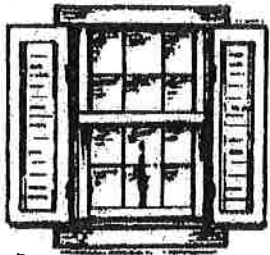


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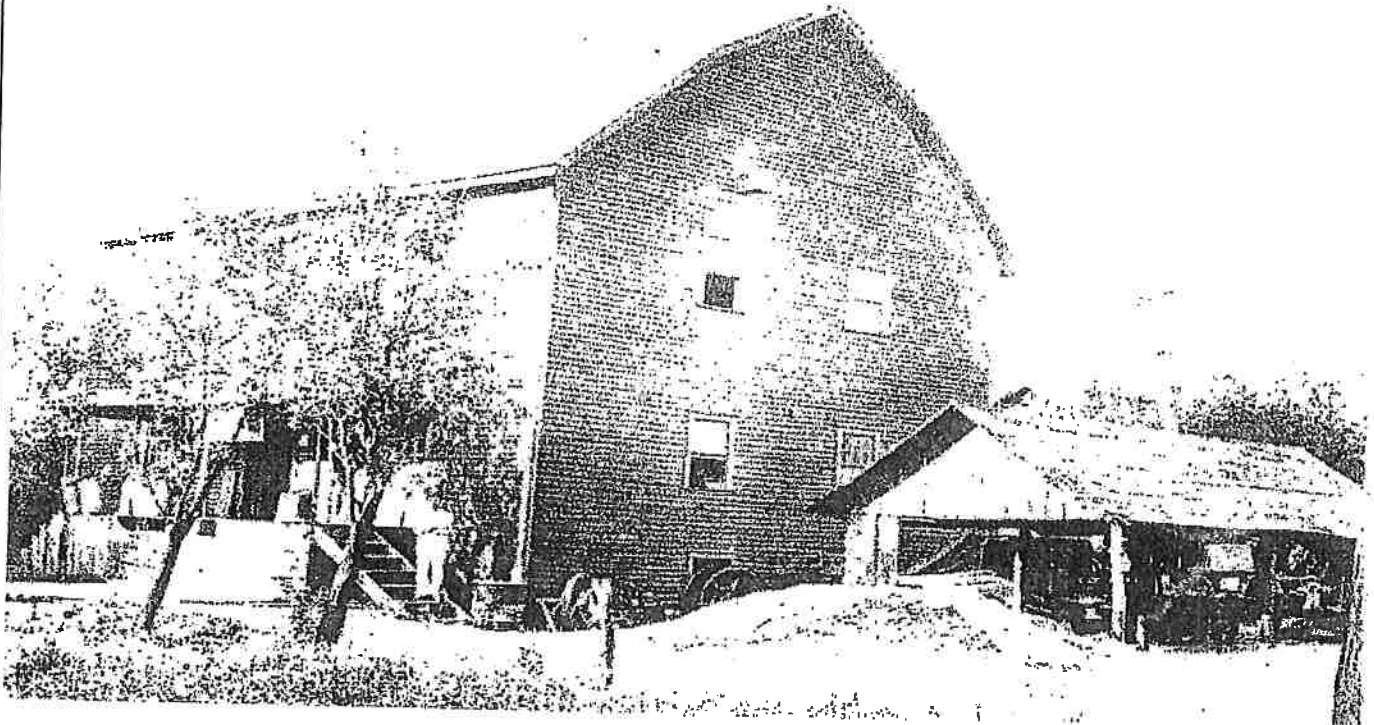


*"A window to the Past"*

## *Prospect Area Preservation Society*

383 Main St., @ Corner of Main & Lafayette St., P.O. Box 586 PROSPECT, PA 16052

Mission Statement: The Society collects, preserves, and interprets the documents, the artifacts, and historical sites of Prospect area's rich heritage for the educational benefit of the public.



The old Roth Mill which burned in 1932.

### **Kirkpatrick's Korner: Remembering the Roth Mill!**

John McKee Roth rebuilt from the ashes of this building to the long familiar structure of brick.

The grain milling industry was under the leadership of a Roth family member from its onset in 1904 through 2016 when proprietor Paul "Dennis" Roth retired and sold the property to Dwight Boice.

