

Local Photographs

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Home On Leave

Radioman Third Class John Shuble, a member of the U.S. Navy, is on a two-week leave visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Shuble, of Paterson street. John has just returned from a 13-month tour of duty in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. John will return to Norfolk, Virginia, where he will attend radio school for eight weeks.

OCS Prep School

Private Hugh E. Link, Jr., 19, whose parents live at R.D. 4, Burgettstown, completed an eight-week Officer Candidate School preparatory course on December 21 at the Army Artillery and Missile Center, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

He is now eligible to attend the 23-week Officer Candidate School to become a second lieutenant.

During the preparatory course, he was trained in leadership, weaponry, methods of directing artillery fire and military history.

**Private Hugh E. Link Jr.
Completes Officer Candidate School Preparatory Course
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 3, 1968 Edition**

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



**Archelogy Dig in Atlasburg, PA
August 1985**

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



**Archeology Dig in Atlasburg, PA
August 1985**

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Early Avella Panoramc

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Avella Lincoln National Bank
The building also included the Telephone Office and apartments.

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Avella Train Station-1920's



Moore Family-Bavington, PA

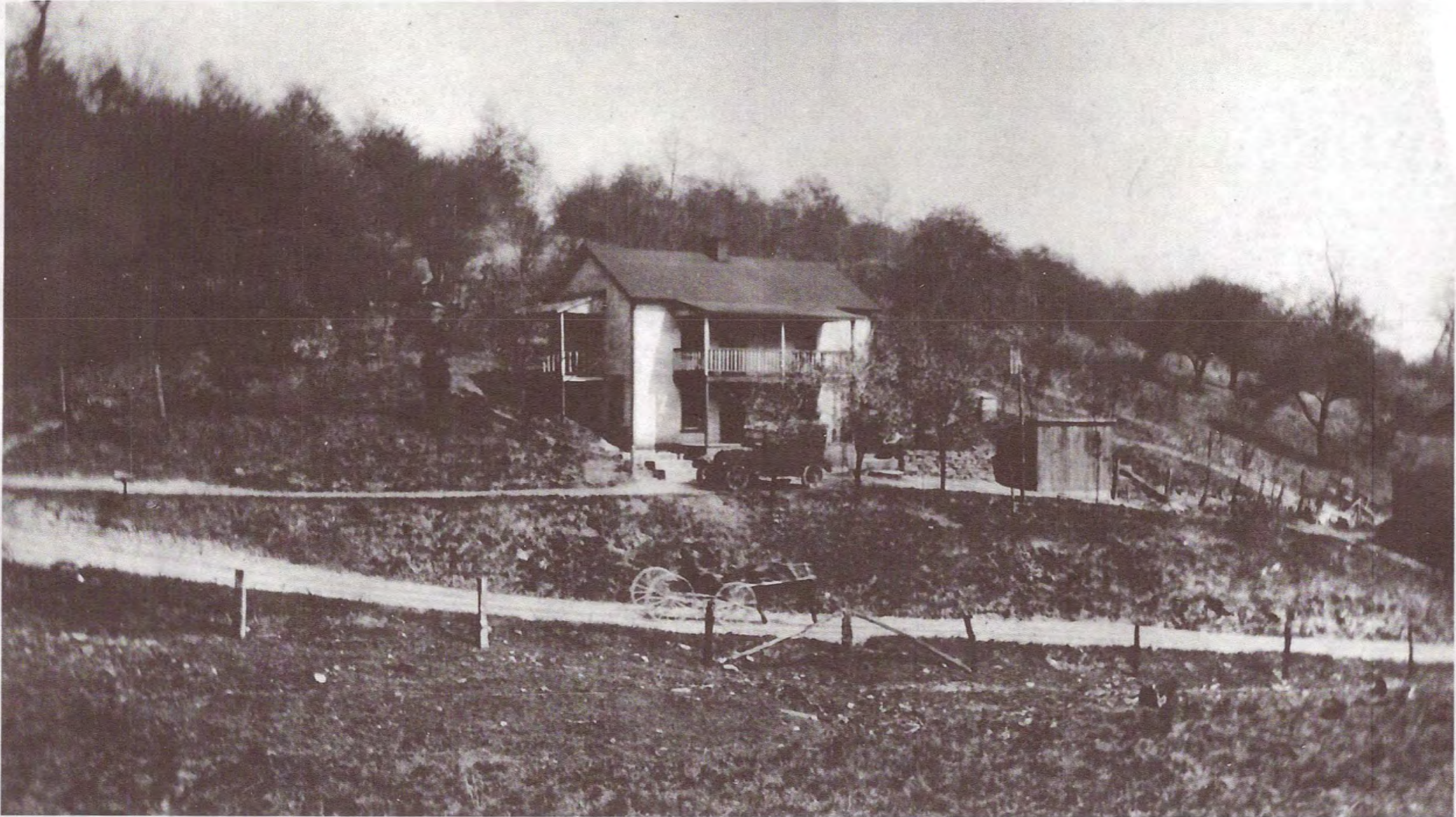
Front row: Sara Moore (born 1899), Elizabeth McBride (Martha's Mother) holding James "Fredrick" Moore (born 1901), and a visitor.

Back row: Martha Lenore Mc Bride Moore and her husband William Morgan Moore



**It is believed that the Kobulinicky farm house is on the immediate left. Bavington, PA
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Belle Boles & Gourley's Old Home
Bavington Road





Bavington, PA



Bavington, PA



Moore Farm-Bavington, PA

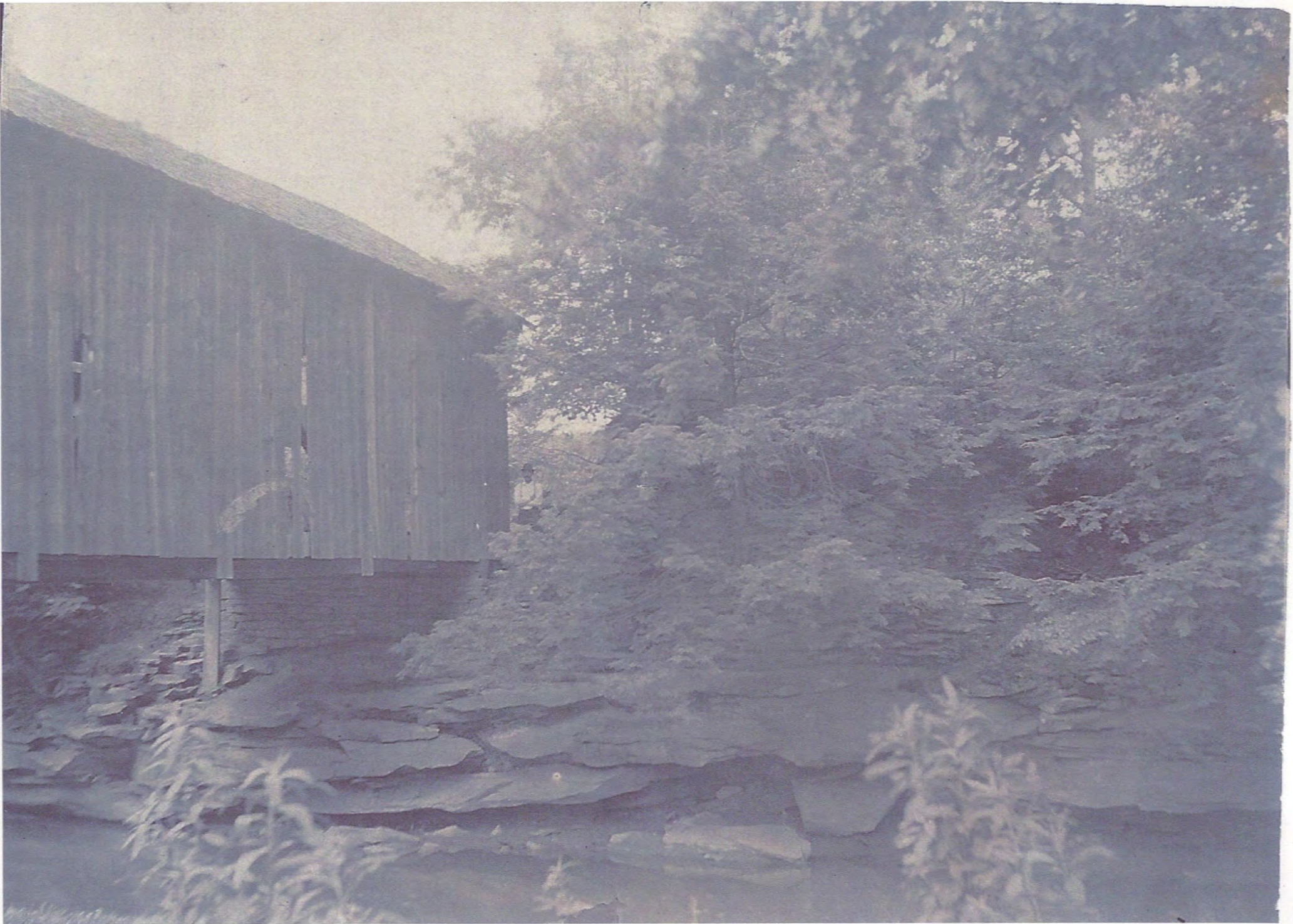
William Morgan Moore (1859-1944)

and his son

James "Frederick" Moore (1902-1972)











Birthplace of Hon J. G. Blaine
Brownsville, Pa.

Enterprise Call
May 30, 1894

Fredericktown corner stone

TWO NEW CHURCHES.



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BURGETTSTOWN PA.
J. W. GIBSON ARCHT.
CINCINNATI PA.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BURGETTSTOWN, PA.

The above represents the Westminster Presbyterian church as it will appear when completed. The building will be 60 feet front by 85 feet deep. The front entrance will be on the northwest corner under the tower, where there is a porch 11 feet square. There will be two entrances on the east side, with a bowl floor and seats, arranged in two rows 14 feet wide with arched tops. The walls will be plastered and frescoed. The ceiling will be finished in yellow pine panelled. On the northwest corner will be the pastor's study 14x9 feet 10 inches, with outside entrance and with door opening onto the rostrum. The rostrum will be 28x6 feet, with arch over it and circular in front, choir stand in the rear 28x8 feet slightly elevated above the rostrum and circular railing in front. To the right of the choir stand will be a choir room 11x9 ft. 2 in., to which there is an entrance from the S. S. room. The Sabbath school room will be in the rear of the building and to left of auditorium. It will be 36 ft. 2 in. by 31 feet, and have a seating capacity of 20. It will be lighted by 7 windows in the rear, and connected with the auditorium by panel sliding doors, by which the two rooms can be thrown together when necessary. The entrance will be from a vestibule 9 ft. 6 in. x 8 ft. on the north side, from which there are also entrances to auditorium and ladies' parlor. The ladies' parlor will be 13x17 feet, located on north side of S. S. room and connected with it by door. On the east side of S. S. room will be a class room 12x19 ft. 2 in. and connected with it by double door entrances hung with curtains. The S. S. room will be finished in same style as the auditorium. The whole building will be wainscoted inside up to the window casing. Under the ladies' parlor there will be a kitchen and under the S. S. room a large dining room, with inside and outside entrances. The excavating for the building has been done and the walls have been commenced.

Burgettstown's Neighboring Towns

BUFFALO VILLAGE

by A.D. White

"Oh give me a home
Where the buffalo roam---"

No more does the buffalo roam in Washington County, but in the "Buffalo Country" some ten miles northwest of the County Seat, there is abundant evidence of the roamings of the buffalo, or bison, in earlier times. For there is a Buffalo Creek, Buffalo Township and Buffalo Village, as well as four churches in the area which bear the Buffalo name. But Buffalo Village is located in Hopewell Township, not Buffalo, which makes it a bit confusing when one tries to locate this hamlet on the map.

Always a small country village composed largely of families who located here to be "near to church," Buffalo was established soon after the Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Church was located here in 1779. The first road into the community was cut from Washington to the Village by ax-men when the Rev. Joseph Smith, first pastor, was moved here from York County late in 1780. The first church, the usual rough log structure, was built in the corner of the old graveyard, and it was replaced by a more commodious hewed log building in 1797. The present large brick church was built here in the early 1870's.

Following the Rev. Joseph Smith, known to the irreverent as "Hell-fire" Smith on account of his fiery sermons and his lurid descriptions of the lower regions, the Upper Buffalo Church was served in order by the Rev. Thomas Marquis, known as "Silver-tongued" because of his musical voice; next was the Rev. John Anderson, called "Old Screw-auger" because of his soul-penetrating sermons; then the Rev. John Eagle-son, who didn't think that his people needed a new church building in the 1870's but when it was nearly completed, the first service held in it was Mr. Eagle-son's own funeral; and in 1874 came the Rev. James D. Walkinshaw, who served until 1882. It is a remarkable fact that all of these old ministers, with the exception of Mr. Marquis, are buried in the old graveyard near the church which they all served as pastor. At the Upper Buffalo Church in November, 1802, was held perhaps the greatest Camp Meeting of all time, when 10,000 people gathered on the church grounds to take part in this great religious gathering. It was here that the Rev. Elisha McCurdy, of the Cross Roads Church, of Florence, preached his great War Sermon.

In the old graveyard here reposes the dust of pioneers: the Smiley's, Hamilton's, Taggart's, Dinsmore's, Cook's, Studa's, McGugin's, Anderson's, Caldwell's, Maxwell's and many others. Perhaps the most historic grave here is that of William Smiley, the old elder, who was in charge of the boat-load of flour floated down the Ohio River to New Orleans, where it was sold to secure money to pay the salary of the Rev. Joseph Smith, then two years in arrears.

Since Upper Buffalo's early ministers were educated men, they were concerned for the education of the young men in their congregation. Joseph Smith took over his wife's new log kitchen to use as the "kitchen academy" for training young ministers, and this school is considered to have been one of the fore-runners of Washington and Jefferson College. Later schools at the Village were old Union Grove Academy, established in 1828; Franklin High School, better known as the "Horse-mill Academy" on account of its location; and the Upper Buffalo Academy, which had an erratic existence from 1853 into the 1890's. These privately conducted schools were succeeded by the Hopewell Township High School, which continued until 1927. The commodious brick building erected at the northern edge of the Village for the High school now houses the Buffalo Elementary School of the Avella School District.

A farm near the village, now the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Leroy Taggart, once belonged to Robert Fulton, inventor of the steam-boat and a nephew of the Rev. Joseph Smith. Here lived for a time Fulton's mother and sisters, who had moved from Lancaster County.

Loyalty to the Union marked the attitude of most of Hopewell Township's citizens during the Civil War. Company C of the famed Ringgold Battalion recruited here by Major George T. Work, a local resident, had on its roster a number of Hopewell boys. Before leaving for the front, their beloved pastor, the Rev. John Eagle-son, preached them a farewell sermon. These were his "boys." He had baptized most of them in childhood; he

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UPPER BUFFALO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH at Buffalo Village is typical of the two-story churches erected in and around the 1870's. Similar are the churches at Cross Creek, Raccoon and Robinson U.P. Church.

had instructed them in things of the faith, and for some he had performed their marriage ceremony, and on this historic occasion he sent them forth to battle with his blessing.

Buffalo Village's most venerable citizen is Mr. August Wienecke, who was born in Helsenbeck, Germany, on October 24, 1863, nearly one hundred four years ago. Although now confined to his home, Mr. Wienecke has led an active life and was to be found daily in his garden until only the last few years. He has been a member of Upper Buffalo Church for 69 years.

Noted for its quiet surroundings and its healthful atmosphere, this small village is growing slowly as new families move into the community and establish homes here.

Next - Independence



Bulger, PA-Abt. 1955

Marilyn Kerekes standing on top of the hill behind the family home. In the background, L-R: Leunis and Hermes Gas Station and Store, the white house is Fratini's home, the rear view of Schollaert's home and of Joe Kargle family home. Joe Kargle was the stable boss in charge of the mules that were used in the Bulger Coal Mines. At the time, mules were more valuable to the coal companies than the workers. Workers were cheaper and easier to replace. The last building is the Bulger School. Young Marilyn Kerekes is standing on part of the Smith family farm, Pleasant Cove Farm, property, that continues down the road between the Bulger School and the Schollaert property.



Bulger, PA-Abt. 1955

Marilyn Kerekes sitting on top of Doris (Kerekes) Lauff.
Rear views of Grant Street, the Bulger Coal Company, and the Panhandle Railroad.

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Bulger, PA-Abt. 1955

Doris (Kerekes) Lauff. Rear views of Grant Street, the Bulger Coal Company, and the Panhandle Railroad. Saint Anne's Church is located directly below the coal tipple.

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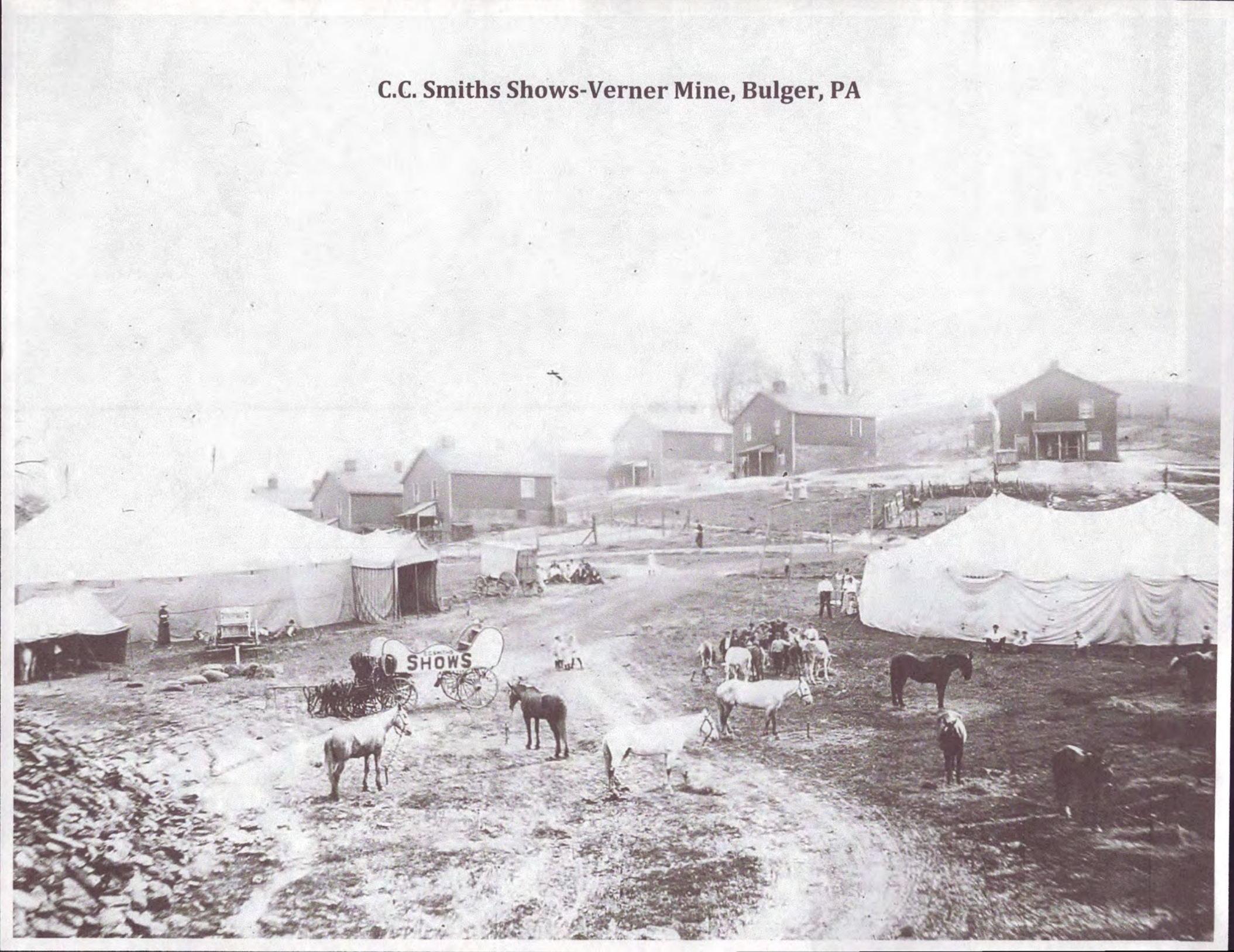
L-R: Frank and Frances Slack Family home, James and Leona Butcher home, Leunis and Hermes Gas Station, Fratini's home, and rear view of Schollaert's home.



Bulger, PA-Abt. 1955

Marilyn Kerekes standing on top of the hill behind the family home. In the background, L-R: Leunis and Hermes Gas Station, the white house is Fratini's, the rear view of Schollaert's home, and the home of the Joe Kargle family. Kargle was the stable boss in charge of mules that were used in the Bulger Coal mines. At the time, mules were more valuable to the coal companies than the workers. Workers were cheaper and easier to replace. The last building is the Bulger School.

C.C. Smiths Shows-Verner Mine, Bulger, PA





**D.W. Smith Farm, later E.B. Smiley's
Bulger, PA**



Bulger Softball Champions

First Row: P. Wilson, M. Wilson, Slack, and Dellapina.

Second Row: Dalverny, Burchianti, Kerekes, Yenke, and Nogier

Burgettstown Enterprise-August 17, 1950 Edition



Bulger School 1915

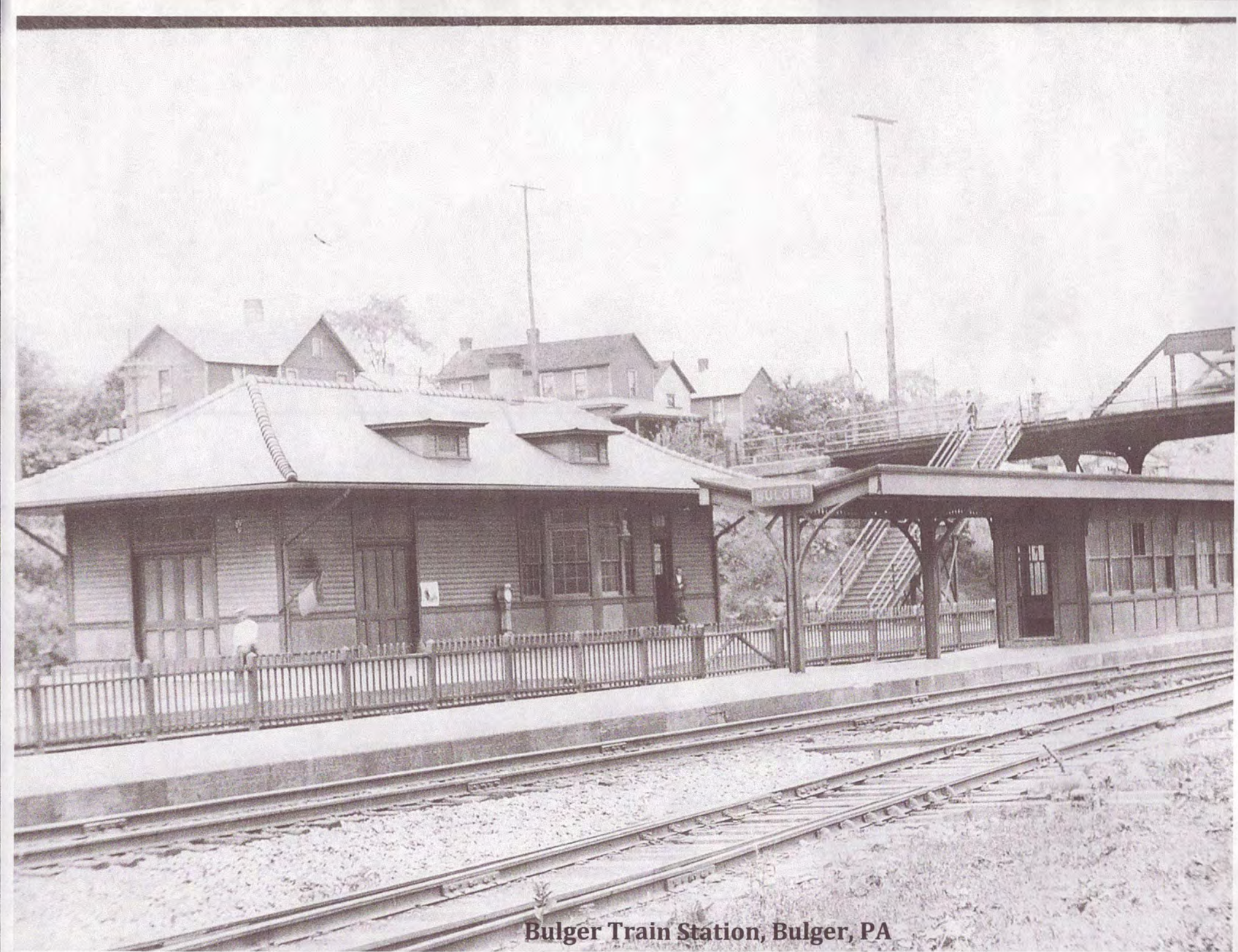


The cut is the former location of a tunnel, Bulger, PA

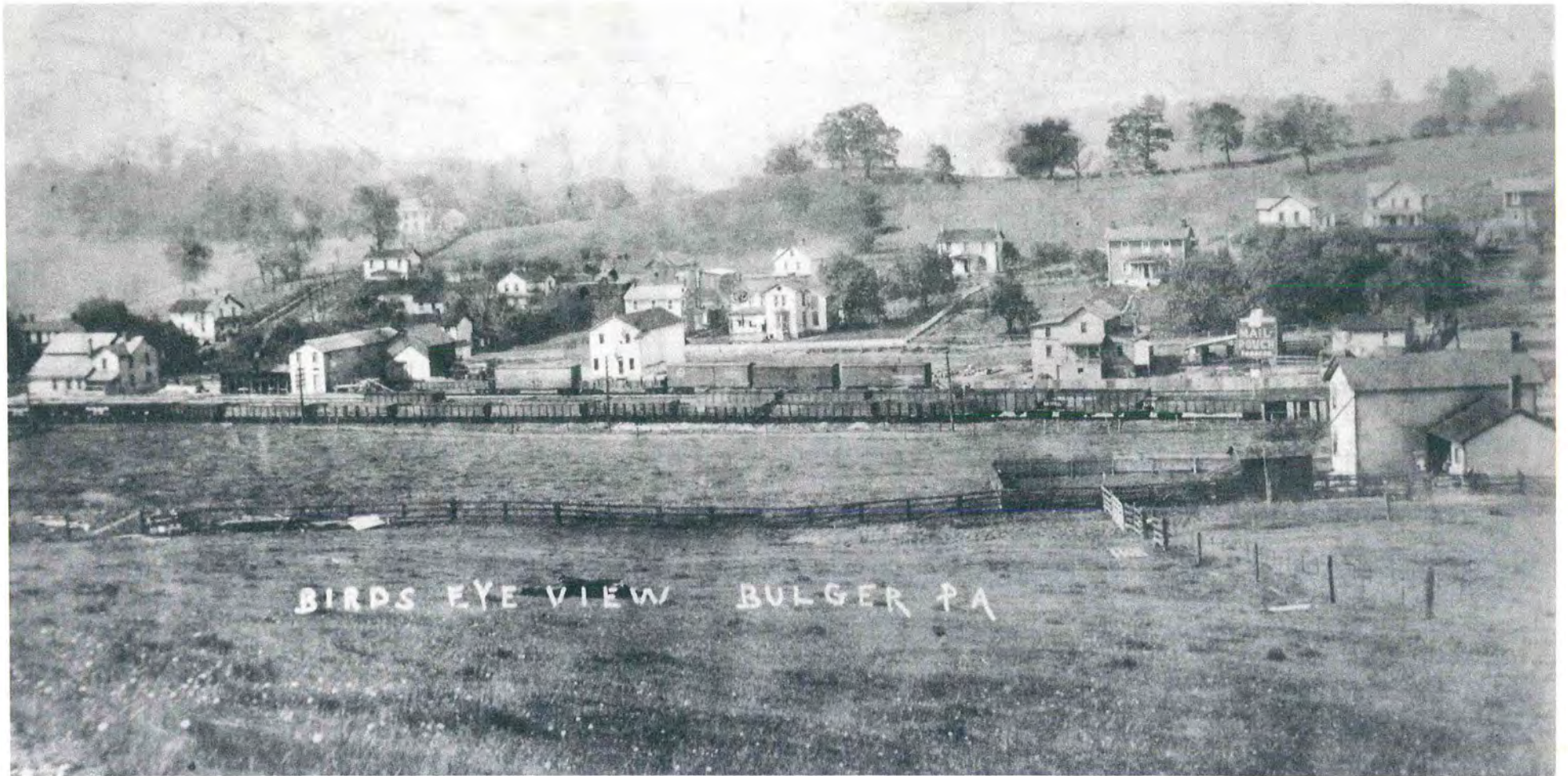
A. P. CUT AT BULGER PA.



Merloni's Store-Bulger, PA



Bulger Train Station, Bulger, PA



Early view of Bulger, PA



THE ENTERPRISE / ANNA MARIE SLAY

Chugging along

When things were much better for the coal industry, scenes such as this were common in this area. Elio Nencioni of Bulger captured this portrait on film of a coal train heading into Bulger from Raccoon, circa 1949-50

Bulger-Coal Train heading to Bulger from Raccoon, circa 1949-1950
The Enterprise-February 17, 1993 Edition



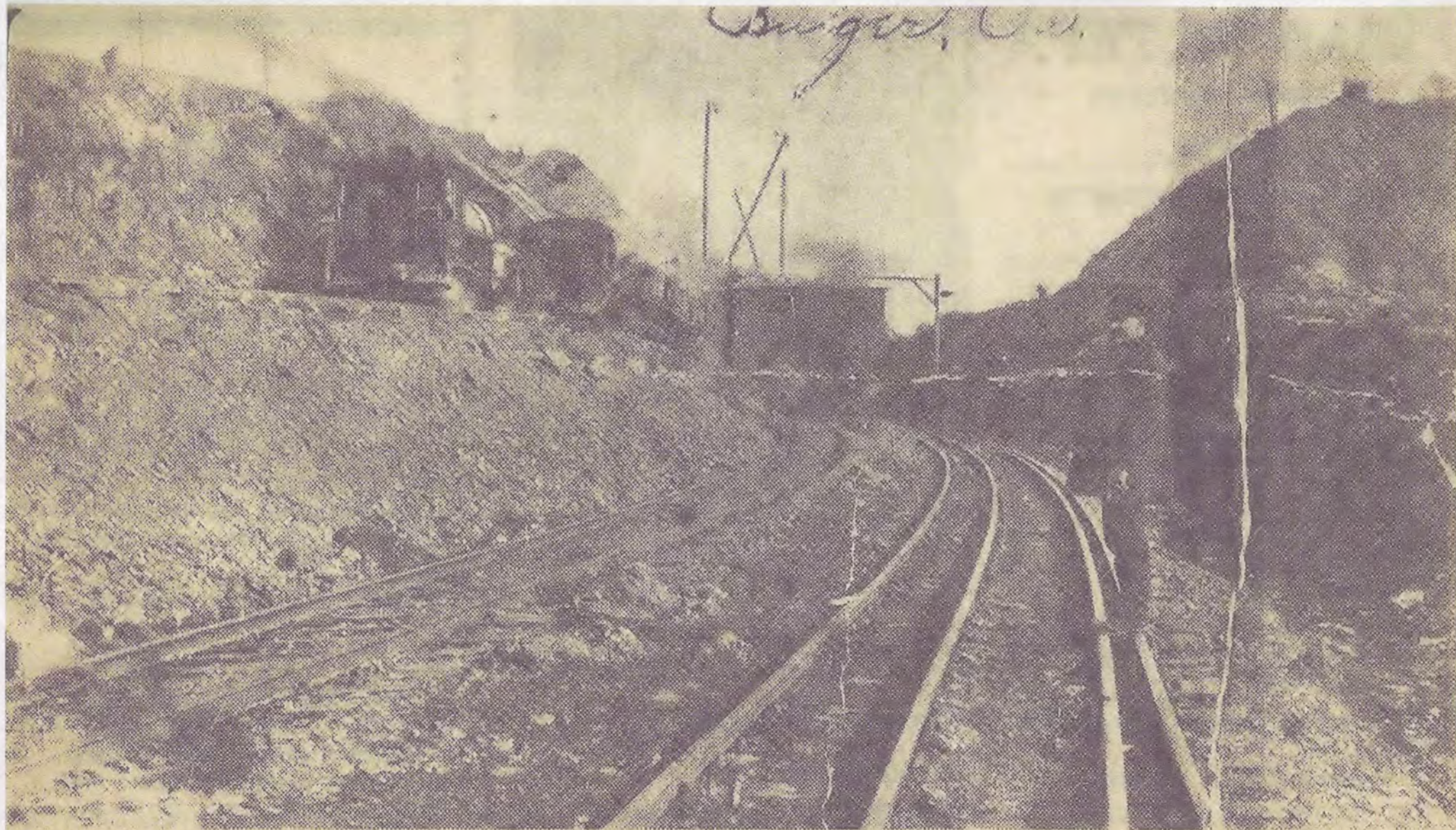
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Bulger, PA



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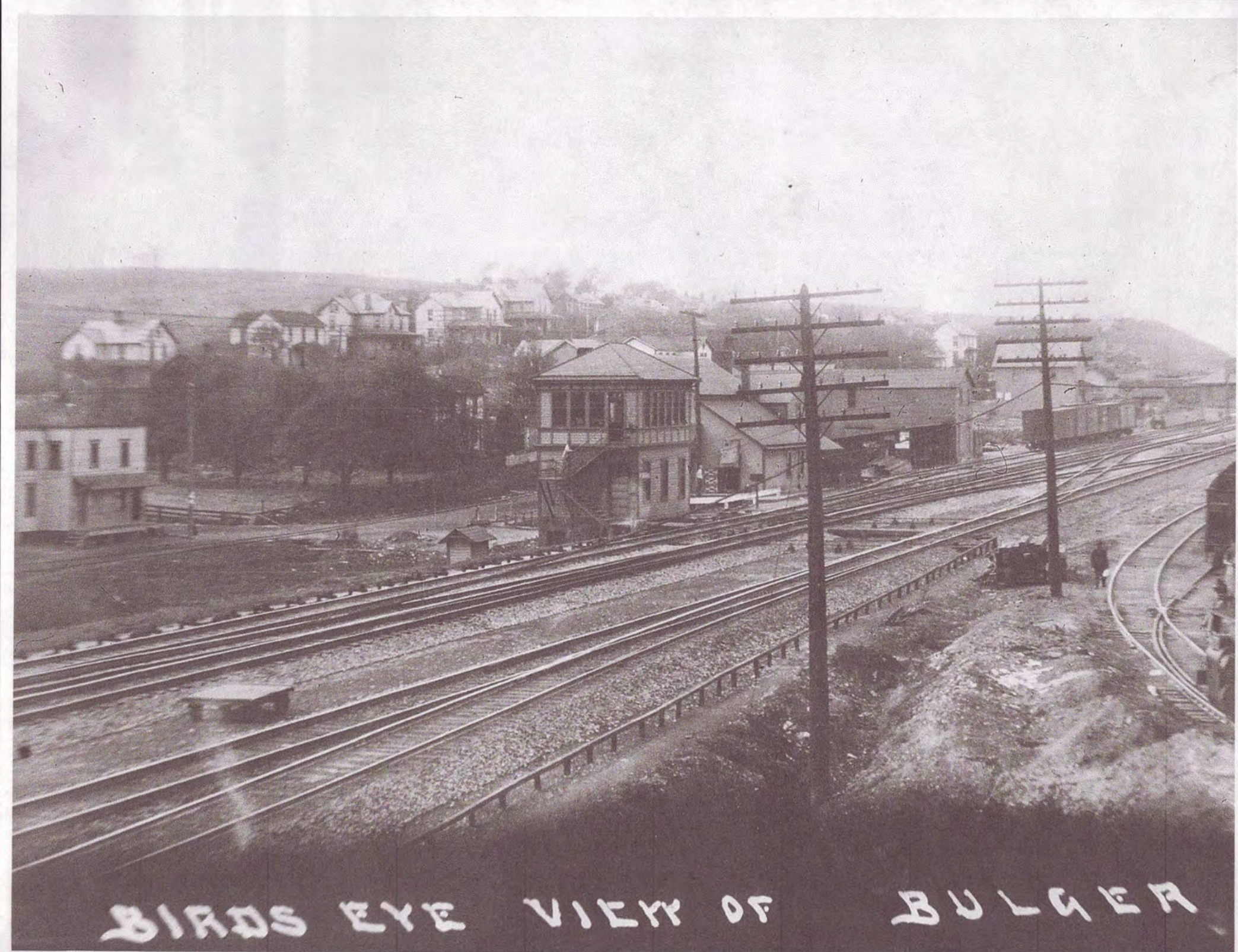
Memorial Day 1957
Bulger, PA



Responses Received To Bulger Articles

In response to the articles on Bulger history published recently in the *Enterprise*, Mrs. Jacob Gilbert of Bulger submitted the picture above of the old Bulger tunnel which was eliminated in 1905. The picture, taken in 1903, is quite faded, but the tunnel is distinguishable.

A call was also received from Sally Welsh, whose grandfather, Leonard Hermes, was in charge of the old cheese factory at Bulger. Sally's other grandfather, Charles Deer, at one time took care of the mules used in the Bulger Block Mine. Sally's father, Hugh Deer, was employed in the company store operated by the Carnegie Coal Company in the Blocks. Sally, herself, started to school at the old Bulger School on the corner



BIRDS EYE VIEW OF BULGER



Calogro "Charles" Tabone
December 14, 1889-April 24, 1976



Darras Store and Darras Family-Bulger, PA



Goat cart used to haul coal, Bulger, PA



Hermes-Lecouvre House formerly sat next to home of Katherine Lecouvre, Bulger, PA

Mining house being moved, Bulger, PA





View of the town Bulger and Bulger Block Coal-Abt. 1955

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



Bulger-Play or Party, Unknown Year

Possibly at St. Ann's Church

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



Bulger School, September 1914



Old Bulger School- Bulger, PA



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Grundy Court Studio
Cecil M. Johnson

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June 9
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JUN 3 1928

The mine & town of
BULGER. Most of
the house has been
abandoned. The smoke
from the burning
mine waste, or "red dog" *

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Bulger School 1919



Early ball players-Bulger, PA



Main Street, Burgettstown, PA



South Main Street-Burgettstown, PA

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Burgettstown Dedicates War Memorial



Blake E. Miller, Commander of the American Legion Post 698 and William Craig, Commander of Kucher-Saska Post 6955 at the War Memorial on Decoration Day participated in the program.



