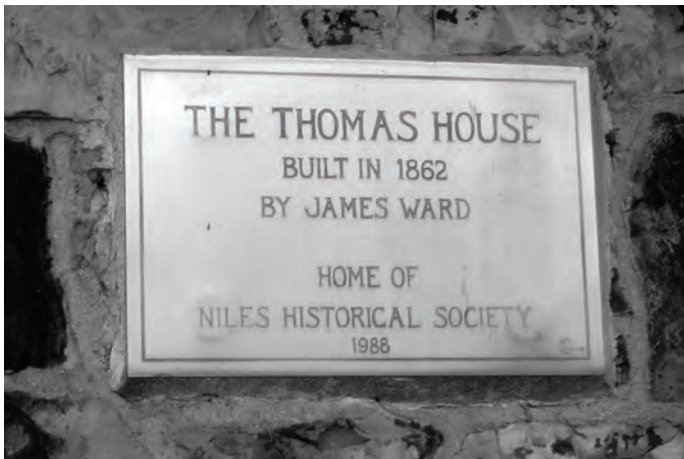


Niles Historical Society Ward-Thomas Museum

The Ward-Thomas Museum is a 14 room Victorian home built in 1862 by James Ward, a pioneer in the iron industry in the Mahoning Valley. Ward built James Ward Rolling Mill and the Russia mill for manufacturing steel. The second owners were John and Margaret Thomas who came to this country from Wales. The Thomas family founded the Niles Firebrick Falcon Company and, later, Mahoning Valley Steel. The Thomas family occupied the house until 1969 when the property was deeded to the City of Niles. Through the efforts of Clare Westenfield, a local attorney, the house became the home of the Niles Historical Society

The museum collection has more than 5,000 items, including many from the two families. Public tours are available by appointment. School tours are free, and provide hands on lectures. The Niles Historical Society has over 3,000 pictures on file of the area and people. It also provides assistance in research, as well as garden tours, lectures, workshops, and presentations of documents and items from the museum.





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