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Enjoying postcards through education and entertainment.

Next Meeting: April 17, 2017. Farm & Home Center. Buy, Sell & Trade from 5:00. Meeting - 7 PM

Yearly membership is \$15 (\$5 for each additional member at the same address.)

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Membership chairman: Richard Pendergrast, 950 Willow Valley Lakes Dr., I-506, Willow Street, PA 17584.

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MARCH MEETING

President Walter Mowrer called the meeting to order at 7 PM. The minutes were read and approved. Treasurer Barb Mowrer noted that the LCPC balance is \$7,313.29.

In committee reports, Dick Pendergrast reminded the members that dues are due in March. He also reported that National Postcard Week is May 7-13, 2017. A postcard member, Demaris Swint, from Texas is encouraging interested people to participate and sent a sample of her postcard. Jere Greider reported that the Expo contracts went out and are due the end of May.

Door prizes were won by Jean Schopf, Donna Bashaw and Bob Kramer. Donna Bashaw also won \$16.50 in the 50-50 drawing.

The program "Trains" was presented by Leighton Stover, whose father worked on the Pennsy. As a youngster, Leighton got to ride on the GG1 from Paoli to Lancaster. For a brief time, he sat in the engineer's seat and shifted gears, tooted the horn, and ran the engine. His collection of postcards spanned the history of locomotives, station houses, and the unusual 3-level bridge configurations. He explained that the fastest train in the U.S. was the Zephyr, clocked at 127.1 mph. After the talk was finished, Dede Schaeffer commended Leighton not only on the quality of his postcards but also the passion with which he talked about his subject.

Newsletter Correction – The Philatelic Society of Lancaster County meets the second Wednesday of every month (except August & December) at Woodcrest Villas on Harrisburg Pike.

**** MEMBERSHIP REMINDER – TIME TO PAY DUES**

If you haven't paid your 2017 dues yet – there is still time. Dick Pendergrast will happily take your money at the meeting or you can send him a check (see header above). Thank you.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

May –Members Market

June - Flowers – Walter Mowrer

July - Picnic

August - Expo

2017 POSTCARD COMPETITION SUBJECTS

April - Rabbits

May - Sports - board

June – The U.S. Flag

July - The Color Purple

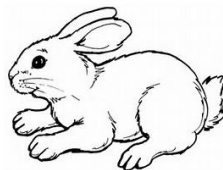
FUTURE SHOWS

April 29-30 – Allentown Spring Paper Show, Allentown Fairgrounds, Allentown, PA, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-3, \$7.00

May 5-13 – Brimfield Paper & Post Card Marathon, Brimfield, MA, 10 A.M. – 6 P.M., Free Admission except on Tuesday

June 3 - Postcard Show & Sale, Union Fire Hall Ballroom, Titusville, NJ, Sat. 9-4, \$3.00

June 4 – Postcard Show & Sale, Scriba Fire Hall, Oswego, NY, Sun. 9-4

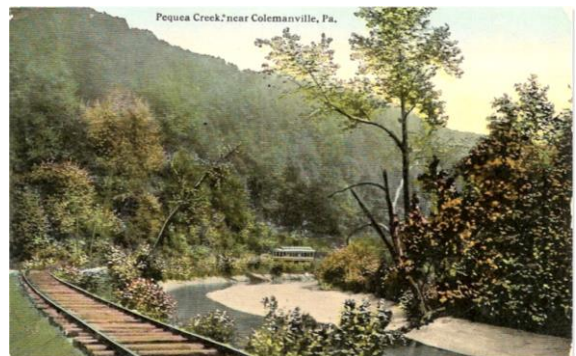


APRIL PROGRAM

"The Trolley To Pequea And The Resort Town Of Pequea"

Join us as we view a presentation of early postcard views of the trolley along the Pequea Creek that ran from Millersville to Pequea. The talk will include the town of Pequea along the Susquehanna River, a resort town of the early 1900s and the River View Hotel. We will also see the miniature railroad that took folks to the nearby York Furnace Park and old views of Cold Cave.

