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### **GEORGE WESTINGHOUSE REENACTMENT**

Ed Reis, Senator John Heinz History Center, Pittsburgh PA

**ABSTRACT:** Dressed as George Westinghouse, Ed Reis talks about his life, his family, his service during the Civil War and his many accomplishments including air brakes for trains, electricity, natural gas and the shipping industry. This Heinz History Center Outreach Program has been very well received, and Ed had done this first person portrayal of George Westinghouse over 200 times.

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** A native Pittsburgher, Ed Reis attended Duquesne University where he obtained a BS Degree in Business Administration and a MS Degree in Business Information Systems. He worked in Pittsburgh for three different companies before retiring from the Westinghouse Electric Corporation. While working for Westinghouse he became interested in the history of the company and its founder George Westinghouse. Twenty years ago he became a member of the Board of Directors of the George Westinghouse Museum Foundation, and in 1998 he became the Executive Director of the George Westinghouse Museum. The Museum merged with the Senator John Heinz History Center in late 2007, at which time Ed became the part-time Westinghouse Historian at the Heinz Center. Ed Reis is well known for his “History Alive” first-person impersonations of George Westinghouse – “The Forgotten Genius.”