

Ann Bartholomew moved to the Lehigh Valley in 1965 from Scotland, and has lived in Lower Macungie since 1967. Her interest in the history of the Lower Macungie community started after her family purchased an old house and mill. For years her main occupation was making the house into a comfortable family home for her husband and two children. While serving as the township's Bicentennial Committee chair in 1975–76, she became committed to learning as much as possible about the community and its history, and assisted in writing the 1976 history of the township.

Ann has covered local government meetings for the Bethlehem *Globe Times* and the *East Penn Press*. She wrote about the World War I period in Allentown and farming in Lehigh County for the Lehigh County Historical Society, and wrote several episodes of an educational series for youth for PBS-39. She was Publications Manager for Canal History and Technology Press, the publishing division of the National Canal Museum, for which she has written, edited and designed numerous publications. She is a longtime member of the League of Women Voters, where she served as board member and president. She served on the Lower Macungie Township Planning Commission for ten years.

Ann has edited our historical society newsletter, helped compile information for the historical display boards at Hamilton Crossings, worked on the content and design of the LMT museum, and designed booklets published by the historical society.

Ann and her husband and children have traveled widely in the United States and Britain, visiting many historic places and often camping in nature parks. Her children, granddaughter, and great grandson have all demonstrated an appreciation for history and the environment.