The talk will be presented by Mark W. Arbogast, a retired PPL land manager who worked at the Holtwood and Brunner Island power plant projects. Mark has an interest in local history and is also a postcard collector.



MARCH POSTCARD COMPETITION

11 members competed in the single card competition on the subject "Trees".

First:	Betty Beck	Hansel and Gretel
Second:	Walter Mowrer	Donegal Witness Tree
Third:	Maria Schurz	Redwood

Honorable Mention:

Dick Pendergrast	Yosemite National Park Tree
Annetta Buettner	White Bark Trees
Bob Zink	Tree Roses
Sandra Shaub	Birthday Birch
Ken McClain	Vermont Maple Syrup Tree
Jean Schopf	Giant Burl, California
Susan Glass	Trees w/Pheasants
Donna Bashaw	Dawn Redwood

QUAKERTOWN, PA

By Aaron Heckler

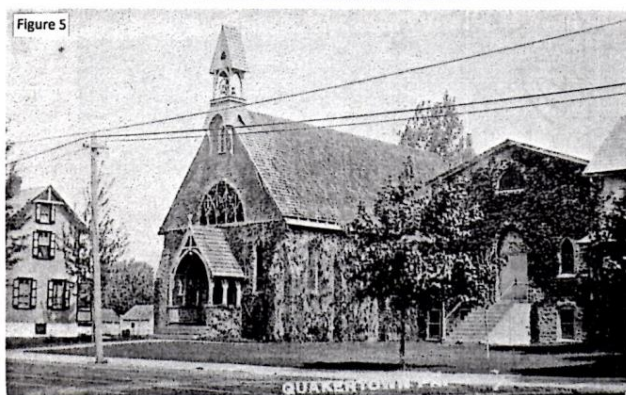
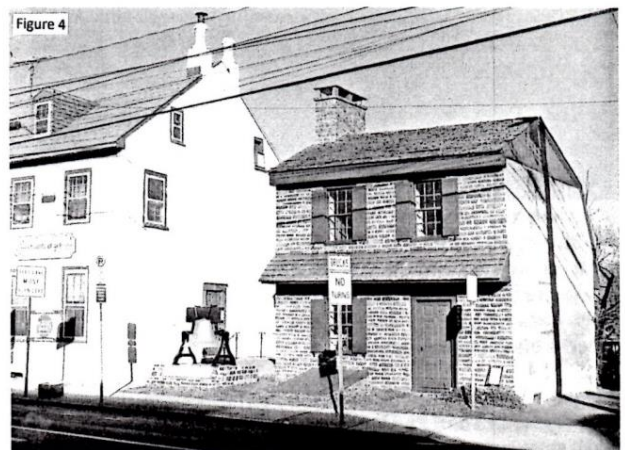
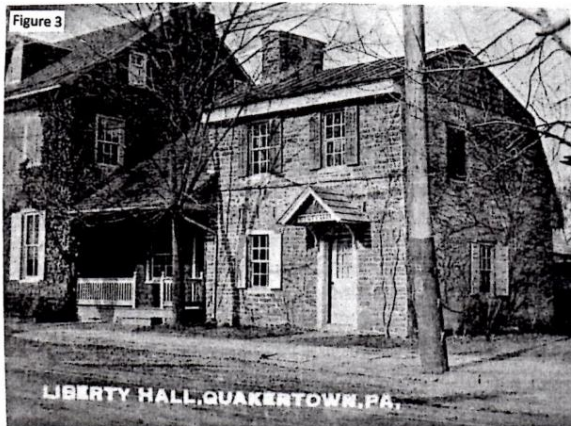
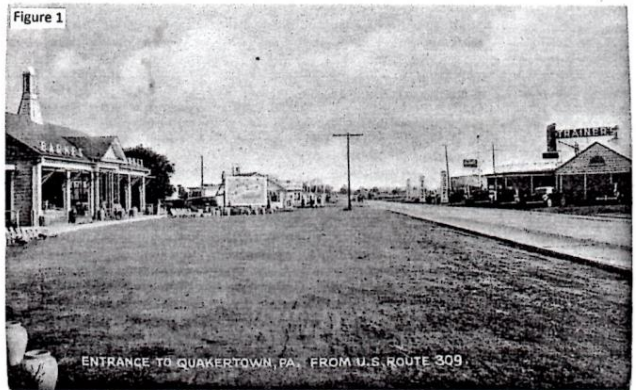
Quakertown, Pennsylvania, is located in the northwest portion of Bucks County. As of the 2010 census the borough had about 9,000 residents. The town's initial development occurred in two phases. The earliest 18th century buildings were along Main Street, or the Old Bethlehem Pike, and included a Quaker/Friends Meetinghouse, two taverns, a library and a structure later known as Liberty Hall. When the North Penn railroad was built in the 1850's, it passed about a mile east of the Quakertown-Bethlehem Pike crossroad. Not surprisingly, a settlement grew quickly around the newly established train depot. Over time the two areas grew together and in 1874 merged as one borough.

