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From the Editor

We lead off with Meg Wiederseim's well-documented feature on the Quaker Trailer Company that occupied a portion of the old Walter L. Lobb & Co. lumber yard property in Devon for a few years in the late 1930s. Today we know their main factory bulding as Whole Foods Market. The meteoric rise and fall of this local company may be an unfamiliar story to many of our readers, and reflects a largely lost cultural phenomenon.

Continuing a tradition that goes back to 2012, we present Society archivist Cheryl Leibold's overview of the various gifts and donations received by the Society during the years 2019–21, selectively bringing them to life with interesting stories and careful research.

Supplementing Cheryl's report, Associate Editor Heidi Sproat provides a brief summary of, and some representative examples from, the five additional collections of digital images added to the Society's Image Collection in 2021. As always, special thanks to Heidi for her essential research on the images and related content.

In a related story, Bart Van Valkenburgh interprets a series of photographs—primarily depicting a 1949 parade in Paoli—that were donated last year, and have connections to to the Garber-Pyle Collection received in 2020.

We are also pleased to present an original poem by area resident Joseph Romano. In the earlier years of the *Quarterly*, poems often appeared, but it has been quite a while since the last one was published and it is a welcome addition.

Another installment of "posts from facebook" from editor Meg Wiederseim brings a remarkable tale of criminal mischief.

Lastly, we remember three departed friends of the Society — Joel Fry, Sharon Brazel, and Anne Murdock.

Special thanks to Mike Bertram and Roger Thorne for valuable contributions and assistance with some of the images and stories.



Photo of the interior of the Whole Foods Market building in Devon, showing the raised clerestory roof structure, still intact from its original times as a factory building for the Quaker Trailer Company in the 1930s, and before that, the Walter L. Lobb & Co. lumber yard. *Courtesy © John O. Senior*

Erratum for Volume 56 Number 3 (Autumn 2022)

In the editorial note on page 17, Edward "Ted" TenBroeck should have been listed as the son (not grandson) of the elder Edward, and brother of Craig.

Trash or Treasure?

It is not uncommon for us to hear from or about people who are in possession of some items that they may be uncertain how to value, but for which they would like to find a new home.

If you (or people you know) have photographs, drawings, maps, letters, documents, books, or other items of possible (or definite) historic interest that might be donated to the Society, please visit the Archives page of our website (**http://www.tehistory.org/archives.html**) and review our Collecting Policy, or contact us directly for more information. Email: **archive@tehistory.org**

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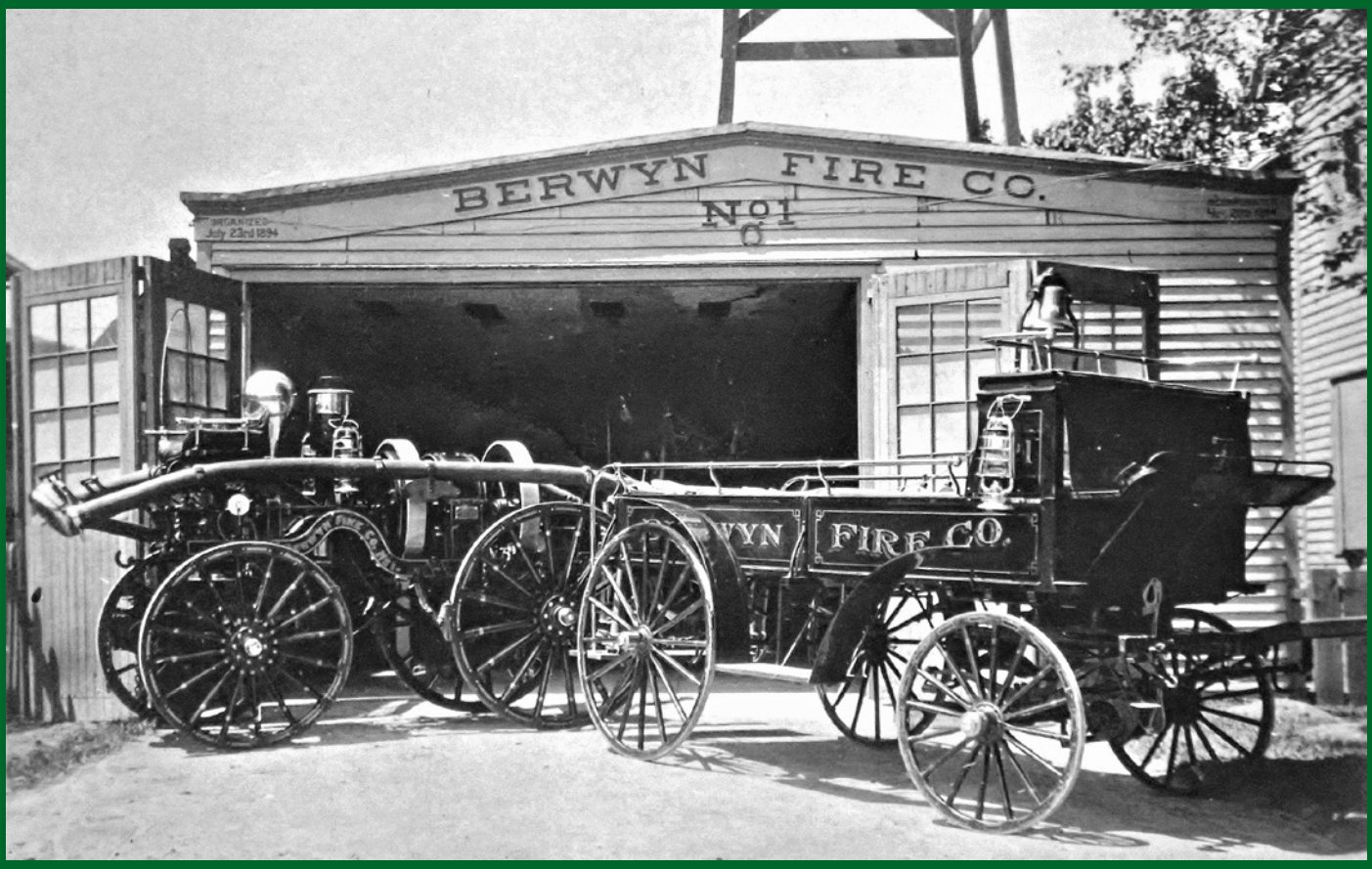
Back Cover: (UPPER) Berwyn Fire Co. No. 1 in its original location on Berwyn Ave. with horse-drawn equipment on display. (BFC16) For more information, please see the companion image (BFC15) described on page 32. *Robert Cohen Collection, TEHS Archives.*

(LOWER) In this photograph by Lucy Sampson, Henry Oscar Garber proudly sits in the driver's seat of the Berwyn Fire Company's new pumper. For more information, please see the image description (BFC11) on page 23 and the surrounding story. *Garber-Pyle Collection, TEHS Archives.*

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Early images of Berwyn Fire Company No. 1

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