

The regular meeting of the Cheltenham Township Historical Commission was held tonight.

Members present were: Stephen Banks, Barbara Bartlett, Cynthia Breen, Louise Cohen, David Harrower, Lois Hirsch, James McCann, Dorothy Spruill, Mary Washington, Joyce Werkman and Tom Wieckowski. Staff present was: Bryan T. Havir, Assistant Township Manager. (See attached attendance list).

1. *Call to Order* – Chairman Harrower called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. and made a few announcements.

2. *Acceptance of Minutes* – Mr. Harrower asked for a motion to accept the April 12, 2012 meeting minutes. Mrs. Washington made a motion to accept the minutes; seconded by Ms. Bartlett and unanimously approved.

3. *Committee Reports*

A. Education Committee – Ms. Cohen extended her thanks to everyone involved in this evening’s National Historic Preservation Month lecture, “All Aboard! Tracking Cheltenham History on Trolleys and Trains”, and especially Mr. Harrower for being the guest lecturer and preparing the slide presentation, and the Jenkinstown Lyceum for underwriting the cost. (See attached).

Ms. Cohen also noted that volunteers are needed for the docent schedule and she distributed a sign-up sheet.

B. Preservation Committee Report – Mr. Harrower noted that demolition permits were issued last month by the Township’s Building and Zoning Department for all of the buildings on the former Ashbourne Country Club site. He indicated that the developer may hold off on demolition of the farmhouse. He stated that the Historical Commission was at least able to advise the property owners on the history of the Ashbourne County Club site. Mr. Harrower and

Mrs. Washington will continue to assemble historical documents pertaining to this property.

Mrs. Washington added that she has a three ring binder of the information she will provide to the Historical Commission for their archives.

C. Museum Committee Report – Mrs. Spruill reported that the Quilt Exhibit reception was successful and that the Quilt Exhibit will close on May 27, 2012. She also stated that she spoke with the Public Information Officer about reasons why the exhibit received no publicity in local newspapers. Mrs. Spruill has planned no large exhibits over the summer months, but she plans to put some of the Museum's collection on display during that time.

Mrs. Spruill described that she has found an answering machine with a phone and intercom for approximately \$60.00 which she would like to purchase for the Wall House. The members agreed and supported the purchase of the answering machine.

Mrs. Spruill announced two educational tours: May 15, 2012 for McKinley Elementary School (100) and Myers Elementary School on May 17, 2012.

4. Chairman's Report –

Mr. Harrower thanked Mr. Wieckowski and Mrs. Spruill for their assistance in clean up efforts on the grounds of the Richard Wall House on Saturday, April 21, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for Earth Day Work Projects. Mr. De Maria also volunteered and planted lavender in the gardens.

Mr. Harrower announced an upcoming Northern Pennsylvania Railroad presentation at Whitpain in June or July by Mr. Davis from the Reading Railroad Heritage Museum.

Mr. Harrower also noted that Mr. Davis has offered to lend the Museum videotapes of several lectures/presentations.

5. Staff Report –

A. Mr. Havir provided an update on the water infiltration remediation project on the third floor at the Richard Wall Museum. Mr. Havir noted that the historic preservation consultant, Dominique Hawkins, was working on final documentation of plans and specifications which is expected on Monday for soliciting bids for the repairs. Mr. Havir provided a photograph of the exterior of the chimney for which the consultant is designing a detail for the installation of a cricket in the roof valley where it meets the chimney. She also noted inappropriate silicone applied where mortar should be and also noted that roofing paper was left on the inside of the wood roof (visible from the attic) from a previous re-roofing project, and it should be removed. Additionally, the wood shingles are beginning to cup and she estimates that the shingles may need replacement in another ten years.

B. Shovel Shop Lease – Mr. Havir stated that the Board of Commissioners will be voting on May 16, 2012 on the renewal of the Shovel Shop Lease which was recommended by the Historical Commission and accepted by the Public Affairs Committee.

C. Announcement – Preservation Alliance of Greater Philadelphia's FY 2012 Endangered Property Update. Mr. Havir noted that the Elkins Estate is listed as an Endangered Property for 2012.

