Coatesville Rolls Into World War I
On June 28, 1914, a Serbian nationalist assassinated the Archduke of Austria-Hungary, Franz Ferdinand. This action provided a spark that led to the outbreak of World War I.

The United States’ initial reaction to the declarations of war was to remain neutral. Germany’s unrestricted submarine warfare, however, led to the death and destruction of American lives and ships over the next few years. Because of this, the U.S. declared war on Germany on April 6, 1917.

The entire nation mobilized after America entered the war: from individuals buying War Bonds to large-scale economic production. The City of Coatesville was no exception. Our city’s citizens and steel companies rallied behind their nation’s participation in the war.

Steel, especially, had a major impact on World War I. New technologies like guns, tanks, and submarines were made of steel. American steel companies, including Coatesville’s Lukens and Midvale companies, greatly increased their production to manufacture those technologies.

You can learn about America’s involvement in this war in our current exhibit, “Coatesville Rolls into World War I.” Thanks to you, our visitors, and our donors, NISHM is able to install exhibits for the community at large to view. These exhibits are a great way for us to connect Coatesville and steel to our larger national history. And the connection between steel, Coatesville, and the nation is crucial to the success of NISHM.

YOU can help us preserve and share our national industrial heritage. Suggestions and artifact donations are always welcome, so please share!
Coatesville Rolls into World War I Exhibit

“Coatesville Rolls into World War I” portrays the United States’ and the City of Coatesville’s support of and involvement in the Great War (1914-1919).

World War I, first known as the Great War, began with the assassination of the Archduke Franz Ferdinand on June 28, 1914, and officially ended on June 28, 1919 with the Treaty of Paris. As a total war, with new technologies and the essential support of the people, the Great War required full mobilization of the participating nations.

Almost every aspect of life in the United States was mobilized to support its participation. American contributions were not confined to the battlefield: economic production increased, women entered the workforce, dissent against the war was stifled, and citizens purchased bonds to pay for the war. Even smaller communities like the City of Coatesville did everything in their power to ensure American and Allied victory.

This exhibit tells the history of Coatesville’s (and the United States’) involvement in and support of World War I. Themes include America’s home front, the use of iron and steel in the war, the actions of Coatesville’s steel companies, the support of the city’s citizens, and the draft and the men from Coatesville who served. Uniforms and other related artifacts and documents are on display.

“Coatesville Rolls into World War I” will be on display through August. Don’t miss your chance to see Coatesville’s impact on a war that forever changed the world!
Rebecca Lukens Award

On May 4, NISHM presented the Rebecca Lukens Award to Ms. Barbara Cohen, a local community leader who was influential in the revitalization of the former steel town of Phoenixville. Ms. Cohen was a prime recipient for this award, and we look forward to a continued relationship with her.

It was a wonderful evening: delicious hors d’oeuvres from Aquilante Catering, the enjoyment of our “Coatesville Rolls into World War I” exhibit, and guests socialized at this gathering to honor a special individual. Thank you to Citadel for helping to make this event a success!

Mother’s Day Tea

On May 8, guests attended a lovely Mother’s Day Tea in Graystone Mansion. Delicious food, enjoyable company, and the ambiance of a historic mansion combined to make this event a delightful time for all guests. We hope you will join us next year for this special event.
**World War I Exhibit**

The “Coatesville Rolls into World War I” exhibit includes a theme about the local men who served. Thanks to the loans of Bob Ford, a local WWI historian and collector, we have the uniforms, documents, and other artifacts of local soldiers who served on display.

One of these men, Private Russell C. Wilson (shown on front cover) was from Coatesville. Before the war, as a brake-man, he assisted with the braking of trains as they slowed. Private Wilson enlisted on February 6, 1918 at 22 years old and served as a railroad engineer with the 11th Company of the Transportation Corps. He discharged on July 22, 1919.

On display are Private Russell C. Wilson’s uniform coat and trousers, overseas hat, leggings and leg wrappings, and discharge papers. These artifacts, and the many others on display, are worth stopping by and seeing, so please do!

**Steelmaking**

This new permanent exhibit, which is close to being installed, explains the steelmaking process. Beginning with mining iron ore and ending with shaping and finishing, visitors can learn the general steelmaking process in “How Steel is Made.” Visit us soon to learn more!