Several hundred residents of Burgettstown gathered at the War Memorial Dedication on Monday to pay tribute to their husbands, fathers, and sons who paid the supreme sacrifice in WWI and WWII.

Burgettstown Enterprise-June 2, 1949 Edition

McKinney Presents Memorial In Behalf Of Vol. Fire Dept.

Burgettstown paid tribute to her honored dead on Monday morning at the unveiling and presentation of the War Memorial which has been erected on the grade school lawn.

Presentation of the war memorial by the Burgettstown Volunteer Fire Department, the organization which sponsored the fund raising for the project was made by Lee R. McKinney. Mr. McKinney's tribute was acknowledged by Councilman Joseph Vajentic, who accepted the memorial in behalf of the Burgettstown Borough Council. Mr. McKinney in making the presentation said:

"Commander Miller, Officer of the day, Veterans of past wars, neighbors and friends of the Burgettstown Community: We are assembled here on this Memorial Day, May 30, 1949, not by any special dispensation of some dictatorial or socialistic power, but of our own free will, meeting as a free people in an independent nation of opportunities. Not a word spoken here today will have been censored.

This holiday is observed more generally and more fervently than most others, and this is most fitting for at least once a year we should pause to pay tribute to the loved ones who have passed on to their eternal home. This day was originally designated to honor the war dead of the nation. It has grown into one on which most persons pay their respects to members of their families who have passed on.

In reality all our dead are persons who have served their country, some in peace and some in times of war. Most of the dead contributed their heroic service on behalf of their beloved country. The services of all required to maintain the system of government which has been most beneficial devised for our people. But there is a special inspiration attached to those who gave their lives in behalf of their country. It is fitting and proper that their deeds and the cause for which they died should be remembered with special reverence.

America's soldier dead saw service to maintain the several principles and freedoms on which our country was founded. We will fail to be true to them if in any way we tolerate or condone any principle that even threatens to undermine the systems and traditions for which they died.

If we permit these present socialistic trends to destroy the freedoms and the principles they fought, bled and died for, we will be untrue, especially to those honored forefathers who established our way of life. On this Memorial Day we should pledge ourselves anew to uphold the faith and strive to regain the courage of those who have died that we might live in the land of the free and the home of the brave. I am reminded that Holy Writ tells us that God commanded Moses to remove his shoes, for the place where he stood was Holy ground. This, my friends, we should consider a sacred spot in our community. Let not a foot print be found upon the green.

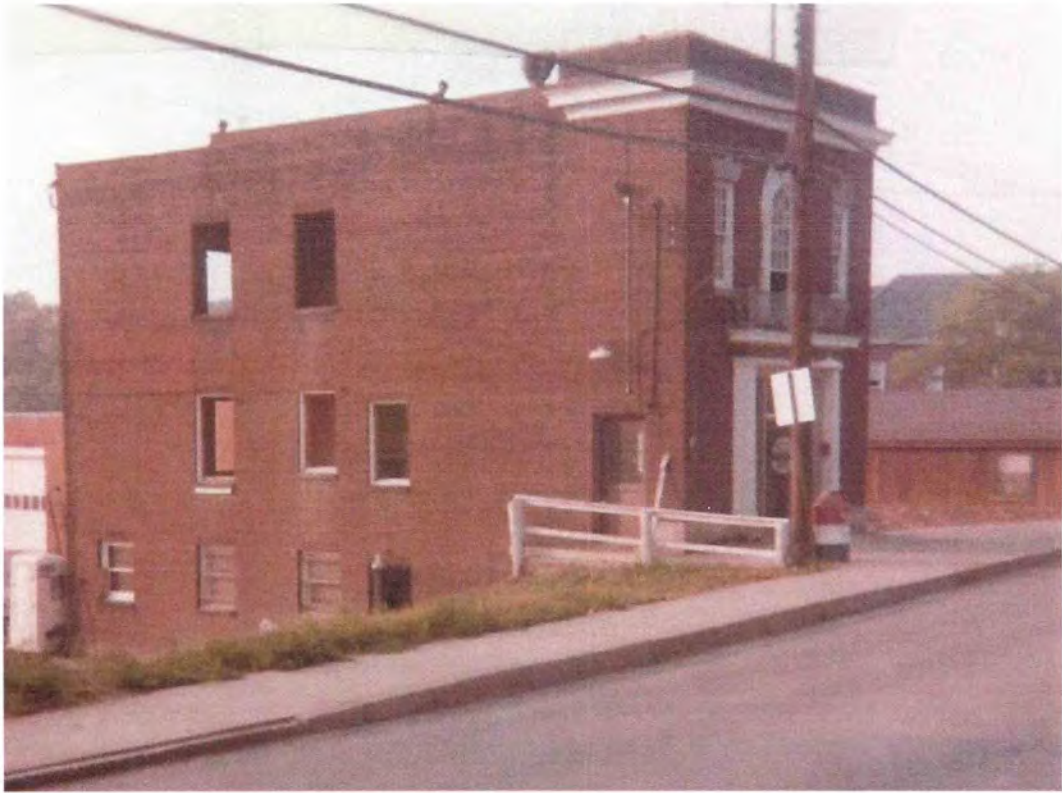
I wish to thank the Fire Department, the several civic organizations, and those who so generously contributed financially and otherwise, so that this Memorial might become a reality.

Veterans of past wars, we salute you. And may we bow in silent tribute in honor of those who have paid the supreme sacrifice, and in the days to come as we pass by this War Memorial, may we visualize the names and the faces of those who have answered the call to the colors.

And now by authority conferred upon me, and on behalf of the Burgettstown Volunteer Fire Department and other civic organizations, and our loyal friends, I present this War Memorial to the Burgettstown Community."

**McKinney Presents Memorial in Behalf of Burgettstown Volunteer Fire Department
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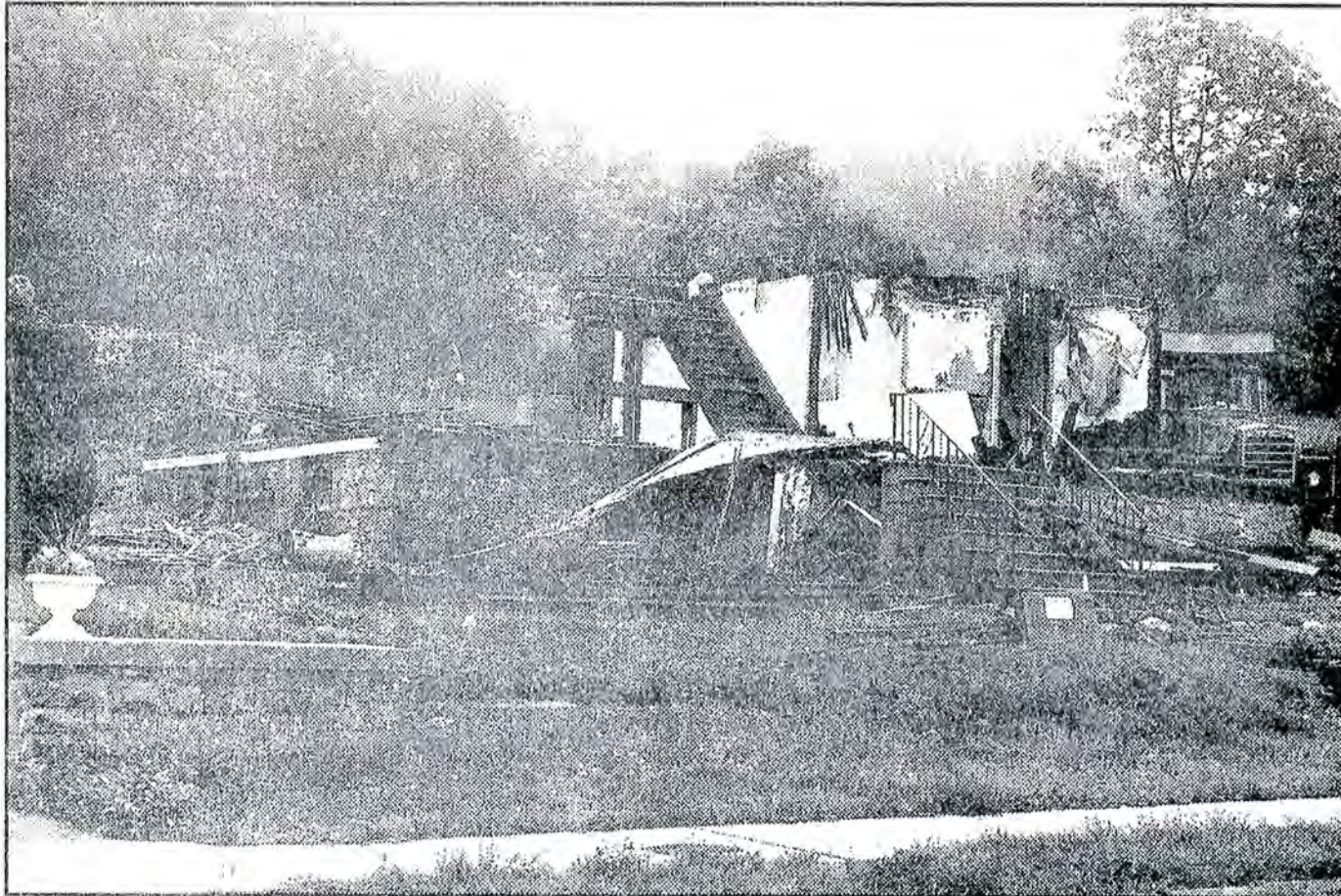


**Burgettstown Borough Building
Torn down to be replace with new building-1978**

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**D.L. Malone - "And the Walls Came Tumbling Down"
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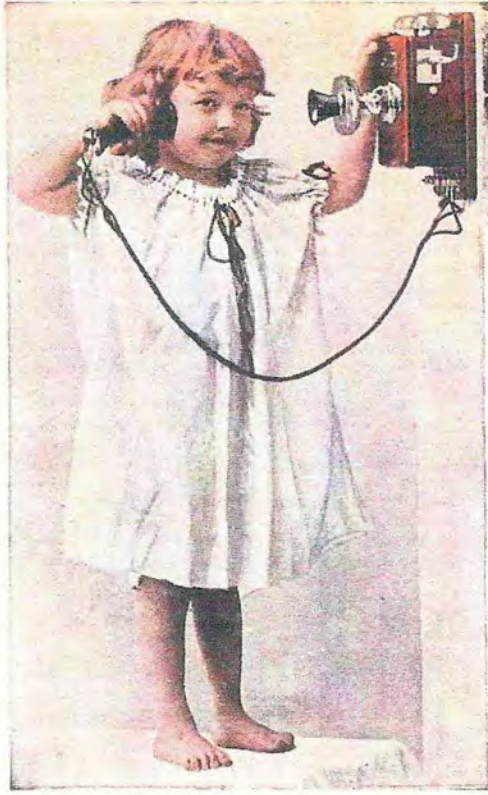
THE ENTERPRISE / JIM DALLARA

And the walls came tumbling down

Another historic house in Burgettstown became only a memory last week after workers completed demolition of the building at 625 South Main Street. It took several weeks to level the house, formerly the residence of D.L. Malone.

D.L. Malone - "And the Walls Came Tumbling Down"
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Hello, Bessie!
 Hurry up and get dressed. Let's meet early at the
56th Annual Burgettstown Fair
BURGETTSTOWN, PA.
Oct. 3-4-5, '11
 All the neighbors are loading in the children to go.
 J. E. PERRIN, Pres.
 J. M. PYLE, Treas.
 D. S. TAYLOR, Sec.

R-29 - TALBOT-ENO CO. DES MOINES

Post Card

THIS SPACE MAY BE USED FOR CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ADDRESS ONLY



Sept. 2nd
Bessie, will you not go with me to the Fair.
Flora

Miss Bessie Gilbert
to Burgettstown
Wash Co
Pa.

Burgettstown Fair Post Card-1911
Addressed to Bessie Gilbert
Fort Vance Historical Society



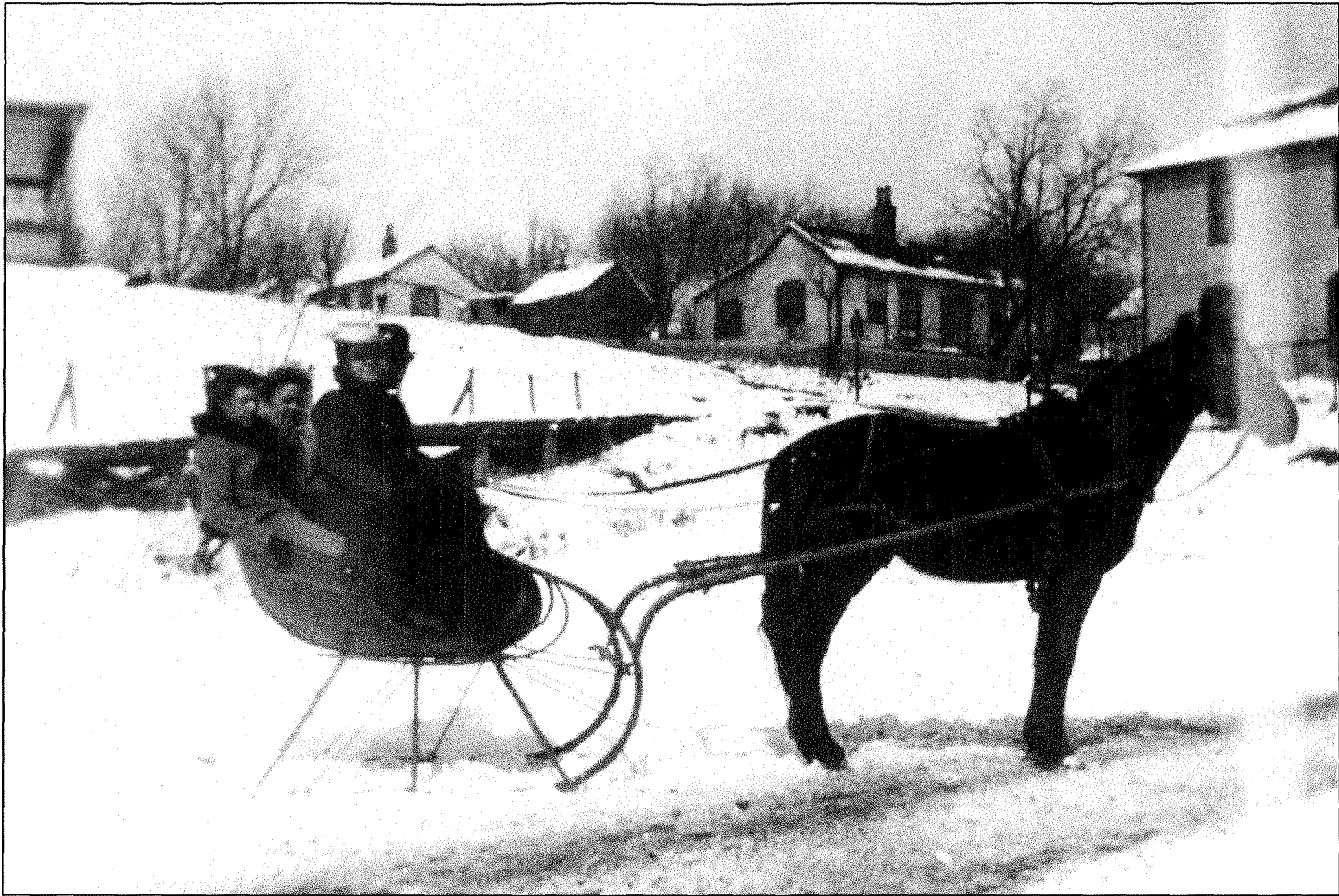
Corner of Cross Street and East Pittsburgh Street, Burgettstown, PA.

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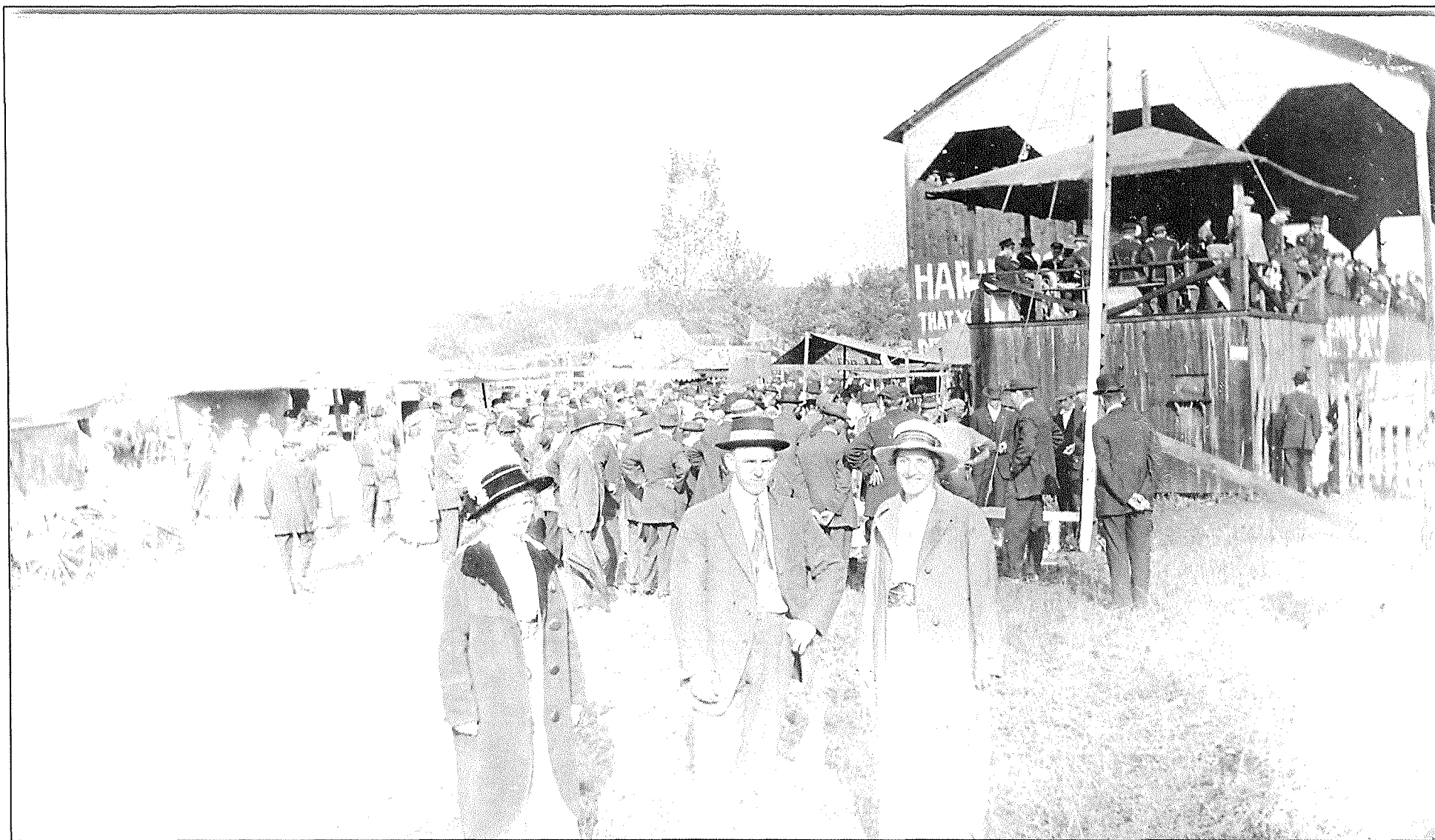
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Looking up Maple Avenue towards Archer Lane, Burgettstown, PA (1895-1900).

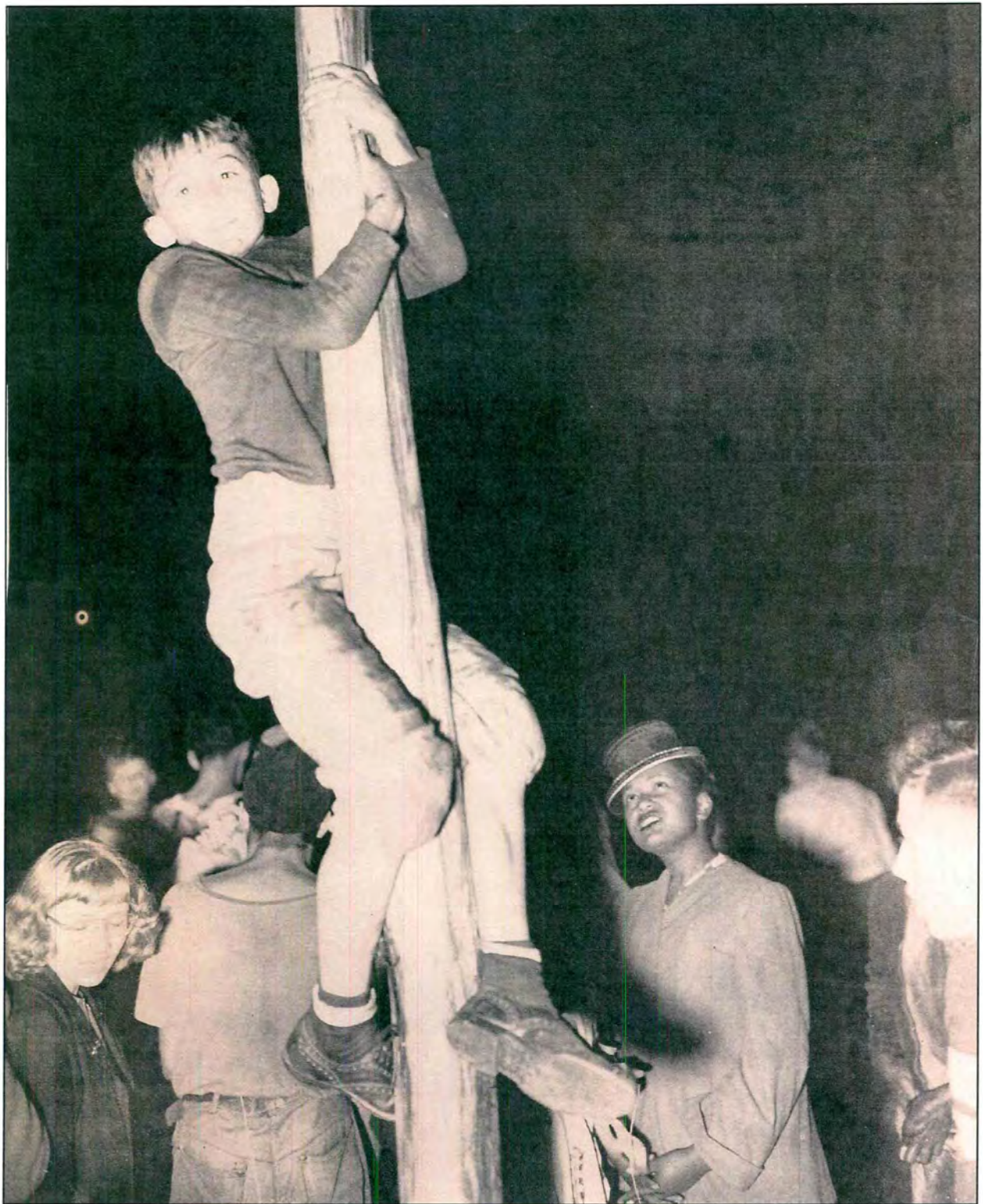
The house on the left is Stevenson's in 1980's. It is remembered as Frederick's House, on the extreme right, McBride's. later Kimberland Dairy. Note the boardwalk and lamppost. Katherine Pyle's mother, Mary McCluskey Pyle is riding in the sleigh.

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



**Union Agriculture Fair-Burgettstown, PA
Ida Bell Clemens, Vance Clemens, and Elsie Clemens**

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1950 Burgettstown Annual Halloween Parade
Morris Harvey, greased pole climbing "King" demonstrating
his climbing style which merited him first honors.

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Throng at Community Picnic Honors James F. Hillman

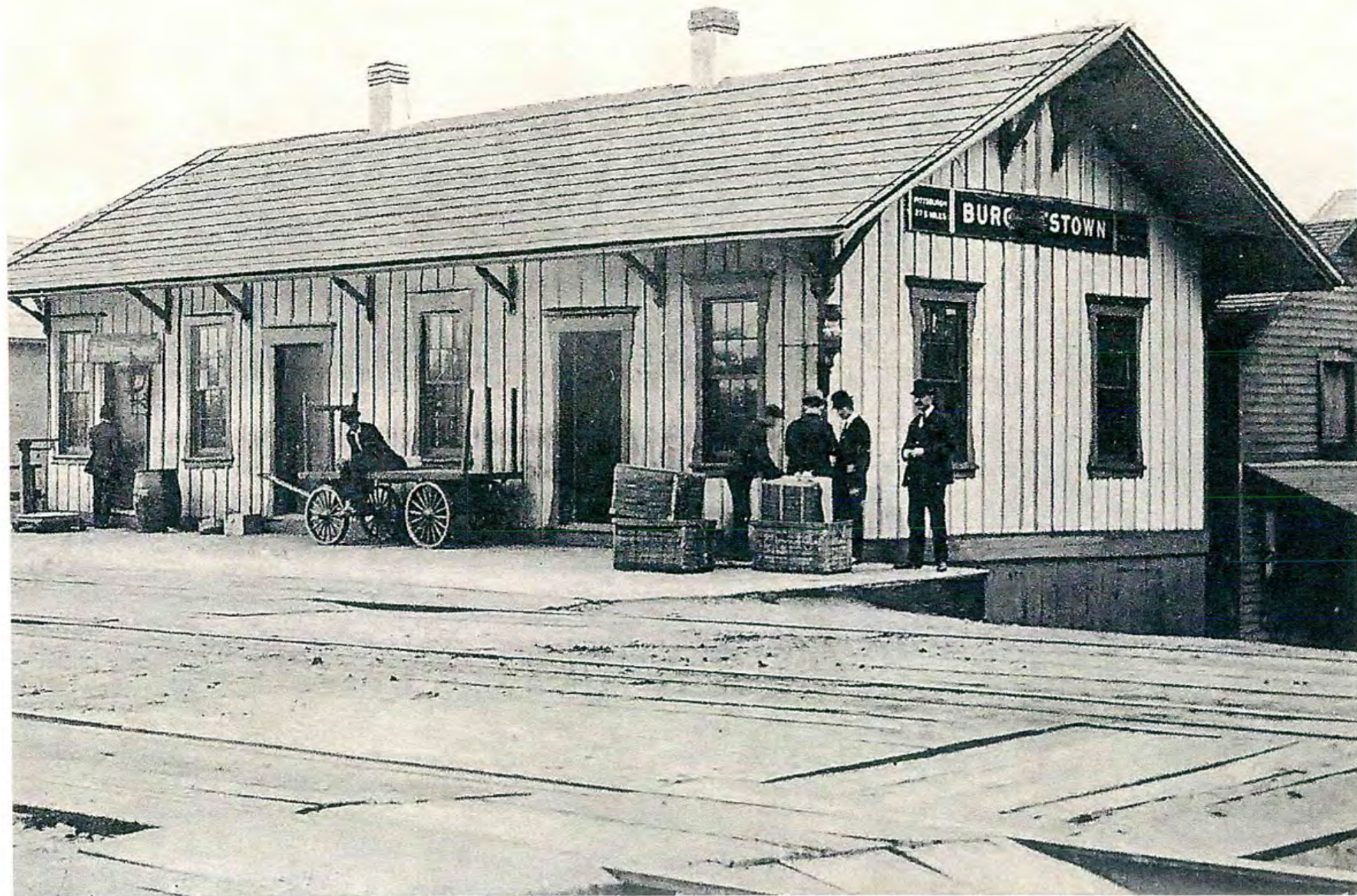
*"Part of the crowd watching the water show in the pool,
one of the featured events on a beautiful Sunday afternoon at the Burgettstown Community Park."*

Burgettstown Enterprise-August 23, 1962 Edition



**Long Line of Eager Swimmers waiting for the Pool to Open
Burgettstown Community Park**

Burgettstown Depot, Burgettstown, Pa.





MAIN ST
BURGETTSTOWN PA







MAIN STREET. BURGETTSTOWN PA.



Burgettstown Panoramic-Circa 1900

Dinsmore Avenue on the left. Side view of Second Presbyterian Church facing Westminster Church.

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Partial View of Burgettstown, Pa.



Burgettstown Panoramic-Circa 1900

Dinsmore Avenue on the left. On the right, Second Presbyterian Church facing Westminster Church.

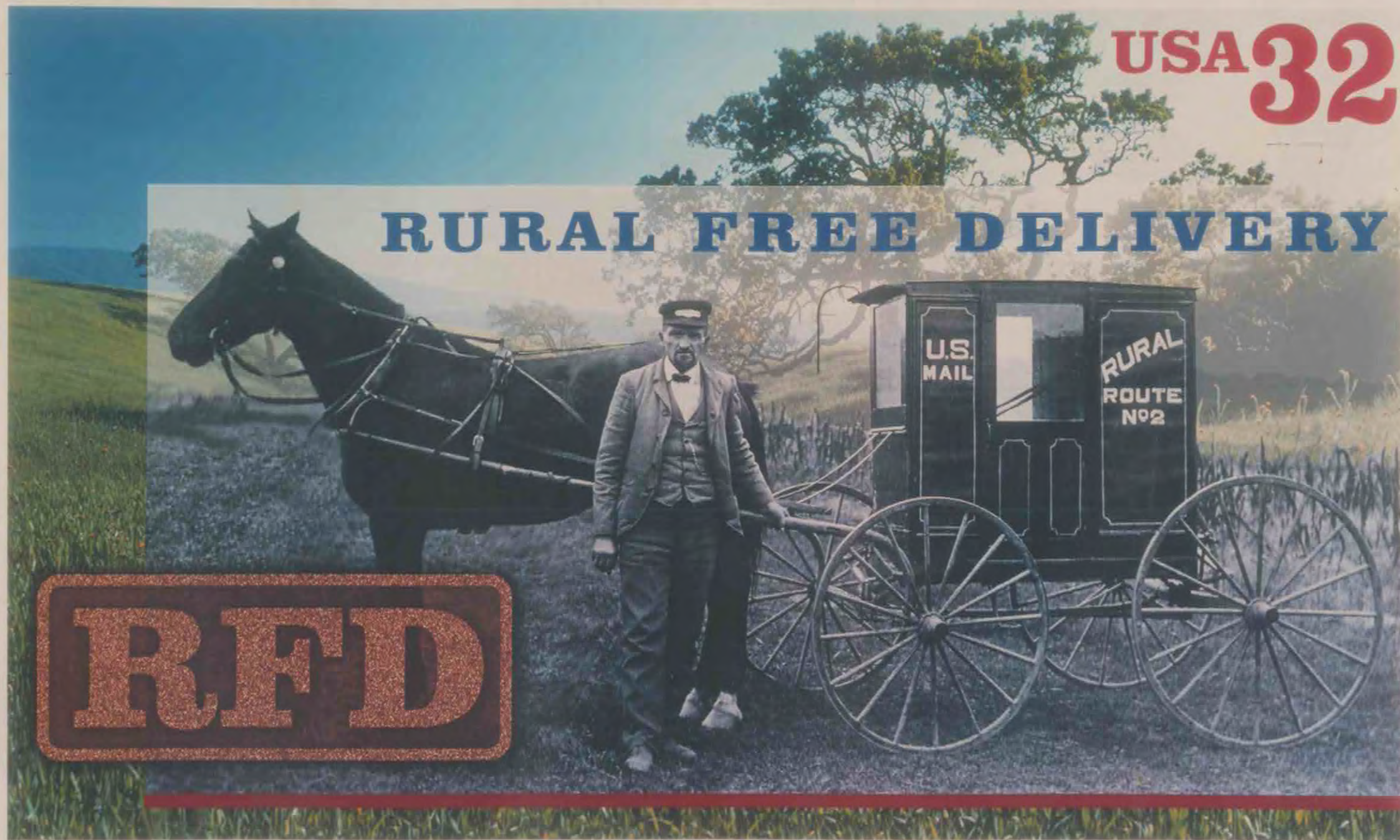
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Slovenian Brass Band-1918
Granish Hill, South Burgettstown, PA
Southwestern Pennsylvania No. 2-1982

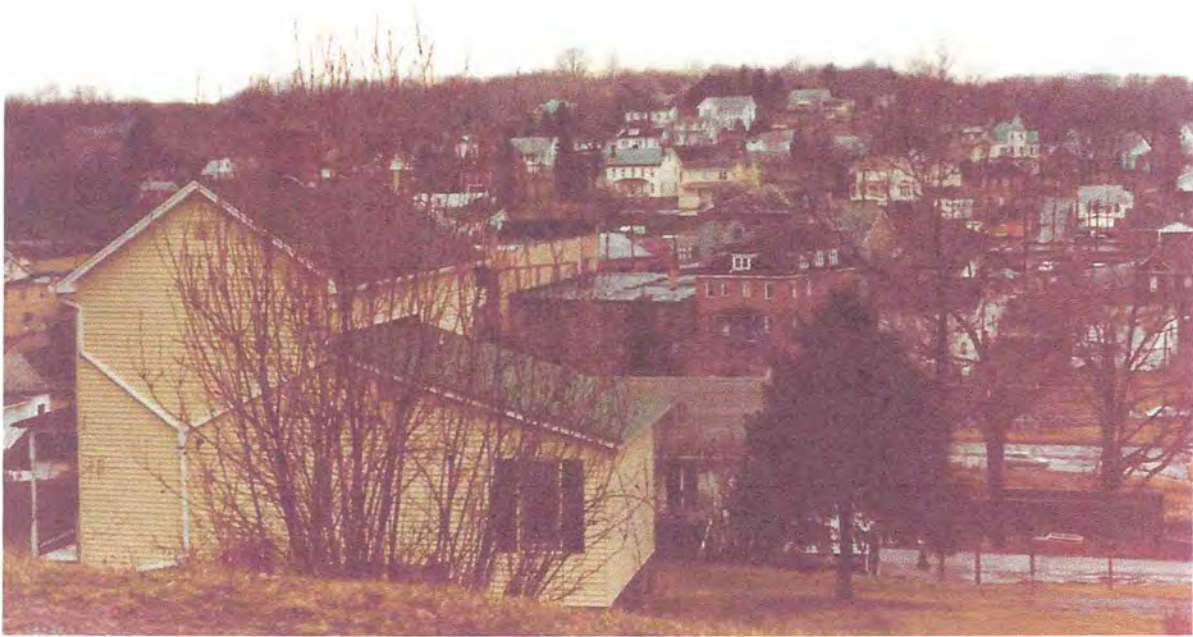


Photo taken from Highland Avenue Ext. looking towards old business area.
January 1983

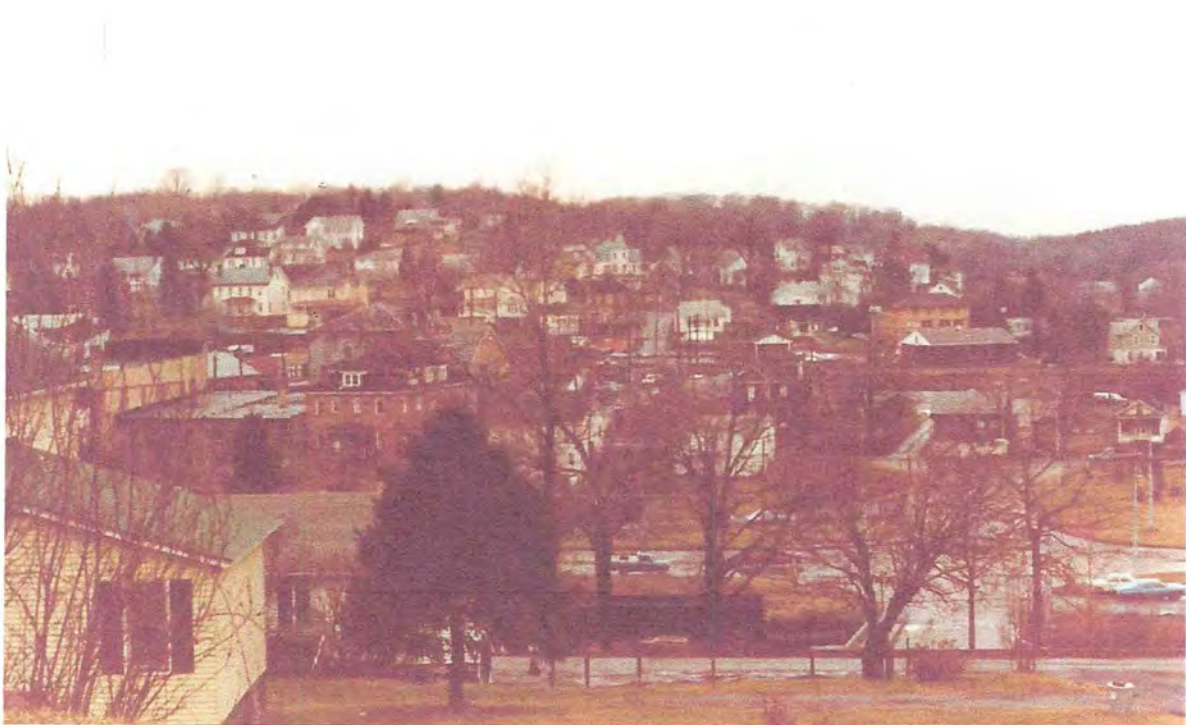


Photo taken from Highland Avenue Extension looking towards under-pass.
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Views of Burgettstown, PA



Erie Mine-January 1983

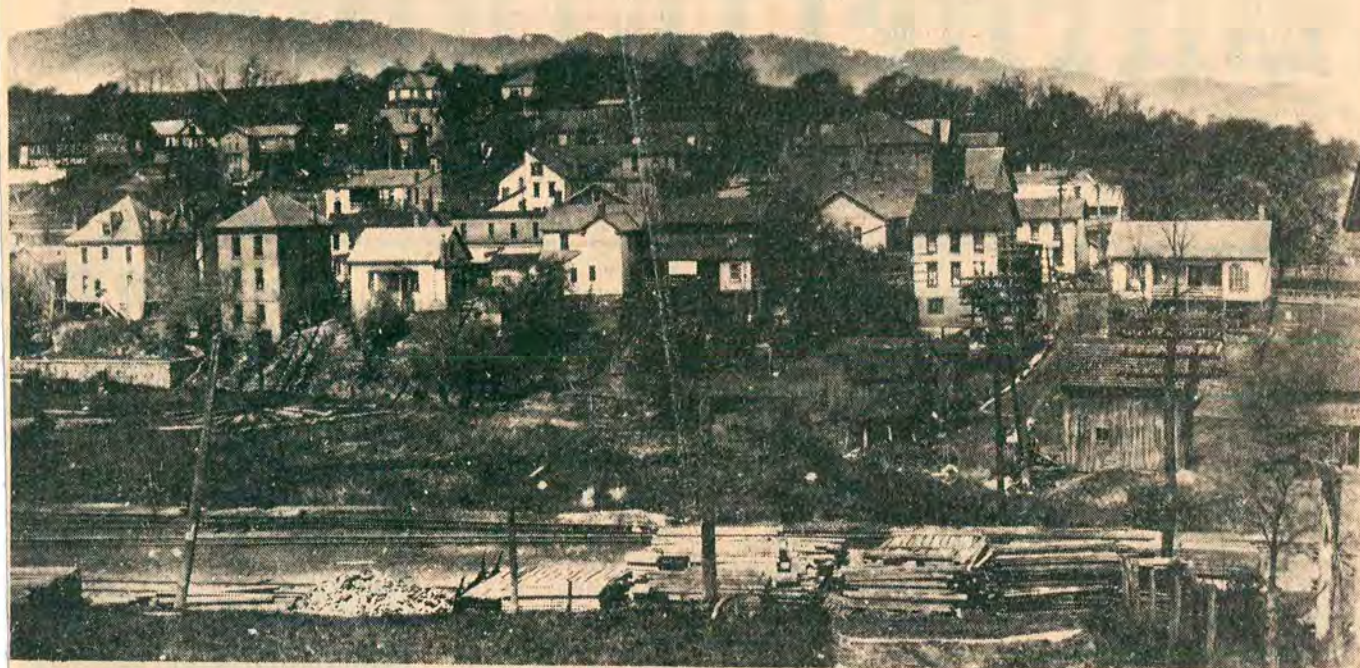


Photo taken from the top of Pittsburgh St. looking toward Charles St
January 1983

Views of Burgettstown, PA



Burgettstown "Way Back When"



This photo was taken in January, 1910, from the area around Allison's Feed Store on Center Avenue, Burgettstown. Notice the mud street leading from the

railroad tracks to where Kobe's Restaurant is now located. Notice also that the area near and above where the Bell Telephone Build-

ing now stands is all wooded hillside. A barn at the left displays the Mail Pouch tobacco advertisement.