D. Mr. Havir stated that Township Staff filed the NEH Preservation Assistance Grant (\$6,000) regarding additional assessment conservation documentation, as a natural progression to the current catalog project. The intent would be to continue the project and bring it to completion; provide additional training and develop collection management policies.

E. Market Day – Mr. Havir stated that Market Day has been listed on the Township calendar for the Saturday after Labor Day, September 8, 2012 with a rain date of September 9, 2012. Mr. Havir will list the Market Day Program for discussion at the June meeting.

6. Old Business

A. Historic Resource Overlay District Ordinance – A two-page memorandum prepared by Staff was offered documenting what the changes were for the Historic District and scattered sites. Mr. Havir reported this matter was discussed at the Public Affairs Committee meeting on May 2, 2012 and the Committee tabled discussion to allow feedback from large property owners and developers and requested Staff to send a copy of the proposed ordinance and memorandum to those owners and developers. It was noted that David Cohen, member of the Ad Hoc Zoning Committee, stated that demolition by neglect was inconsistent with the definition section. If the Board of Commissioners supports the Ordinance in June, a public hearing could be set for September or October. During the summer months, property owners in the historic districts and 191 scattered sites will be notified of the public hearing schedule. It was noted that special educational meetings could be held over the summer for the effected property owners to explain how the ordinance will impact them.

7. New Business

A. Demolition Permit for 16 E. Waverly Road, Glenside - Based on the information and photographs that were submitted, Mr. Wieckowski made a motion to recommend that the demolition permit be issued for the subject one-car cinder block garage at 16 E. Waverly Road, Glenside; seconded by Mrs. Washington and unanimously approved. No additional documentation for the files was requested.

B. Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia Membership Renewal – Mr. Banks made a motion to renew membership in the amount of \$40.00; seconded by Mrs. Washington and unanimously approved.

C. Pennsylvania Heritage Society Membership Renewal - Mr. Banks made a motion to renew membership in the amount of \$75.00; seconded by Mrs. Washington and unanimously approved.

8. Other Business – Ms. Werkman provided a prototype of the street identification signage that will be used for the La Mott Historic District which will be erected below the street name blades on the same pole as the street signs. The aluminum sign with a dark blue background and gold printing will be double-sided. Ms. Werkman noted the Township Staff will solicit quotations for approximately 30 signs. Funds have been earmarked in the Capital Budget in the amount of \$7,500 for signage in both historic districts. She reported that Wyncote Historic District BHAR members are in the process of finalizing the image for the Wyncote Historic District.

9. Moments in History – 1) Mrs. Washington provided a photograph of the Cedarbrook Country Club which was recently lost due to fire. She also provided a 1909 map showing location, and shared that Cedarbrook was the first Country Club in Cheltenham built in 1919 on 175 acres and dedicated in 1921. 2) Mrs. Washington shared a Times Chronicle article, May 18, 1912 regarding Mr. & Mrs. Cyrus Curtis’s yacht cruise from Charleston to Philadelphia. (See attached).

10. Adjournment - There being no further business, upon motion of Mrs. Washington, seconded by Mr. Wieckowski and approved by the Historical Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.


David G. Kraynik
Township Manager

Submitted by: Kathryn McDevitt

11. Special Lecture - At 8:00 P.M., a special lecture presentation entitled, “All Aboard! Tracking Cheltenham History on Trolleys and Trains,” was convened at 8:00 p.m. for Historic Preservation Month. The guest lecturer was David Harrower. Approximately 90 people were in attendance. The lecture ended at 9:15 P.M.



MEETING ATTENDANCE LIST

**Historical Commission
Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 10, 2012**

7:00 P.M.