For our visual tour we'll be traversing Broad Street from west to east, beginning at Route 309. The official East-West Broad Street designation changes at the railroad tracks. With the exception of Figure 1, all the old time images are taken from real photo postcards. The modern day scenes were photographed by Aaron Heckler in December 2016.

As seen in this ca. 1940 view (Figure 1), Route 309 was a moderate size paved highway in a mostly north-south orientation. Two additional primary roads intersect Route 309 just beyond Trainer's seafood restaurant seen at right. Route 663 comes from Pottstown to the west and Route 313 (known as Broad Street as it passes through the Borough) coming up from Doylestown enters at the left.

Numerous changes have come to the scene over the ensuing decades: a widened road, near constant flow of traffic, etc. Trainer's and later Seafood Shanty are both gone, replaced by McDonald's and other shops. The only remnant of an earlier time is the name of the shopping center: Trainers Corner (Figure 2).

Liberty Hall (Figure 3) was built in 1772, a simple Quaker structure about 15' x 15' with one room on each floor. The name Liberty Hall came about from an event a few years later. Legend holds that in September 1777, when the Liberty Bell made its important trek from





Philadelphia to Zion Reformed Church in Allentown, the bell stayed the night hidden away behind this structure. Liberty Hall was purchased by Quakertown Borough for preservation in 1977, two hundred years after its namesake event. The replica bell monument was placed in 1997 (Figure 4).

Emmanuel Episcopal Church was located roughly opposite Fifth Street on West Broad. The sanctuary was constructed in 1889 and the adjacent parish house in 1904 (Figure 5). Today no traces of the church remain at the property, which is now home to Station 17 of the Quakertown Fire Company. A portion of the Quakertown Masonic Lodge hall, erected in 1922, is visible at the right edge (Figure 6).



Fred Fisher had his residence on West Broad at the northwest corner of Fourth Street, adjacent the First Reformed Church (Figure 7). Along with his brother Seth they were cattle dealers, shipping in livestock via the railroad and then auctioning it off. This house was razed a few decades ago and the site now houses a dental office and some other professionals (Figure 8).

A. E. Flagler's "Quality Store" (so says the sign) Grocery was at the southwest corner of Third and West Broad (Figure 9). In 1932 a Woolworth store was erected on the former Flagler site. In modern times that building has become the Friendly Book Store. Abraham



Coblenz's department store is also on the same parcel and that building now houses a dress shop (Figure 10).

This view shows the north side of the 300 block from the Third Street intersection (Figure 11). Here we see the Quakertown Stove Works at the far end toward Fourth Street. Muehlhauser's cigar and tobacco store is at the near corner. During the 1960's this whole block was razed for the rerouting of West Broad Street as one way traffic. The adjustment resulted in a central open area ending in a triangle which is currently a parking lot and mini park (Figure 12).

These stores are located on the north side in the 200 block of West Broad (Figure 13). Rufe-Gussman, a department store, is at the right.