Burgettstown Back When

This photo was taken, January 1910.

The location of the railroad tracks is now the location of the John L. Brunner Memorial By-Pass.

These pictures are from the albums of C. W. Glessner, of Tampa Florida, a former resident of Burgettstown.



The photo is dated prior to 1918, shows First United Presbyterian and First Presbyterian (Hillcrest) on the right side of the street. On the hillside, you can see a picket fence making the property lines for First Presbyterian Church and the Reverend Frederick property. Directly below the fence, there is a buggy trail that was also used as a path to the First Presbyterian Church when the front entrance was still being used by the congregation.

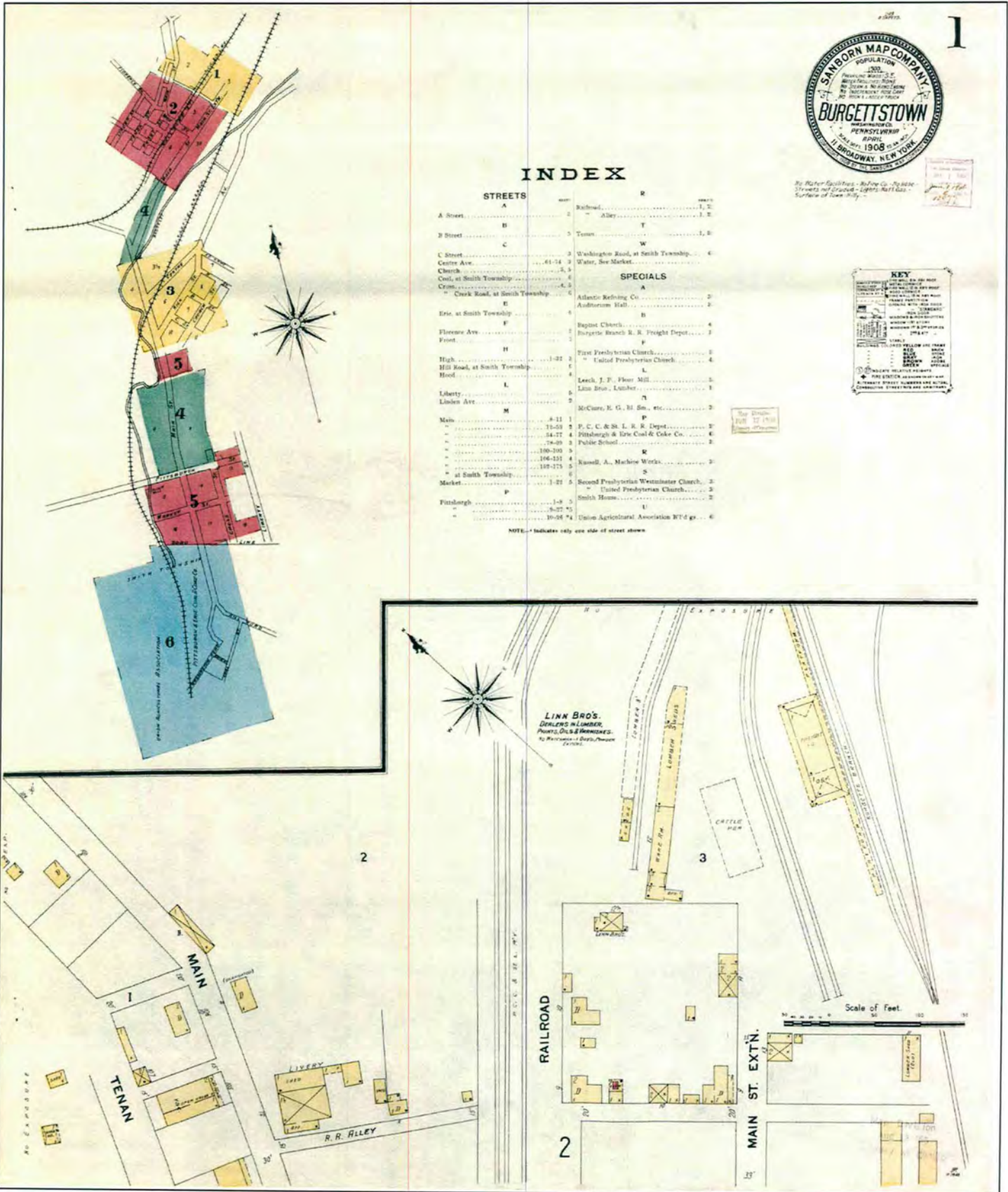
Photo courtesy of the Robertson Family.



Burgettstown Train Station-1907
Mary McCluskey (Katherine Pyle's mother) on the right.

1908
Sanborn Map
of
Burgettstown

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



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KEY

BRICK	RED
WOOD-FRAME	YELLOW
IRON	GREEN
STONE	BLUE
GLASS	DIAGONAL LINES
PAVEMENT	DOTTED
RAILROAD	SOLID LINE
ALLEY	DASHED LINE
WATER	WAVE LINES
SEWER	DOTTED LINE
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UNDEVELOPED	WHITE
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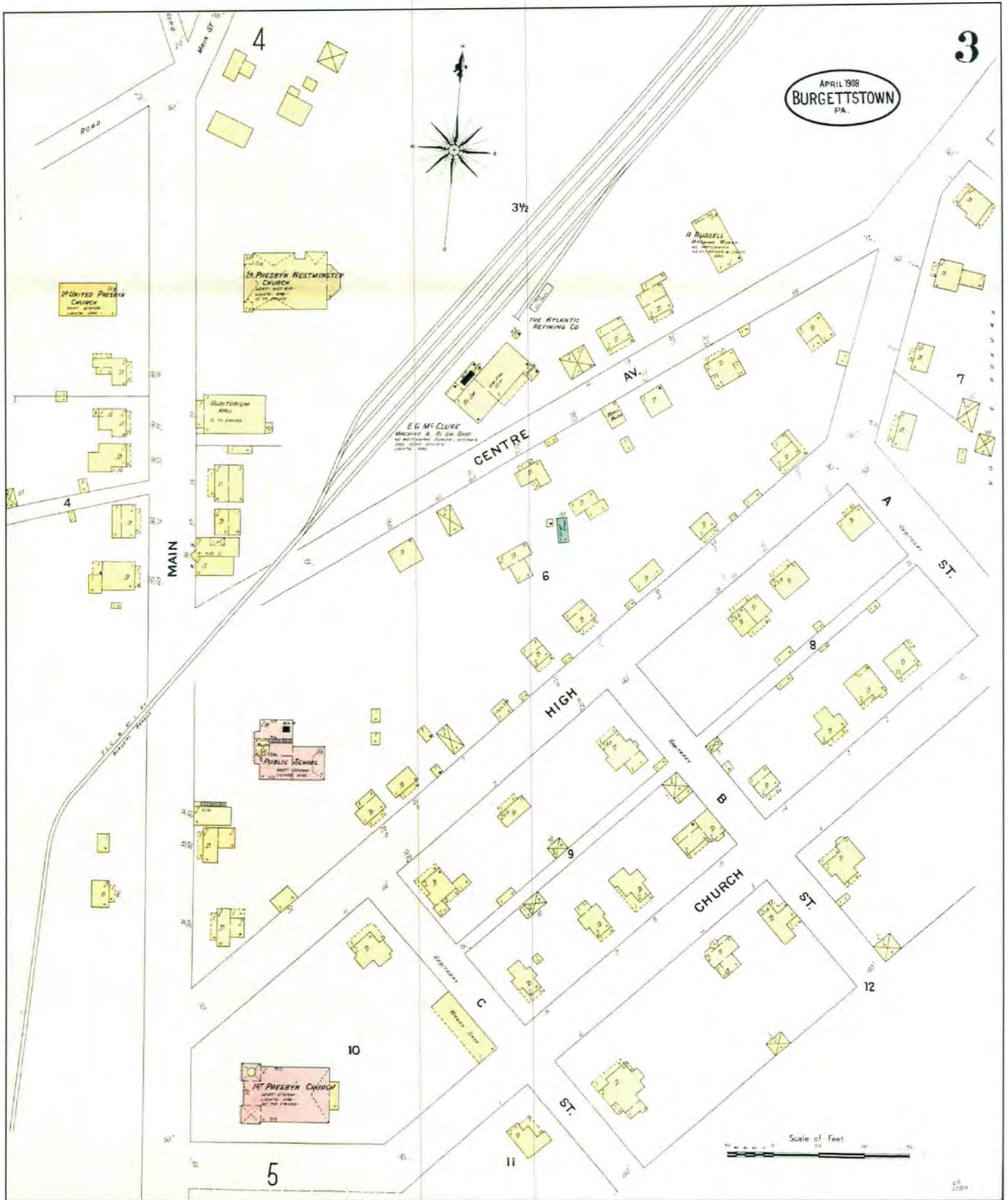
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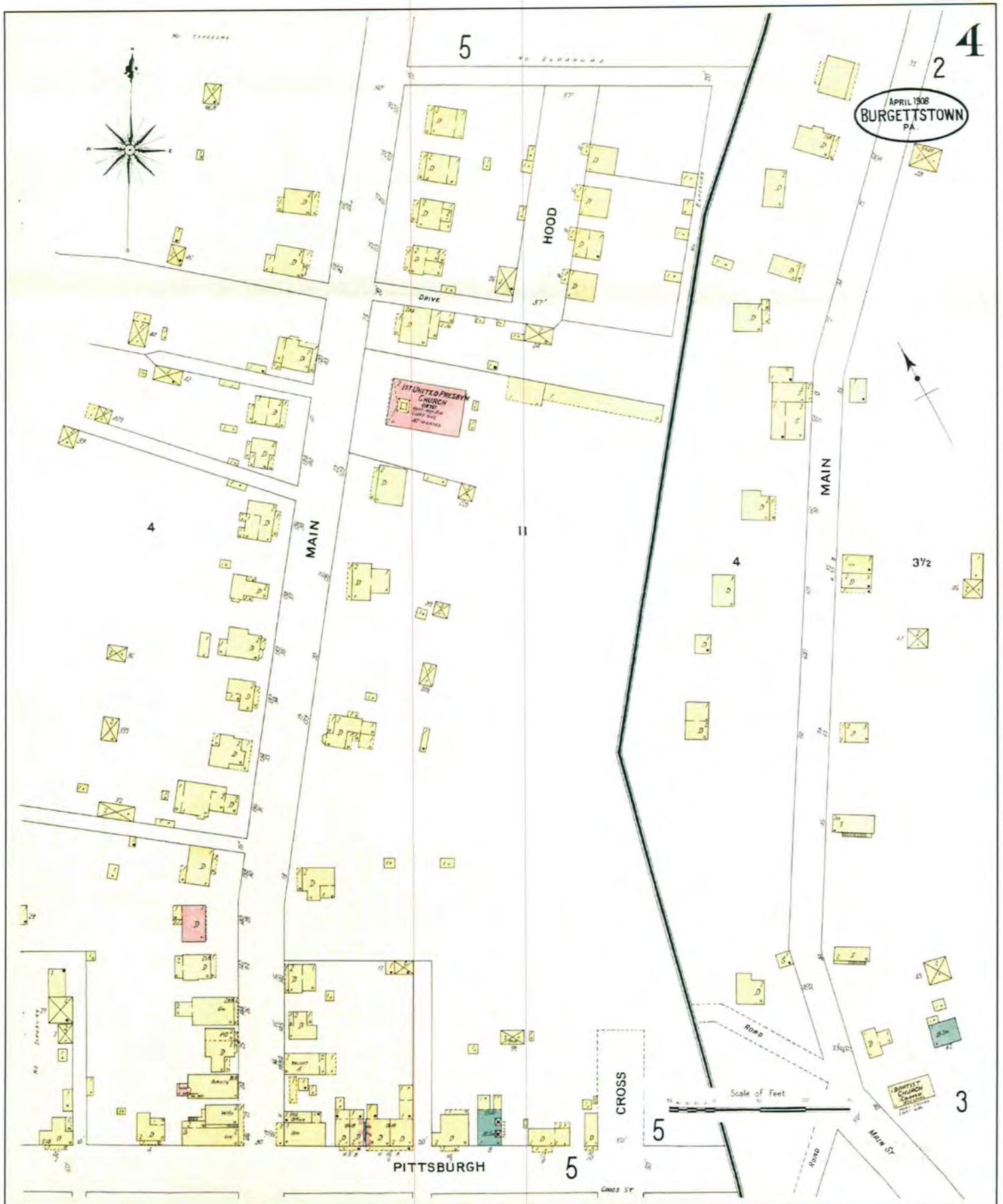
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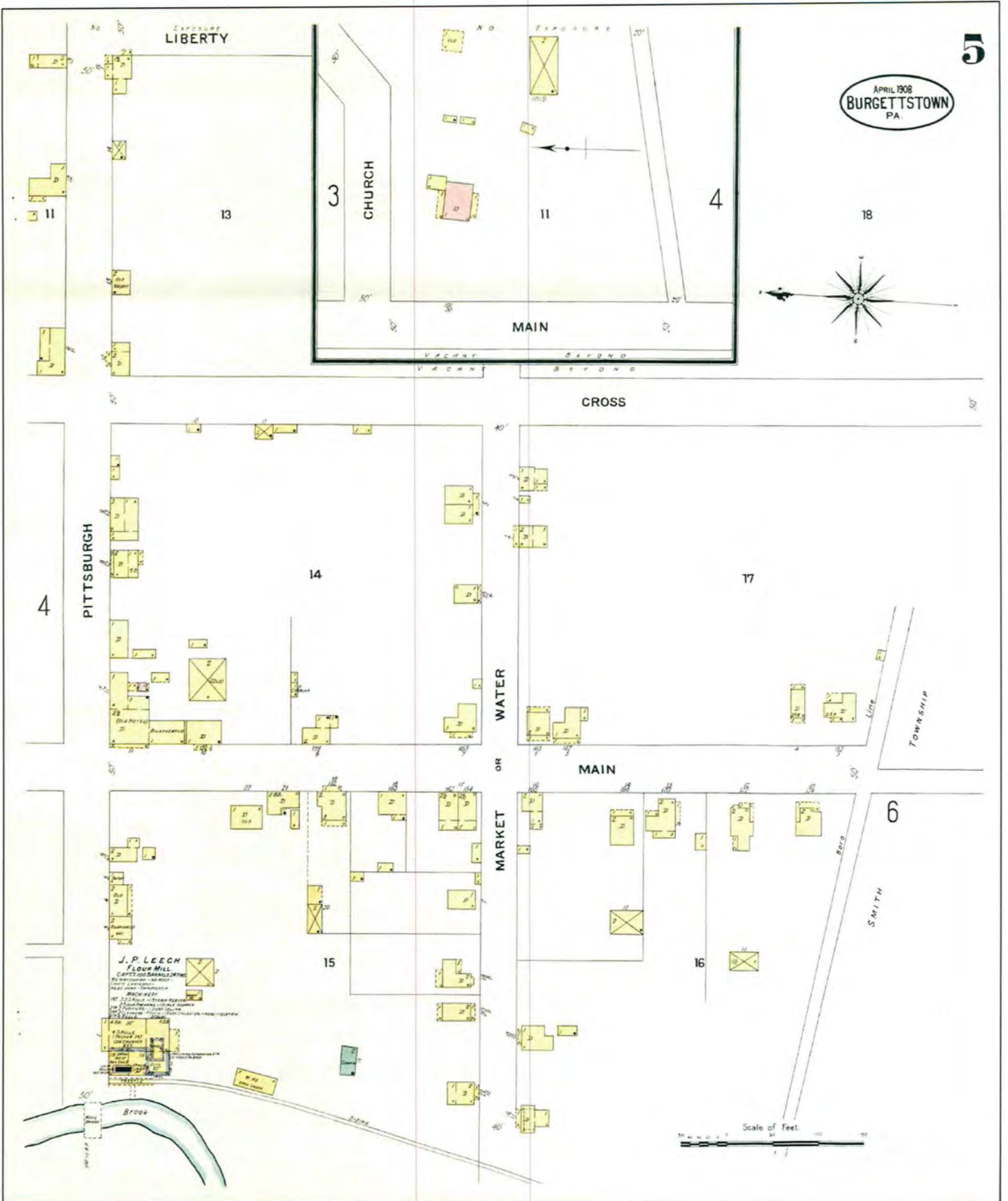
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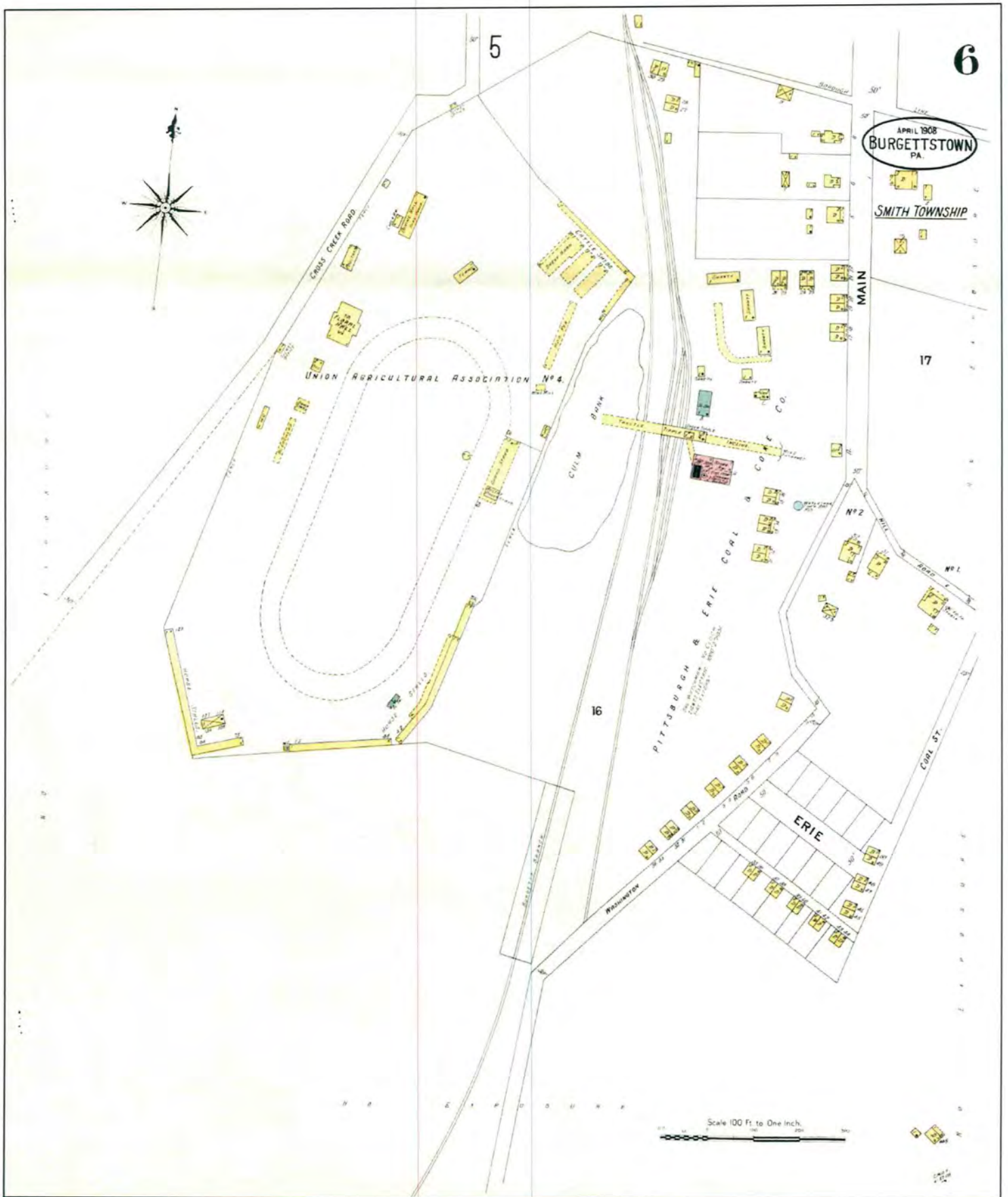
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APRIL 1908
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Main Street, Burgettstown, Pa.



Penna. R. R. Station, Burgettstown, Pa.



Rt. 18 Looking south at Bridge Street



**Rt. 18 looking North
September 17, 2004 Hurricane Ivan Flood**



**Rt. 18 South, Burgettstown, PA
September 17, 2004 Hurricane Ivan Flood**



**Intersection of Bridge Street and Rt. 18 N, Burgettstown, PA
September 17, 2004 Hurricane Ivan Flood**



**Railroad bridge near Bridge Street and Center Avenue, Burgettstown, PA
September 17, 2004 Hurricane Ivan Flood**



**Cowboys Bar Parking area and Manges Buildings, Main Street
September 17, 2004 Hurricane Ivan Flood**



**Burgettstown Boro and Maintenance Buildings
September 17, 2004 Hurricane Ivan Flood**



**Main Street, near Dinsmore Avenue Bridge
September 17, 2004 Hurricane Ivan Flood**



**Clean up brings, BVFD checking equipment
September 17, 2004 Hurricane Ivan Flood**



Side view of B.V.F.D.



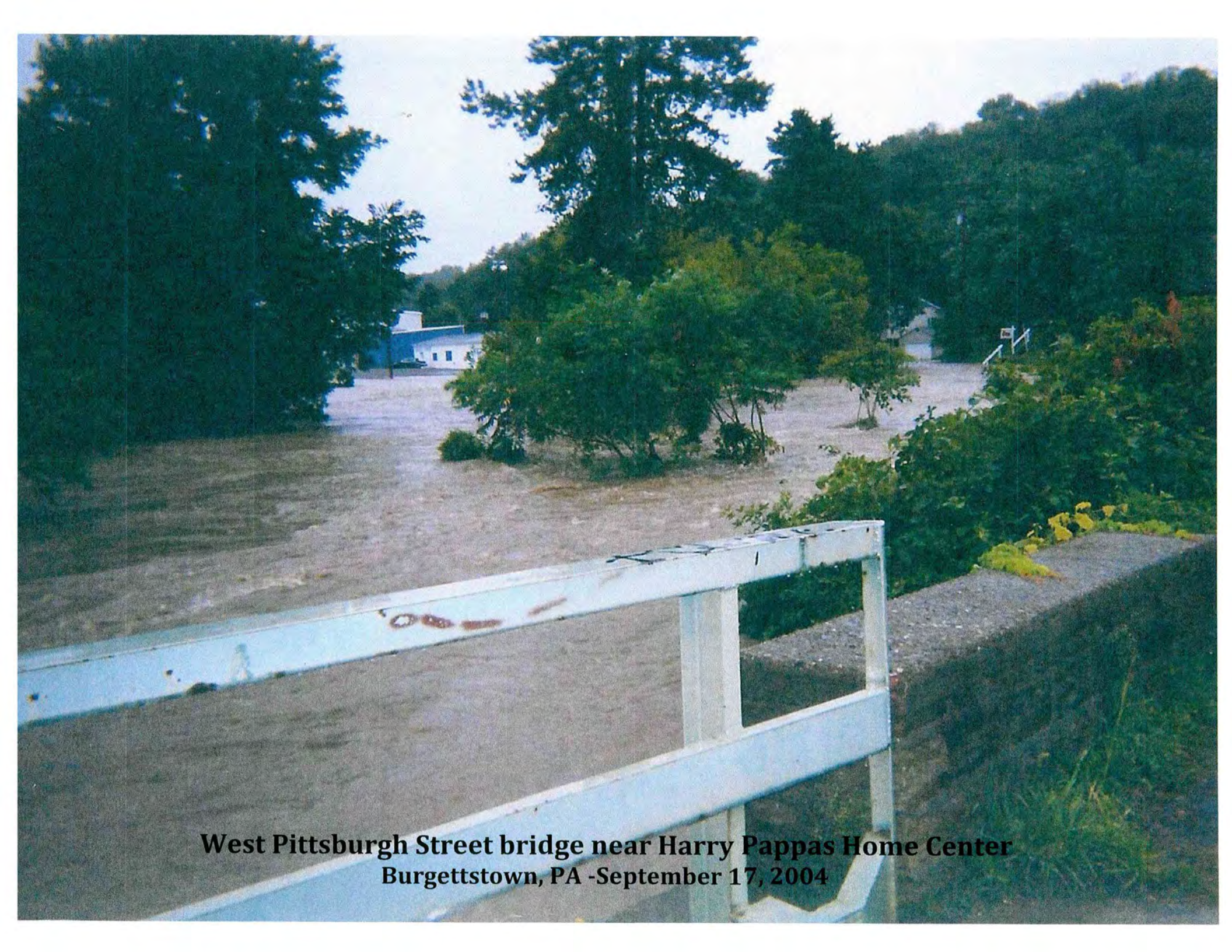
**Family Dollar parking lot in Burgettstown, PA
September 17, 2004 Hurricane Ivan Flood**



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**Rite Aid parking lot.
Burgettstown, PA -September 17, 2004**

A photograph showing a flooded area, likely a parking lot or road, with a white metal railing in the foreground. The water is murky and covers a large area. In the background, there are several trees and a blue building. The scene is captured from an elevated position, possibly a bridge or a walkway.

**West Pittsburgh Street bridge near Harry Pappas Home Center
Burgettstown, PA -September 17, 2004**



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Burgettstown, PA -September 17, 2004**



Harry Pappas Home Center
Burgettstown, PA -September 17, 2004



**Fireman, Dan Castellino helping with clean-up
Harry Pappas Home Center
Burgettstown, PA -September 17, 2004**



Last railroad mail pickup in Burgettstown, PA August 1951
Taucher and Hitchcock



Unknown Boy with Horses behind a Livery Stable

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Main Street, Burgettstown, Pa.



North Main Street-Burgettstown, PA

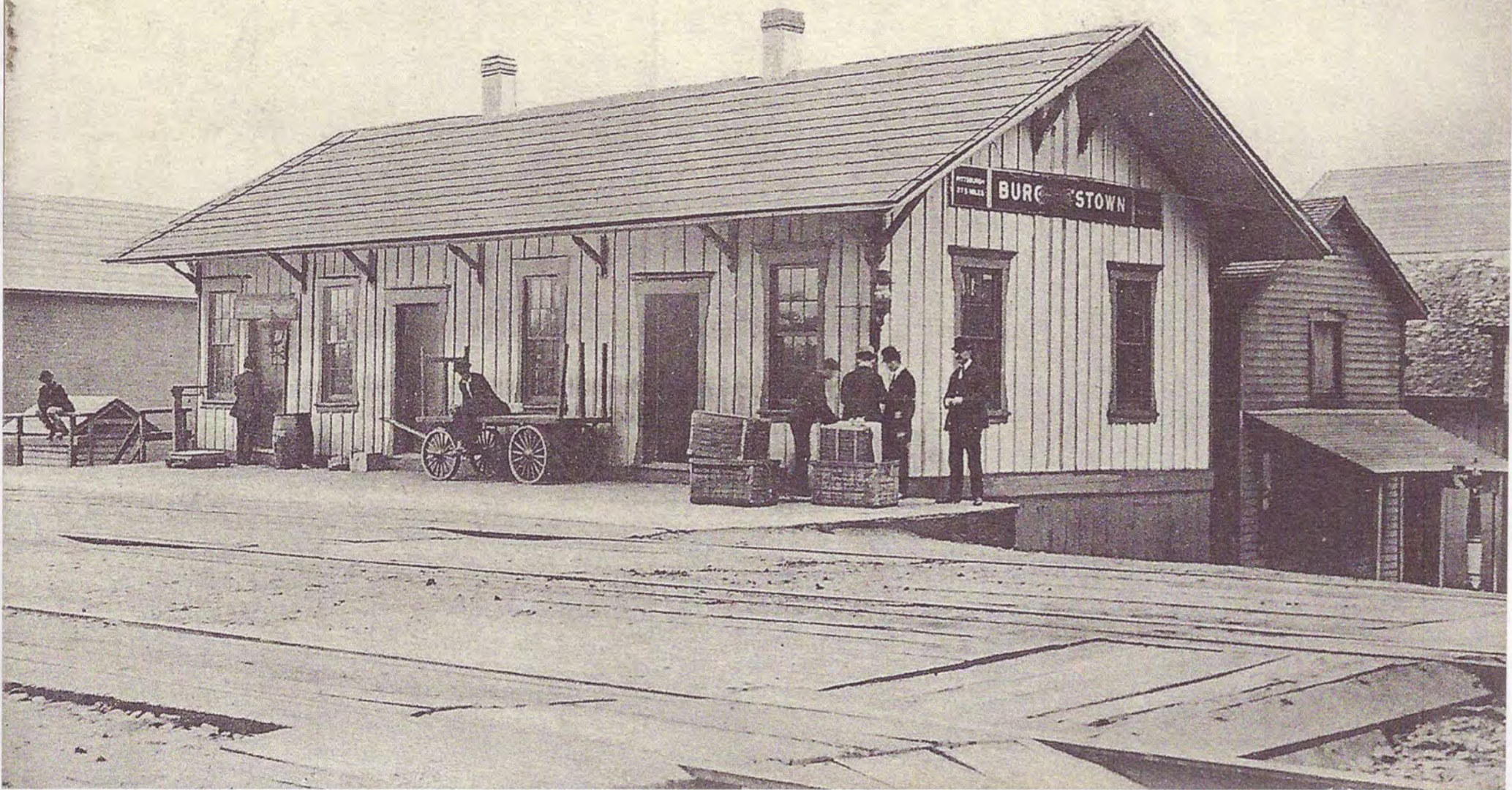
This building was a double store front. Later businesses were Peachie's News Stand, Theresa's New Stand, Core Drug Store, Wanda Plate's Dress Shop, Debbie Vraninin's Dress Shop and Luanne's School of Dance. The building was torn down in the spring of 2016.

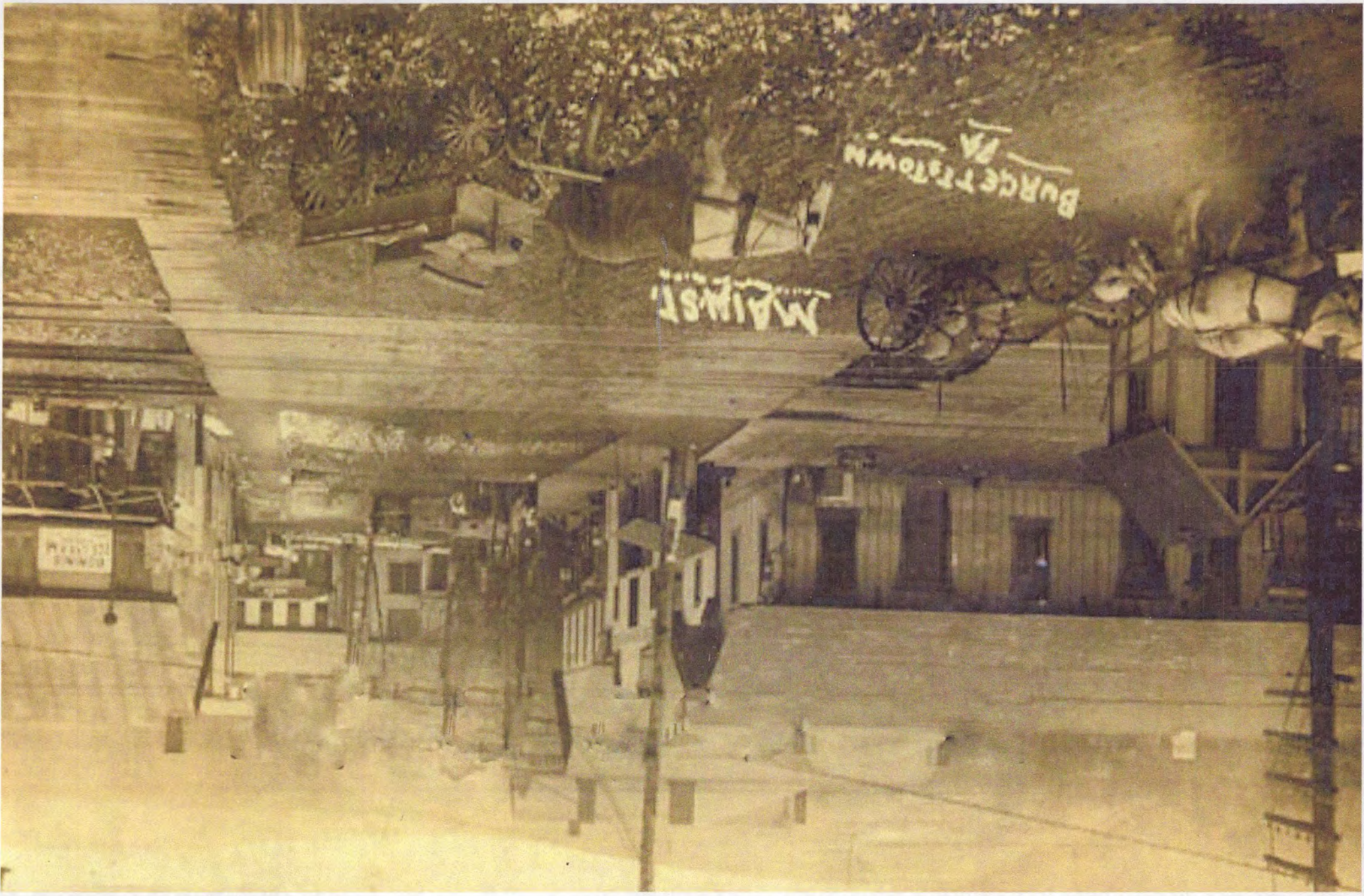


Dry Goods Store-North Main Street, Burgettstown, PA

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Burgettstown Depot, Burgettstown, Pa.





BURGETT TOWN PA

MAIN ST

1850
1860
1870



Burgettstown Easter Parade-1955

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**Log House on Market Street, Burgettstown, PA (pg. 1)
Restoration 1994**

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**Log House on Market Street, Burgettstown, PA (pg. 2)
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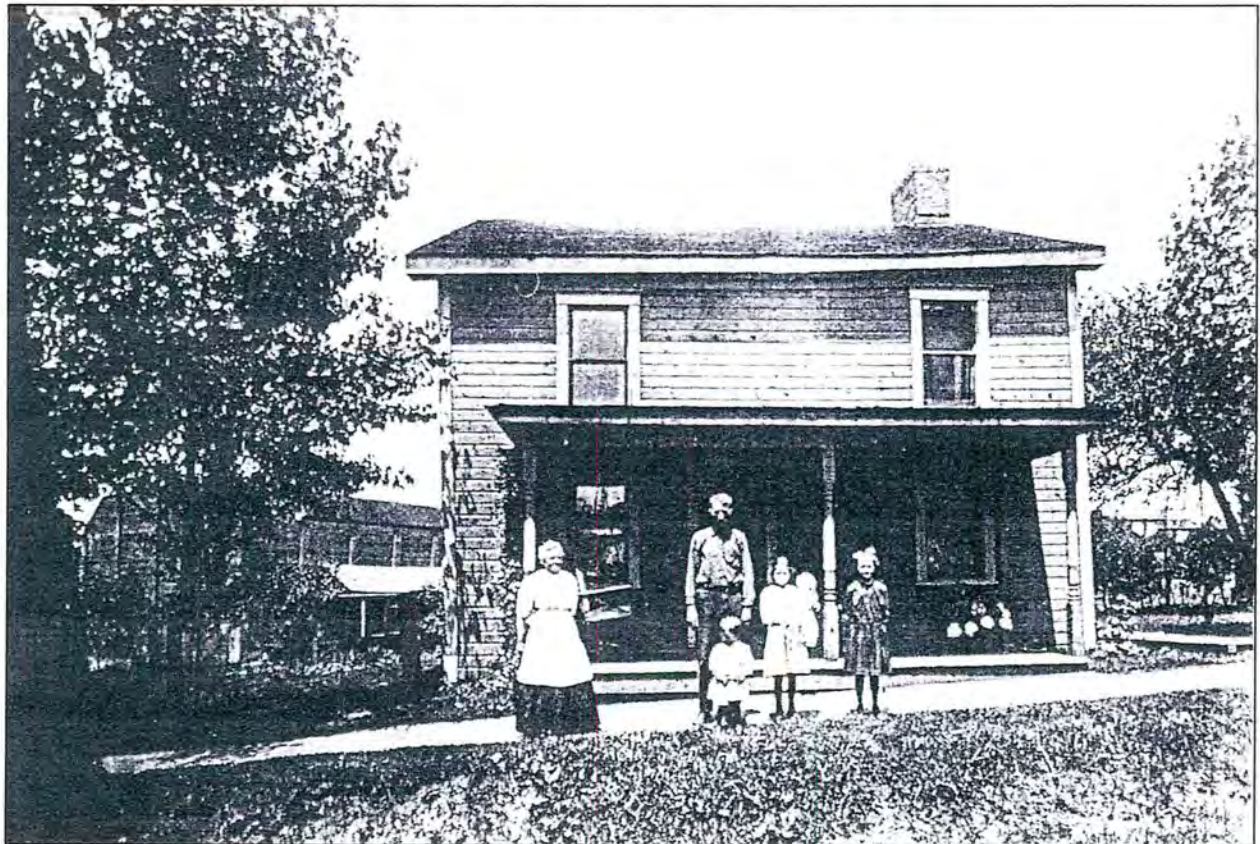


**Log House on Market Street, Burgettstown, PA (pg. 4)
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Bessie Mae Gilbert Gatho and Harriet Gilbert



Gilbert Home circa 1910

L-R: Harriet Rebecca (McCullough) Gilbert, Phillip Henry Gilbert, Verda (Fleming) Stewart with doll, Bessie Mae (Gilbert) Gatho, Esther Mae (Fulton) Drummond in front.