Curtis Hall

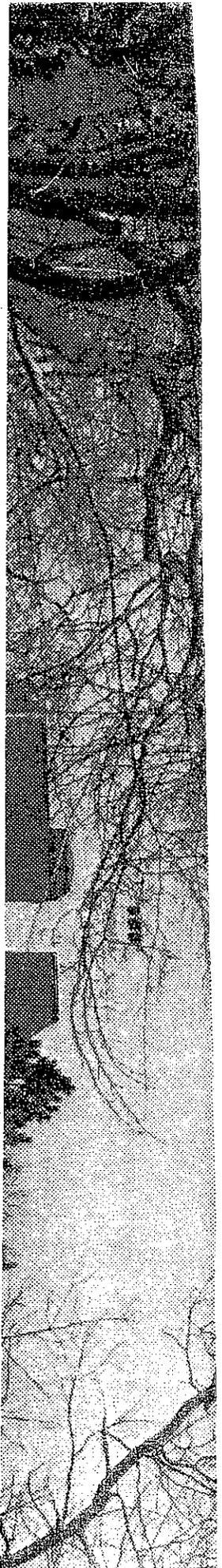
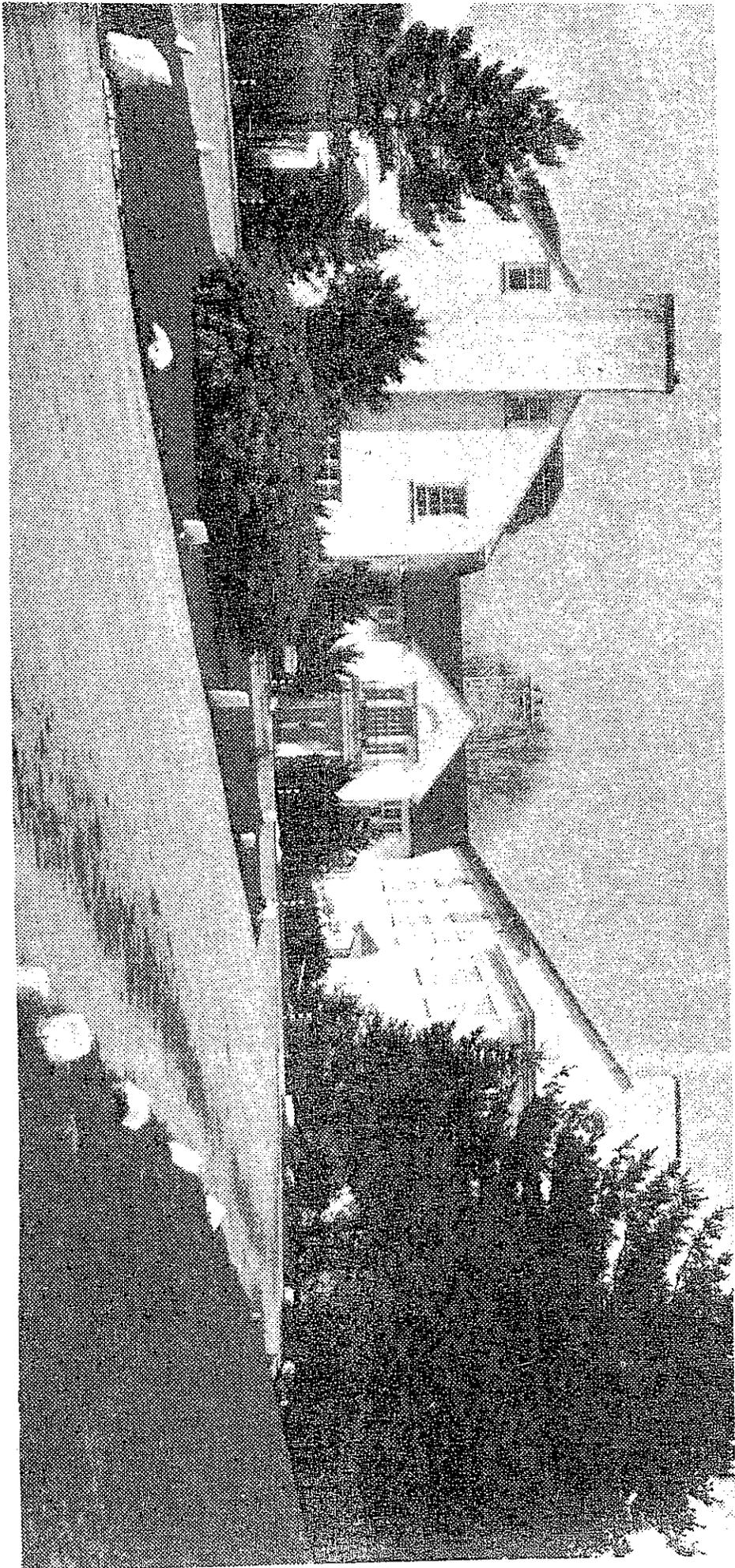
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Print Name	Mailing Address (only if different)	Telephone Number (only if different)	E-mail Address (only if different)
Barbara Bartlett			
Lois Hirsch			
Louise Cohen			
Dave Harlowe			
Tom Washburn			
Chickman			
Mary Washington			
JAMES J. McCANN			
Steve Baum			
D. Spruill			
C. Green			