Wilson and Hagan sold rugs, carpets, oilcloth and linoleum. Hinkel & Biehn, a shoe store, was located in the tallest building at the end. It was operated by the same family for many generations before it closed in 1966. The Mercer Museum in Doylestown has a collection of items from this store, including one of the old chairs used by customers to "try before you buy". With the exception of the expanded façade for the Wilson and Hagan store, this business section appears reasonably similar to the old time view. A notable addition is the Quakertown Trust Company down at the Third Street corner adjacent to Hinkel & Biehn (Figure 14).



Figure 13



Dedicated May 30, 1926, this WWI Soldiers Monument was located in the open area at the Front and West Broad intersection. The Globe Hotel can be seen to the rear (Figure 15). As part of the 1960's rerouting of West Broad Street the Monument needed a new home; its previous site was paved over (Figure 16). The Monument now stands, along with adjacent tablets for successive wars, in Memorial Park along Mill Street (Figure 17).

The railroad tracks pass between the two hotels located at the near left-the closest one being the North Penn Restaurant and the Globe Hotel is on the opposite side of the railroad (Figure 18). The Quakertown Traction Company-a trolley line-ran between Richlandtown and Main Street in Quakertown. The two trolleys are stopped here near the power house and car barn: the building with the stone tower at the right. The

Figure 15



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Figure 16

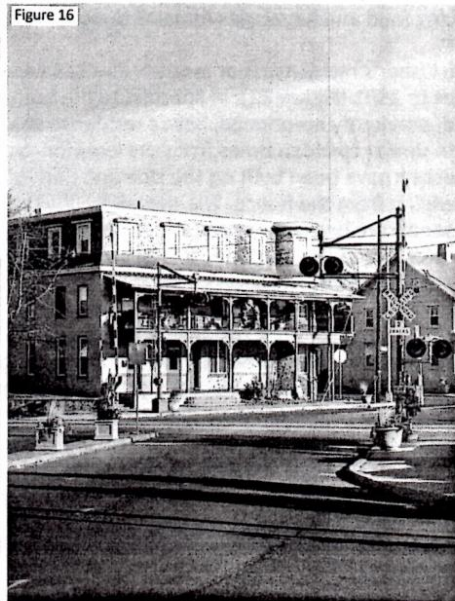


Figure 17



trolleys weren't allowed a grade crossing with the railroad so they utilized a hump back sort of bridge located to the rear of these hotels. The trolley tracks then cut back to West Broad at Third Street where the line ran down West Broad to Main.

The North Penn Restaurant is long gone, though another restaurant was built on the same approximate site. Unfortunately, it too had just closed in December. The trolley car barn, for many years the Trolley House Emporium antique store, still stands (Figure 19).

The Eagle Hotel is at the northeast corner of East Broad Street and Hellertown Avenue (Figure 20). Records show a hotel was located at this site as far back as the 1780's. The ability of some trees to withstand harsh growing conditions is certainly exemplified by this specimen. Although they've been gone for many decades now, the

Figure 18



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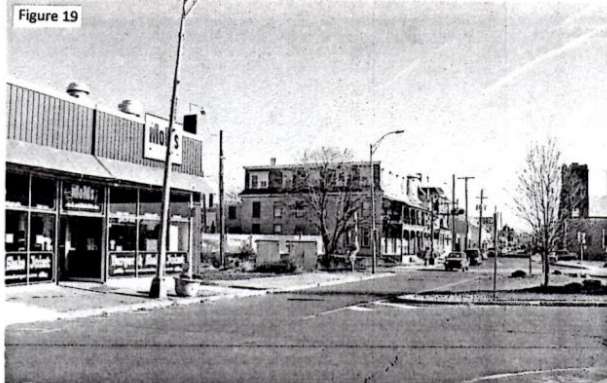


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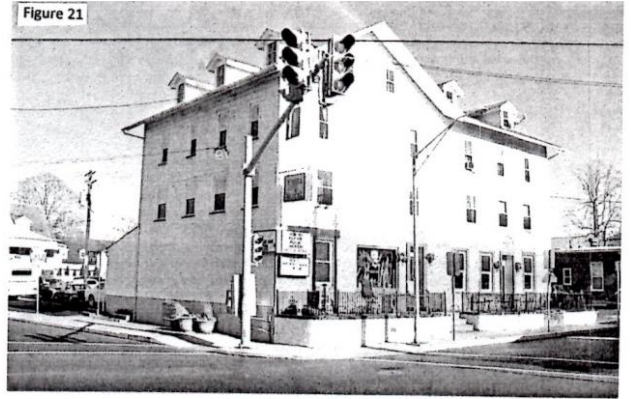


structure looks somewhat bare without those great porches. Otherwise, the basic shape of the building and its function of serving food and beverages remains the same (Figure 21).