**300 Years**

In honor of the 300th Anniversary of iron and steel making in Pennsylvania (1716 to 2016), our upcoming exhibit is titled “Pennsylvania Iron and Steel: 300 Years of Industrial Might.” This exhibit will reveal some of the most influential iron and steel sites in Pennsylvania’s history: from the first forge built in the state to steel companies still operating today. On display beginning October 1.
There is always a reason to rejoice when something returns home. That happened this spring with an unassuming yellow side-chair. This federal style side-chair dates from 1815-1820 and was given to the Graystone Society by Elise Sheffield; the great-great granddaughter of Isabella Pennock Lukens Huston and great-great-great granddaughter of Rebecca Lukens.

The history of this important Lukens family piece is explained in a note written by Stewart Huston in 1935. “This (chair) was formerly part of a set which was found in 1928 in the attic of the house of Sarah Pennock Coates in Coatesville, PA... In the division of her effects it fell to her niece, Mabel Coates (Mrs. Walter Atlee) who, when she later sold it to me (Stewart Huston), she told me that it had belonged to S.P. Coates’ maternal grandparents, Isaac and Martha (Webb) Pennock.” Now in its new home, the chair is a physical link connecting us to the vibrant past of the Lukens family.

An elegant tall-case clock stands in the front hall of Terracina, both beautiful and proud. Hand-crafted by George Crow of Wilmington, Delaware around 1750, this eight day clock, was owned by the Pennock family in Chester County, Pennsylvania. A note inside the clock tells of its part in the Revolutionary War, when its large weights were buried to prevent British or Hessian forces from melting them down to make ammunition. The clock’s history traces an unbroken line from the Pennock family to its recent owner, Elizabeth Pennock Vaughn.
Once again, we welcome two interns from the Coatesville Youth Initiative ServiceCorps to NISHM this summer.

Julia Cerrato is going to CASH this fall and this is her first year with CYI. She enjoys learning history and English.

Ajaratu Gberi, of West African descent, was born and raised in Coatesville. She is going into the 11th grade at CASH and her favorite subjects include art, music, and biology.

ServiceCorps is an 8-week service and leadership development program for Coatesville youth ages 14-18 years old. Participants gain work experience, opportunities to serve & connect with the community, develop life and leadership skills, and earn a summer income.

Julia and Ajaratu will be helping NISHM create educational YouTube videos to share with the public. Keep an eye out this summer for these videos!

Back for the third time as an intern at NISHM, Colby first interned here in December 2014 and helped with our collections. This summer he is researching Rebecca Lukens’ ancestors and descendants online on ancestry.com.

The son of Penny & Bill Reeder of Coatesville, Colby grew up playing many sports, but ended up specializing in baseball. Colby will be a senior this year at Kutztown University, majoring in Leisure and Sport Studies (Sport Management). After graduation his plans include spending some time working in the professional field of a sport organization, then going on to graduate school to further his studies in Exercise Science.

When not researching Rebecca’s family, Colby’s hobbies include riding his Harley, playing sports, and spending time with friends and family.
Phase 2 of the Brandywine Mansion restoration continued this spring with the south wall masonry stabilization at the joint between Period I (c. 1739) and II (c. 1787) structures and rebuilding the removed south half of the first-floor wall. This project, by 18th Century Restorations, is the step before Phase 3 – the restoration of the roof and roof framing at the Period I section and the south porch.

The Terracina outhouse had a cedar shingle roof replacement and an exterior wall repainting in the spring.

Grounds projects include work done by Living Tree and Brickman Group. Dogwood, ginkgo, linden, mulberry, and sycamore are among a variety of trees throughout the museum grounds. Tree planting and pruning is a continual process at the museum, as well as hedge, flower bed and lawn maintenance.
### 2016 Calendar of Events

**Check For Updates at SteelMuseum.org**

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**Call For Volunteers!**

NISHM is looking for volunteers on Saturdays for office help, and possibly tours. Two shifts are available: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Not available on Saturdays? We are always looking for volunteers during the week and for events. Please contact LeAnne Zolovich, Educational Services Manager, at 610-384-9282 or education@steelmuseum.org if interested!
On Monday, May 23rd the Horseless Carriage Club visited NISHM. The 80 or so cars dated from 1909 - 1914 and represented companies like Ford, Buick, Cadillac, and lesser-known models such as REOs and Wintons. Visit our facebook to see more photos of these cars.