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The Trolley Museum Offers a "Gateway to the Clouds"

SCRANTON, PA---The Lackawanna County Trolley Museum will host a book signing featuring Alan and Judy Sweeney's book, "Gateway to the Clouds" on Sunday, August 14th from 1p.m. to 2p.m.

The primary focus of the piece revolves around the Scranton, Dunmore, Moosic Lake Railroad and Trolley Line from 1902 to 1926. From Narrow and Standard Gauge Steam Railroading to the Electric Trolley, readers will ride along with the pages of this interesting segment of Northeastern Pennsylvania history.

"Gateway to the Clouds" is a story of the dream of two Irish immigrants to escape the drudgery of a six day workweek in the Lackawanna Valley to spend their one free day at a mountainous resort. This piece was written by Alan and Judy Sweeney as a tribute to their ancestors who discovered this "Gateway to the Clouds" over fifty years ago.

Judy Sweeney grew up at Moosic Lake. A retired Elementary School Teacher of the Scranton School District, she now enjoys working for Keystone College in the Education Department. Judy is also the author of a six-book series on Lending Language Skills published by Essential Learning Products, two Curriculum Guides for historic venues of Northeastern Pennsylvania and a text book on Behavioral Management published by the International Correspondence Schools. She enjoys writing, gardening and spending time with her family at Moosic Lake.

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Alan Sweeney, President of the Lackawanna Historical Society and Chairman of the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority, has an interest in local history and contributes

his talents and knowledge to the promotion of Lackawanna County heritage in many ways. Most recently, he has co-authored "The History of Scranton" with Arcadia Press, due for release in October, 2005 and has penned a one-man play entitled "Witness at Appomattox" which will debut in April, 2006. In addition to his local history interests, he is also an avid collector of toy soldiers and Africana books.