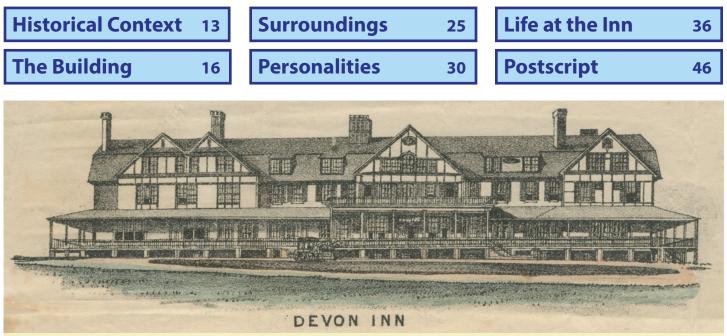
The Devon Inn Story: Further Discoveries

In the sections that follow, you will find information and images that expand upon and complement the historical narrative (Goshorn) presented on the preceding pages. This supplemental information is organized into six broad categories:



An engraving of the first Devon Inn (1882), a detail from the 1883 map. Courtesy of Greg Prichard.

Devon Inn History Timeline

| 1877 – 1895 | Gilded Age in the U.S.; Railroads were one of |
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| | the major growth industries. |
| 1881 - 1882 | Coffin and Alternus purchase nearly 500 acres |
| | along the Pennsylvania Railroad between |
| | Berwyn and Eagle |
| September 1881 | Announcement of a new village to be called |
| - | "Devon" |
| February 1882 | Ground is broken for first Devon Inn |
| August 1882 | First Devon Inn opens under Crump |
| | management |
| December 1882 | Foundation dug for new railroad station at |
| | Devon |
| August 1883 | The first Devon Inn burns; Plans to rebuild |
| | begin immediately |
| May 1884 | Second Devon Inn opens |
| September 1890 | Earliest electric lighting at the Devon Inn |
| 1893 to 1897 | Panic of 1893; Economic depression |
| January 1895 | Lemuel Coffin dies unexpectedly |
| January 1895 | Miss M. E. Simmons becomes new manager |
| 1896 - 1916 | Progressive Era, period of social activism and |
| | political reform |
| July 1896 | First Devon Horse Show held at the Polo |
| | Grounds |
| September 1896 | Coffin, Altemus & Co. fails |
| August 1898 | Miss Simmons purchases the Inn and a large |
| | portion of the surrounding property |
| October, 1908 | Ford Model T introduced |
| January 1910 | Miss Simmons passes away, and her sister |
| | Ellen Patten inherits the Inn |

| May 1910 | Efforts are made to sell the Inn |
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| April 1912 | Titanic sinks |
| March 1913 | Devon Inn loses liquor license and closes at |
| | end of season |
| April 1914 | Ellen Patten and her husband sell the Devon |
| | Inn to a syndicate; Inn remains closed |
| March 1917 | The Inn is sold and the Devon Manor School |
| | for Girls opens there in October |
| 1917 to 1919 | World War I |
| 1920 to 1929 | Roaring 20s |
| April 1920 | Devon Horse Show purchases Polo Grounds |
| November 1923 | Devon Manor School announces bankruptcy |
| January 1924 | Devon Manor School property is sold at |
| | sheriff's sale |
| June 1926 | Devon Park Hotel opens |
| May 1928 | Valley Forge Military Academy is established |
| | and announces it will open at Devon |
| September 1928 | Devon Park Hotel closes; Valley Forge |
| | Military Academy opens in the former |
| | Devon Inn |
| January 1929 | Fire destroys Valley Forge Military Academy |
| | (the former Inn building) |
| 1929 to 1941 | The Great Depression |
| April 1930 | The final standing wall collapses after the |
| | devastating Devon fireworks plant explosion |
| November 1939 | Property is purchased by developer J. Robert |
| | Lenhart |
| May 1940 | Homes are offered for sale on the site of |
| | former Devon Inn |