An upcoming project the Prospect Area Preservation Society has in the works is the placement of a buhr stone, a grinding wheel, from Roth Mill to be placed in front of the

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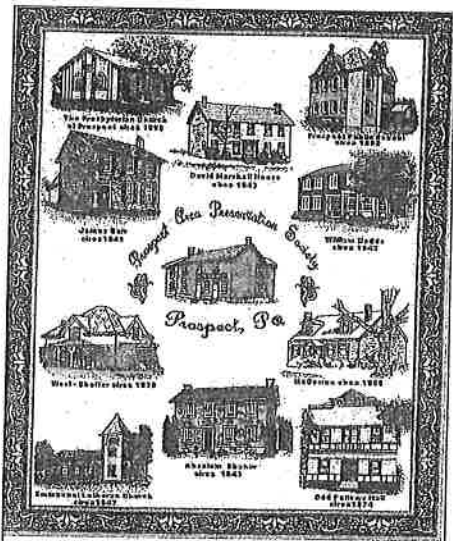
**Kirkpatrick's Korner, continued from page 1****Preservation Society building.**

We came across an interesting article written by Theodore R. Hazen, entitled "**Remembering Paul Roth**". It is located at [www.angelfire.com/folk/molinologist/roth.html](http://www.angelfire.com/folk/molinologist/roth.html)

Here is a sampling:

"I remember Paul... (editor's note-this is Paul Senior)...saying that there was once two mills in Prospect, none of them water powered. There was a steam powered grist and saw mill built in 1872 (the same year as McConnell's Mill) by Martin & Roth. The mills changed ownership several times until they were burned in October of 1880. Then there was the Ralston Roller Mill built in 1882 as a stone buhr mill. The word "buhr" usually means French millstones imported from France. They were the best material ever found for grinding wheat and producing white flour. The United States was the largest importer of French millstones. There were more here than in France or anywhere else in the world. In 1892, the buhrs were replaced by a three stands of Case Roller Mills and the gradual reduction process of flour milling replaced the millstone method. This mill also operated in connection with a saw mill. Paul told me where one of these mills once stood, and I went that way past the site on my way out of Prospect to Pittsburgh, (on that trip). I usually traveled in and out of Prospect by another direction. I visually remember the site of where one of these mills once stood, and there was no indication that a mill ever stood on the site." ...

Note that we hope to continue information about the Roths and the mill in our next issue. We also hope to have more photos for you in the future.



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**Extreme thanks are due to Tom Taylor**, owner of Fairground Market, for donations of dinners for our **chicken dinner fundraisers** AND for food and volunteers for Rube's Run July 2016!

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Thank you to **Gus Guenther** for mowing the grass in front of the PAPS building in 2016!

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Thanks to **Chuck McGowan**; who recently donated a wonderful number of treasures: 2003 "Welcome to Prospect" newspaper article, Butler County PA Commemorative Souvenir Book, 1949 Webster Dictionary from Herman J and Ruth L Kniess, 1917 letter to John N. Ritchie from the PA state Highway Dept regarding car registration, Halstead and Mitchell Company-USW of America 1969-1975 Contract Agreement, 1920 book "The Carpenter", US Treasury Dept. Health Service's 1918 book "Prevention of Disease and Care of the Sick", a reprint of a 1902 map of Pittsburgh, Miscellaneous Postcards and photographs of Prospect!

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Thanks to **Judy Raisley** for the donation of "Moraine State Park" by Polly Shaw, published 2017.

Thank you to **Jeanne Cherry** for the donations of 4 books; "War of Rebellion Official Records of the Union and Confederate General Index" by National Historical Society 1971; "Eighteenth Report of National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Oct 11, 1914—Oct 11, 1915", published 1916; "The Twenty-Eighth Division Pennsylvania Guard in the World War I", compiled by Col. Edward Martin, 1923; A mercantile Ledger book from 1894.

## P A P S B U S I N E S S !

Lee Claus has made great progress at the PAPS building! He is in the process of completing the replacement of the front doors, and the needed repair to the surrounding brick. Lee has disposed of nearly all of the debris, (that had accumulated in the years prior to the Society taking possession)! Most of debris was located in the basement, and other nooks and crannies. Recently Lee has removed much of first floor old wall and ceiling coverings to allow future insulation, heating, and electric work to be completed.

We are very grateful to Lee for his continued efforts to work to get the PAPS building into shape!

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Community/Parade Day

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