Seth Fisher's residence is at modern day 219 East Broad Street and dates to 1901 (Figure 22). In contrast to the house of his brother Fred, previously mentioned, Seth's residence still stands and appears quite similar to olden times from the exterior. Numerous expansive additions have been built on the side and back of the property extending from the house. The overall facility on site operates as a personal care home for seniors and those needing assistance and can accommodate 65 clients; it is known as New Vitae Quakertown House (Figure 23).

This "nine row" of brick residences is at the bend in East Broad Street, opposite Elm Street (Figure 24). Genaah Jordan, the architect, was from Coopersburg. The road here bends at about a 55 degree curve so the end unit features an unusual, somewhat triangular arrangement, with the parlor off to the side upon entry. It seems likely this was constructed around 1909 as there was an in depth write up in the Carpentry and Building Magazine for September of that year. There is so much detail it reads almost like an advertorial-with precise measurements of the trimmings and

Figure 21



listing interior specs such as a "high back enameled lavatory and low tank closet with oak seat". As can be seen, the varied structure is still intact and at least from the outside appears well maintained (Figure 25).

As with any locality, the changes which time has effected upon Quakertown vary greatly. Some sites appear amazingly similar to 100+ years ago, while others have changed quite dramatically. Time, and so called progress, marches on!

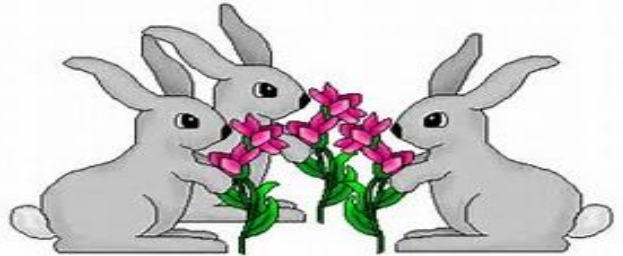


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Figure 23



Figure 24



Figure 25



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This will be our 34th year. If you would like to trade with about 50 others please, contact me for more details on how to participate. My email is ezrestexas@aol.com. That list too long for you?? I have a smaller one of 20 participants. Check out our website:
www.nationalpostcardweek.com

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America First

Not merely in matters material, but in things of the spirit.

Not merely in science, inventions, motors, and skyscrapers, but also in ideals, principles, character.

Not merely in the calm assertion of rights, but in the glad assumption of duties.

Not flaunting her strength as a giant, but bending in helpfulness over a sick and wounded world like a Good Samaritan.

Not in splendid isolation, but in courageous cooperation.

Not in pride, arrogance, and disdain of other races and peoples, but in sympathy, love, and understanding.

Not in treading again the old, worn, bloody pathway which ends inevitably in chaos and disaster, but in blazing a new trail, along which, please God, other nations will follow, into the new Jerusalem where wars shall be no more.

Some day some nation must take that path—unless we are to lapse once again into utter barbarism—and that honor I covet for my beloved America.

And so, in that spirit and with these hopes, I say with all my heart and soul, "AMERICA FIRST."



From a Sermon by BRUCE G. ASHTON OLDHAM
in Washington, D. C., September 7, 1926

America First

When the Rev. George Ashton Oldham (1877-1963) spoke of "America First" in a major sermon at the Washington National Cathedral, he included a variety of themes. The Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany, NY drew from the New Testament as one might suspect. Among other themes he used the parable of the Good Samaritan to make his point: that America should be first to provide assistance to whomever is in need.

Postcard provided by Dede Schaeffer

