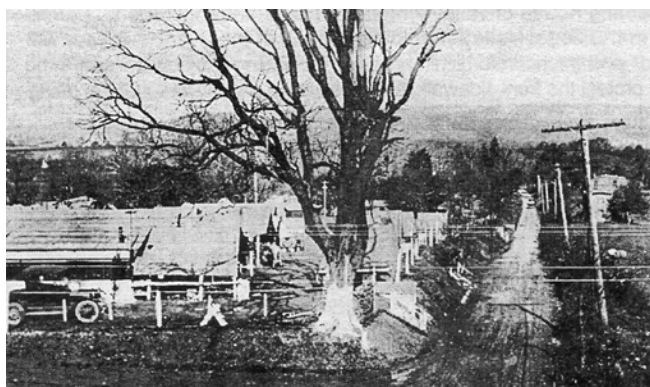


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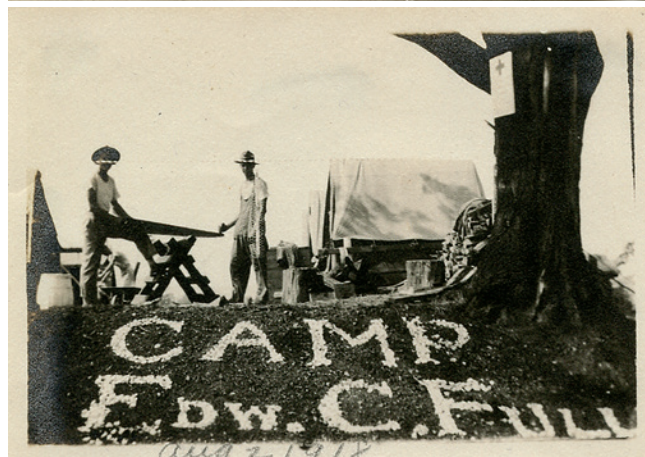
Other Materials

2016 was an especially rich year for donations. Another addition to the collection relates to Camp Fuller. This was a World War I United States Marine Corps signal training camp in western Tredyffrin Township, located on the property now occupied by the Vanguard Corporation. The view of the camp was a gift in 2013, one of the illustrations in the book-length history of the Marines donated by Charles P. Stone.³



Camp Fuller view, ca. 1918 (from *The Story of the U.S. Marines, 1740-1919*, donated by Charles P. Stone in 2013).

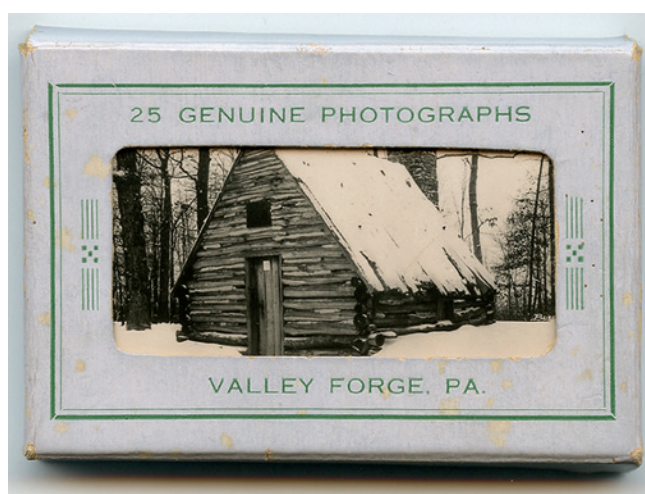
The view of the camp tents will now be joined by four pictures of men at Camp Fuller. They are a gift from Jim Brazel who bought them on the online auction service eBay. The photographs are all dated August 2, 1918, and show what seems to be the same two men engaged in some kind of construction or carpentry. In one of these, you can see the words “Camp Edw[ard]. C. Fuller” created out of



Marines working at Camp Fuller, 2 August 1918. Gift of Jim Brazel (TEHS Image Collection identifiers CFU01 & CFU0104)

white painted rocks on the slope. There is a third shot of the same two men standing in uniform on a road. We can only wish that at least one would have shown the men in actual signal corps training.