Log House on Market Street, Burgettstown, PA (pg. 5)

Earlier Views

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George and Mary Pyle Family Home
Corner of Church Street and Kerr Street, Burgettstown, Pa
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Main Street of Burgettstown about 1900.



MAIN ST, BURGETTSTOWN PA

The two houses at the end of the street, facing forward, were the homes of Mrs. Margaret Hayden, mother of the Late Mrs. Charles Barr, and that of Mrs. Bradley whose only son was killed in the Civil War. The bell in Hillcrest Presbyterian Church was purchased in his memory. A veteran's camp was named in his honor, William S. Bradley, Camp 96, Sons of Veterans. The organization was active from 1906-1917.



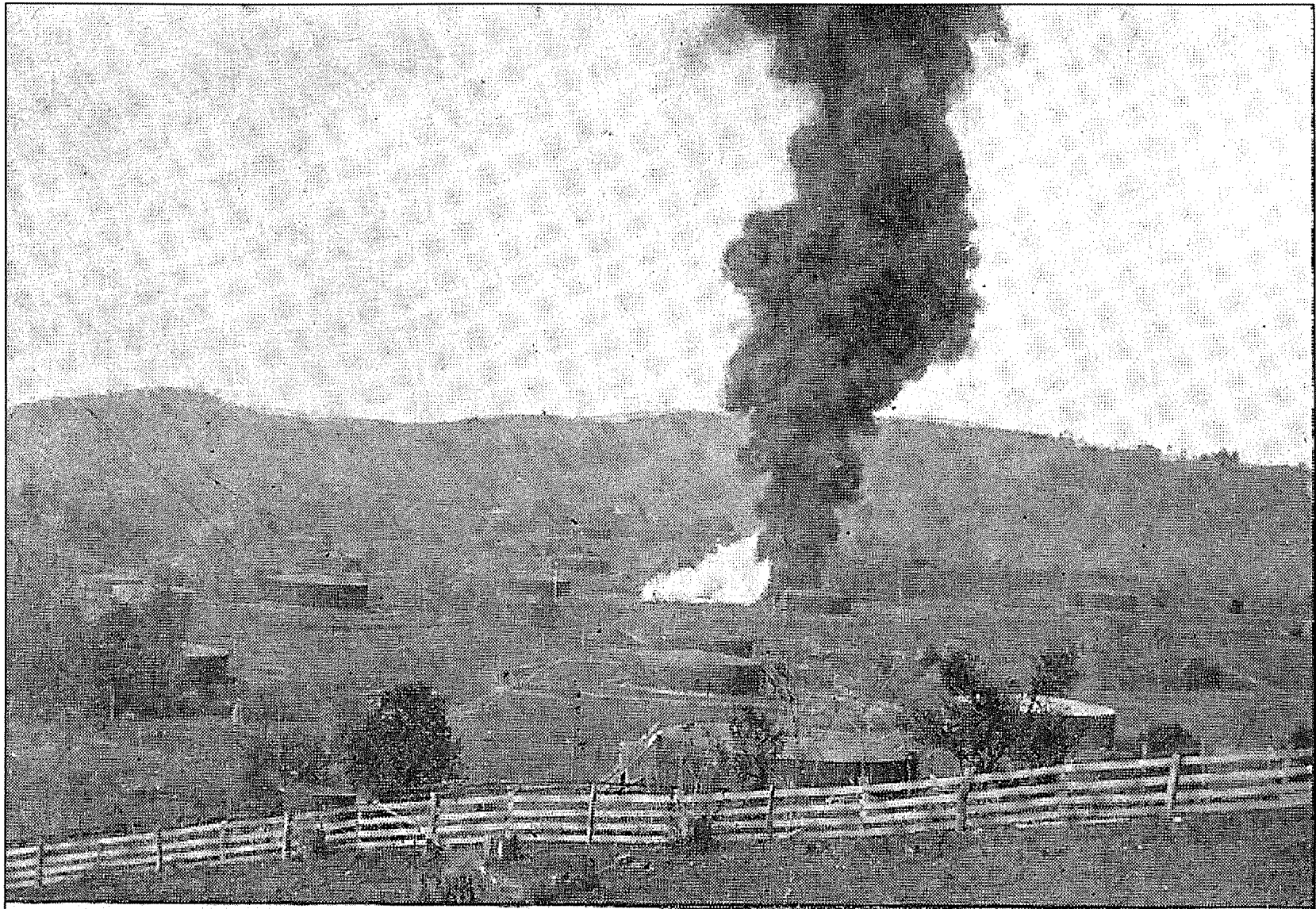
MAIN ST
BURGETTSTOWN PA



Looking up Maple Avenue towards Archer Lane, Burgettstown, PA (1895-1900).

The house on the left is Stevenson's in 1980's. It is remembered as Frederick's House, on the extreme right, McBride's, later Kimberland Dairy. Note the boardwalk and lamppost. Katherine Pyle's mother, Mary McCluskey Pyle is riding in the sleigh.

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AN OIL TANK BURNING AT BURGETTSTOWN.

Burgettstown Oil Storage-1907

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



Burgettstown, PA



BIRDSEYE VIEW
BURGETTSTOWN PA

TIME OF TRAINS

Leaving Burgettstown Station, Railroad
time. Schedule in effect Nov. 24, 1901:

EASTBOUND.

5:39 a. m.
7:36 a. m.
7:56 a. m.
11:26 a. m.
2:47 p. m.
4:06 p. m.
5:43 p. m.

SUNDAY.

7:33 a. m.
2:47 p. m.
4:06 p. m.

WESTBOUND.

7:04 a. m.
9:41 a. m.
1:01 p. m.
3:49 p. m.
5:29 p. m.
7:08 p. m.
11:41 p. m.

SUNDAY.

7:04 a. m.
9:16 a. m.
12:52 p. m.

DISTANCE CARD

From BURGETTSTOWN to

Eldersville.....	6 miles
Crosscreek.....	5 "
West Middletown.....	12 "
Independence.....	12 "
Hickory	8 "
Canonsburg.....	18 "
Washington	18 "
Florence.....	4 "
Frankfort Springs.....	10 "
Paris.....	9 "
Bavington.....	4 "
Murdocksville.....	9 "
Candor.....	5 "
Clinton.....	12 "
Imperial.....	12 "

Burgettstown Train Schedule-1901

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Burgettstown Train Station



Burgettstown Train-1927

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Main Street Business-Burgettstown, PA

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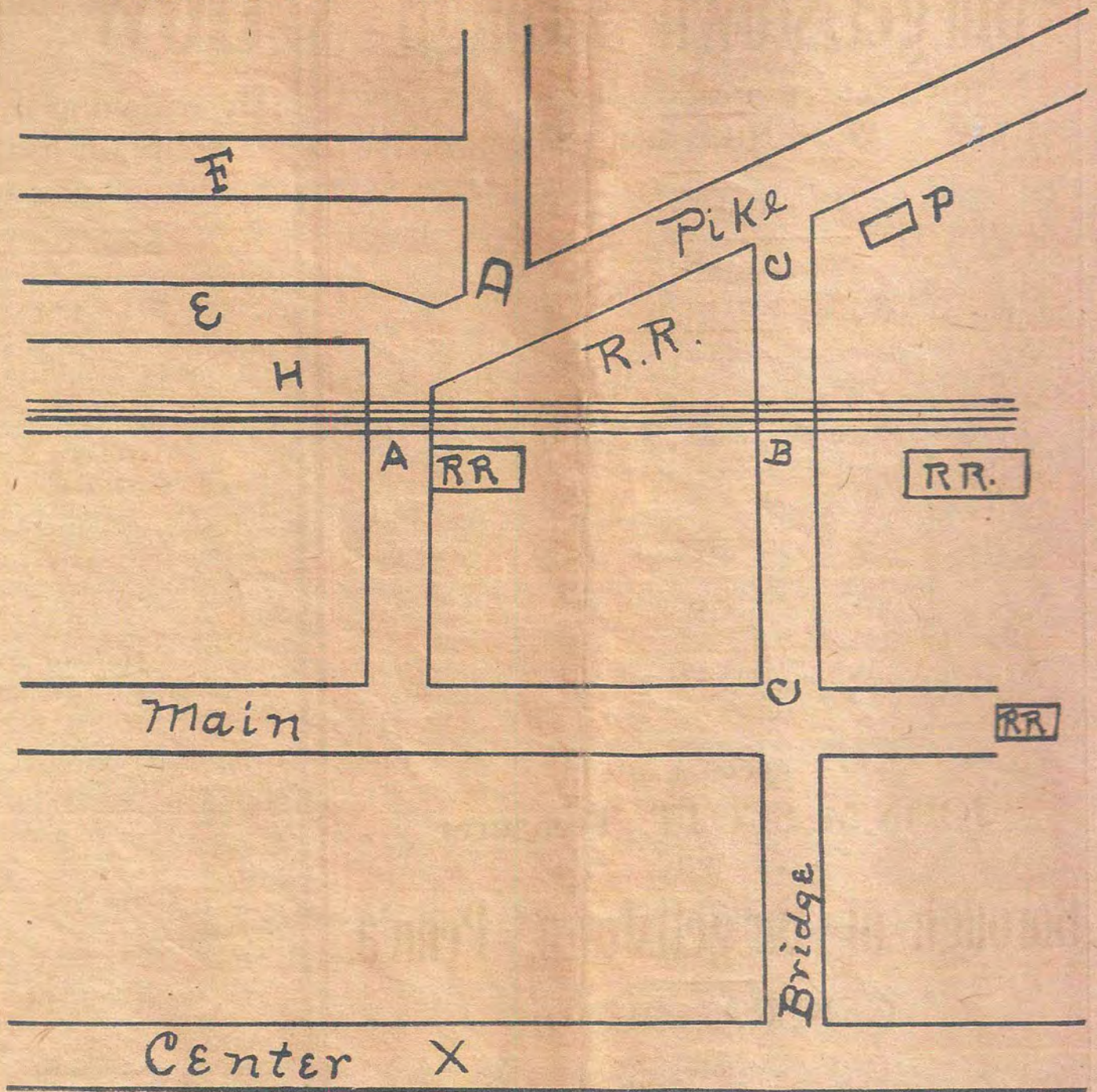



Burgettstown Train Station

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NORTH SIDE BURGETTSTOWN, PA.

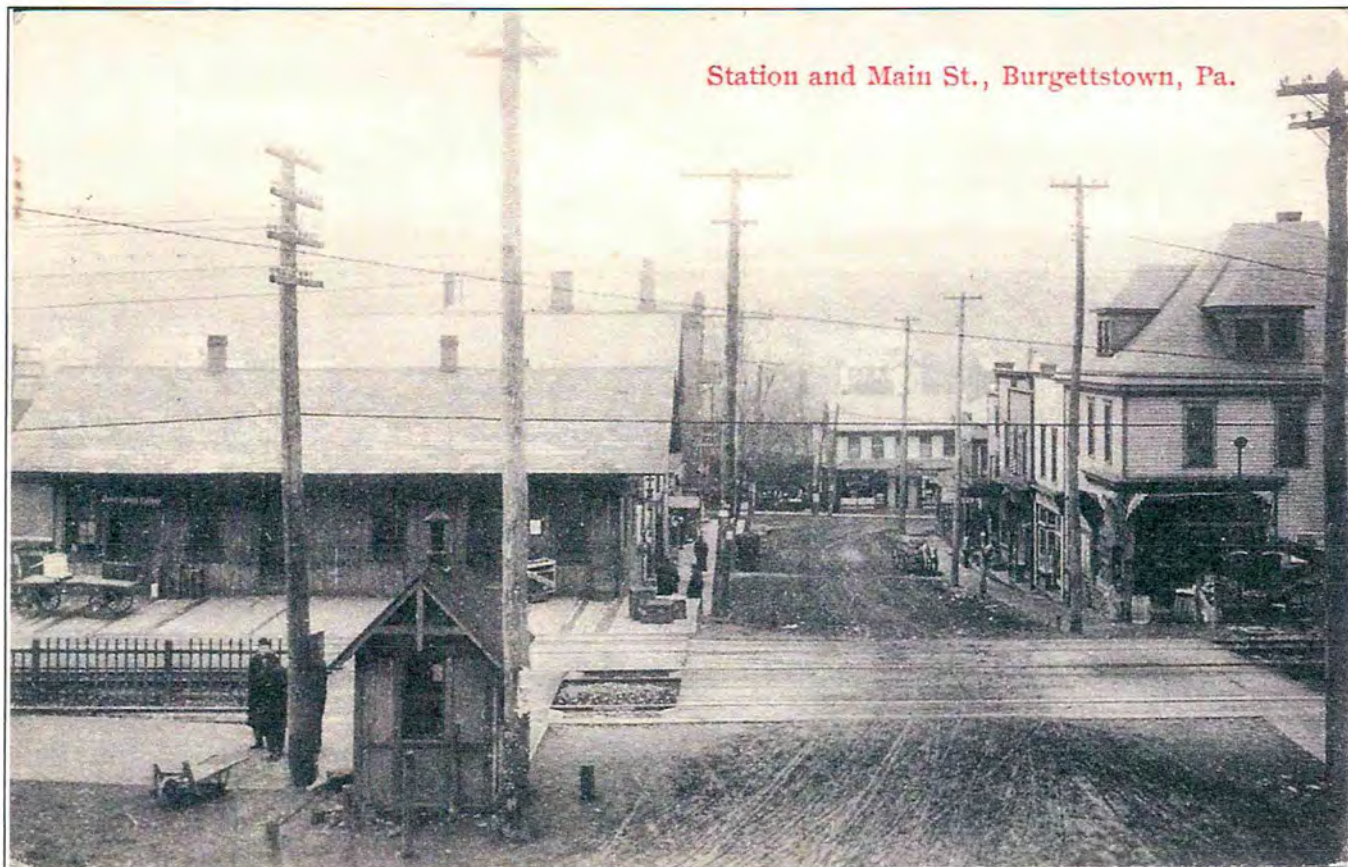
DIAGRAM SHOWING THE PROPOSED STREET IMPROVEMENT.



 Railroad tracks. A. Shows location of proposed Subway for pedestraints. B. Fifty foot Subway for general traffic. CC. Proposed new street, which would be an extension of Bridge street to connect Center avenue with the Florence pike. This not only provides an outlet for a street car line but would afford convenient access to freight and passenger stations. D. Now an alley alongside of Hindman's Harness Shop which it is proposed to widen to a street width. E. Whitaker street. F. Fulton street. H. Herald Office. P. Purdy Livery Stable. RR. Railroad property. X. Center avenue. A petition for paving same with brick now being before Council.

The Burgettstown Herald-March 15, 1911 Edition

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Station and Main St., Burgettstown, Pa.

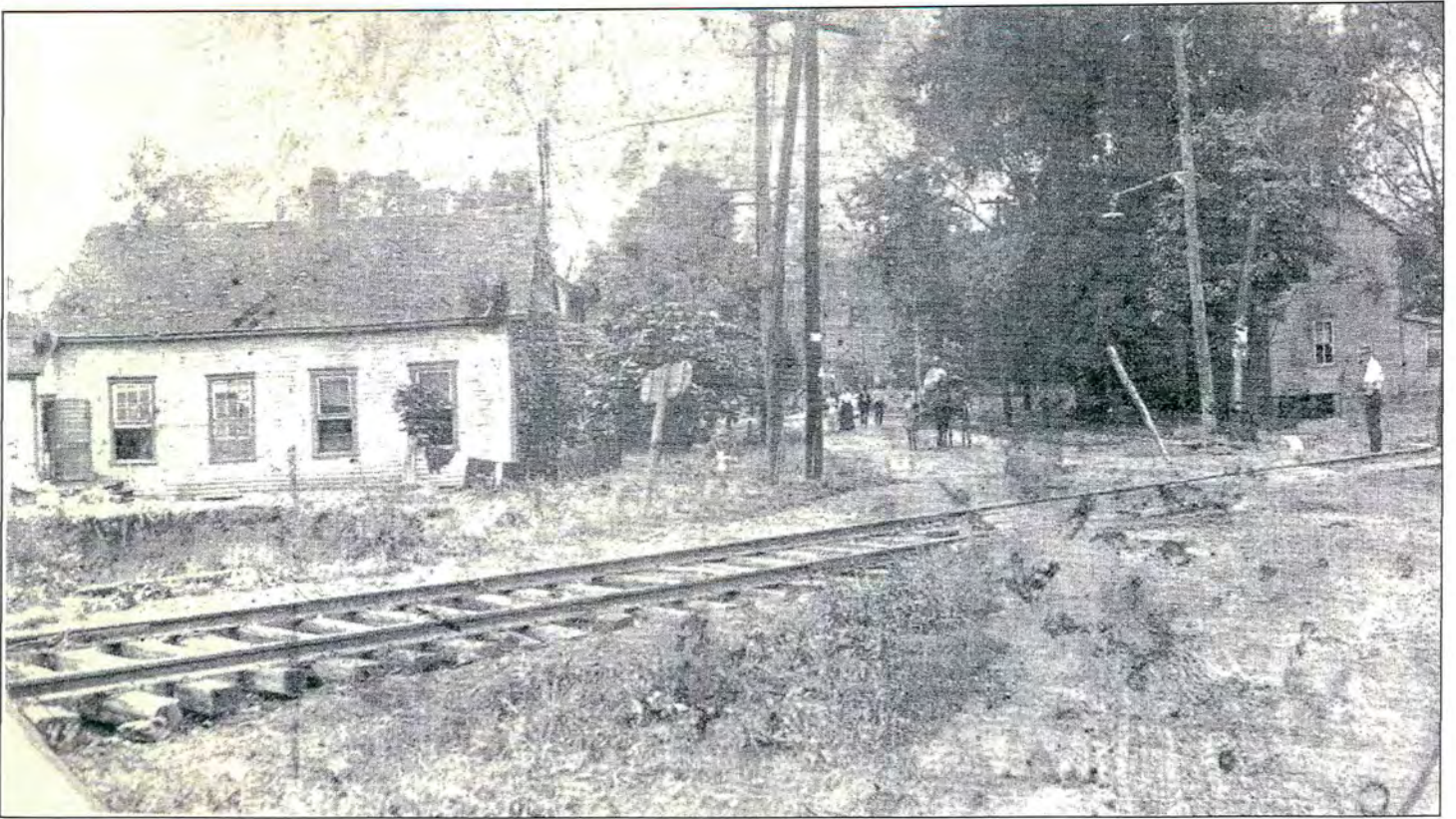


Burgettstown Train Station
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Burgettstown railroad buildings

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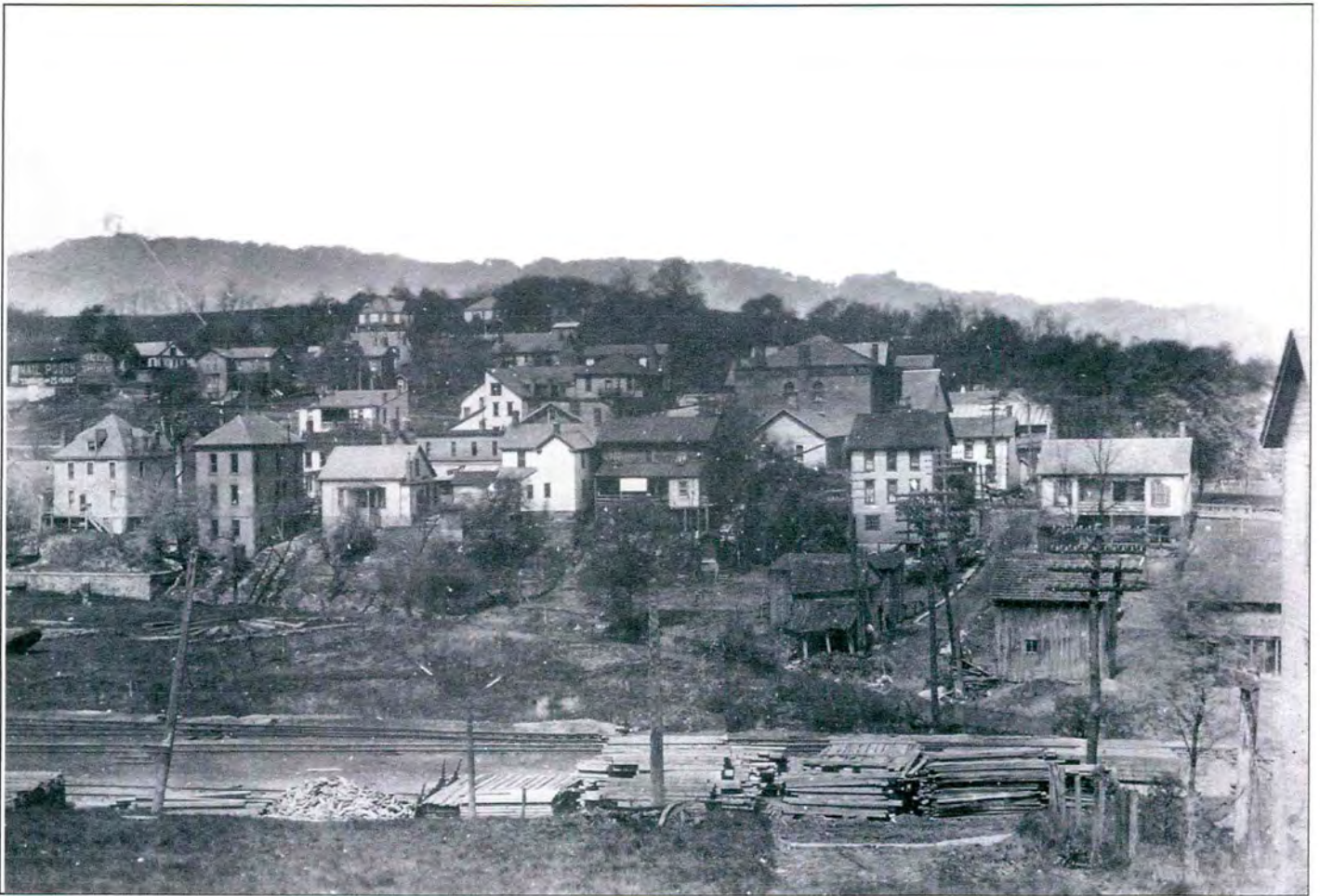


Railroad Crossing, old Burgettstown Methodist Church near Family Dollar

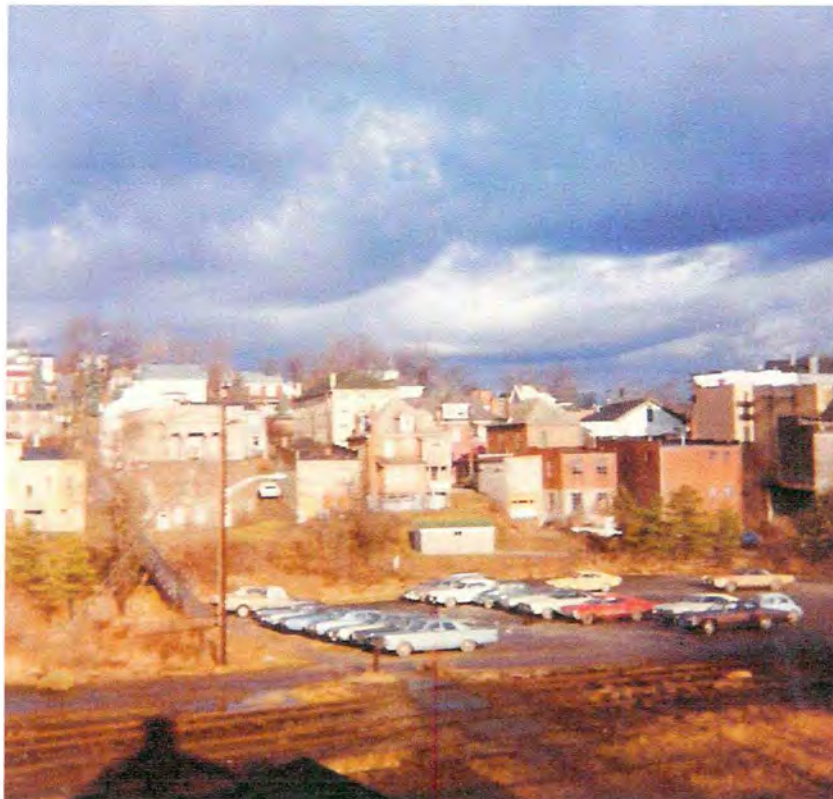


School students, Railroad Crossing Guard house in the background

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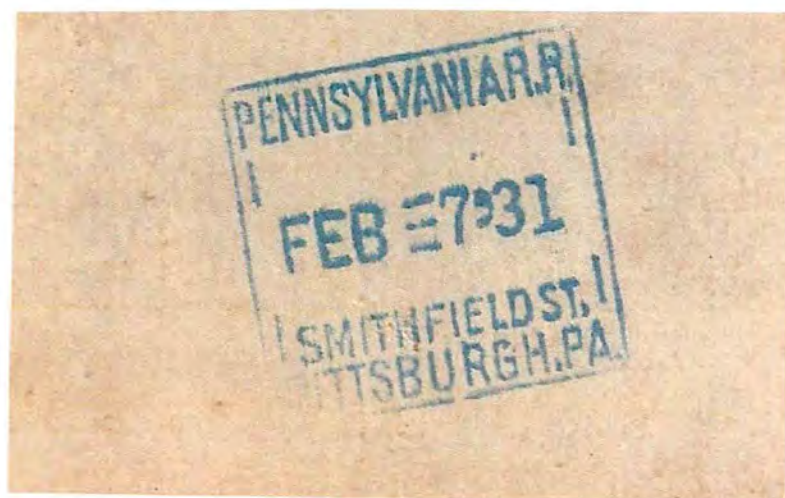
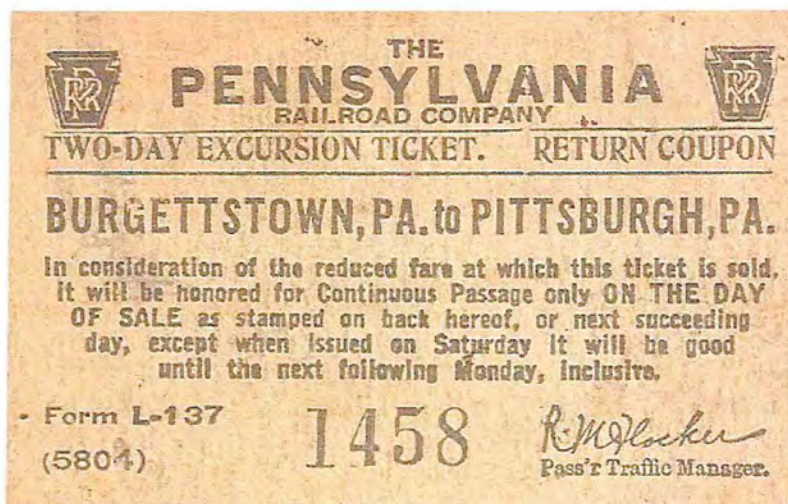


View of Railroad Yard-1909



1973-Railroad yard shortly before new by-pass construction

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Burgettstown Railroad ticket canceled February 7, 1931

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**Passenger Station
Center Avenue, Burgettstown**



1950 Flood, view from Main Street to Center Avenue
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Railroad Crossing in front of Super Dollar, Burgettstown



Burgettstown, PA
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**Last Mail Pick-up, August 1951
Taucher and Hitchcock**

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Main Street, Burgettstown

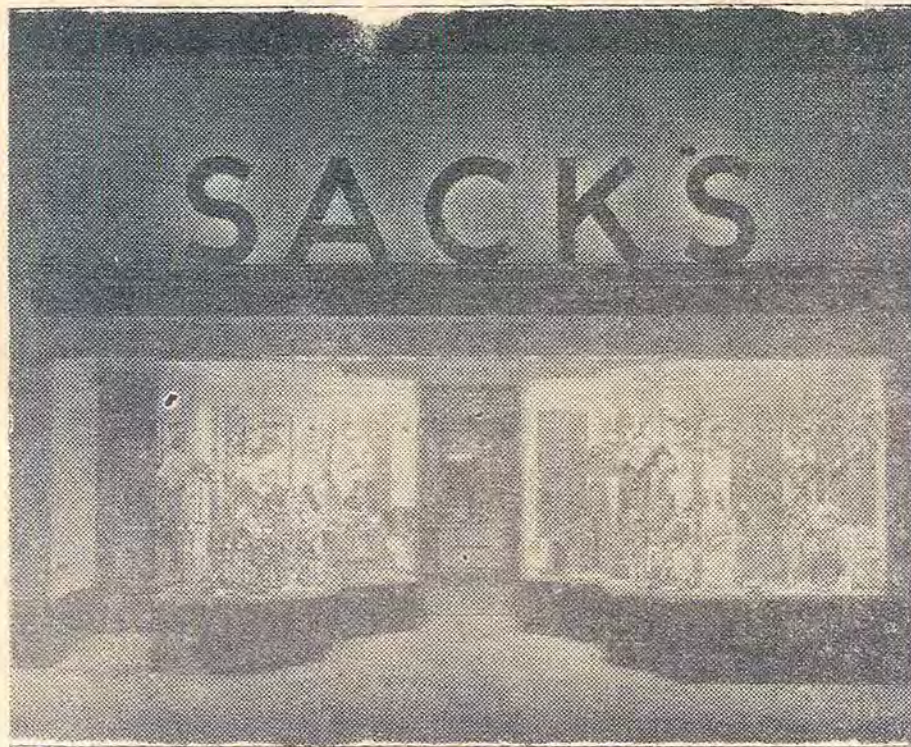
The building on the left is the current location of Walden's Restaurant, a vacant lot, and the old Burgettstown National Bank building.

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THIS IS US 40 YEARS AGO



OUR NEW & MODERN STORE TODAY



Sack's Department Store
Main Street, Burgettstown, PA
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 14, 1949 Edition

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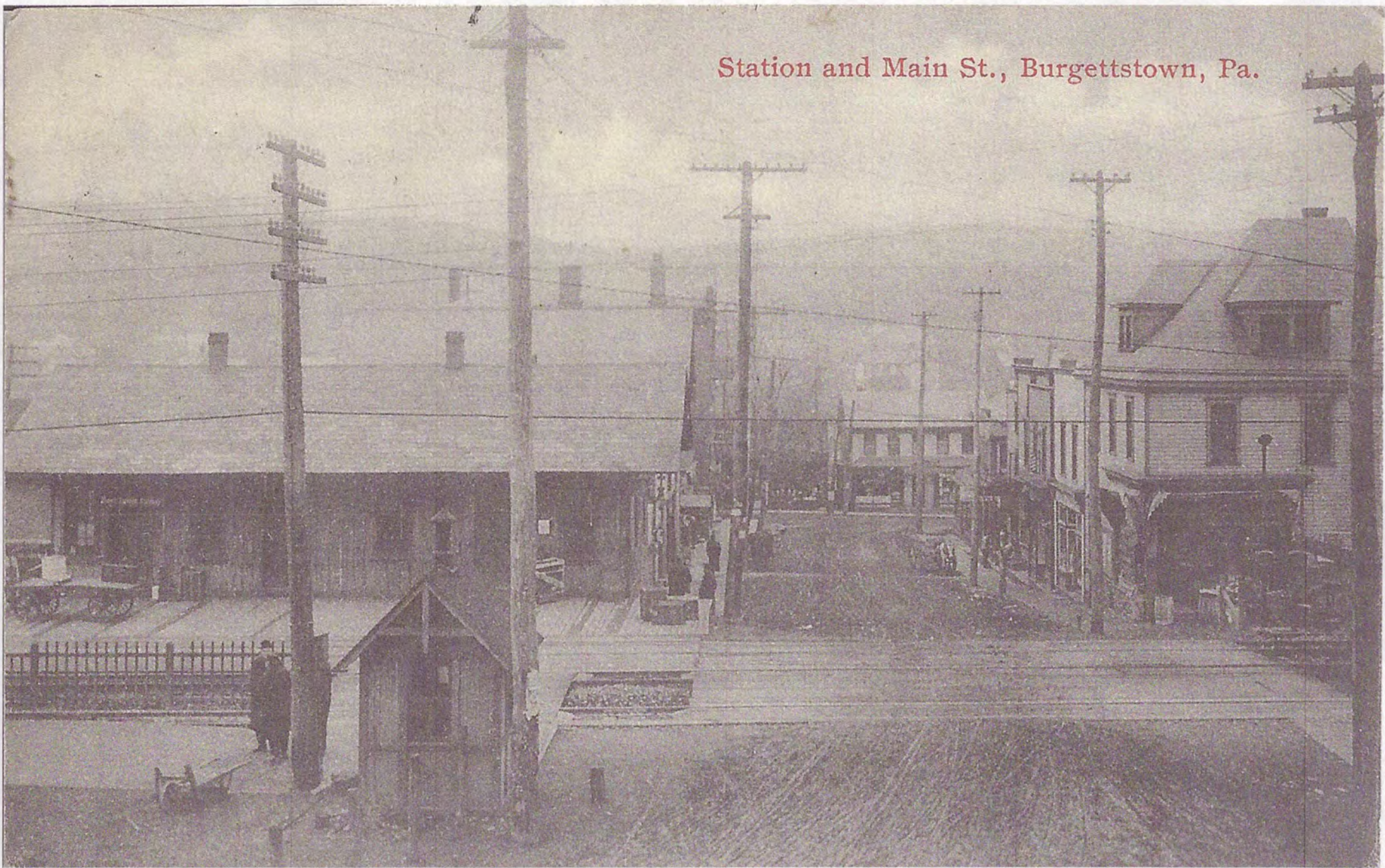


Salvation Army
Below the Train Station
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Smith Hotel
Main Street, Burgettstown, PA

Station and Main St., Burgettstown, Pa.





Burgettstown tin-type-Mostly likely near the railroad tracks

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Partial View of Burgettstown, Pa.



Dinsmore Avenue, lower left
Center Avenue railroad tracks, on the right



1920 View of Main Street, Burgettstown

On the left side of the street, Washington National Bank, the hardware building, Sack's Department Store, Smith Hotel, and Burgettstown National Bank. None of the business buildings shown on the right exist today.

Notice, the bank windows are open.