Education Committee Report, May 10,2012

Many thanks to Chair David Harrower for preparing tonight's program. We are all looking forward to an interesting program on the history of the trolley lines and railroads in Cheltenham. Thanks also to the Jenkinstown Lyceum for helping to underwrite the costs of the program. Also, thanks to Kathy McDevitt for office help.



...road. The young man is married. Shortly after 6 o'clock, the residents in the section were startled at hearing a revolver shot. Waynes had ambushed Dr. Walker, who was walking in Mill road, near Mountain avenue.

According to the statement made by Dr. Walker to the Cheltenham police later in the Jewish Hospital, Waynes stepped out from behind a bush, leveled a revolver and fired. He looked his victim over and then, placing the revolver in his pocket, ran away. Waynes was caught later at his home.

According to the story told to Detective Ganley, of the Cheltenham force, by Dr. Walker as the physicians were dressing his wound in the Jewish Hospital, Waynes drank considerably last winter. Finally after he had beaten his wife and children a number of times, the Pennsylvania Society to Protect Children from Cruelty stepped in and took the children from the house, and Mrs. Waynes left her husband.

Dr. Walker was interested in the case, and Waynes blamed him for calling in the society. Since that time Dr. Walker said that Waynes had threatened to get even.

At the Jewish Hospital Wednesday night nothing was said of the case except that Dr. Walker will recover, it being declared that the Asbury family desired the information withheld.

ABINGTON

Township Commissioners Meet

The Township Commissioners met on Thursday evening, all the members being present.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$108.84.

Mr. Mahoney, of the road committee, was authorized to place lamps where most needed up to what he was allowed to spend for that purpose.

The bids for the new 3 per cent. loan were opened. The loan was awarded to Newburger, Henderson & Loeb, who took the whole of it and paid a premium of \$251.50.

The following work was ordered: Guernsey avenue, Abington, to be macadamized with the penetration system of asphalt.

Macadamize Washington Lane from Hydal road to the Moreland line.

Sylvania and Geneva avenues, Glenside, be macadamized with water-bound limestone.

...was quickly removed to the Jewish Hospital, but died a few hours after being admitted.

J. Ira Fisher has been suffering from a very sore foot, caused by stepping on a nail.

Raymond Crawford spent a few days in Perkasio last week.

Watach Haymaker Association, No. 520 1/2, held their monthly meeting on Monday evening. Officers were elected for the ensuing term. One tramp, Silas Kimes, was admitted to the craft.

William Harrington spent Monday in the city.

Emery Koons has been suffering from an ulcer on the eyelid.

The Monarch Minstrels are rehearsing for the show Saturday evening, which promises to be a grand success. Come out and help the boys along.

Frederick Valiance died on Monday evening at the Northwest General Hospital, following an operation for appendicitis. He was buried from his home, No. 2 Lee avenue, on Thursday afternoon.

Don't forget the game Saturday afternoon. We had a good one last week.

Several automobiles have been demonstrated to the Fire Co., but so far no preference has been made.

Henry Specht has the contract for two new houses at Glenside, one double and one single.

