

Then... and Now

The Great Valley Presbyterian Church Carriage Sheds



Mounting block and eastern carriage sheds.
Photographer and date unknown.



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Remaining two north carriage sheds in 1956.
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The mounting block (a set of stones to help in mounting a horse) in the upper pictures was built in 1794. The original carriage sheds along the north side were built in 1832, and rebuilt in 1885 to correspond with the new sheds which were added along the east side at that time. In 1926, a hole was cut in the north sheds to provide a second entrance to the cemetery and to give extra parking space. The east sheds were taken down in 1931 and all but two of the north sheds were destroyed by fire on May 21, 1947. These last two sheds, used for a while for storage and the sexton's garage, were torn down in 1959 when the new Christian Education building was started. The stone from the walls was used in the foundation of the new structure.

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