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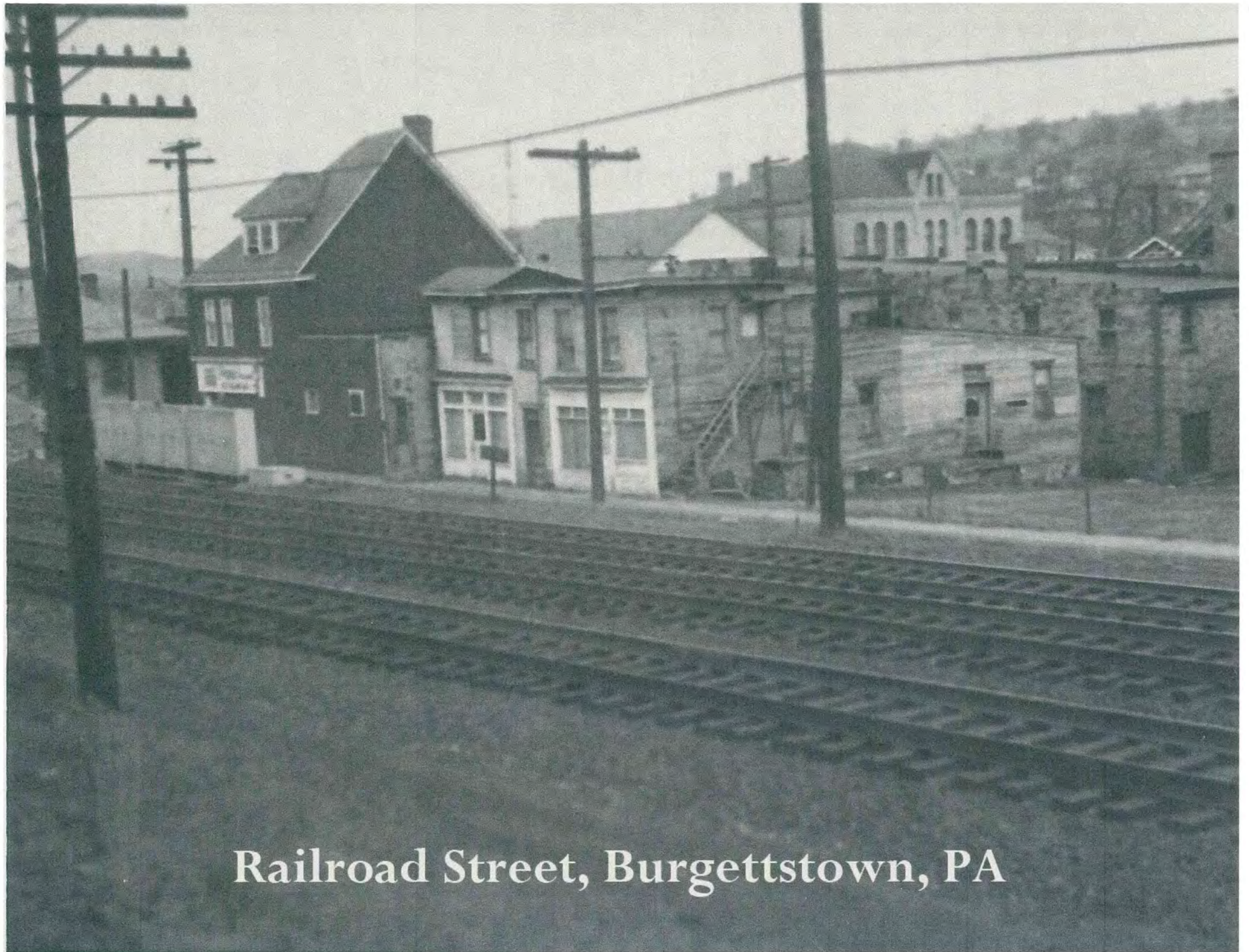


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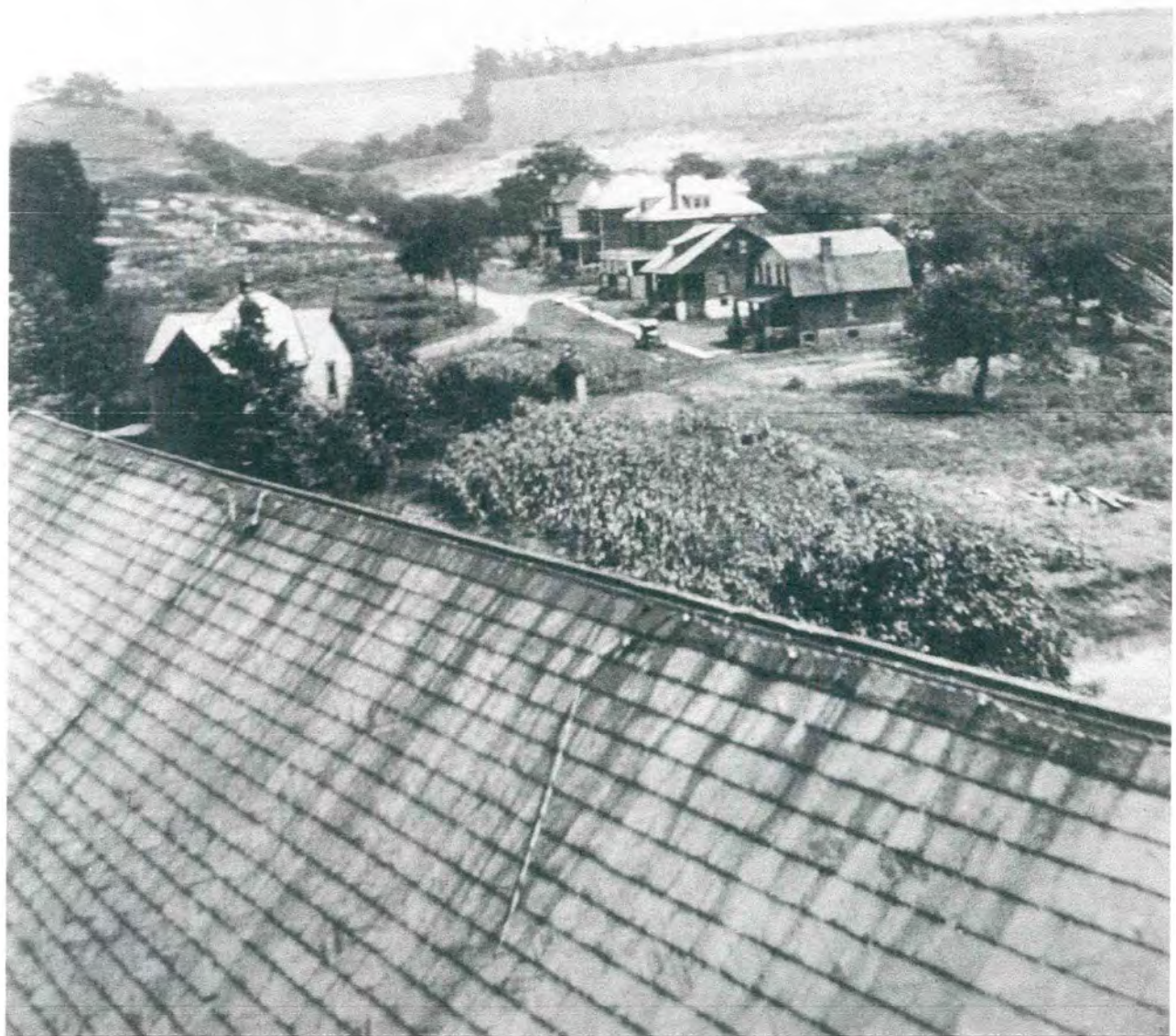
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View of parking lot behind Shaffer's Pharmacy from Center Avenue. Parking lot was mainly used employees of various businesses. The old walking bridge provided easy access to cross the creek. In 1973, the parking lot, walking bridge, and railroad yard were removed to make the John L. Brunner Memorial By-Pass.



Railroad Street, Burgettstown, PA



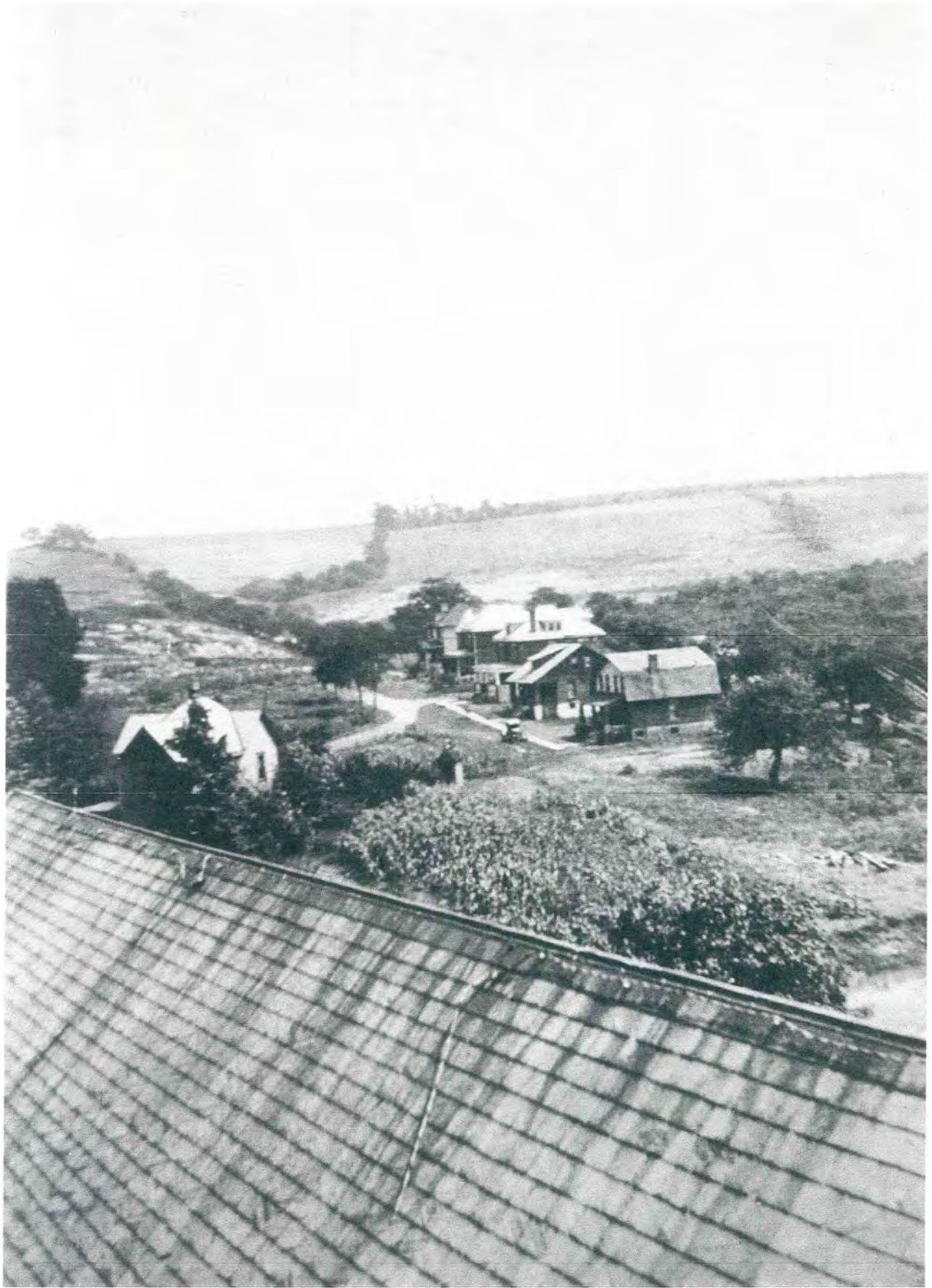
View of Kerr Street and Lincoln Avenue, Burgettstown, PA
Photo taken from Hillcrest Church Tower



View of South Main Street, Burgettstown, PA
Photo taken from Hillcrest Church Tower



**View of Shady Avenue and Dinsmore Avenue, Burgettstown, PA
Train tracks to the Patterson Mine
Photo taken from Hillcrest Church Tower**



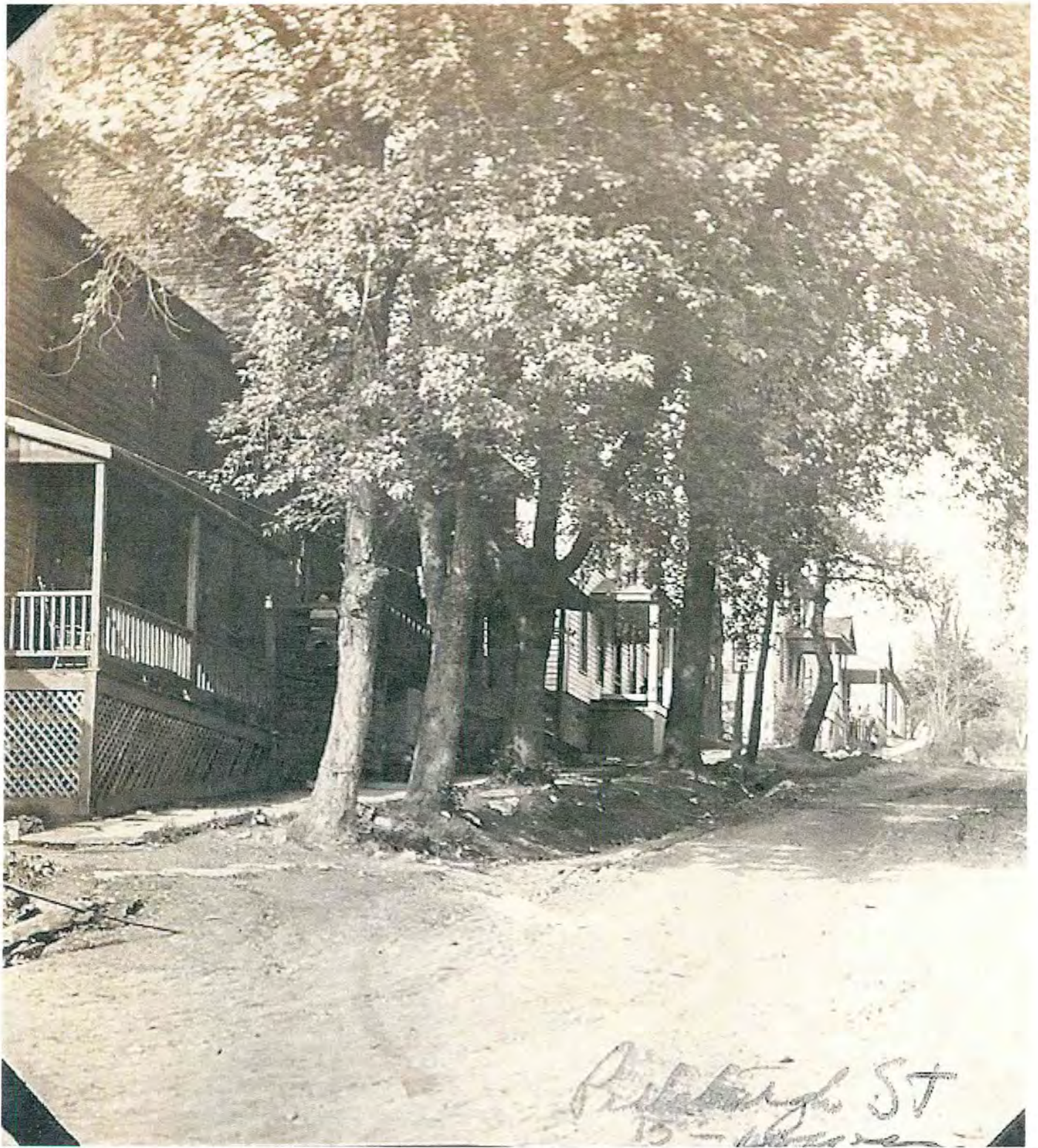
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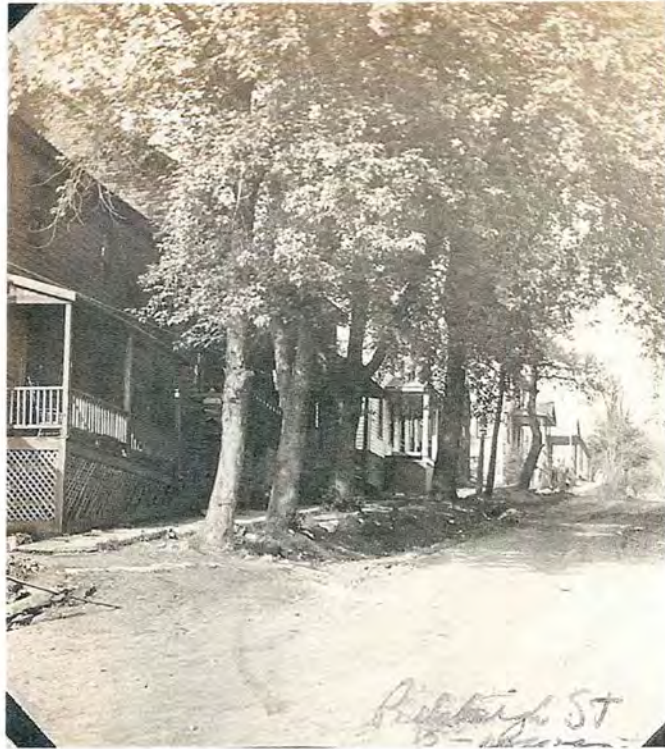
Pittsburgh Street-Burgettstown, PA
Prior to 1915

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1950's Pittsburgh Street-Burgettstown, PA

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*Pittsburgh ST
18 - 1862*



James Carnahan-One of the last of Burgettstown Civil War Survivors

Pittsburgh Street-Burgettstown, PA

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Washington National Bank-Main Street, Burgettstown, PA
Last Business in this location was the Burgettstown Hardware

Victory Bible Class
Westminister Presbyterian Church-Burgettstown, PA
September 28, 1940



VICTORY BIBLE CLASS
WESTMINISTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BURGETTSTOWN, PA.

MRS. J.M. SCOTT - TEACHER
REV. W.H. LURKEY - PASTOR

NEW STONE
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Burgettstown, Pa., Thursday, October 3, 1940

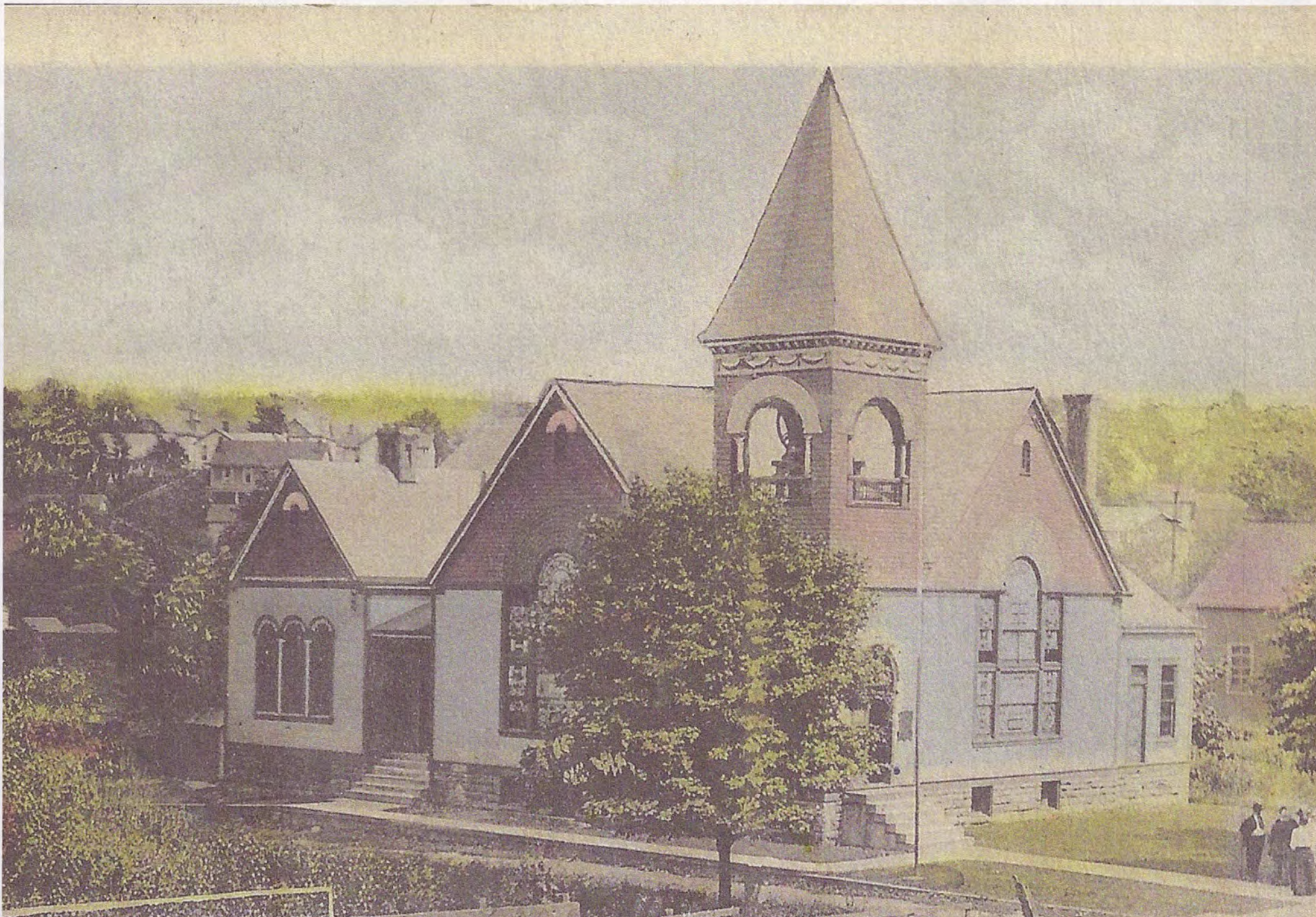
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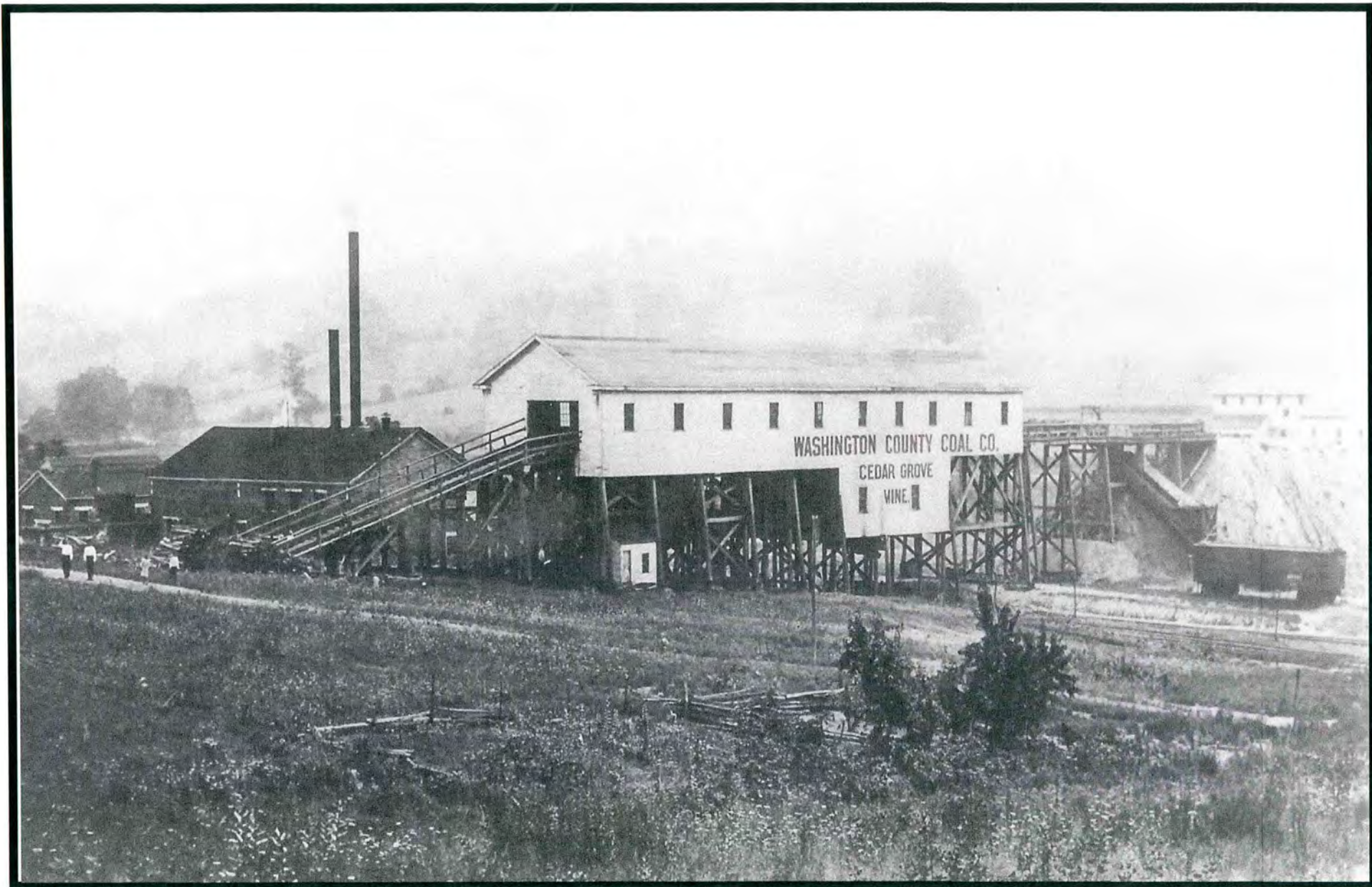
Front row. L to R—Mrs. Hugh Hamill, Mrs. Harry Conn, TEACHER, MRS. J. M. SCOTT, Mrs. E. F. Bywater, Mrs. Fred Smith, Mrs. G. C. Hemphill, Mrs. T. E. Trimmer, Miss Sue Mull, Mrs. E. C. Carmichael, Mrs. William Trenary, Mrs. Herbert Cramer, Mrs. Helen Williamson, Mrs. Robert Hemphill, Mrs. William Flurkey.

Second row—Mrs. John Rommes, Mrs. Clarence K. Morrow, Mrs. S. G. Walters, Mrs. Raymond Pack, Mrs. W. G. Phillips, Mrs. Westley Gallagher, Mrs. Ruth Peterson, Mrs. B. E. Sloan, Mrs. C. S. McCormick, Mrs. Hays Scott, Mrs. E. G. Reisinger, Mrs. A. E. Campbell, Mrs. R. E. Davidson, Mrs. G. D. McCreight, Mrs. John Fuller, Mrs. Lynda Columbia, Mrs. Carl Clair, Mrs. D. N. Cook, Rev. William R. Flurkey.

Third row—Mrs. John Evans, Mrs. George Hannan, Mrs. Earl Farner, Mrs. Ralph Holland, Mrs. Ferd Howe, Mrs. Earl Myers, Mrs. Warren Tope, Mrs. Oscar Harbaugh, Mrs. Isabel Christopher, Mrs. Edwin Smith, Miss Margaret Conrad.



Westminster Presbyterian Church, Burgettstown, Pa.



Cedar Grove Mine Tipple



Cedar Grove Miners Circa 1920

Front Row: Seated: Tom Deer and Joe Matinelli

Middle Row: Steve Swica, Bill Wargo, Chuck Alberta, Elmer Peterson, John Vodensky, Borcha, Gusti Peterson, July Kristoff, John Deply, and John Ferguson.

Top Row: Harry Latshaw, George Mele, Big John Kaznak, Little Martin Gustafson, Mike Massino, Mel Matthews, Snow, Joe Phillips, Andy Korody, and John Kristoff.



Cedar Grove Miners

Front Row: Charles Kormos, James Kristoff, _____,
Big George _____, Joe Massino (standing)

Back Row: Andy Vodensky, Audin (Red) Ferguson, Paul McChancy,
Jack Polski, George Butcher, _____, _____,
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Cedar Grove Mine Doctor

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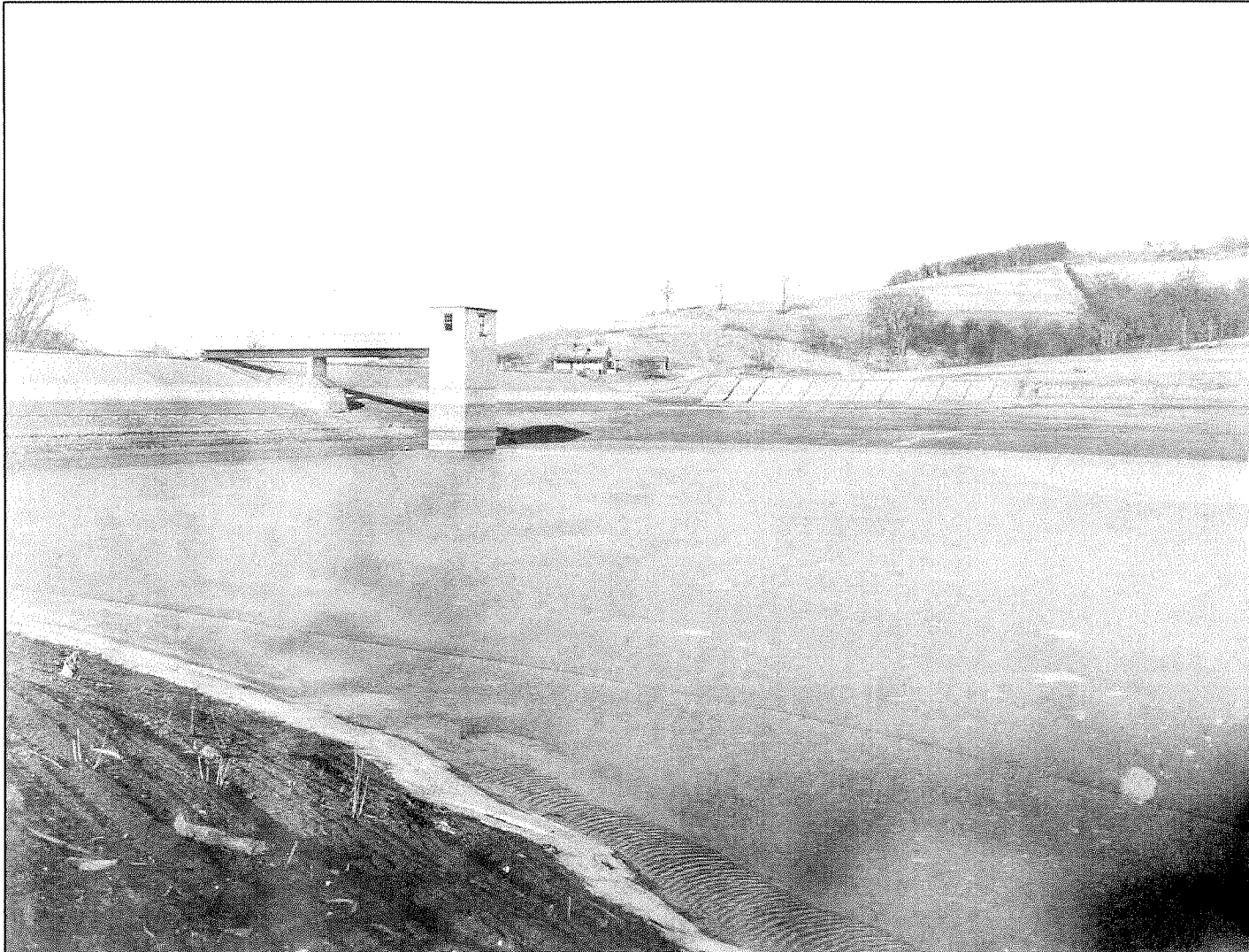
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Cedar Grove Picnic-Abt. 1917-1918

Front Row, L-R: Edith Peterson Beadling, Bob Clark, driver, Company Store Manager, Annie Pollock Kyluck, Edith Clark Jones, _____, and _____. **Middle Row, L-R:** _____ and Eugenia Clark Hall. **Back Row, L-R:** Eugenia Linsley, _____, Nila Drake Ferguson, Bessie Pollock Nagy, and Nellie Clark.

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West Penn Water Company, Cherry Valley Reservoir Dries up

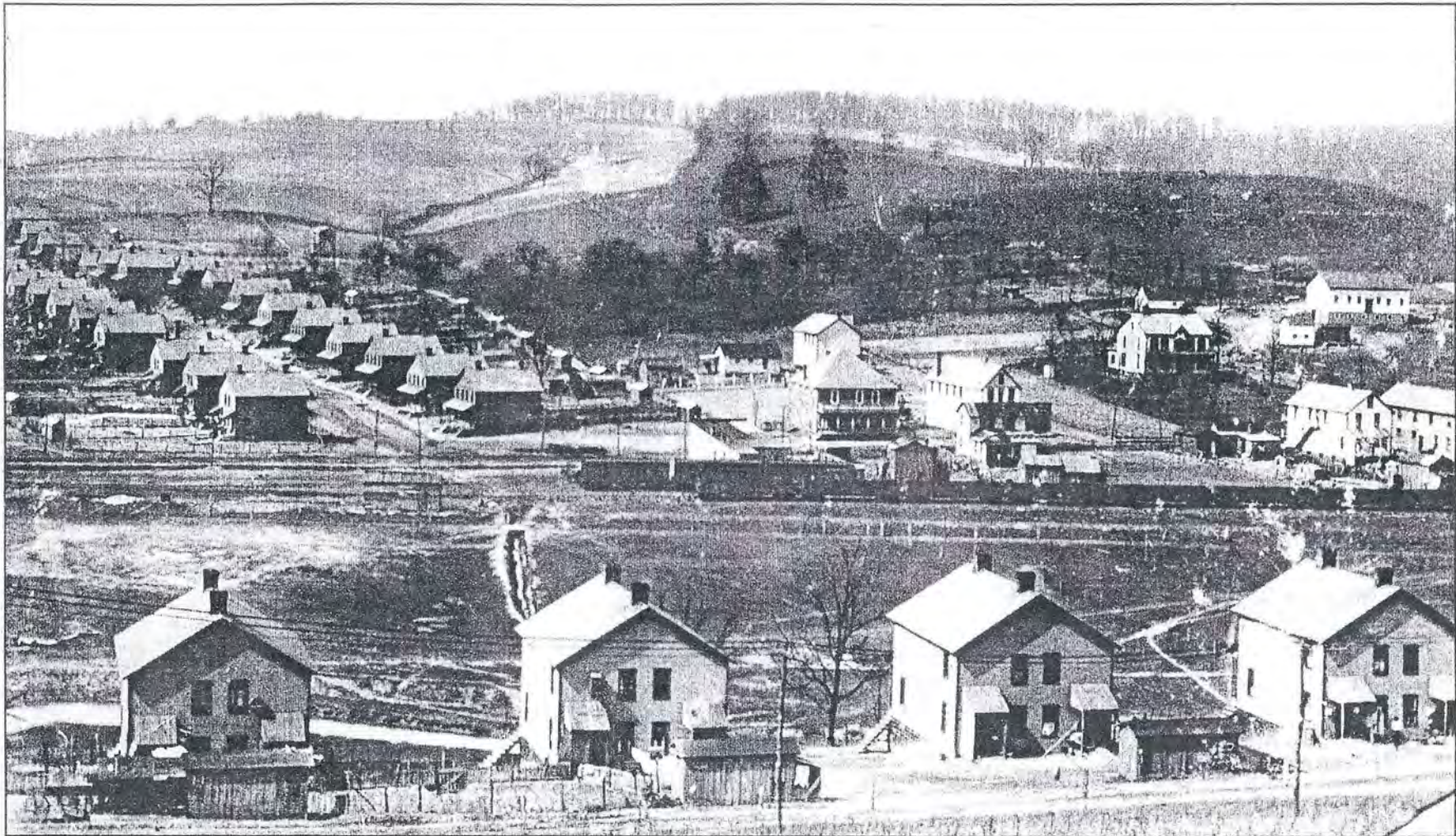
The water line, at the Cherry Valley reservoir of the West Penn Water Company, as shown above is way normal level. Only a thin trickle of water is seen at the extreme right of the picture, while the below muddy bottom of the dam predominates. Lack of rainfall has caused a serious emergency to this company, which was supplying 2500 metered consumers in the Burgettstown-McDonald area.

Burgettstown Enterprise-January 7, 1954 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



Cherry Valley Dam Spillway-June 1950
Three mothers determined to cool off their children.
Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



How green was the valley

This "panoramic birds eye view of Cherry Vally Pa." is from the late 1800s or the early 1900s, accord-

ing to Emma Lukon of Burgettstown, who submitted this photograph. It was given to her by her late

mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary Lukon.

Cherry Valley, PA
Late 1800's or early 1900's
Fort Vance Historical Society

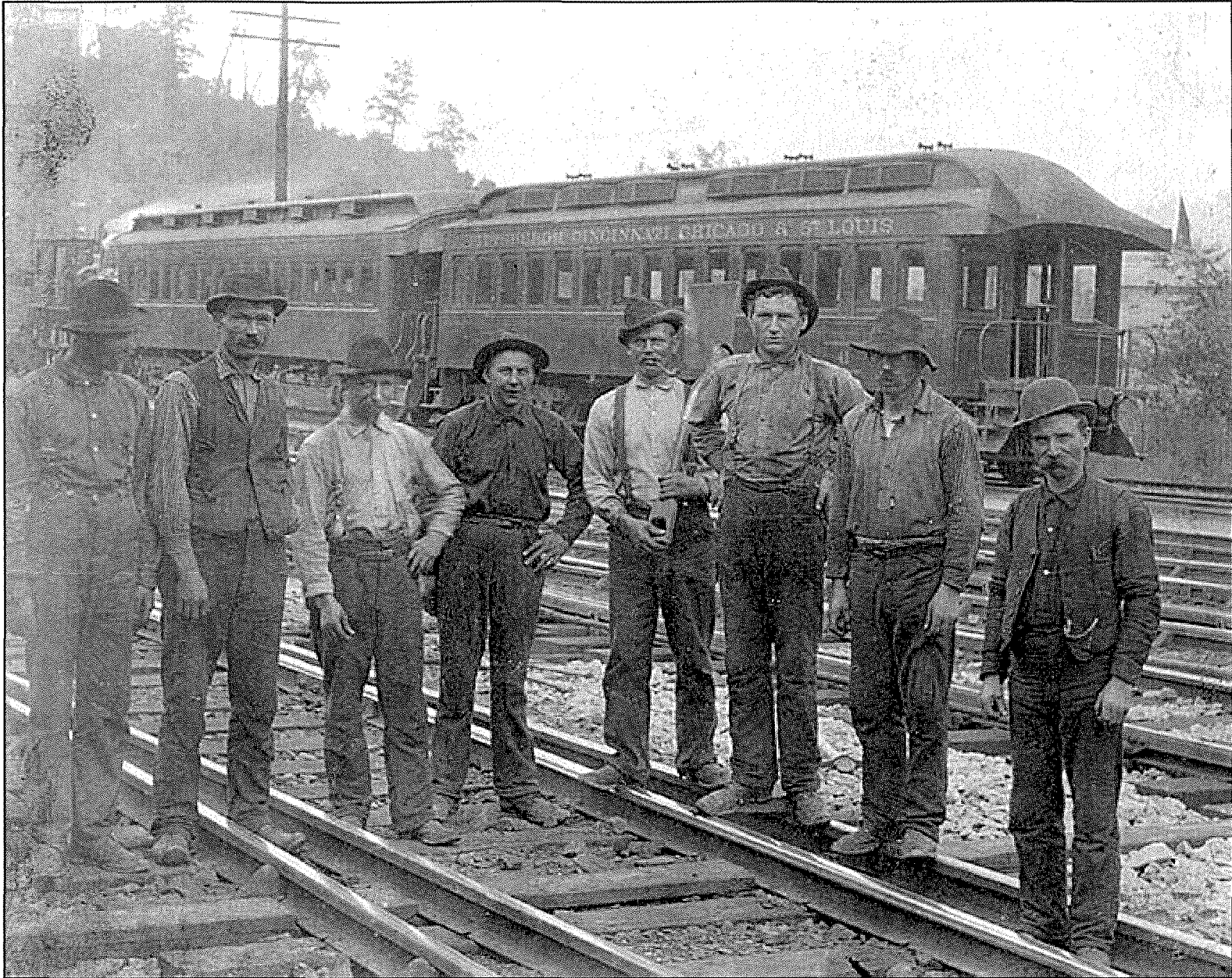


Symington Homestead-Cherry Valley Road, Smith Twp.

