SouthSide Stories



Above: Gabor Szime



Above: Magdalena (Szime) Szabo (center) was the mother of councilwoman Maggie Szabo.



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GABOR SZIME

was a Hungarian immigrant who had a home on East 4th Street in SouthSide Bethlehem. He owned and used the press on display here to make homemade wine.

Gabor was the father of Magdalena Szime, who married John Szabo. The couple had two daughters, Maggie Szabo and Louise Szabo Valeriano. MAGGIE SZABO was very active in her SouthSide community, and served in Bethlehem City Council until her death in 2007.

Her sister Louise donated their grandfather's wine press to South Bethlehem Historical Society, who transferred it to NCHGS/Sigal Museum in 2019.

Courtesy of South Bethlehem Historical Society