

Craig Bartholomew has been active in local historical activities since the Bicentennial in 1976, when he was one of the authors of *A History of Lower Macungie Township*. He is a founding member of the Lower Macungie historical society in 1989, and served a term as president after retiring from the Purchasing Department at Bethlehem Steel. He is one of several members who were very active in restoring the Bortz log house in Wescosville.

Craig's family has lived in the Lehigh Valley since before the Revolutionary War, and he has lived in Lower Macungie since 1967. He and his wife own an 1832 grist mill and its 1868 miller's house.

His interests include all aspects of local history, including mills, barns and other old buildings, farming, railroads, and especially the iron-mining and iron-making industries of the region. His original research on the Lehigh Valley's anthracite-iron industry of the nineteenth century has been published in various journals.

He is an advocate for preserving historical buildings as a cultural reference for future generations.