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



**Creps Covered Bridge-Cherry Valley, PA.
Abt. 1950**



Pay Car Worker-Colliers, West Virginia

Courtesy of Ft. Vance Historical Society

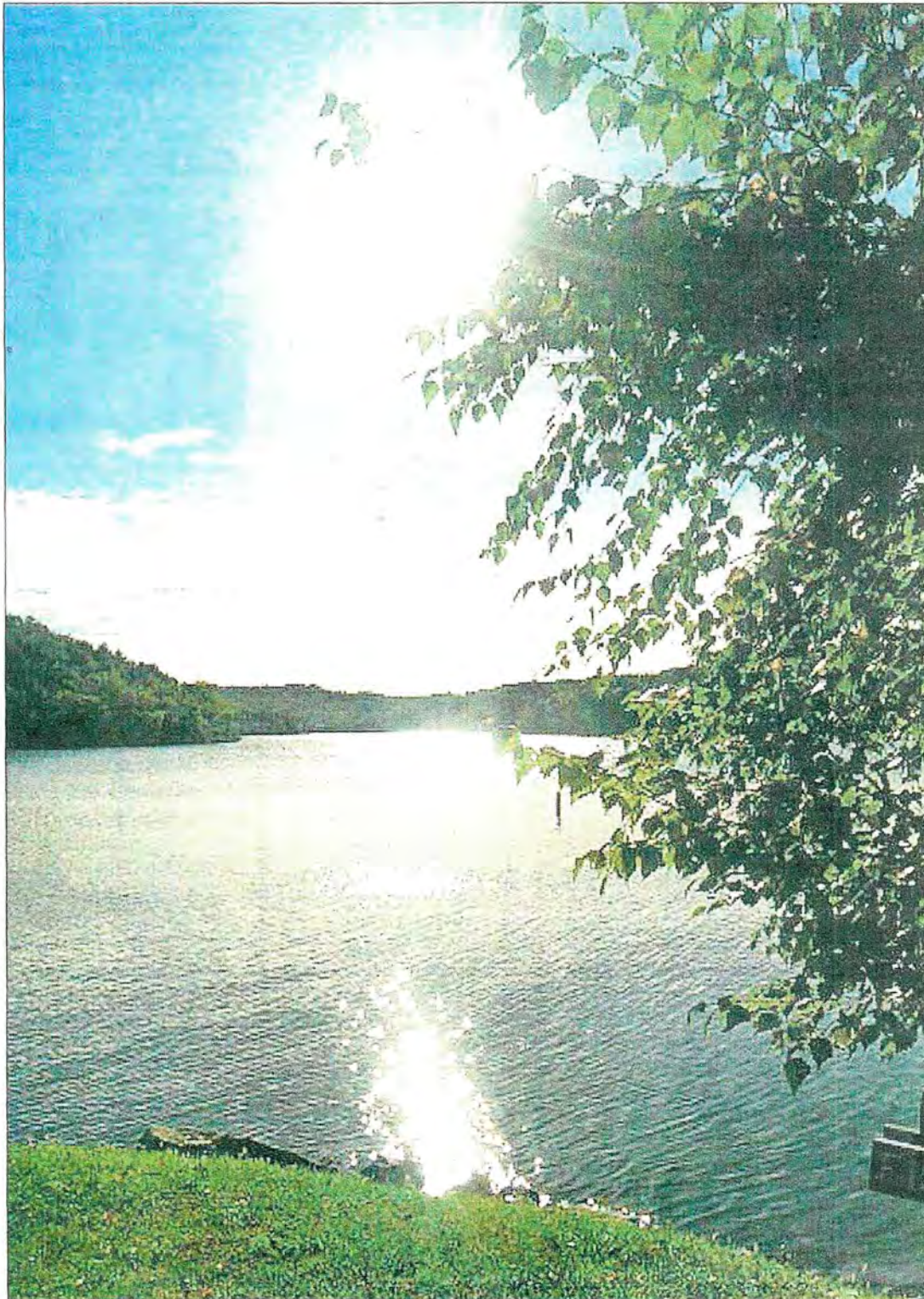


Election Day Photo at the Hindman Home-Cross Creek

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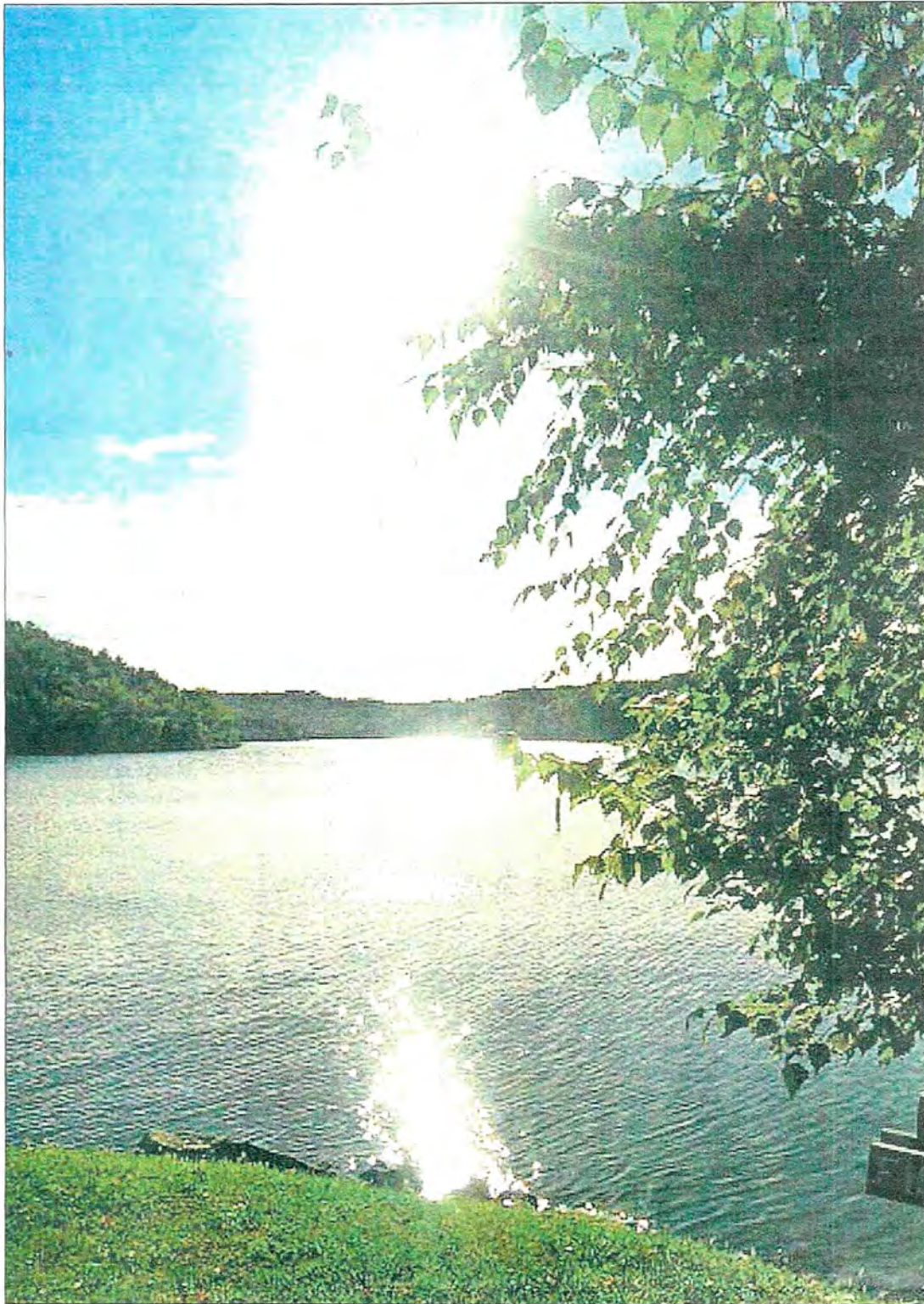
Michael Mitchell took this photo of sunshine shimmering on the water at Cross Creek County Park near Avella.



Cross Creek County Park
Observer-Reporter-November 24, 2015 Edition

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Cross Creek To Dedicate Plaques



The village of Cross Creek's attractive Community Honor Roll arch is enhanced by this memorial plaque at the base. It commemorates the deeds of soldiers of the community who served in all wars and will be dedicated Saturday at a program at the church nearby. Cross Creek Lodge 32, IOOF has given the plaque to the community.



Observer Photos
This large boulder and plaque at Cross Creek commemorates the site of the Cross Creek Academy, 1828 to 1896, and the township rural high school, 1896 to 1929. It will be dedicated tomorrow at 8 p. m. at a program in the Presbyterian Church. A dinner will follow the unveiling. The plaque is a gift of the Academy and High School Alumni Association.

Plaque to
Commemorate
Cross Creek Academy
Erected by alumni
1954



Dinsmore Dam Has Water Going Over Spillway

Workmen at Dinsmore Dam put in sand bags at the breastworks, to hold water which has been spilling over. Warren Columbia, water works manager for the Smith Township Authorization is directing , as the water plant prepares to make the change over into Burgettstown Lines, to supply Burgettstown Community.

Burgettstown Enterprise-January 7, 1954 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



Dinsmore Telegraph Tower-Near Burgettstown, PA

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



Dinsmore Interlocking Tower-Near Burgettstown, PA

The interlocking tower, in which the operator controlled the track switches on the line in the vicinity of the tower.

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



View of Erie Mine from the hill above Fairview Cemetery



Pittsburgh & Erie Mine,
Burgettstown, Pa.

Pittsburgh & Erie Mine-Burgettstown, PA
Fairview Cemetery is in the background

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Old Folk's Concert

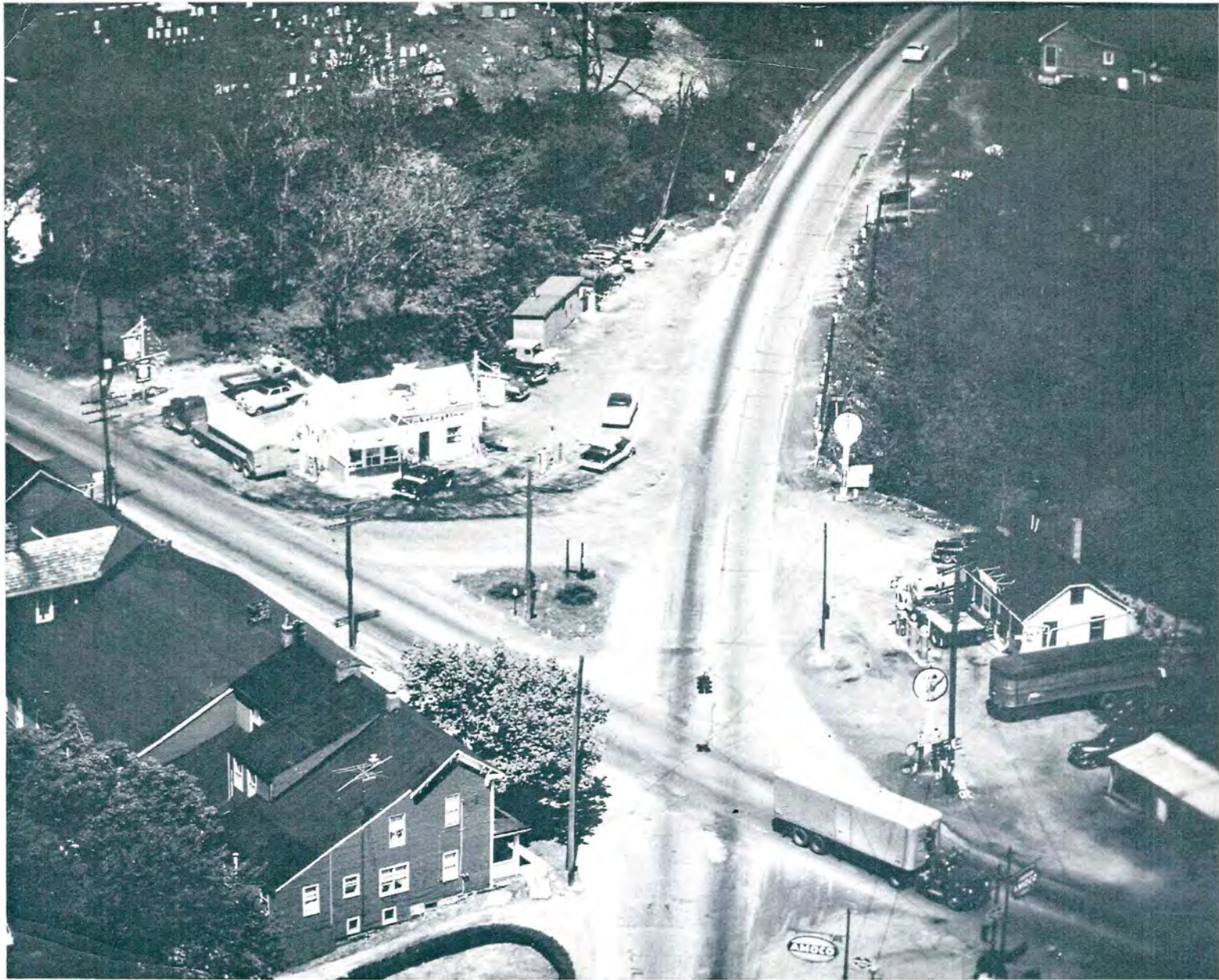
Photo taken on their way to Florence, PA

Lucille Logan Culley Welch is marked with an X, between Gertrude Linn and Mary Nicholls.

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Intersection-Florence, PA



Ariel view of Florence Intersection-Early 1960's

Bottom left: Bill Harmon residence, Cleland Store, George and Vernie Neely residence and Sally Lyons Gloss residence. Near center: Mobile Gas Station with the Post Office on the left side of the building. Behind the trees, a partial view of the Florence Presbyterian Cemetery. Top right: EZ Pickens, Texaco Gas Station, and Christy's Fruit Market. Bottom right: partial view of the Amoco Gas Station.



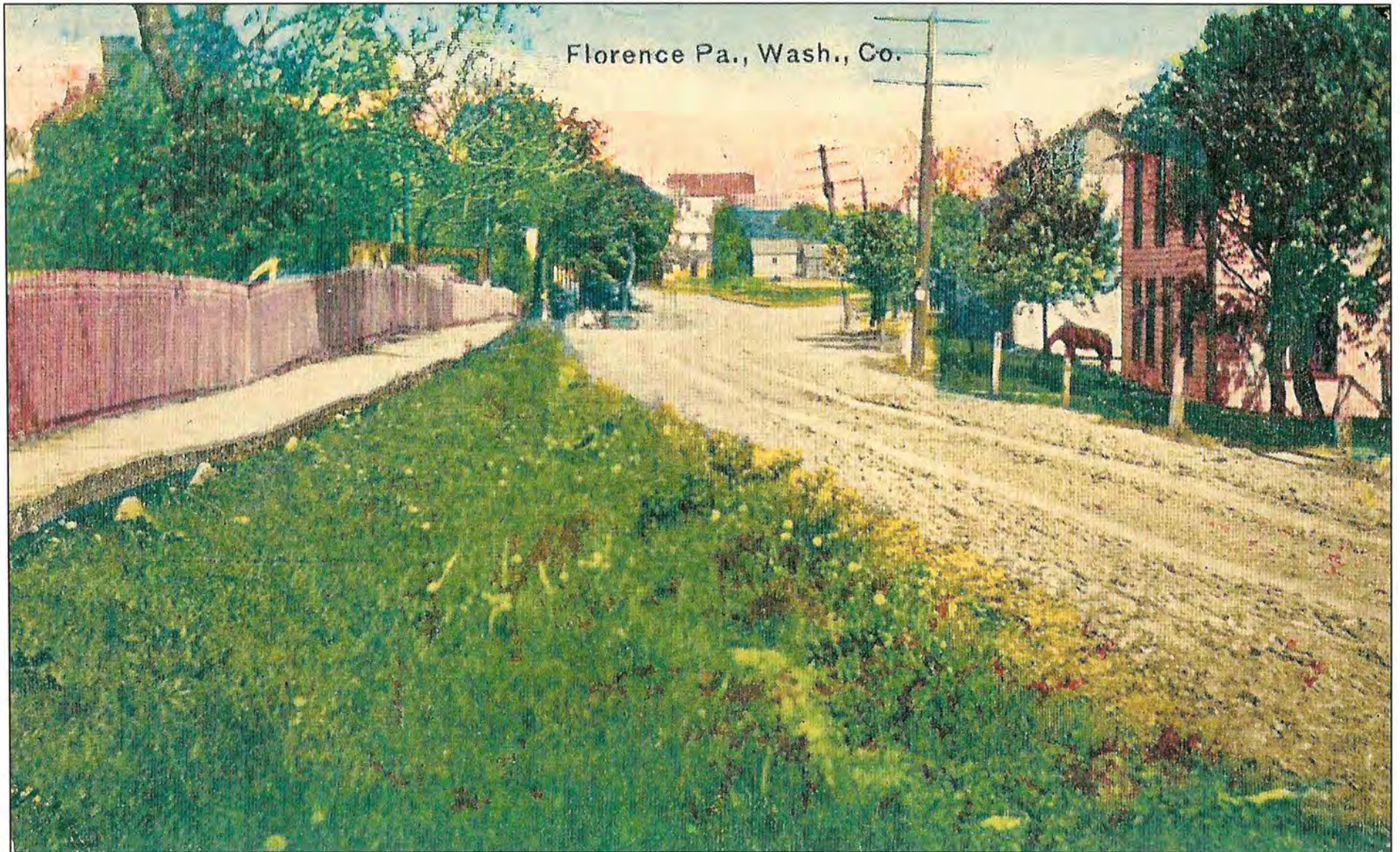
Cleland's Wash House-Florence, PA

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



Digging the foundation for Stop & Go-Florence, PA.

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Florence, PA.
View from Bavington looking towards Intersection
Fort Vance Historical Society



Gibson Gas Station, Florence Intersection of Rt. 18 and Rt. 22

L-R: Mr. Coll, Jim Coll, and Jay Denny

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Harry Adams' Store-Florence, PA

This store also served as a bus stop and a place to "Stop and Eat". For many years, it was the residence of the Noble Family. It is unknown if this Mobile Gas Station is a part of the business or if it is the same Mobile Gas Station that later moved to the middle of the intersection. Vernie Neely is standing in front of the store. The building still stands today as a private residence next to the Florence Stop n' Go.

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James, Ada, and George Neely-About 1908
Right side of Rt. 18N-Florence, PA

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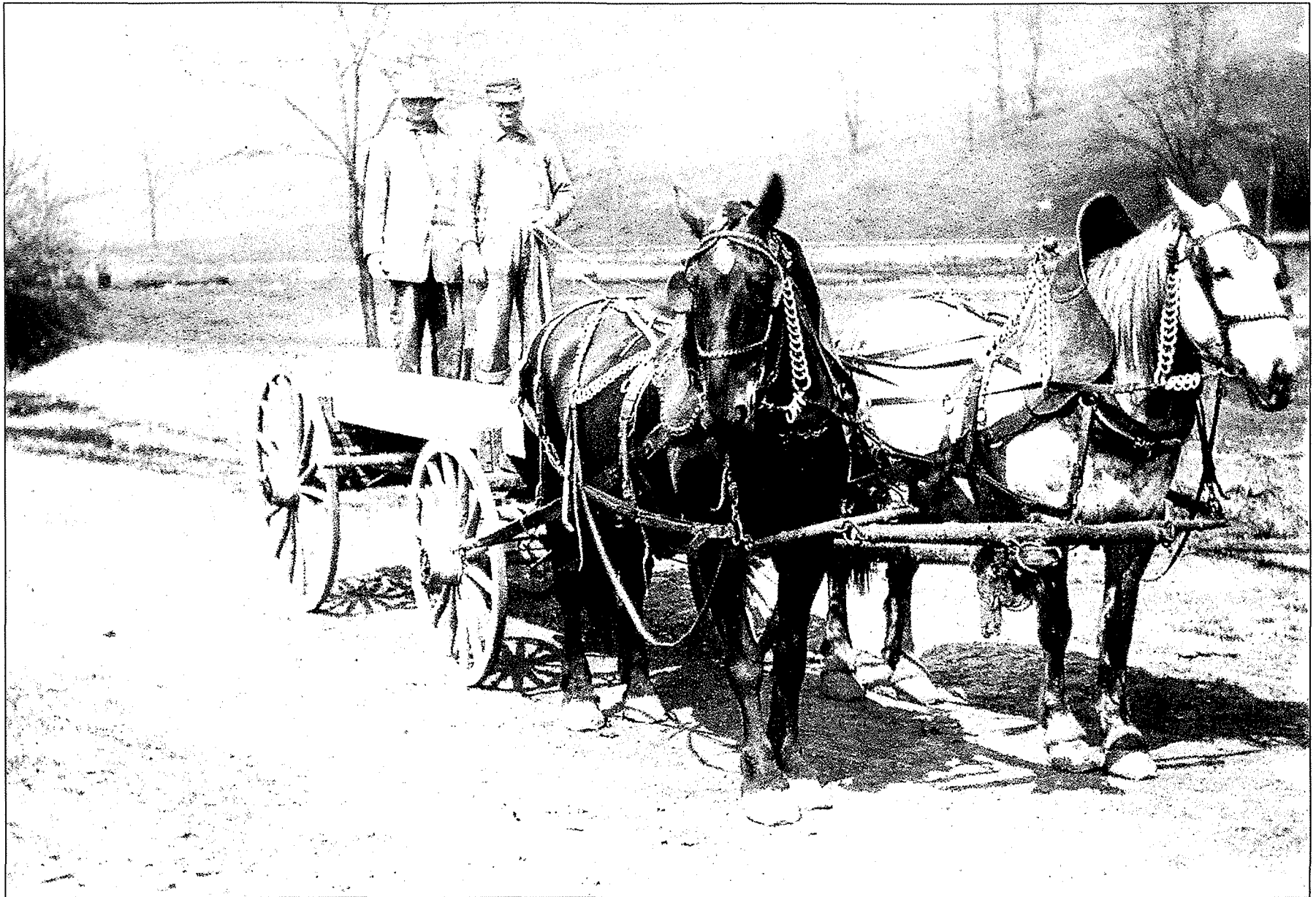
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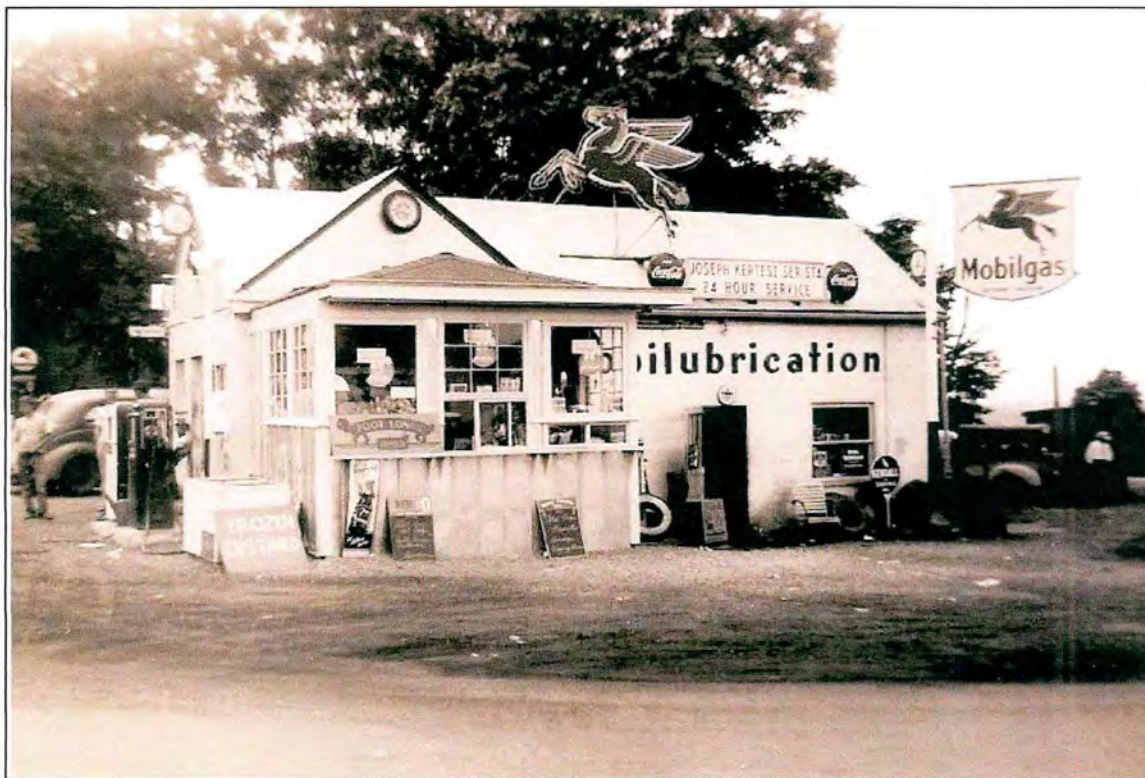
**John McCombs pictured with Billy Cleland at his store in Florence, PA.
Taken around, what appears to be, the winter/spring of 1931.**

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**John McCombs, driver and most likely Frank Savage
driving a team of J.S. Arnold's horses.**

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Joseph Kertesz Service Station
Neon Pegasus sign to attract customers for MobilGas



Sid Themojoman Grubbs' 1937 Ford. Chuck Boustead is walking.
Dave Stromat is waving from the doorway.

Photo Shared by of Sid Themojam Grubbs

Mobile Gas Station-Florence, PA

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Florence Intersection-About 1932

State Trooper and Police Officer Mike Robb are waiting to stop a moonshine runner from Steubenville during his run to Pittsburgh. Mike Robb, standing on the right, was a no-nonsense police officer. Both officers are standing in the middle of Rt. 18 with guns ready.

Plott's Store is located on the right. The store was at street level with the McCombs family residence on the top floor. The Florence EZ Pickens was later built at this location. The Florence Post Office is the next building.



Seminary-Academy House (painted brick), built prior to 1832 on land owned by Philip Jackson, became Mrs. Lambden's Seminary in 1832. Between 1833 and 1848 the building housed an academy founded by Robert Fulton in 1832 on a log building on land that turned out to have a title defect. Fulton, a cousin of the famous steamboat builder, was a teacher in this school from 1832 to 1938. William Burton succeeded Fulton in 1839 and continued until 1848. The house was later purchased by the Thomas Moore family. Location: Florence, near the corner of old U.S. 22 and Rt. 18. (Between gasoline station and cemetery).

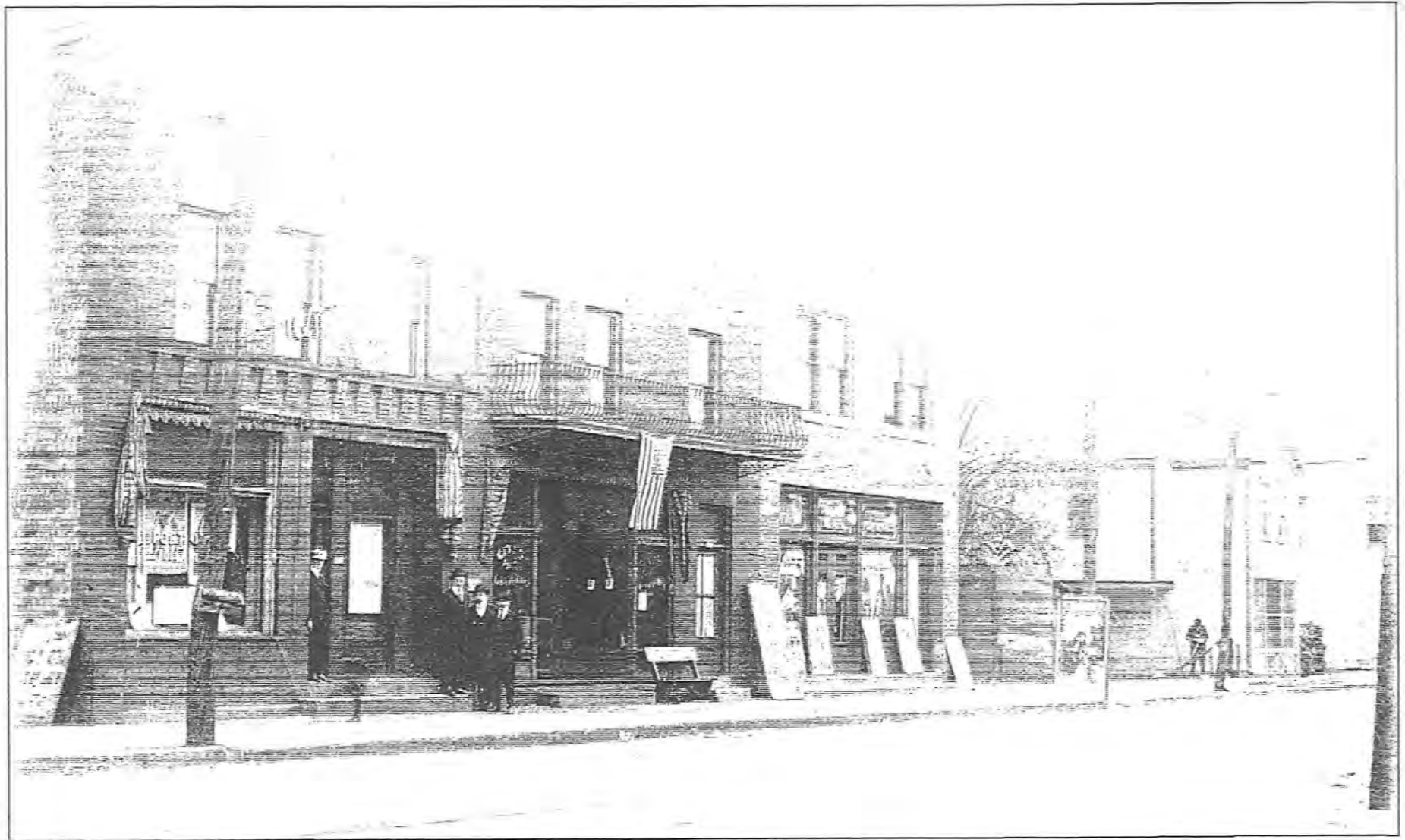
Note: This community was once called Bricelands Crossroads. Next to this house is the burial site of Elisha McCurdy, first pastor of the Crossroads Church across the street, where the "Great Revival" began in 1802. A church now stands on the site.

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Follansbee, W.VA.

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Follansbee, WV Post Office-Unknown Year

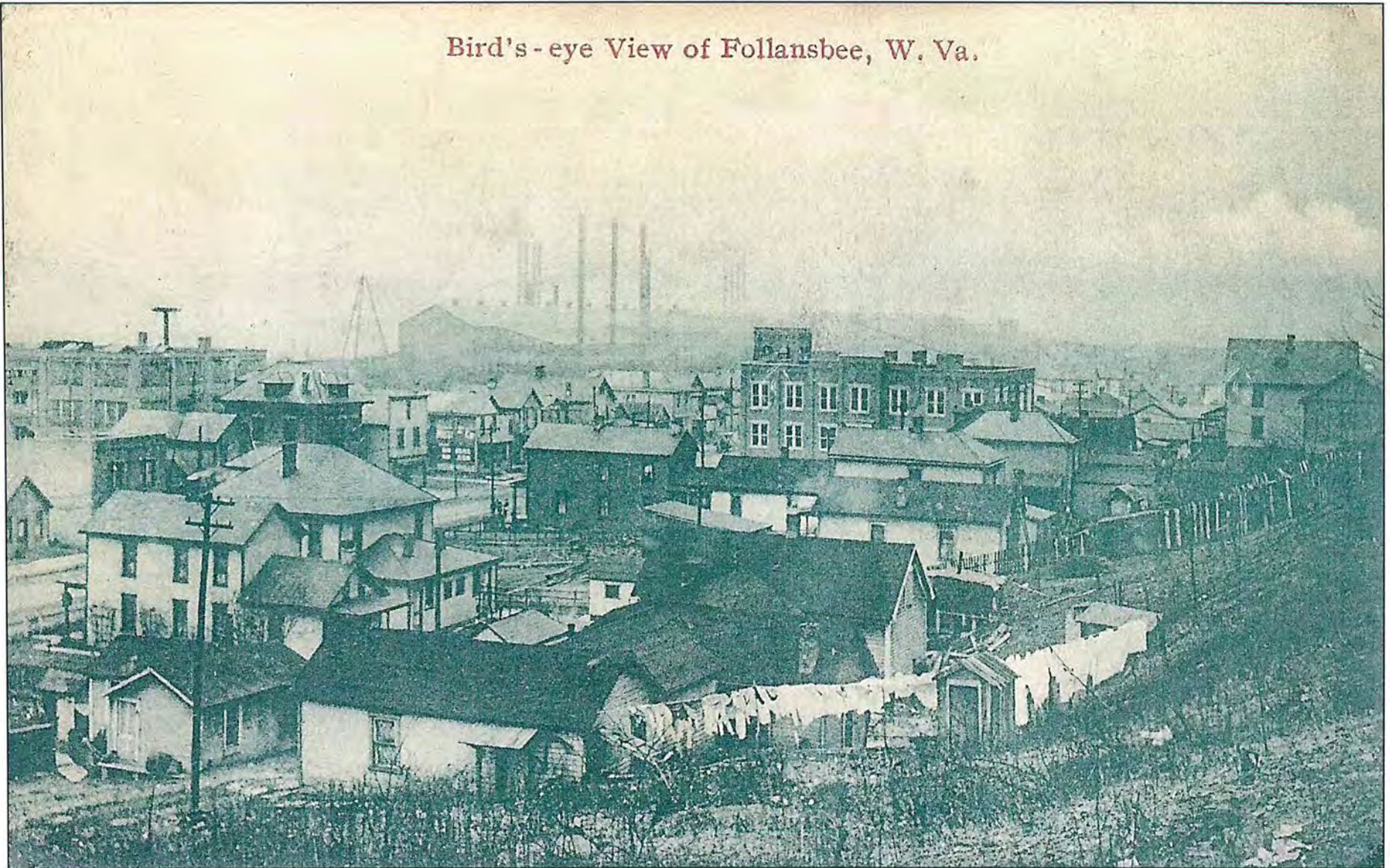
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Bird's - eye View of Follansbee, W. Va.

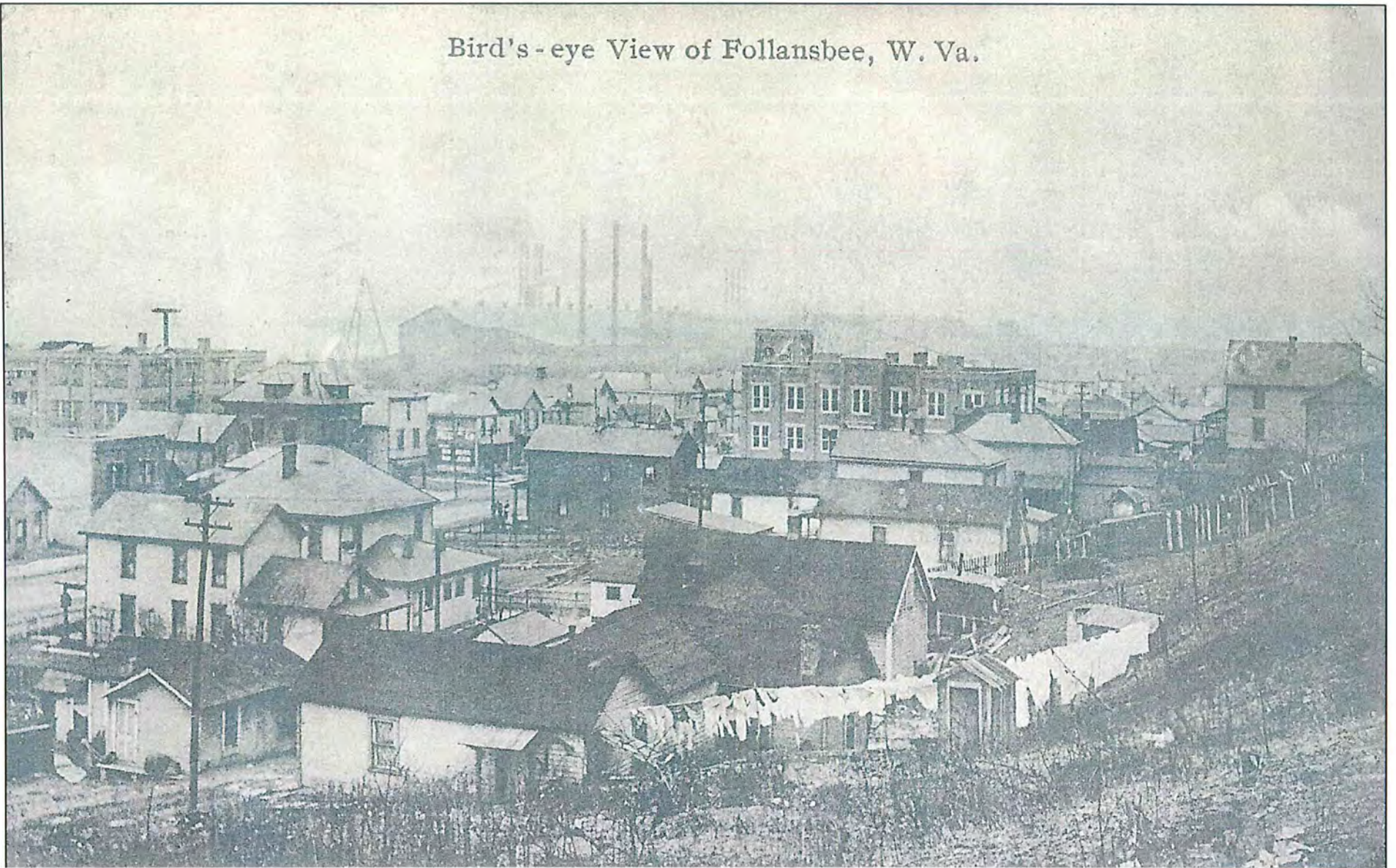


Bird's -eye view of Follansbee, W.Va.

Photo musty have been taken on a "Monday"

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Bird's - eye View of Follansbee, W. Va.



Bird's Eye View-Follansbee, W.Va.

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Virginia Avenue, Follansbee, WV-Before 1913

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Interior of a Follansbee, WV Store
L-R: Leonard Carter, Frank Johnson, with the young Sammy Johnson.
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P. & H's Residence, Hanlin Station, Pa.

P & H Residence-Hanlin Station, PA



Arch, Hanlin Station, Pa.

