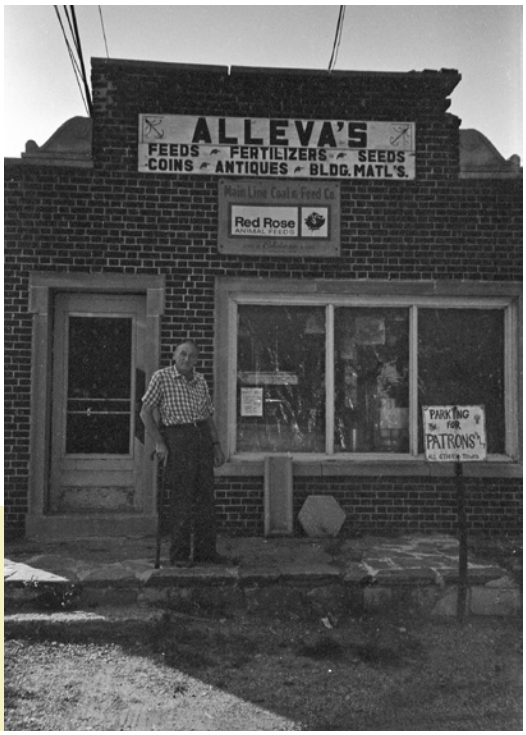
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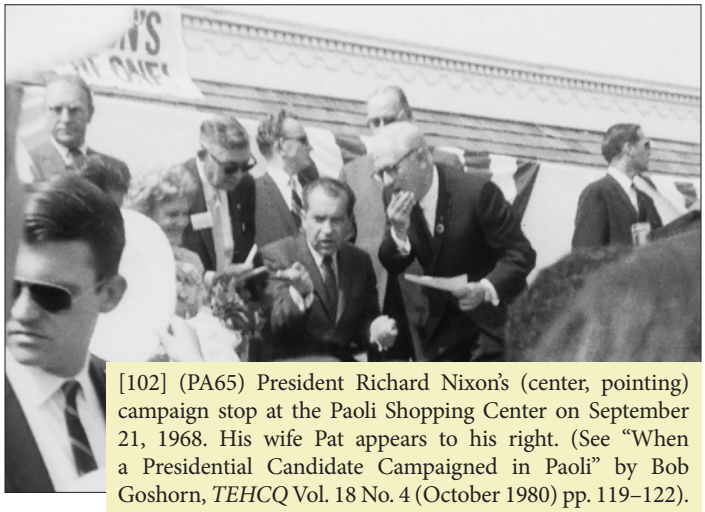
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As a supplement to archivist Cheryl Leibold's preceding article "Gifts Received by the TEHS in 2019, 2020, and 2021," it is important to note that five additional donated collections totaling over 670 digital-only images were added to the Society's online Image Collection database as they became available in 2019–2021. Special thanks to John O. Senior and Mike Bertram for help with the images and additional research.

Those collections include: [102] Richard Nixon's 1968 campaign stop in Paoli, donated by Ronald D. Fish, then a Paoli Young Republican; [104] a strike in 1958 at the American Non-Gran Bronze Company in Berwyn, donated by George W. Pyle Jr.; [105] historical photos of our area transferred from the Downingtown Historical Society; [106] Robert Cohen's eclectic vintage postcard collection, including an undated image of Valley Forge by noted Berwyn photographer, Lucy Sampson, (SCU08); and [103] almost 600 images extracted and digitized from the *Suburban* newspaper and thoughtfully donated to the Society by member and prominent local historian Greg Prichard.