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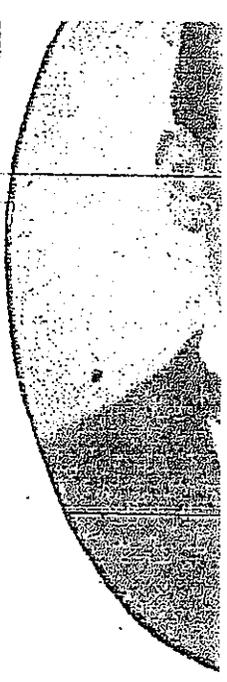
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Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Curtis, who have spent several weeks cruising on their yacht, Lyndevia from Charleston, S. C., to Philadelphia, stopping on the way at various resorts, arrived in town on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis had as their guests on the homeward trip Mrs. John Gribbel and Miss Adella Gribbel, of Wyncote, and Mrs. Martin.

All Hallows Church

All Hallows Church, Rev. Benjamin S. Sanderson, rector—Sunday after Ascension Day, May 19, the services will be as follows: Holy Communion, 7.45 a. m.; Sunday school session, 9.45 a. m.; service, litany and sermon, 11 a. m.; Evensong, 5 p. m. Sittings in church are all free. Public cordially invited to attend. The rector will appreciate being given the opportunity to greet the congregation personally at the close of the services. The rector has accepted an invita-



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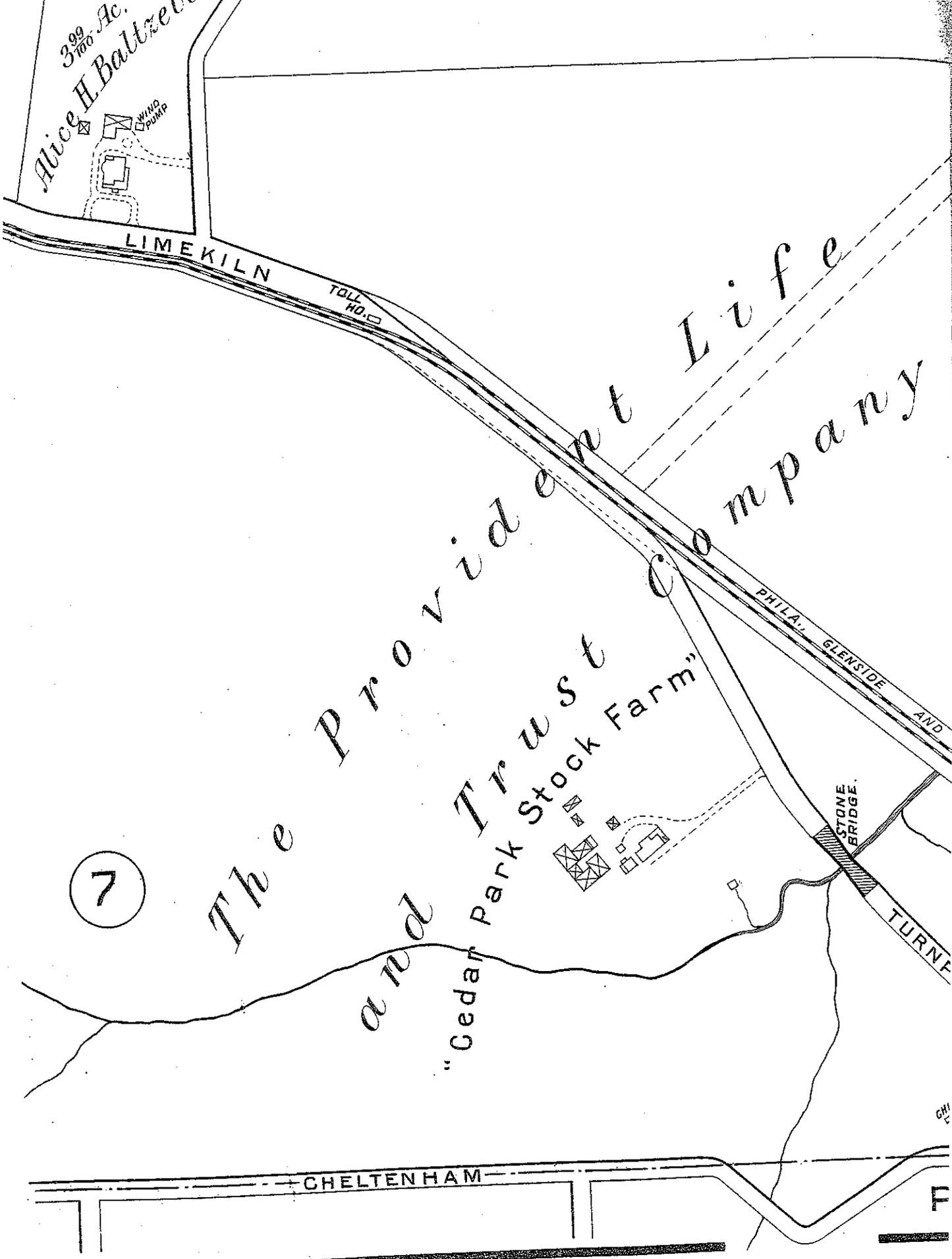
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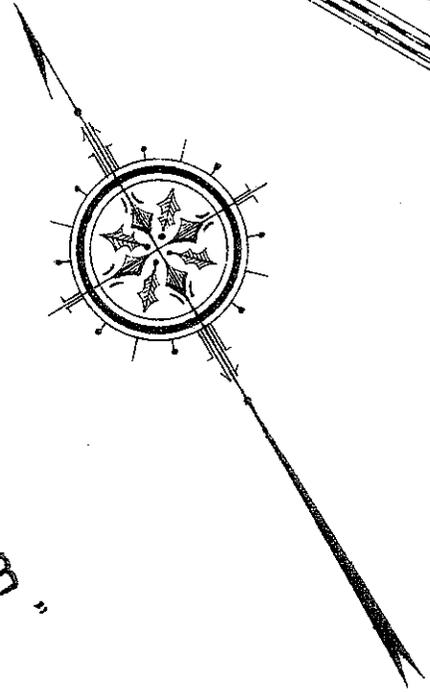