Arch-Hanlin Station, PA
Published by Parkhill and Hanlin-About 1900



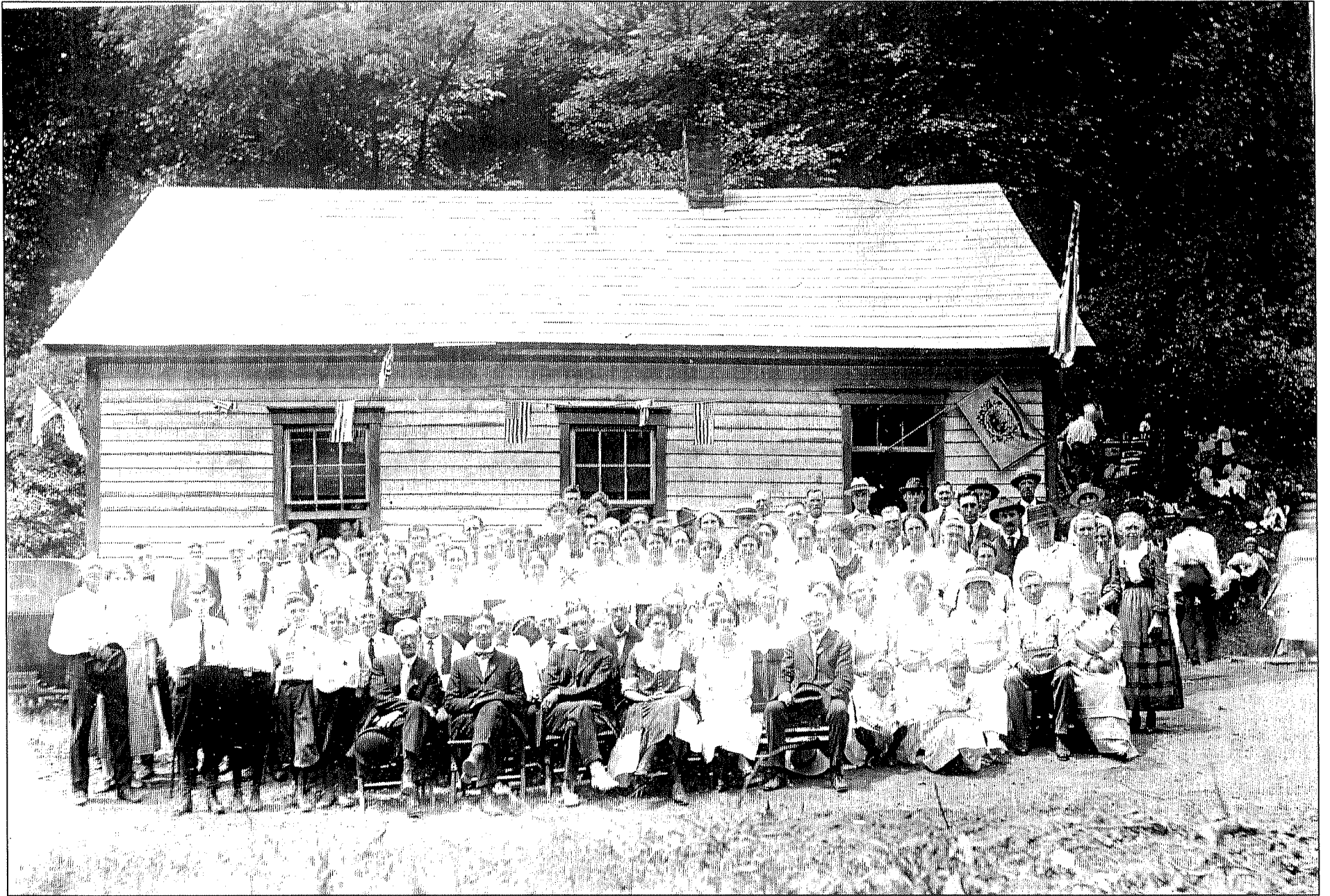
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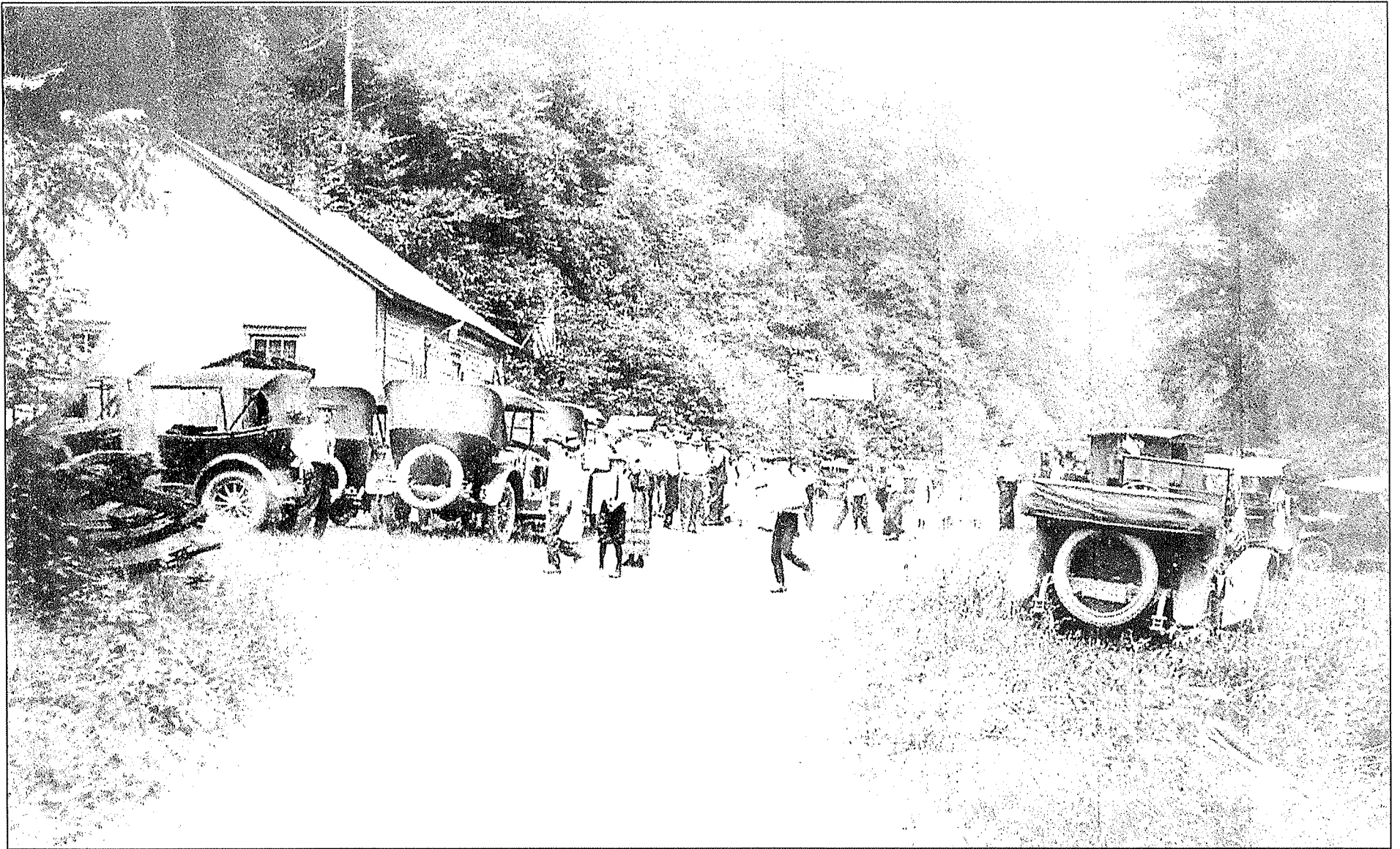
Hanlin Station Celebration-WWI Era

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Hanover Township, Washington County, PA-1856



R.M. Allison Hardware & Farmers Supplies, Before 1910-Hickory, PA
L-R: Willard Allison, Russell Miller Allison (Father) and A. Blaine McKane. When the store became Denny & Allison, the business out of this building in 1915. The store on the right was Colwes Barber Shop.

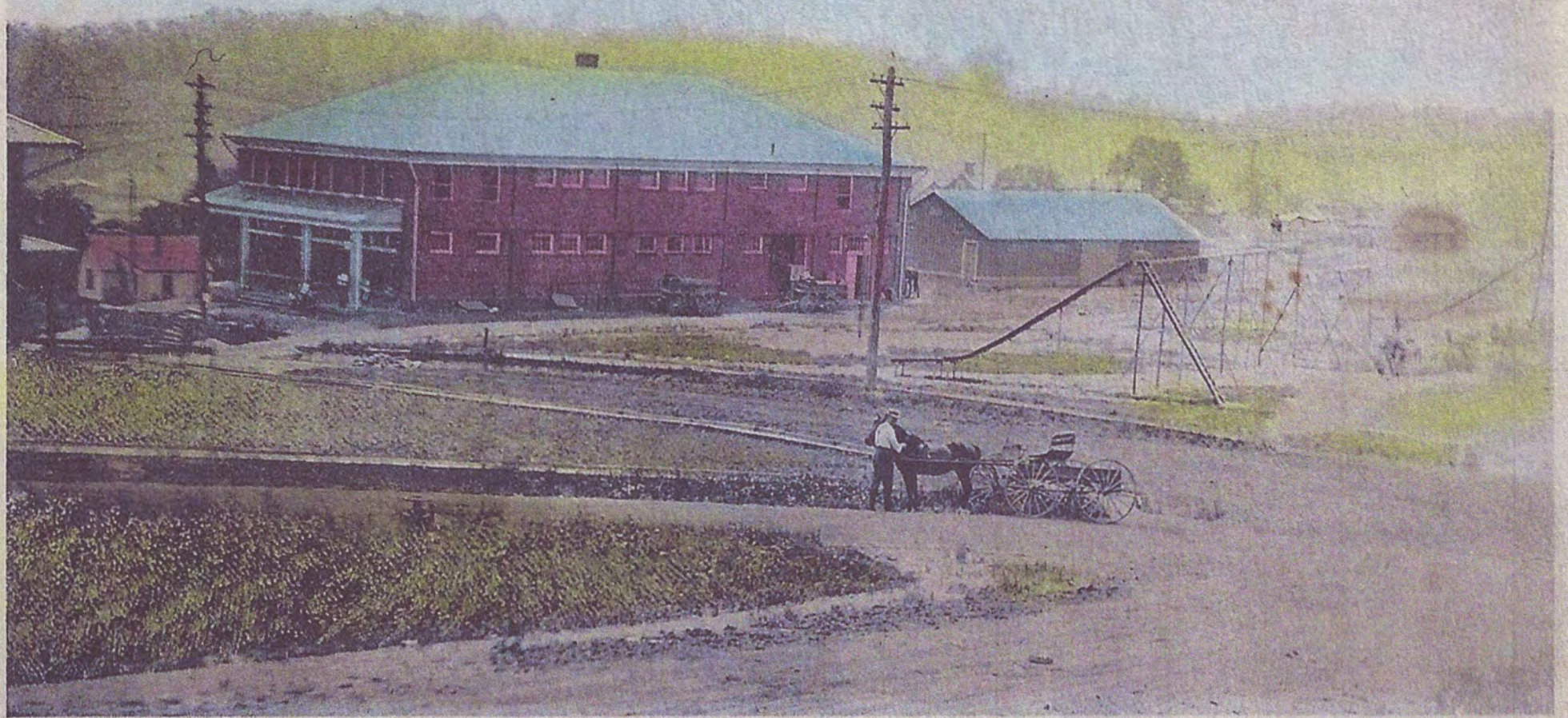
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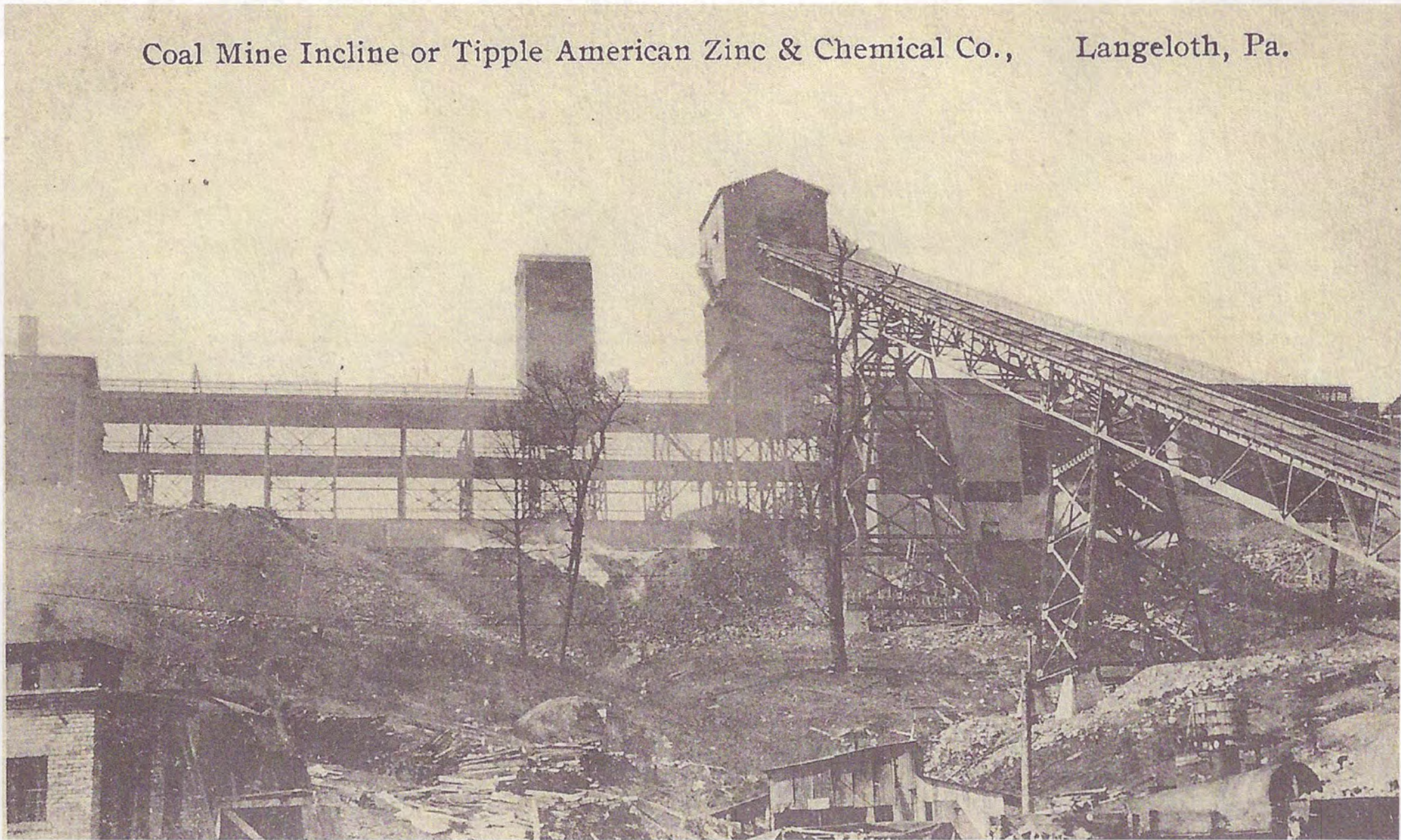
Walker's Rock-May 21, 1891

List of attending teachers and students from the Union Academy in alphabetical order: Alice Bridgman, Minnie Grimes, Ada Cole, Laura Cole, Annie Kelly, Sue Allison, Bertha Rice, Laura Pyle, Mary Wilson, Annie Johnston, Tess Vance, Nana Moore, Mary McCalister, Lily Simpson, J.M. Bridgman, John Russell, Thomas Stevenson, Arthur Reed, Robert Lee, Francis Cunningham, Hugh Leith, Robert Linn, and John Sharry.

Langeloth Mercantile Co. and Playgrounds, Langeloth, Pa.

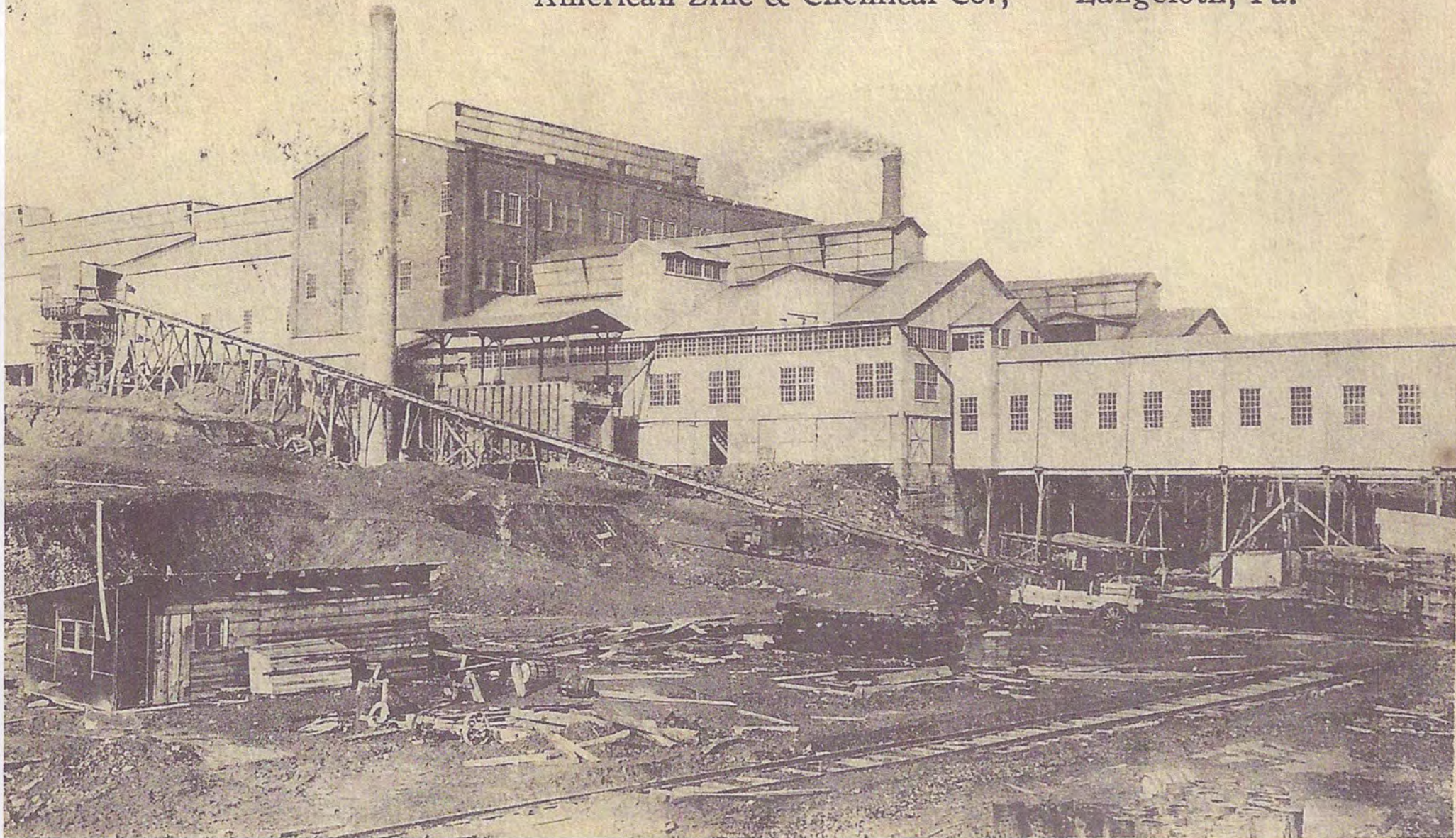


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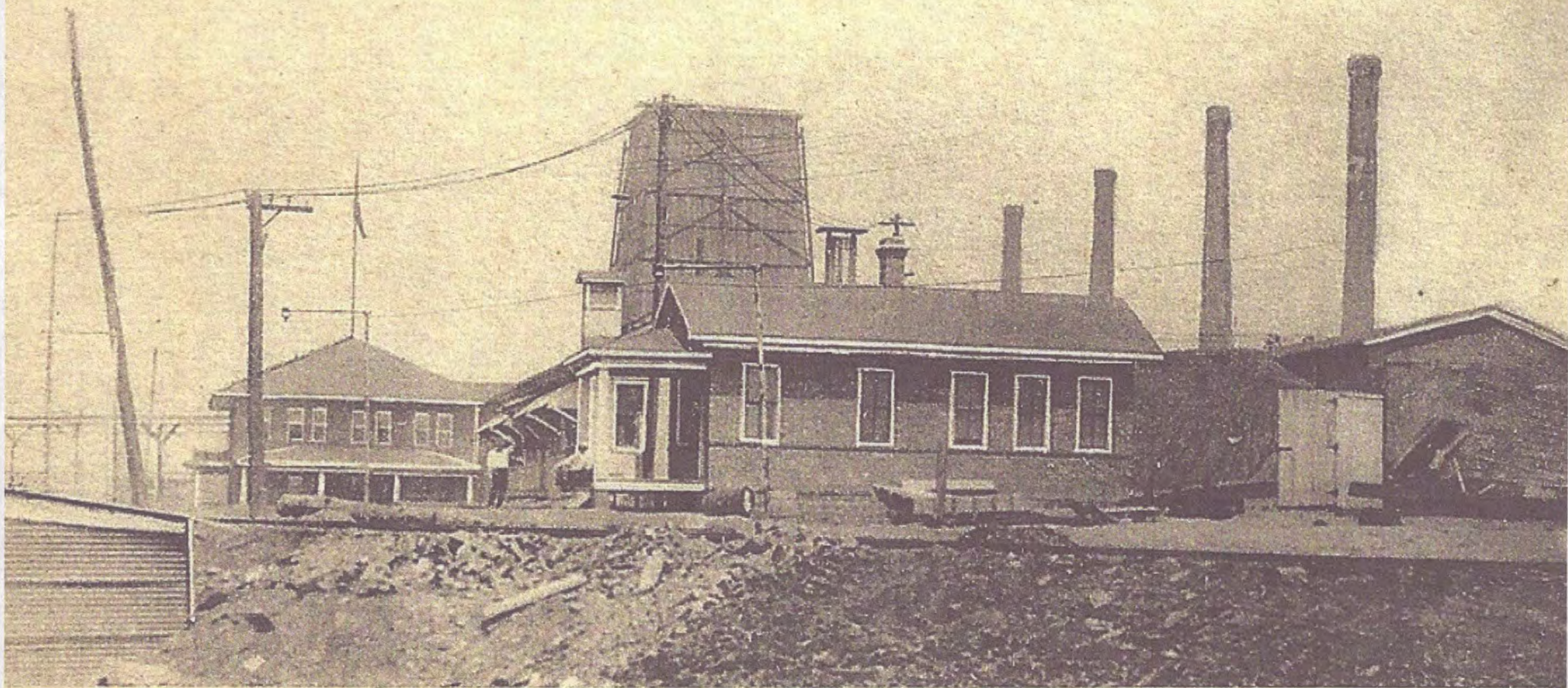


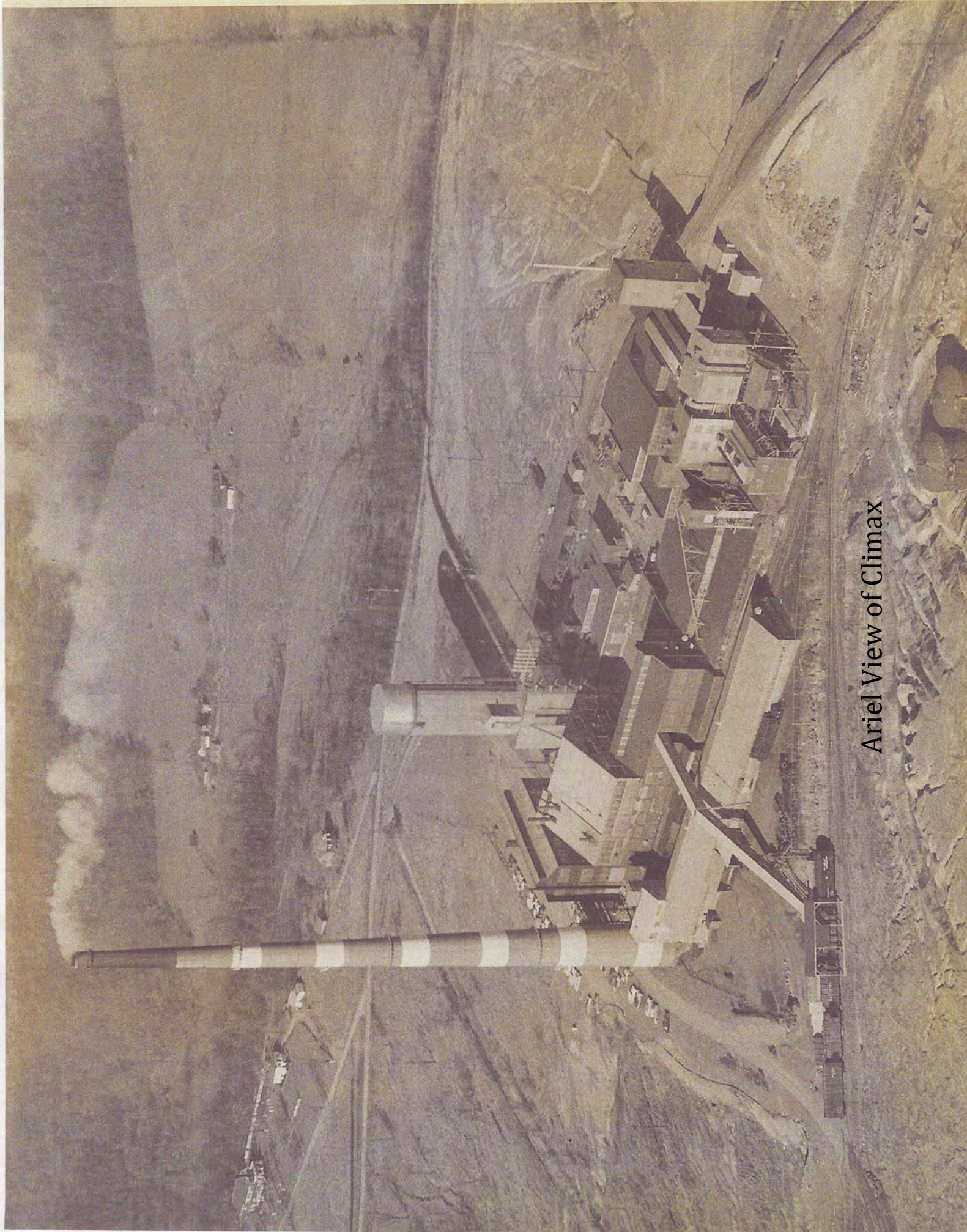
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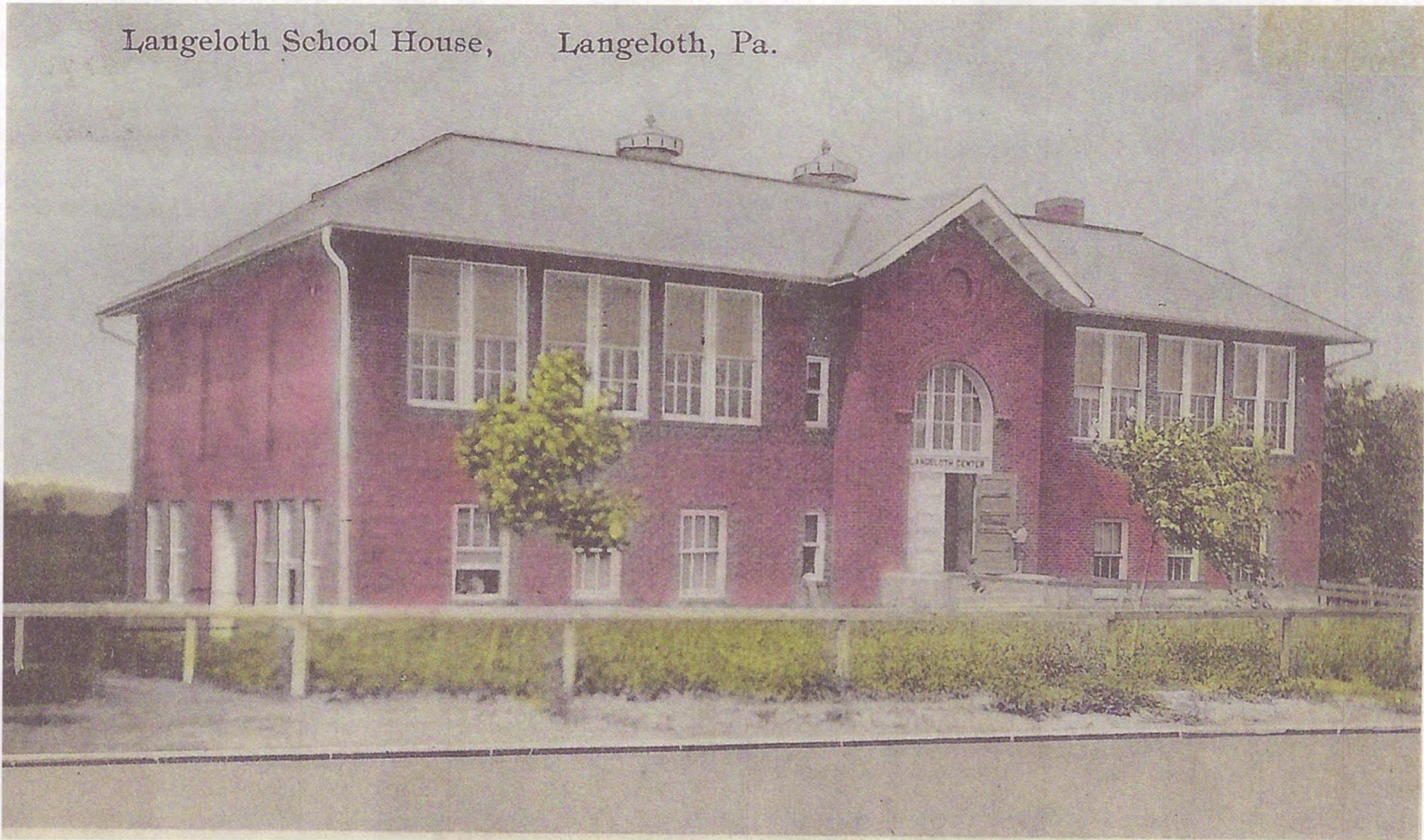
American Zinc & Chemical Company Office, Langeloth, Pa.

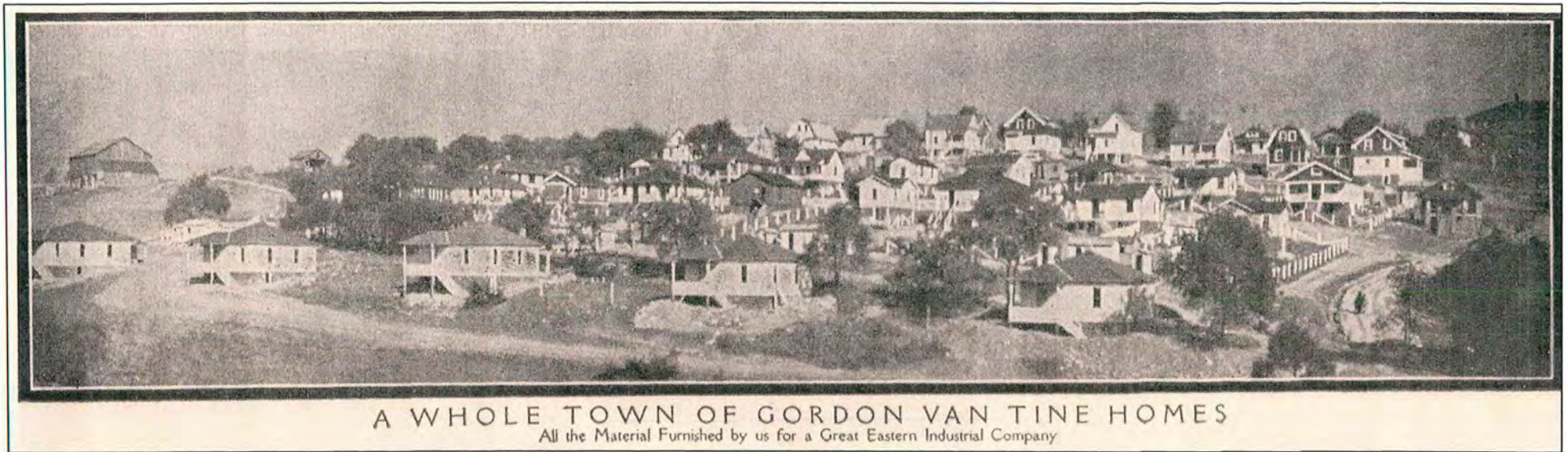




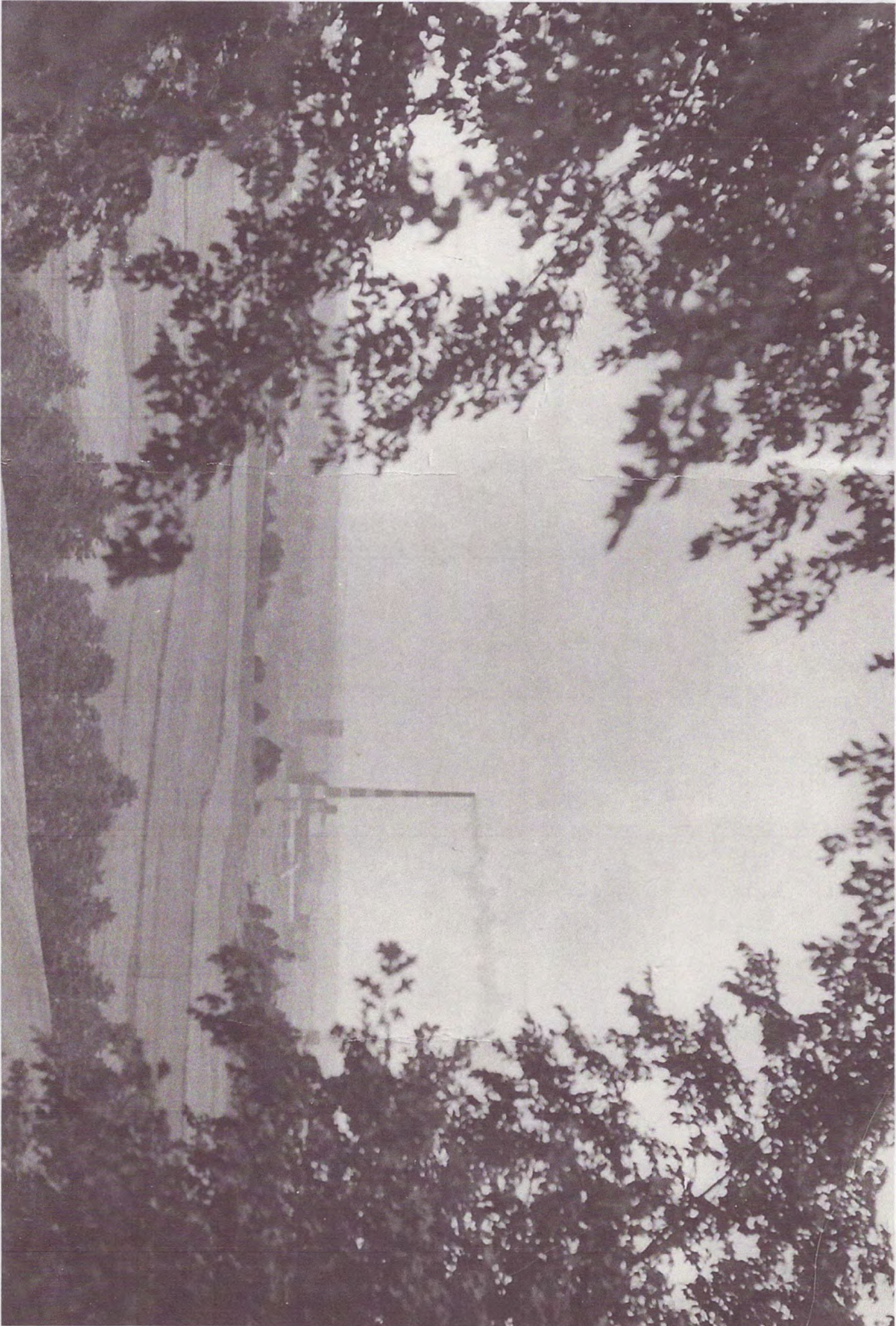
Ariel View of Climax

Langeloth School House, Langeloth, Pa.





Miner's Hill-Langeloth, PA
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Climax-Langeloth, PA



McDonald, PA-Oil Field 1901 or 1902

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McDonald, PA-Oil Field

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Noblestown Railroad Station and Panhandle Hotel.

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IN SEARCH OF

Hikers search for Paris crossing

By Kathryn Campbell Slasor
for The Record-Enterprise

Eighteen history hikers left Eldersville on a warm early spring day to locate the spot where Paris Crossing on the Panhandle Railroad once stood.

Paris is a small village in Hanover Township that sits high on the ridge between the deep valleys of Harmon Creek on the south and King's Creek on the north.

Running east and west through the town is the Pittsburgh-Steubenville Pike upon which the town's importance depended in early days.

In the 1860's, the Panhandle section of the Pennsylvania Railroad was built almost parallel to Harmon Creek, sometimes crossing it via a trestle.

John Dinsmore and Alexander Hanlin, whose farms farther up the valley were split by the tracks, demanded a station be built on each of their properties.

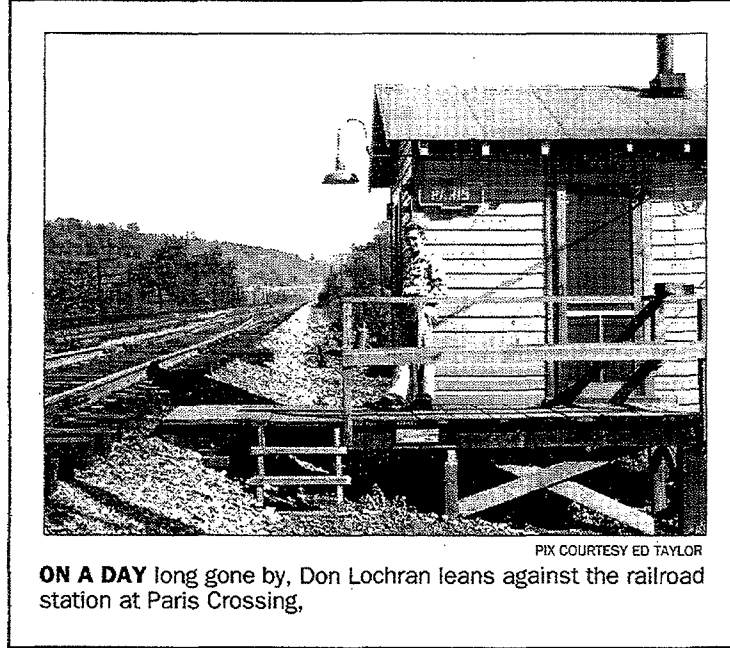
When their requests were granted, the little hamlets of Dinsmore and Hanlin took on importance as shipping points.

