



## **Lecture – American Iron & Steel and the Strike of 1902**

**Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7 PM**

James Polczynski will present, "American Iron & Steel and the Strike of 1902." This talk will discuss the history and formation of the American Iron and Steel Manufacturing company in 1899 and the strike that consumed much of 1902. During that year, the majority of the workers walked out on strike. The company tried to hire "scab" replacements causing rioting and eventual violence. The presentation follows the events leading up to the strike and the eventual resolution. The American Iron & Steel Company was the largest employer in Lebanon County and an important part of the industrial history of Lebanon.

James Polczynski has worked as a consulting Knowledge Engineer for various steel companies, including Bethlehem Steel, Lukens Steel, Dofasco Steel and Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel. He developed an interest in the iron and steel industry in Lebanon and Cornwall while renovating and restoring the Cornwall Company Store. He is currently President of the Friends of the Cornwall Iron Furnace.

Mike Emery (CIF Administrator) will moderate a brief discussion at the end of the presentation.

This is an online lecture that will utilize the Zoom platform. To register, please use this link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_GVHfcwK9Sc-im3eN750ysg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GVHfcwK9Sc-im3eN750ysg)

Limited space available, registration required.

Presentation is offered at no cost to attendees. Donations appreciated.