

IN MEMORIAM

Joyce A. Post

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Mrs. Joyce Arnold Post, 79, on January 20, 2018. Joyce was a member of the Tredyffrin Easttown Historical Society (formerly the Tredyffrin Easttown History Club) for over 15 years, the accomplished editor of the *History Quarterly* from 2003 through 2007, and a prolific and masterful author with eight *Quarterly* articles to her credit.

Joyce was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on January 10, 1939. She received a B.A. degree from Susquehanna University in 1960 and an M.S. degree in library science in 1961 from what was then Drexel Institute of Technology. Between 1961 and 1999, Joyce served as an information professional, working in both library and indexing positions. She married another librarian, J. B. (Jerry) Post, in 1967, and they lived in the University City area of Philadelphia for 29 years. They had one son and two granddaughters.

After retiring and moving to Paoli in 1999, Joyce and J.B. became members of the History Club a year later. She joined the editorial team in July 2002, and immediately began assisting with the production of the *Quarterly*, introducing the use of word processing software in the layout and design of the pages. Joyce assumed the full responsibilities as Editor of the *Quarterly* in 2003, and her first issue was Vol. 40 No. 3, distributed in the summer of 2003.

Several of my memories of Joyce's excellent contributions to the Society include:

Joyce had a robust knowledge of the quickly-evolving word processing technology being introduced in the first years of the 21st century, and her application of those tools to more innovative *Quarterly* layout and design was revolutionary, and much needed, for our publication.

Though the cover of the *Quarterly* had been one or another shade of green since its first issue in 1937, Joyce hated the color, and believed the community underestimated the value of the articles therein. I well remember her mantra: "You can't tell the book by its bilious green cover." She lobbied for changes in color and presentation, and the old light green cover was finally discontinued with Vol. 40 No. 3 in July 2003, replaced with a clean white design. She implemented numerous other noteworthy improvements, intended to make it more accessible and appealing to the general reader, and to give it a more modern appearance. The title of the publication was also changed in 2005, from *Tredyffrin Easttown History Club Quarterly* to *Tredyffrin Easttown History Quarterly*, to better indicate its intent for general audiences and not a specialized group.

Joyce was a stickler for details; not only in her editorial duties, but also in her own local research. As a result, the academic quality of her work has retained its value well. Two of her articles are of particular merit: "Great Valley Area Limestone Quarries: Part 2 - Cedar Hollow Quarries" in Vol. 42 No. 4 (Fall 2005); and (arguably her magnum opus) "70 Years of Publishing the *Quarterly*"—a prized first-time comprehensive history of our publication, and our organization, over seven decades—in Vol. 44 No. 4 (Fall 2007). 2007 was a celebratory year, not only for the 70th year of the Tredyffrin Easttown Historical Society, but also commemorating the tricentennial of Tredyffrin Township.

After five exemplary years as *Quarterly* editor, Joyce relinquished the editorial reins with her last issue Vol. 44 No 4, in late 2007. The team of Tim Lander, Bonnie Haughey, and Mike Bertram picked up her editorial duties in early 2008.

At the Society's Annual Meeting in January 2012, Joyce was one of three recipients (along with legendary contributors Sue Andrews and Herb Fry) honored with the first S. Paul Teamer Award for outstanding contributions to the Society.

Joyce and J.B. left the Tredyffrin Easttown Historical Society in 2015 and soon moved to a retirement community in the East Norriton area where J.B. continues to reside.

— Roger D. Thorne

