

Paradise Historical Society
The Lillian Hamblin Nelson Research Project
GRANT APPLICATION

IMPORTANT: Before completing this application, read carefully the Grant Guidelines described on the next pages, in “Lillian Hamblin Nelson Research Paper Request for Proposal.”

Applications are accepted by email only to paradisehistorical@gmail.com

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ University Affiliation (if any) _____

Summary of proposed research. Include a description of the subject to be studied and an outline of the methods you will employ. **IMPORTANT:** Topics of Interest described in the Grant Guidelines receive priority.

Up to 3,000 characters

Researcher’s Qualifications. Describe your qualifications to conduct this research, write the paper, and present your findings to the Society. Include education, prior research projects and other relevant experience.

Up to 1,000 characters

Questions? Email paradisehistorical@gmail.com with the subject line LHN Question.

When you have completed this application, print a copy for your records and then submit to paradisehistorical@gmail.com with the subject line LHN Grant Application.

Lillian Hamblin Nelson Research Paper Request for Proposal

GRANT GUIDELINES

The Paradise Historical Society, located in Paradise Township, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, is engaged in preserving and disseminating Paradise Township history.

In furtherance of that mission, monthly meetings are held in which topics relevant to the history of the township are presented and discussed. Historical information and artifacts are maintained in an active archive. The archived materials have been accumulated through the generosity of members and others. The Society publishes a quarterly newsletter, Paradise Past, which is mailed to residents of the Township and to members regardless of where they reside. Paradise Past documents activities of the society as well as synopses of presentations at the monthly meetings.

The Lillian Hamblin Nelson Research Paper

The historical society has decided to sponsor additional research about matters of direct interest to the history of Paradise Township. Our members and guest speakers have devoted countless hours to researching their topics and making presentations. The information accumulated and presented through those efforts is invaluable. This project is not intended to replace those volunteer research projects, but rather to complement them by expanding the universe of researchers interested in the history of Paradise.

The funding of research is intended to encourage additional study of local history.

The project goals are:

1. To further interest in the history of the township. The research paper(s) resulting from this request will be maintained in the archives of the society for use by those interested in Paradise history. The writer(s) are expected to make a presentation of the results of their research at a regularly scheduled meeting of the society. The presentation should include visual documentation that supports the research performed, as appropriate.
2. To encourage scholars in developing well-founded research that can be shared with the society. Paradise Township is in the geographic center of the Pocono region and the accompanying development of the area. The absence of well-documented research about the role Paradise Township played in the development of the Poconos is a void we would like to see fulfilled in part by sponsored research.

Funding:

PHS has authorized a grant up to \$2,500 to the successful respondent to this request. Proposals will be evaluated by a committee composed of PHS members and scholars. The decision on whether to accept a proposal and the amount of the grant will be at the discretion of the review committee. Successful proposers will be notified in writing by PHS at the conclusion of the evaluation period. There may be additional discussions with the proposers to further clarify the intent and direction of their proposed research and deliverables. The products of this research are expected to be a documented research paper as well as a presentation and discussion of the research paper to the society at a regularly scheduled meeting.

How to Apply

Grant proposals are accepted at any time. Proposals are accepted in writing, by using the grant form at www.paradisehistorical.org. Grant decisions will be made within 60 days of receipt of the proposal. The proposal should consist of:

- Name, address, email and phone number of the researcher
- A summary of the proposed research, including a description of the subject to be researched and an outline of the methods that will be employed
- A brief description of the researcher's credentials, experience or other qualifications for the work.

Topics of interest, as they relate to Paradise Township, include:

- **Genealogy – Families And Family Histories**
- **Resorts – Inns, Guest Houses, Hotels**
- **People – Visitors, Summer Residents and Dignitaries**
- **Businesses And Livelihoods**
- **Government – Organization, Tax Records, Officials, Schools and School Boards**
- **Transportation – Roads, Railroads, Vehicles**
- **Churches & Cemeteries**
- **Natural History – Streams, Dams, Hunting, and Fishing**
- **Oral Histories**
- **Flood of 1955**
- **Postcard Collections**

Other topics will be considered. However, priority will be given to proposals on one or more of these topics.

Proposals should be no more than three pages long.

Background

Lillian Hamblin Nelson was born in Paradise Township and has remained interested in the area. Lillian is a charter member of the historical society and fondly recalls her days growing up in a then-rural Paradise Township. She reads Paradise Past regularly and enjoys the reporting on the history of the area. Her generosity to the historical society has made this research project possible.

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