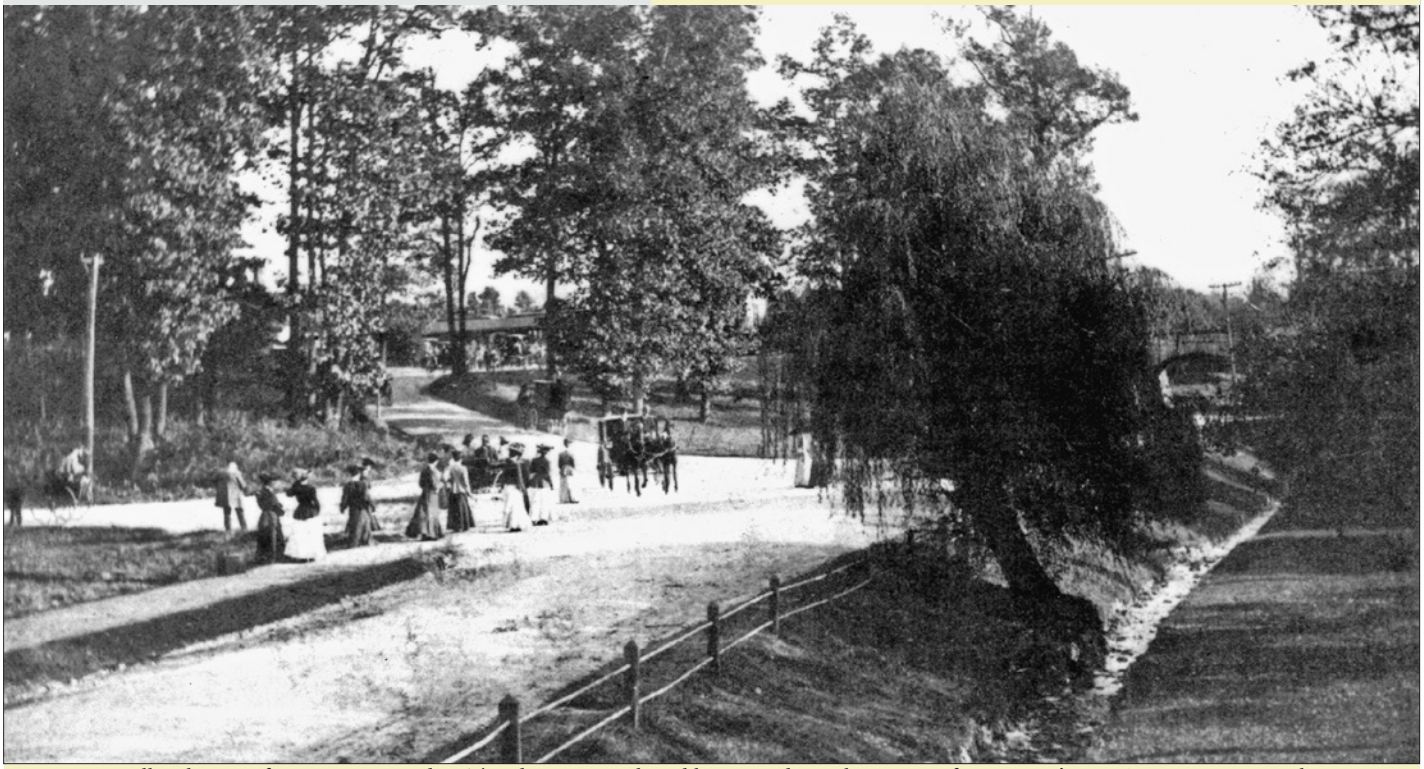
Posts from facebook: Teddy Roosevelt in Devon

Originally published on the Society's facebook page by curator Meg Wiederseim on 12 November 2022, her post combined a remarkable photo found in the TEHS Archives with a *Scranton Times* newspaper story from October 15, 1904. This intriguing piece of history nicely connects Joyce DeYoung's observations on several curiosities in the area surrounding Devon station, with the Philander Knox estate in Valley Forge Park, site of (unrelated) Brigadier-General Henry Knox's headquarters during the 1777–78 encampment, as mentioned in Justin Clement's story about Ned Hector.



A recent view of the same area with the orginal Devon Station building on the left beyong the trees, and the same underpass on the right. *Courtesy of John O. Senior.*



Passing a small gathering of spectators, President Theodore Roosevelt and his party depart by carriage from Devon's PRR Station enroute to the marriage of Philander Knox's daughter at his Valley Forge estate on October 15, 1904. This view looks southeast, with N. Waterloo Avenue crossing diagonally from the lower left, and Station Road coming in from the left side. The PRR station is on the left, up the access road, and the viaduct carrying the tracks over the road, still used today, is visiable on the right beyond the tree. From the E. L. Kirk collection. *Courtesy of TEHS Archives.*

Devon, PA — October 15, 1904

President Theodore Roosevelt departs Devon Station

"President and Mrs. Roosevelt journeyed to Valley Forge today to attend the marriage of Miss Rebekah Page Knox, daughter of Senator Philander Chase Knox, to James Robert Tindle of Pittsburgh. The wedding took place at Elsmere, or as Senator Knox calls it, Valley Forge farm, the senator's beautiful country place, five miles from Devon. There were about one hundred guests, the invitations being restricted to the relatives and close personal friends of the Knox family.

The president left Washington at 10 o'clock this morning traveling in the private car, Bangor, attached to the regular express on the Pennsylvania railroad. The train arrived at Philadelphia at 1 o'clock, and the president's car was Immediately detached and ran out as a special to Devon.

The train arrived at Devon at 1:25 o'clock and the president, Mrs. Roosevelt, and Mrs. and Miss Hitchcock, wife and daughter of the secretary of interior, who accompanied them, remained in the private car on a side track until 3:15 when the party started for the Knox home. Reed Knox, the senator's son, met the party, and they were driven to the farm in a wagonette, drawn by a pair of Senator Knox's fine horses. A crowd of villagers and country people cheered the president as he emerged from his car.

It was a fine autumn day, and everything looked peaceful, but a secret service officer was seated beside the driver and a hack load of plain clothes men from Philadelphia followed the vehicle closely until It reached the entrance to the grounds of the Knox place."

(From the *Scranton Tribune*, Oct. 16, 1904, p. 1)

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