A second gift from Jim Brazel, also purchased on eBay, is a packet of 25 souvenir photographs of Valley Forge. This tiny item measures just 1 5/8 x 2 3/4 inches. The back of the box is imprinted with the words “Published by [the] Washington Inn, Valley Forge, PA,” and was probably for sale at the Inn and perhaps at other shops in the Valley Forge area. The Washington Inn, a building in Valley Forge Park near Washington’s Headquarters at the intersection of Valley Creek Road (Rte. 252) and Valley Forge Road (Rte. 23), had been converted in the 1850s to an inn, with fancy Victorian-style gingerbread and a prominent cupola. For about 75 years it was a very popular destination. About 1950, the Park Service began removing non-original additions to 18th-century buildings in the park. With little evidence remaining as to what the building looked like in 1778, the former Washington Inn was restored to look more like a Federal or early 19th-century structure, and named the David Potts House, after the man who was thought to be the property owner in the Federal Period.



Packet of 25 miniature photographs of Valley Forge scenes. Gift of Jim Brazel



The Mazie Hall House, on Mt. Pleasant Street, near Upper Gulph Road in Wayne. *Gift of Gretchen Kiernan.*

Three photographs of the Mazie Hall House on Mt. Pleasant Avenue in Wayne were the gift of Gretchen Kiernan, who photographed the house in 2006. These pictures are significant because Mazie Hall was an icon of courage in Tredyffrin for most of her 103 years. She spent most of her teaching career commuting to Camden to teach in all-black schools there.

But earlier, in 1932, eight years after graduating from West Chester Normal School (now West Chester University), Mazie Hall unfortunately alienated friends and colleagues in the black community of the upper Main Line by agreeing to become the principal of the segregated all-black school in her Mt. Pleasant area, after the Tredyffrin/Easttown (TE) School District had controversially decided to segregate its schools, and a huge civic uproar ensued.⁴ Although by 1934 the segregation decision had been reversed, the schools were again integrated, and despite her best intentions to ensure that the affected children would get a good education, sadly Mazie Hall had lost her job and many friends.

Charles P. Stone donated three color postcards of facilities at the Upper Main Line YMCA (UMLY), dating from the late 1960s. Two show children frolicking in the pool, and one depicts the tennis courts. The building in the background, known as Kelso, still survives on the UMLY property, having once been the country home of Gardner Cassatt, the younger brother of Alexander Cassatt who owned Chesterbrook Farm.



Mazie Hall in 2002, a week before her 100th birthday
(TEHS Biographical Files)

In 1962, after nearly thirty years of teaching in Camden, Mazie retired. She remained active in the community of Mt. Pleasant until almost the end of her life, mentoring scores of young people, teaching them in her dining room, and later in the community center. In 1993, she donated her large collection of African-American history books, pamphlets, and other papers to Eastern College.⁵ She is now remembered, in part, by a Tredyffrin Township community park named in her honor, and located in her beloved Mt. Pleasant neighborhood.



Swimming pool at the Upper Main Line YMCA, late 1960s.
Gift of Charles P. Stone

Artifacts

In the category of artifacts, the TEHS received several fascinating items. Two caps, from the Devon American Legion Post and the Devon-Strafford Lions Club, were donated by Dominic DeVitis, in memory of his father Nunzio DeVitis. Also received was a grass seed bag from Berwyn Hardware, ca. 1950; and five 35mm slides of scenes in Valley Forge Park, taken in 1962—gifts of Larry and Joyce DeYoung.



Devon-Strafford Lions Club cap. Gift of Dominic De Vitis

A pint-milk bottle from the Warner Dairy in Berwyn was a gift of Charles P. Stone. The Warner Dairy operated from 1914 to 1955, and in a nice coincidence, the location of their large dairy production facility, built in 1926, was the site of the Mack Oil Company today, so it would have been the next business on that site after William Burns' Berwyn Planing Mill and before Mack Oil. The business was formed by combining several smaller dairies, some of which had operated as early as the 1880s. The Society also received two quart-milk bottles, from Chesterbrook Farm and Crumdale Farm, a gift from Edith Blair Perry in memory of her mother, Janet Perry, who was a TEHS member for many years.⁶

Ms. Perry also donated a carpenter's apron from Fritz Lumber, a particularly appropriate gift given that 2016 was the year Fritz Lumber closed after 153 years in operation. Through the efforts of Roger Thorne, we also have some fifty scans of various Fritz Lumber letterhead paper, correspondence, and invoices.



