In Memoriam

Anna Ellen Murdock

14 April 1929 – 5 January 2023



The Tredyffrin Easttown History Club (later to become the Tredyffrin Easttown Historical Society) had as its members many of the truly significant residents of these two neighboring communities. One of those members was Anne Murdock, a beloved teacher in the community who faithfully served as the Club's elected recording secretary from 2001 to 2005. Anne's job was to summarize each monthly meeting, not only to be read to the members at each subsequent meeting, but as a reference for posterity. She was a sensitive and literate correspondent, and a good writer, whose narratives of past meetings make for compelling reading.

Anne's parents immigrated to Berwyn from Anagni, Provincia Di Frosinone, Lazio, Italy. Anne vividly recalled living with her large family during the 1930s in one of the three apartments of the Triple House on the Lincoln Highway in Berwyn, the enigmatic 19th century building standing as part of the Fritz Lumber and Coal property. Her father, Fernando Filberto Toroni, became a craftsman of the large American Non-Gran Bronze Company in Berwyn, and then during World War II established his own specialty business called the Berwyn Bearing Bronze Company. The Toroni's became active, life-long members of the Berwyn community. Anne married her beloved husband Frank Murdock in 1953, and they took up residence in Berwyn where they raised their daughter and three sons.

Anne was always depended upon as a faithful Club member who loved the diverse history of this community … and as a kind and loving spirit. — *Roger D. Thorne*

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