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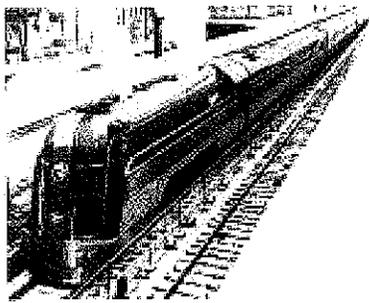
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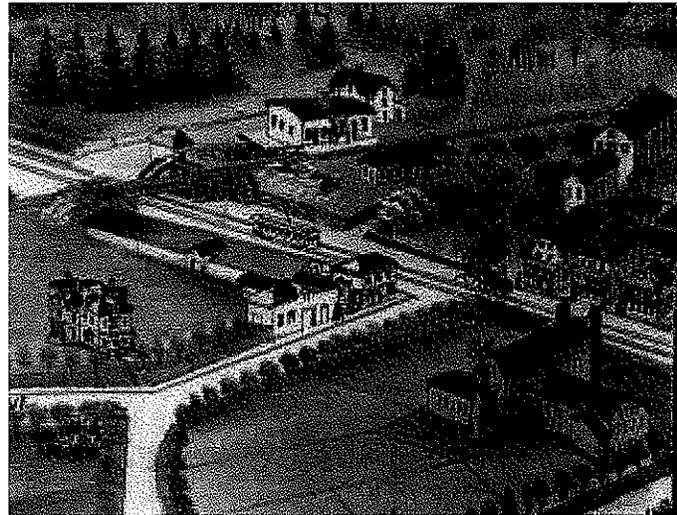


All Aboard!

Tracking Cheltenham History on Trolleys and Trains



Dave Harrower, Architect
Chair, Cheltenham Township Historical Commission



Thursday, May 10th, 2012
8:00 PM Curtis Hall

1250 West Church Road (corner of Church Rd. & Greenwood Ave.), Wyncote, PA

Free Admission • Handicapped-Accessible • Refreshments

*Preceded by the May Meeting of the Cheltenham Township Historical Commission
7:00 PM • Visitors Welcome*

For further information:

Visit our website at www.cheltenhamtownship.org or, Telephone 215-635-3168

Lecture co-sponsored by The Jenkinstown Lyceum