

October Lecture, 2018

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“The Impact of Divorce in the James Coleman Family” is the topic of a lecture in the series sponsored by The Friends of Cornwall Iron Furnace on Tuesday, October 9, 2018. This lecture is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of Freeman Hall on the campus of Cornwall Manor.

Speaker Jim Polczynski, a Cornwall Iron Furnace board member and resident of Hershey, will focus on the family relations in the James Coleman family when Anna Coleman Parker, daughter of James and Harriet Coleman, agreed in the mid-1800s to marry Dr. Edward Peace, a divorced man. Anna’s first husband, Charles Parker, had passed away before the birth of their only daughter. The resulting rupture in the family’s attitude toward Anna will be explored.

Polczynski’s interest in the Coleman families grew after purchasing the former “company store” in Cornwall and converting it into a bed and breakfast inn. Polczynski, who has not been involved in the Cornwall Inn since 2005, has a background in the field of computers and artificial intelligence. He is currently working as a project manager for the Office of Administration with the Commonwealth. Previously, he worked in the artificial intelligence area from 1989 until the early 2000s.

He has a master’s degree in computer science from Villanova and has completed most of his doctoral work at Lehigh University. He has also worked for over five years in the aluminum business and seven years with steel companies, including several years with Bethlehem Steel Corp.

His passion for history in general and the Gilded Age in particular has led him to his current work on a book about the Coleman families and their businesses.

His lecture and slide show will commence at 7:00 in the Freeman Auditorium. It is free to the public and the facility is handicap-accessible. For more information, call 272-9711 or visit the website at [www.cornwallironfurnace.org](http://www.cornwallironfurnace.org).