

Proclamation

WHEREAS, George Orlando Morgan was a graduate of Harvard University, and was President of the East Side Land Company of Pittsburgh, which laid out the town of Monessen at its founding. In addition, he was the land agent for the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad (P&LE) that purchased land for the right-of-way to expand the railroad from Pittsburgh, south to the coalfields of West Virginia.

WHEREAS, George O. Morgan, along with Civil War hero and Medal of Honor recipient, Colonel James M. Schoonmaker, who was the Vice President of the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad, as well as Philander C. Knox, future Attorney General and Secretary of State of the United States, Judge James H. Reed, who in part, founding the law firm of what is now Reed Smith, Henry Sellers McKee, an inventor, glass maker and founder of Jeannette, PA, George B. Motheral, and H. Dallas McCabe, comprised the East Side Land Company in 1894, which purchased 211 acres of farmland in Rostraver Township, as the site for a future industrial development, and;

WHEREAS, George O. Morgan's wife, Harriet McKee was the sister of one of Monessen's founders, H. Sellers McKee. H. Sellers McKee was also responsible for the founding of Jeannette, Pennsylvania, which was named after his wife, and;

WHEREAS, George O. Morgan passed away on April 12, 1929, at his home in Edgeworth, at the age of 82, and is buried in Allegheny Cemetery, and;

WHEREAS, we are happy to honor the legacy of one of Monessen's founders, who contributed to our city's history and the fabric of our community.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Matthew T. Shorraw, Mayor of the City of Monessen, do hereby offer this proclamation, as well as a Key to the City, to George Morgan IV, great-grandson of founder, George O. Morgan, and his wife, on the occasion of their first visit to the City of Monessen, on July 3, 2018. A copy of this proclamation will also be presented to the Greater Monessen Historical Society.



Matthew T. Shorraw, Mayor
City of Monessen