

# Draft guide to Bethlehem history

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*(Latest in a series of posts on Bethlehem Moments)*

Gadfly needs a list of resources for people interested in doing Bethlehem Moments, but, in general, we simply need a handy guide to resources for studying Bethlehem history.

Here, with a tip o' the hat to Scott Gordon and Seth Moglen, is Gadfly's shot at a first draft of such a guide.

Gadfly knows that many followers are much more knowledgeable about Bethlehem history than he is, and thus this is an invitation to contribute suggestions for additions.

One can imagine an eventual version of this guide that is not only beefed up in entries but in annotated entries with full publication data divided into useful subcategories.

But what, for now at least, should be in a basic, preliminary guide?

Help fostering and furthering the knowledge of Bethlehem history greatly appreciated.

As Gadfly is fond of saying, "without a sense of a shared history, we are not really a community."

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## **Guide to Bethlehem History**

### **Books:**

Craig Atwood, *Community of the Cross: Moravian Piety in Colonial Bethlehem* (2012)

*Bethlehem of Pennsylvania: The First One Hundred Years, 1741 to 1841* (1968)

*Bethlehem of Pennsylvania: The Golden Years 1841-1920* (1976)

Kate Carte Engel, *Religion and Profit: Moravians in Early America* (2009)

Katie Faull, ed., *Moravian Women's Memoirs* (1999)

Mark C. Iampietro, *"Then & Now" Bethlehem, Pennsylvania*

Mark C. Iampietro and John Marquette, *Tamar Bair's Bethlehem: The Colonial Industrial Quarter*

Joseph Levering, *A History of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, 1741-1892* (1903)

Richmond Myers, *Lehigh Valley: The Unsuspected* (1972)

Richmond Myers, *Sketches of Early Bethlehem* (1981)

Jeffrey A. Parks, *Stronger than Steel: Forging a Rust Belt Renaissance* (2018)

Kenneth F. Raniere, Karen M. Samuels, and the South Bethlehem Historical Society, *South Bethlehem* (2010)

Karen M. Samuels, *Legendary Locals of Bethlehem* (2013)

Kathleen Stewart, ed. *Bethlehem* (1997)

John Strohmeyer, *Crisis in Bethlehem: Big Steel's Struggle to Survive* (1994)

Chloe Taft, *From Steel to Slots: Casino Capitalism in the Postindustrial City* (2016)

Kenneth Warren, *Bethlehem Steel: Builder and Arsenal of America* (2009)

William C. Weiner, Jr. and Karen M. Samuels, *Bethlehem* (2011)

William C. Weiner, Jr. and Karen M. Samuels, *Bethlehem Revisited* (2014)

## **Online:**

Bethlehem Digital History Project (Bethlehem Area Public Library and Moravian College)

<http://bdhp.moravian.edu/home/home.html>

Beyond Steel: An Archive of Lehigh Valley Industry and Culture (Lehigh University)

<http://digital.lib.lehigh.edu/beyondsteel/>

Local History Timeline (Bethlehem Area Public Library)

<https://www.bapl.org/local-history/local-history-timeline/>

Still Looking for You: A Bethlehem Place + Memory Project (Lehigh University)

<https://memories.lehigh.edu/>

### **Newspapers:**

*Globe-Times*: Lehigh University

*Morning Call*: Newspapers.com (see Gallagher for log-in)

### **Libraries:**

Bethlehem Area Public Library

Lehigh University

Moravian College

## **Archives:**

Bethlehem Room (local history), Bethlehem Area Public Library

[Moravian Archives, 41 West Locust, Bethlehem, PA 18018](#)

## **Historical Societies and Organizations:**

Historic Bethlehem

<https://historicbethlehem.org/>

Mount Airy Neighborhood Association

<http://mana18018.org/>

South Bethlehem Historical Society

<http://southbethhistsoc.org/>

## **Retail Book Store:**

Moravian Book Shop, 428 Main St, Bethlehem, PA 18018

**Unofficial historian:**

Stephen Antalics:

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