However, the next station to the west was Colliers, W.Va. Merchants and traders, hoping to eke out a living in Paris, realized that the world was passing them by on the rails at the foot of the hill.

With the re-routing of the narrow country roads emanating from the surrounding neighborhoods, easier access was made to a focal point.

Thus "Paris Crossing" was born.

Henry Briceland, an expert carpenter and cabinet maker, had his business in the station. Briceland gained notoriety when he was tried and convicted on Dec. 4, 1872 of murdering store-



ON A DAY long gone by, Don Lochran leans against the railroad station at Paris Crossing,

keeper John Allingham. Allingham was killed by a homemade pipe gun as he slept in his home on the "town pump" corner in Eldersville.

The verdict against Briceland came about partly due to the discovery in his shop of materials used in the making of the explosive device.

The extent of activity at Paris Crossing did not span many years.

According to the writings of the late A.D. White, in his account of the Allingham murder, he specified that "Previously a station agent had been kept here, but this service had been discontinued some months before, but Briceland still had his shop in the building."

By simple calculation, it may be determined that between 1865 and 1872, an agent was present when the trains stopped at Paris Crossing.

After that, the building was

still used as a shipping point but probably under the "self-help" method.

As the station was still standing well into the 20th century, reason would have it that it must have served some useful purpose. Records are scarce concerning its final days.

When the station at Paris Crossing outgrew its usefulness, the railroad company appeared with a crane and a flatcar, picked up the small structure and hauled it away.

The group in search of the historical site traveled down the road near the Robertson Fruit Farm, known as Creek Lane. Along this short stretch of country road are the former sites of the stately Jonathan Wright home, the stone house that stood on the Laird farm, the primitive home of the Loney Sunderland and the little house where the six Truax children died of diphtheria within a one month span in

1885.

Also deteriorated into total wasteland is the spot where stood the Golden Horse Ranch, where fun, excitement and recreation were in abundance a half century ago.

Once down the steep winding hill and across Harmon Creek, the hikers spread out and began a leisurely saunter down the railroad bed where even the tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad are relics of the past.

Lloyd Martin, and John and Frank Ratkovitch wandered off the cobblestones of the railroad bed and searched the roadside weeds where they discovered stones from the foundation.

Another attraction farther down the track and near the creek was the ruins of the old stone house where the Snyder family lived.

This site was of interest to a number of the group who are descendants of this family.

They include James Worstell, Margaret Kemmery, Mary Dolan, Lynn Snyder, Kathryn Slasor and June Grossman.

Alan Gould, whose property borders the Snyder land, said the site may also be reached by way of his farm on Eldersville Road.

This route would eliminate from the itinerary the crossing of the swift waters of Harmon Creek, which separates Hanover from Jefferson Township, where the Snyder house ruins lie.

Others on the hike were Gaylord Martin, Paul Dellenbaugh, Daniel and Rebecca Dellenbaugh, Helena Tomn, Robert Irwin, Ron Di Orrio and Bonnie Osborne.

Hikers search for Paris Crossing
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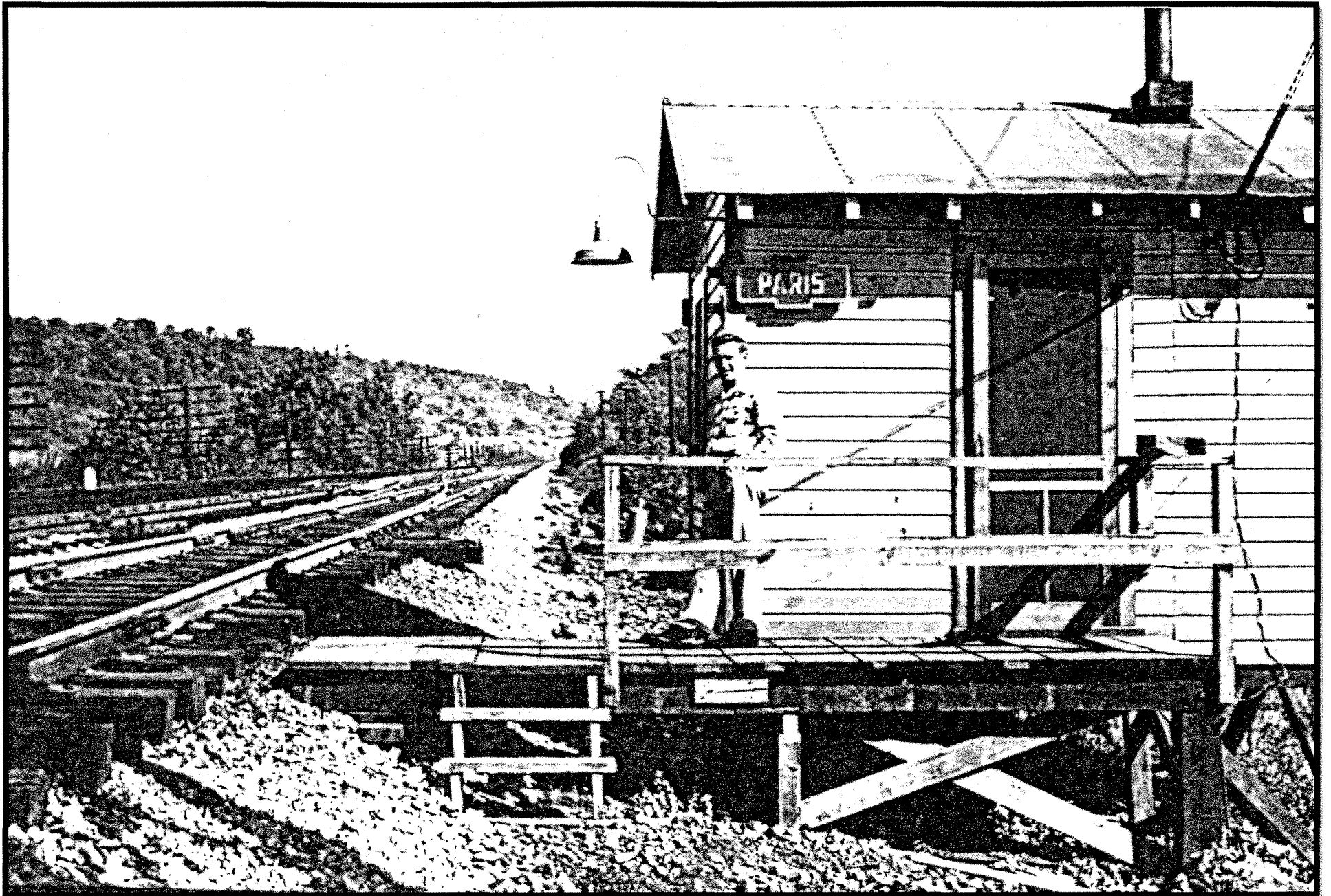
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On a day long gone by, Don Lochran leans against the railroad station at Paris Crossing.

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Paris Railroad Station

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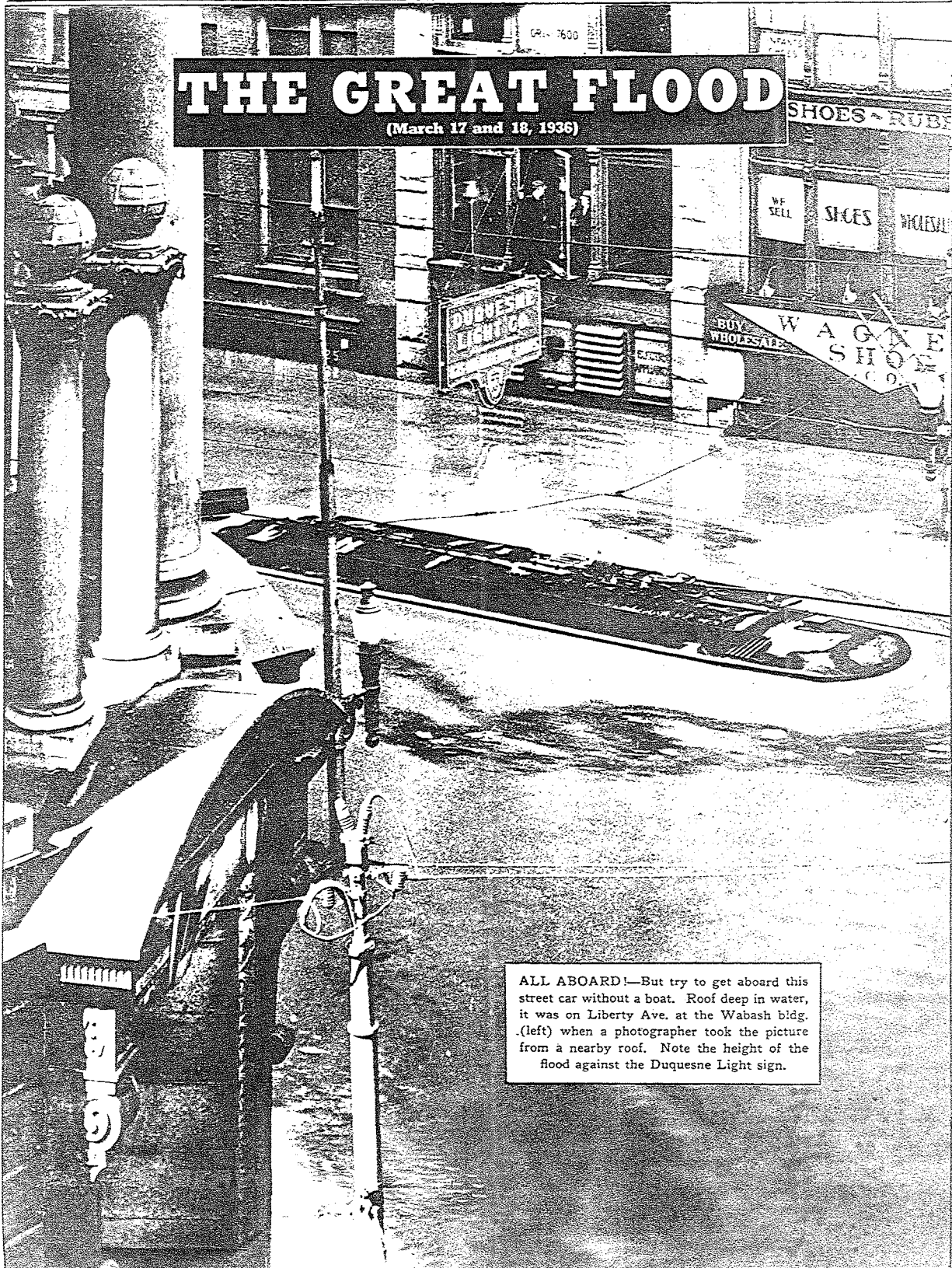
Pittsburgh, Pa., Zoo Bldg., Highland Park.

Pittsburgh Zoo-1910
Highland Park, Pittsburgh, PA

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SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1936



THE GREAT FLOOD

(March 17 and 18, 1936)

ALL ABOARD!—But try to get aboard this street car without a boat. Roof deep in water, it was on Liberty Ave. at the Wabash bldg. (left) when a photographer took the picture from a nearby roof. Note the height of the flood against the Duquesne Light sign.

The 100 Best Flood Views—Selected From Thousands of Pictures
A Permanent Record of Pittsburgh's Greatest Catastrophe.



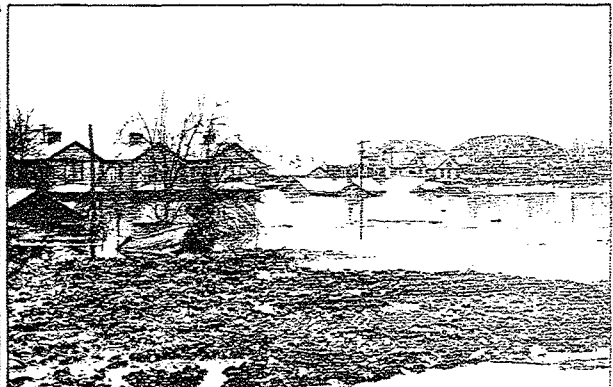
BRIDGE PLANT DELUGED—Swirling flood waters of the Ohio River, racing downward from Pittsburgh, invaded the huge plant of the American Bridge Co. at Ambridge and filled buildings and yards to the top of a fence marking the boundary

line of company property. Needless to say, no bridges were made until the waters receded.

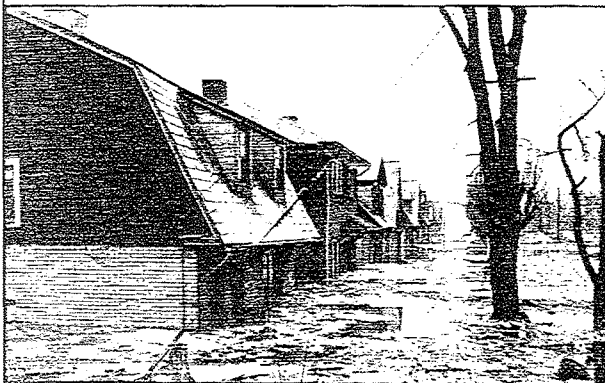
—Howley Studio Photo



SAILING, SAILING—Or just boating, perhaps. Residents along Bridge St., West Bridgewater, took to boats as the Beaver River rose.

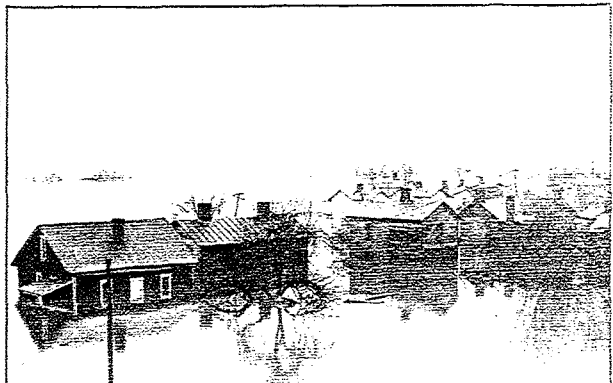


ONE STORY DEEP—The Beaver River was even deeper than that in some spots. This is Clarion St., West Bridgewater.



ICE PERIL, TOO—Residents of Leetsdale fought both water and ice during the flood. This is a view along Washington St.

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HOUSEBOATS?—No, just the homes, or what's left of them, of Glenwillard residents, many of whom were forced to flee to higher ground.

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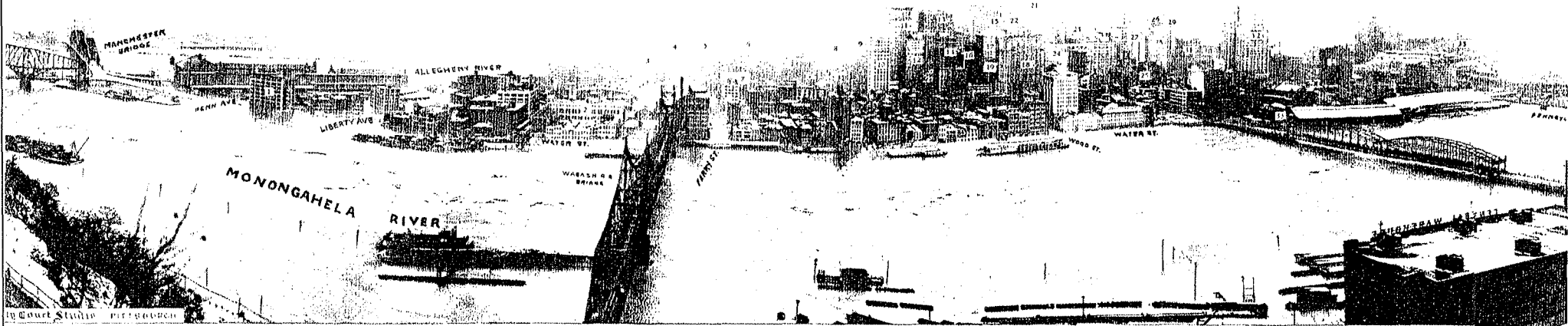
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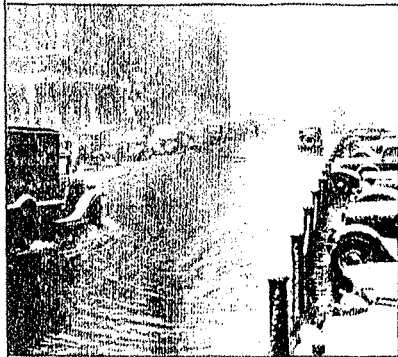
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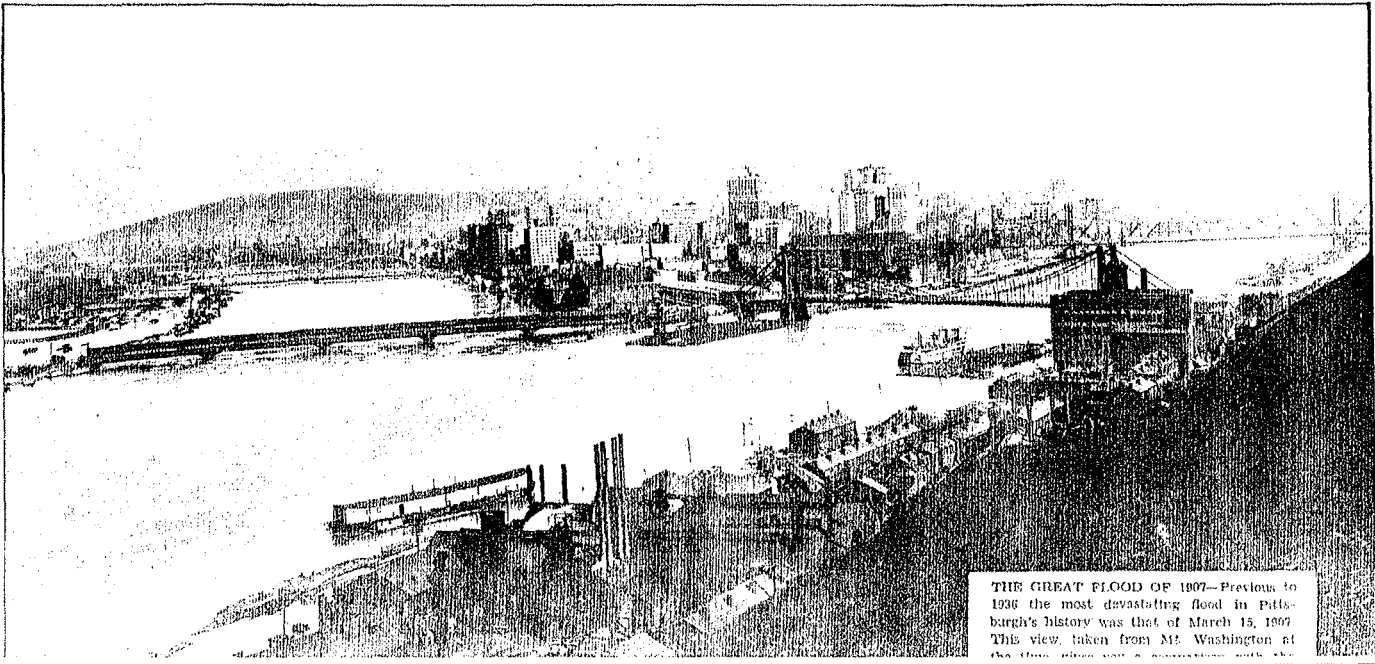
The Great Flood of 1936--A Panoramic View Of Pittsburgh Under Water



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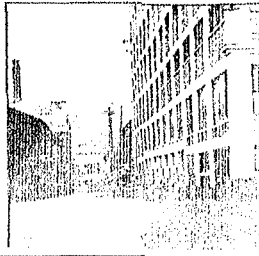
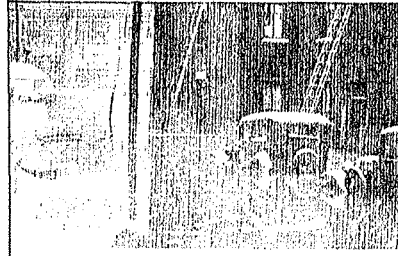
8--A snowstorm raged as the first water touched the tangle. A scene on Water Street, foot of Liberty.



THE GREAT FLOOD OF 1907--Previous to 1936 the most devastating flood in Pittsburgh's history was that of March 15, 1907. This view, taken from Mt. Washington at the time, shows part of connection with the



LUMBER AFLOAT--Doors, door frames, line of lumber in



The Great Flood of 1936-A Panoramic View of Pittsburgh under water.

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Primrose Children-Unknown Year

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Raccoon State Park Post Card, Late 1960's

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Slovan Parade

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Slovan, Pa.



Main Street, Slovan, PA
Rt. 18 N looking towards Burgettstown, PA

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Main Street, Slovan, PA
Rt. 18 S looking towards Atlasburg, PA

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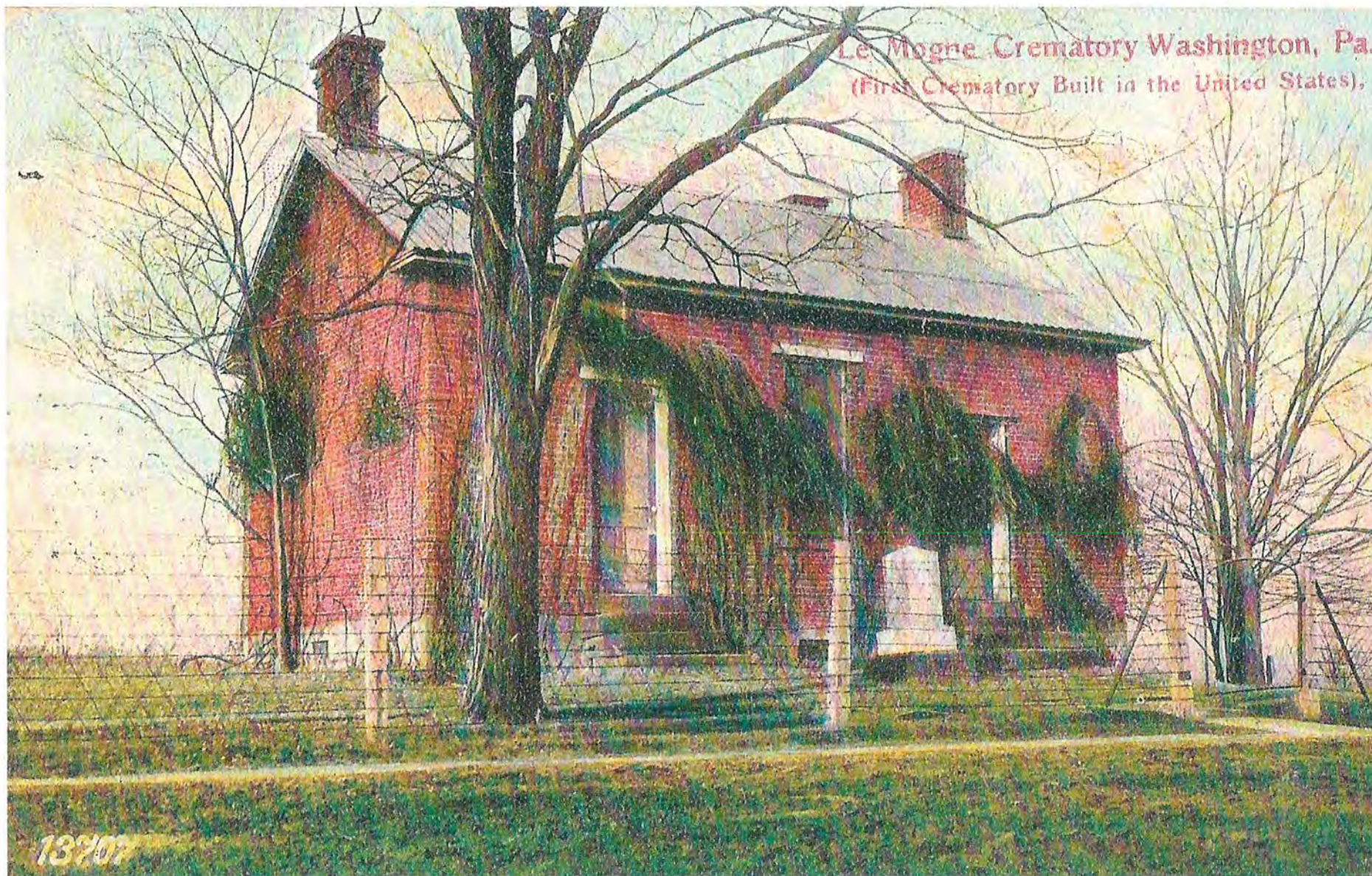


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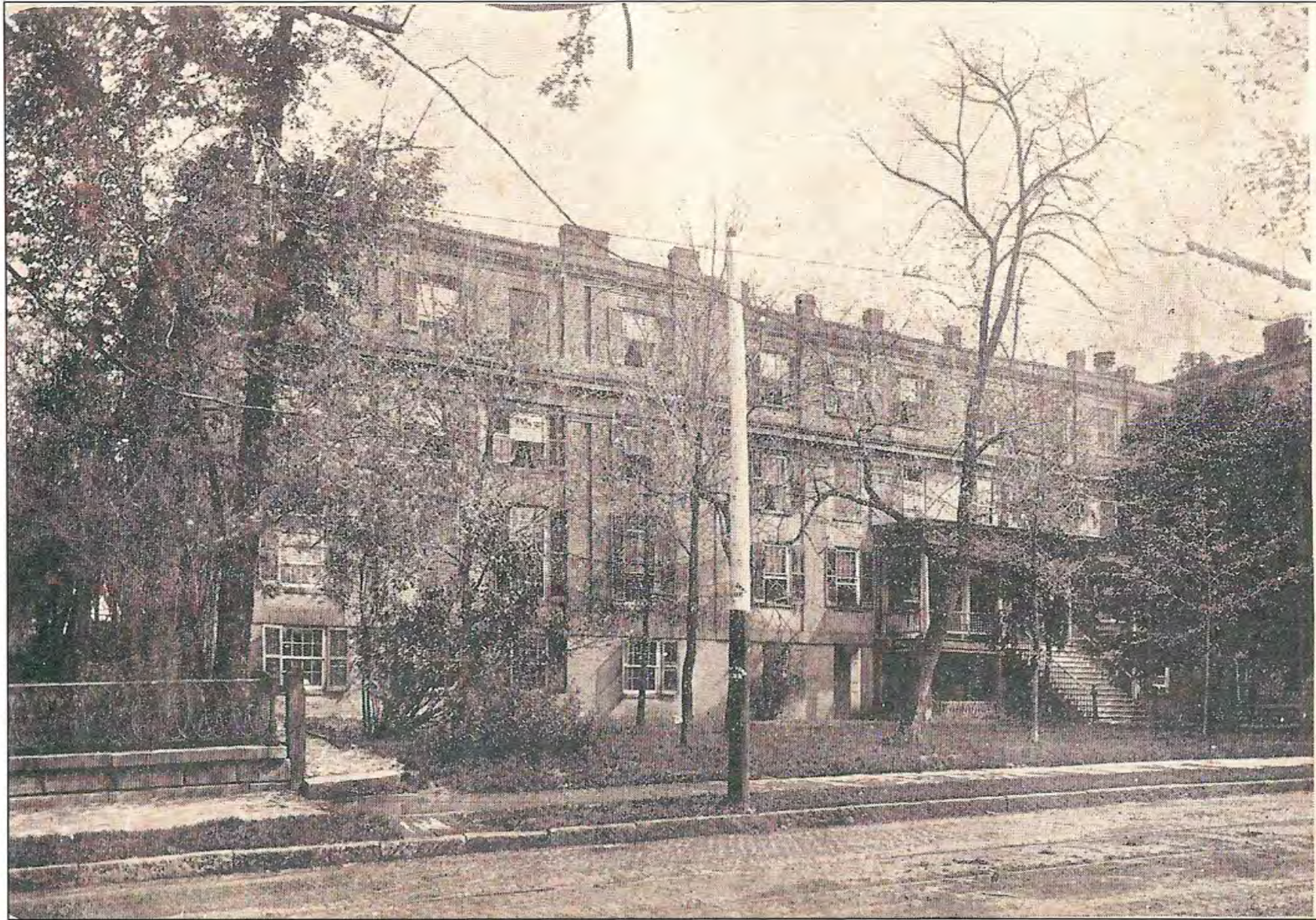
Washington Trust Building, Washington, PA-Unknown Year

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LeMoyne Crematory - Washington, PA
First Crematory Built in the United States

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Old Washington College, Washington, Pa.

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**Old Washington and Jefferson College
Washington, PA**

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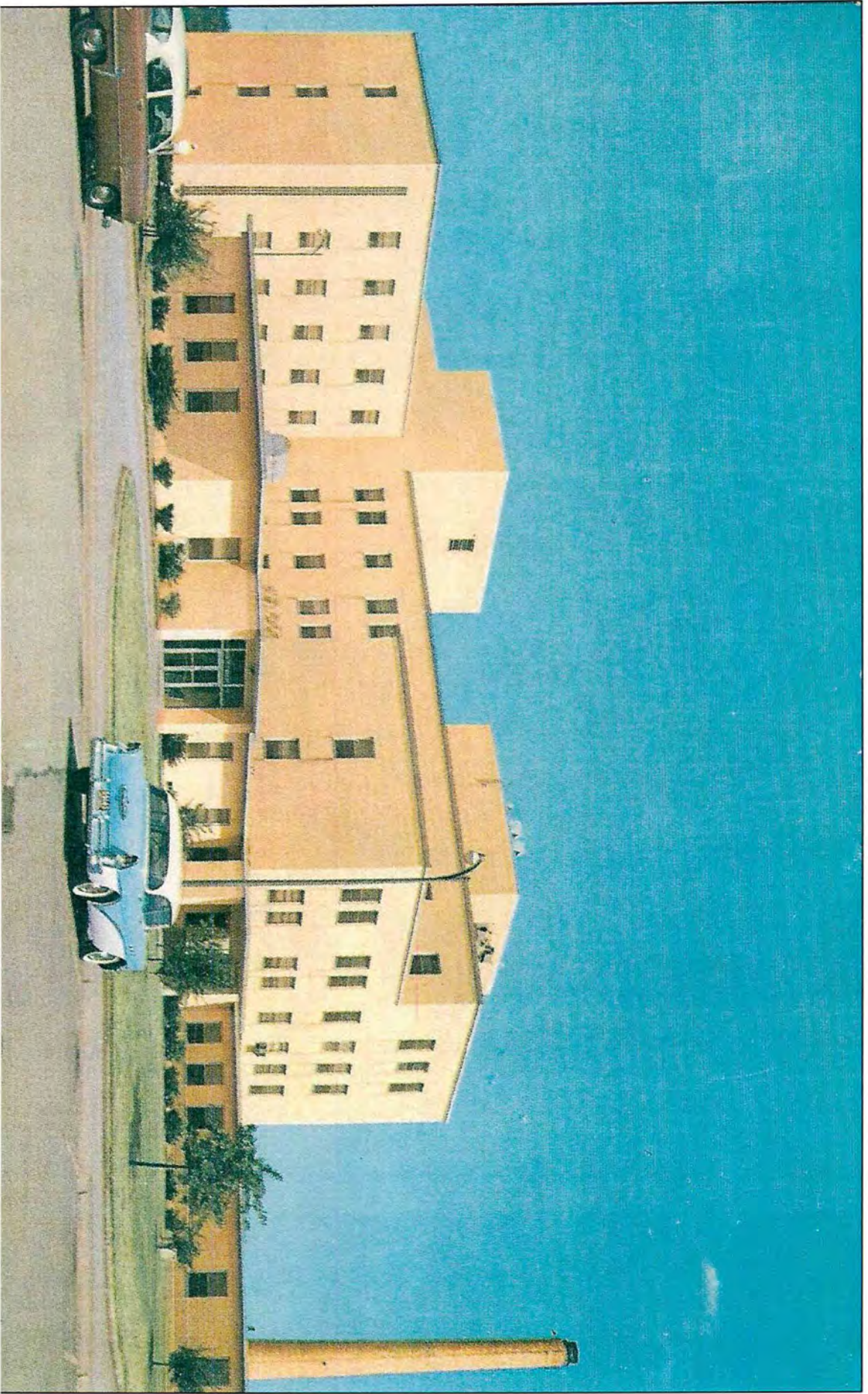


Main Street, Weirton, WV-Late 1950's
"Main Street business section on a quiet Sunday afternoon."
Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



Weirton Community Center-Late 1950's
"One of the most beautiful and most modern of its kind."

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Weirton General Hospital-Late 1950's

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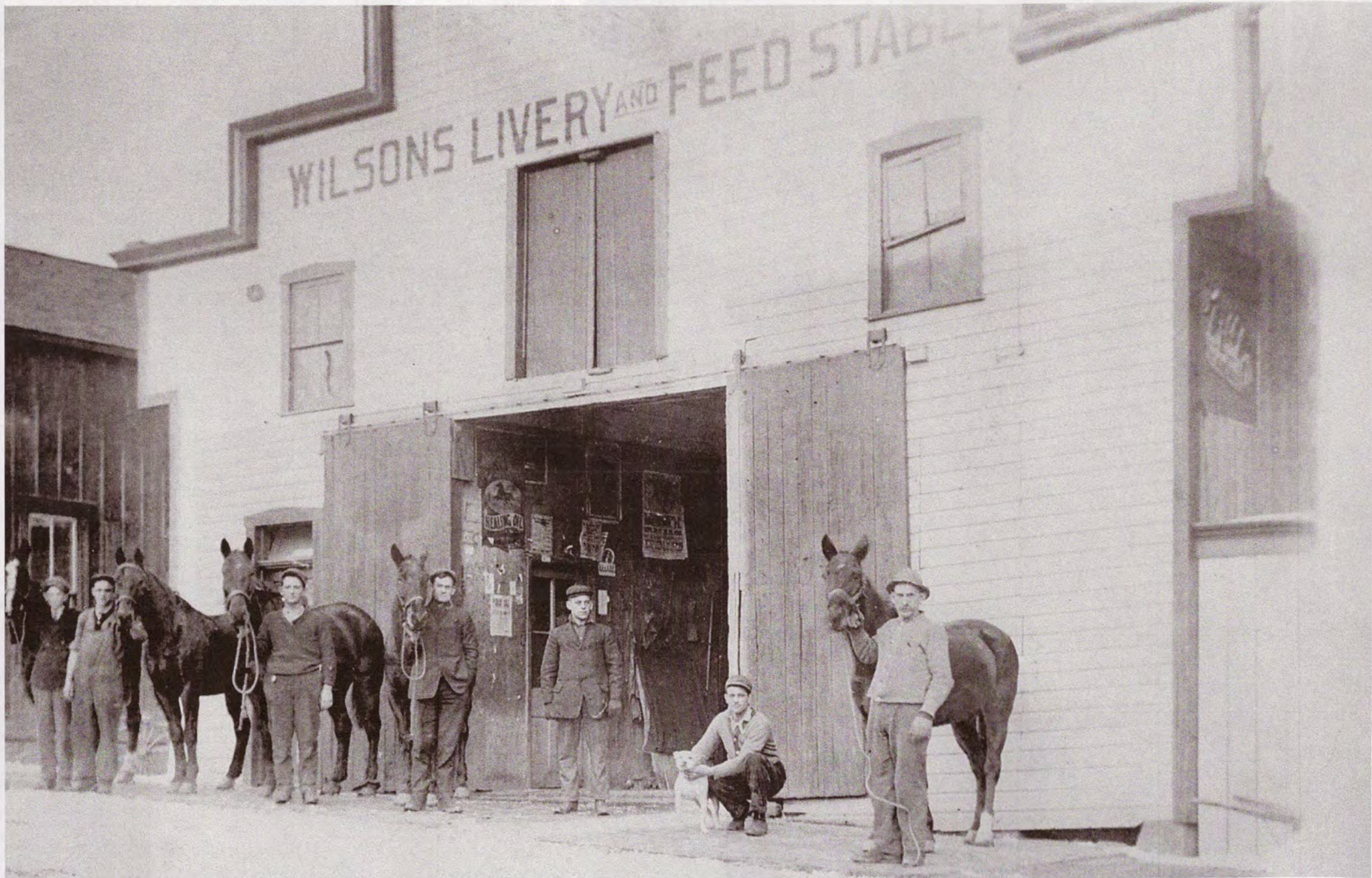


Main Street, West Middletown, PA

Scanned from an original Stereoscope Viewer Card.

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Wilson's Livery and Feed Stable



Men, L-R: Unknown, Hugh Wilson, Unknown, Dudley Wilson, Unknown, Unknown, George Wilson.
Horses (carefully recorded) Mac, Frank, Doc, Bill and Bess. *Photo donated by Mary Wilson.*
Fort Vance Historical Society



Regis Evantz and his cousin, Donnie

Wilson Livery Stable was turned into a gas station. Across from Burgettstown Hardware.

Wilson's Livery & Feed Stable
Main Street, Burgettstown, PA
across from where
Citizen's Bank now stands



The old livery stable, adjacent to Shaffer's Drug Store on Main street, has seen its last days.

Co-owners William Sausser and Bill Yukevich, realizing the building in its dilapidated condition, is causing a safety hazard, hired Joe Loncaric, of Langeloth, to tear it down. Plans call for a new building to be erected on the spot by next summer for use of office space and apartments.

The building has a very unique history, although the Enterprise has been unable to find out exactly when it was built. We do know that the building was purchased around 1880 from Orr Lee by Mr. William Cole. It was then

used as a feed stable for the old Exchange Hotel, owned by Mr. Cole.

It was first used as a livery stable by S. S. Morgan and William Ewing at the turn of the century, and later was bought by George H. Wilson. Mr. Wilson formerly owned a livery stable on the property adjacent to Thomassy's store, and moved to the old livery stable after selling his former stable to George Thomassy.

It was Mr. Wilson who rented the horses that were in that terrible explosion May 10, 1910, resulting in the death of the driver and team of horses after a load of

nitro-glycerine exploded.

Mr. Wilson, who was Sausser's grandfather, and his sons operated the livery stable for quite a while, "Dud" Wilson told an Enterprise reporter that at that time, there were three livery stables in town. The Wilson stable was reputedly one of the largest around. "Why," said Dud, "when they had the annual Camp Meeting at Independence, which was a big thing in those days, you had to order your horses a month in advance or you were out of luck."

Ben Kobe bought the livery stable about 15 years ago and sold out to Yukevich a year later.

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Wilson Livery Stable-Currently Weidert's Sporting Goods Store, Main Street, Burgettstown