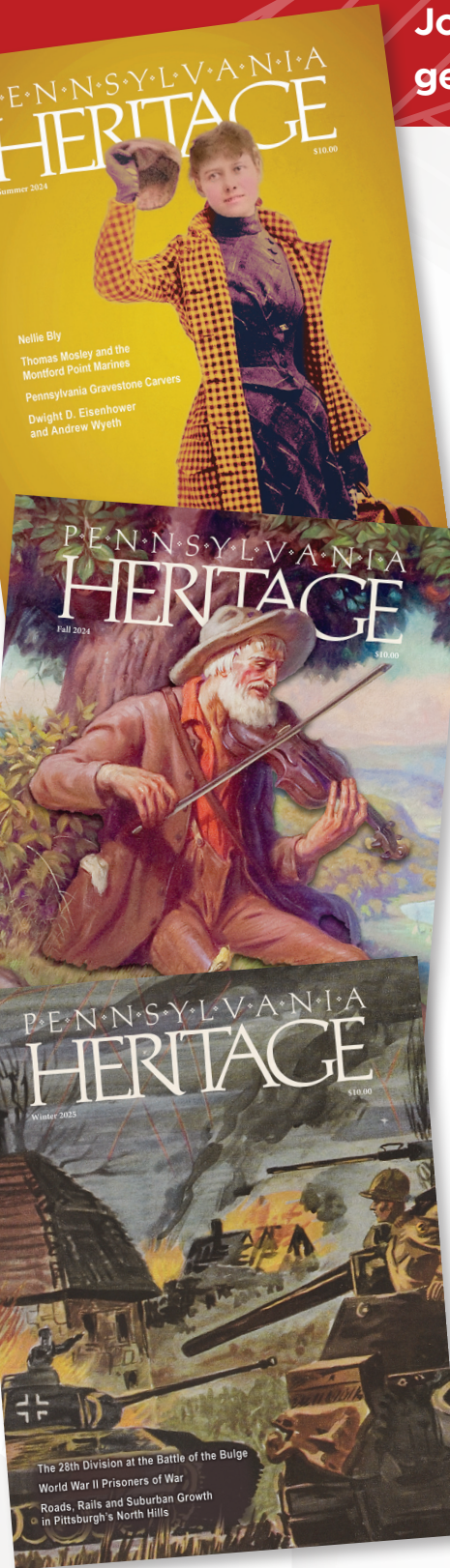
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