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**Lackawanna Historical Society Collects Covid-19 Data to Build Local Archive**

**SCRANTON, PA** – History happens every day, some days are more historic than others. Right now, we're certainly living through a bit of history that will undoubtedly be studied by scholars in the future. To make their job easier, we're excited to unveil the LHS Covid-19 Archive project, a virtual "instant archive" for members of our community to record their thoughts and reactions to the pandemic. In an effort to document this historic moment, the Lackawanna Historical Society has prepared two online surveys, one for students and one for adults, and created an upload link where individuals can share their personal experiences and reflections of how the pandemic is effecting them. The Lackawanna Historical Society is dedicated to documenting, preserving and interpreting Lackawanna County history and what's happening right now is a significant part of that history.

We invite the public to participate by going to:  
[www.lackawannahistory.org/LHSCovid19ArchiveCollecting.html](http://www.lackawannahistory.org/LHSCovid19ArchiveCollecting.html)  
to complete our survey or upload their story.

The Society will continue to not only document and collect data but is also working to provide interesting and educational local history programs including an online local history curriculum with discussion questions at <http://www.lackawannahistory.org/LocalHistoryCurriculum.html>

The public is encouraged to check our website [www.lackawannahistory.org](http://www.lackawannahistory.org) and daily Facebook posts for more details on future projects.

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For more information or to make reservations for the opening, contact the Lackawanna Historical Society at 570-344-3841 or email [lackawannahistory@gmail.com](mailto:lackawannahistory@gmail.com).

*Founded in 1886 as the Lackawanna Institute of History and Science, the Lackawanna Historical Society provides the community with a record of local history through its museum and library collections, exhibits and programs. In 1942, from the bequest of George H. Catlin the Society established its permanent home at Catlin's 1912 residence, located at 232 Monroe Avenue in Scranton, Pennsylvania. In 1965 Lackawanna County designated the Lackawanna Historical Society as the official county historical society and the Society continues to serve the county as a center for local history resources. The Society receives funding from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, the Catlin Memorial Trust, Lackawanna County, and memberships.*