Many other gifts were received in 2016, a banner year for the TEHS. Below is a summary; details of each donation are available through the archives.

Photographs

- Mounted photographic enlargement showing the post office and bank buildings along Lancaster Ave. in Berwyn, ca. 1909. Gift of Anna Sicalides.
- Photograph of the 1920–21 TE High Girls' Basketball Team. Gift of Ron Tobias.
- Photo-enlargement of the Richardson Knitting Mill (formerly the Easttown-Berwyn Primary School), showing the Richardson sign better than in previous existing images. See the same image, in smaller format, in the TEHS data base (image identifier BE163). Gift of Patti Skahan.
- Two photographs of Berwyn, inscribed "H. Hawkins and J. H. Kain," and "Hillside near Berwyn," by Lucy Sampson. Gift of Mike Bertram (purchased on eBay).
- Photograph printed on postcard stock, inscribed "Hex Barn, Between DeVault and Valley Forge, PA." Gift of Jim Brazel (purchased on eBay).
- Printed program from the funeral of Mildred Burruss, and a photocopy of an 8 x 10" photograph of three African Americans, inscribed "Jesse W. Vause / Bessie R. (Vause) Barnes / Richard Vause, about 1945." Gifts of Penny Washington for the collection established in memory of Mildred Burruss.
- Printed card with envelope postmarked May 8, 1898 to "Mr. W. Downing, Berwyn PA, Willow Dale House." Gift of Brett Snyder.
- Miscellaneous papers relating to Wadsworth family reunions, and some genealogical notes, 1915 to 1976 (approx.), part of the Wadsworth-Burns Collection.
- Collection of 30 printed brochures and newspaper clippings; and a collection of photocopies of deeds and other records relating to the house at 95 Cassatt Road. Gift of Herbert Fry.

Maps

- Three photocopied railroad maps: from *Mueller's Atlas of the Pennsylvania RR from Overbrook to Paoli*, 1908. Gift of Michael Morrison.
- Plate 31 from Mueller's 1912 RR atlas, showing Paoli center, the Dingee property, and the triangular section with Schofield's Bazaar.
- Undated drawing of the intersection of Conestoga and Cassatt Roads in Berwyn, probably first half of the 20th century, showing details of Devereux Foundation

property. Gift of the Reading Company Technical & Historical Society.

- Hand-drawn map of Cedar Hollow (photocopy), created by Sam Bertucciati and drawn by Albert M. Giasanti, 1992. Gift of Herb Fry.
- Collection of five maps of the Main Line, and one of the Delaware Valley. Gift of Charles P. Stone.

Books

- *World War II and Chester County Pennsylvania* by Marion M. Piccolomini, (The History Press, 2016). Gift of the author.
- Three books donated by the Tredyffrin Public Library:
 - *Devon – A Pictorial History* by Margaret DePiano and Stephen DiAddezio (2007).
 - *On the Main Line: The Pennsylvania Railroad in the Nineteenth Century* by Edwin P. Alexander, (New York, Bramhall House, 1974).
 - *Main Line by Rail: Its History and Transformation* by George McKean Harding (2011, self-published, 180 pp.).

- Three 19th-century schoolbooks, donated by Cheryl Leibold:

- *The Second Book of 100 Pictures*, (Philadelphia, American Sunday-School Union, 1862)
- *Tom Brown's School Days by an Old Boy*, (London, Macmillan & Co., 1880)
- *The Westminster Question Book* (Philadelphia, Presbyterian Board of Publication, 1891)

Digital Media

- Disc containing *The Gee Family History*, 2016.
- Digital copy of an 8mm film and about 45 digital copies of 35mm slides, taken by the Paoli Fire Company (PFC) showing various emergencies to which the PFC was called (ca. 1950 to 1980).

Miscellaneous

- Tredyffrin Township Police shirt and two cloth badges
- T-shirt made for the 50th anniversary of the Tredyffrin Public Library

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