



# The Colemans and Martic Forge

Lecture by Jim Polczynski

Cornwall Iron Furnace Associates

**Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 7 PM**

*Freeman Hall at Cornwall Manor & on Zoom*

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This lecture by Cornwall Iron Furnace Associates president, Jim Polczynski, will chronicle the origins of iron making and the iron works in Martic Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Polczynski will concentrate on the ownership of Martic Forge by three generations of the Coleman family. Adding to his vast industrial holdings, Robert Coleman (also the owner of Cornwall Iron Furnace) gradually acquired complete control of Martic Forge, which he eventually sold to his nephew, Edward Brien. Following Brien's premature death, Robert Coleman reacquired the properties. After Coleman's death in 1825, his sons, and later his grandsons, continued to operate the ironworks until the mid-19th century.

This talk, "The Colemans and Martic Forge" is hosted by the Cornwall Iron Furnace Associates and will take place on Tuesday evening, August 8th, at 7 p.m. This event will take place in-person at Freeman Hall at Cornwall Manor and virtually on Zoom.

Jim 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, now known as the Cornwall Inn. He is the author of “Souls of Iron” which tells the remarkable story of the Coleman iron dynasty. The book is available online and at the Cornwall Iron Furnace Museum store. Jim also is currently President of the Friends of the Cornwall Iron Furnace.

This is an in-person and an online lecture that will utilize the Zoom platform. The in-person lecture will take place in the auditorium of Freeman Hall of Cornwall Manor located at 1 Boyd Street, Cornwall, Pennsylvania 17016.

Limited space available, registration required. To register for the virtual lecture please go:

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