[103] (ALL01) Alleva's store (and Main Line Coal & Feed Co.—visible on the "Red Rose" sign), 1985. The business, located northwest of Paoli station, was owned and operated by Edward Alleva from 1940 until his death in 1966. His brother John took over until 1985 when the property was sold to SEPTA for parking. The building was demolished. More information on the businesses in this neighborhood and the involved Alleva family members can be found in "Paoli Coal and Lumber Merchants" in the Document Collection section of the Society website — **documents.tehistory.org/docs/doc396.html**



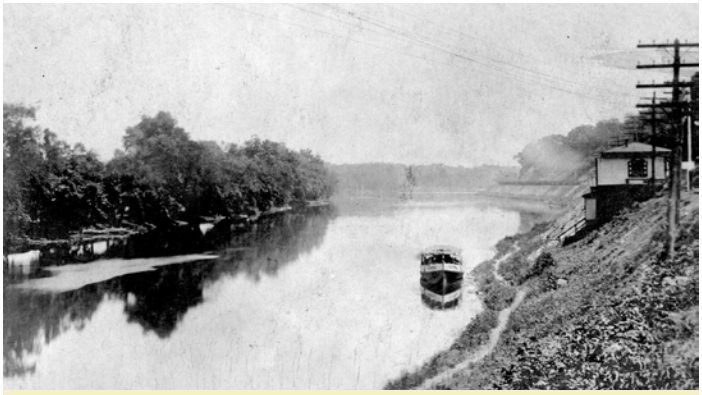
[102] (PA65) President Richard Nixon's (center, pointing) campaign stop at the Paoli Shopping Center on September 21, 1968. His wife Pat appears to his right. (See "When a Presidential Candidate Campaigned in Paoli" by Bob Goshorn, *TEHCQ* Vol. 18 No. 4 (October 1980) pp. 119–122).



[104] (BBB04) Critical 1958 strike at the American Non-Gran Bronze Company in Berwyn (See "American Non-Gran Bronze Company" by Bob Goshorn *TEHCQ* Vol. 37 No. 4 (October 1999) pp. 125–130). Note the Berwyn Esso station (Handel's former location) and the former Easttown Township Building & Library in the background.



[105] (VFS05) an undated view of Valley Forge train station.



[106] (SCU08) "A view on the Schuylkill River at Valley Forge Station, Pa." — undated photo by Lucy Sampson.

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There are over fifty categories of images from the *Suburban*, most of which are black and white, and generally feature local area buildings, sites, and events mostly in the 1980s and 90s.

We offer a representative sample from this collection, including photos of the former Datsun dealership (BUS101), the Olde Covered Wagon Inn (CWI05), and "places that aren't there anymore," like Fonzo's Harbor House Restaurant (HHR04) in Berwyn (demolished after a 1987 fire and the current site of the Spa Car Wash and Tires Plus), and even Martini's Restaurant (BUS91) in Devon, which closed in 1998. Area residents are probably most familiar with these notable, but former, landmark businesses.

Additionally, there are images of traffic accidents at the notorious Routes 30 and 252 (PA128) (where the old "Paoli Video" used to be), truck and bridge mishaps (CVR145), the old Valley Forge Music Fair (VFM12), railroad views of Berwyn, Devon Station, St. Peter's Church, and hundreds more that our readers will most probably readily recognize as from "times gone by."



[103] (BUS101) A 1984 view of the Devon Datsun dealership at 459 West Lancaster Ave. in Devon, now Nissan of The Main Line.



[103] (CWI05) A 1986 view of The Olde Covered Wagon Inn at Lancaster Ave. & Old Eagle School Rd. in Strafford. While later additions were removed, the oldest section of the structure remains.



[103] (HHR04) Demolition of Fonzo's Harbor House Restaurant in Berwyn, following a fire in 1987. Note the three Main Line Berwyn Apartments buildings.



[103] (VFM12) A ticket line at the Valley Forge Music Fair, Devon, 1993. The business closed in 1996, and the structure was demolished and replaced by retail stores, including Barnes and Noble.

[103] (BUS91) Demolition of Martini's Restaurant in Devon, 1998, as part of the consolidation process that combined eight parcels to accommodate the construction of the elaborate La Jonquille/Shiraz restaurants and adjacent retail building.



[103] (LJD12) A February 1998 picture of the construction of the La Jonquille/Shiraz restaurant building. If you were ever fortunate enough to enjoy a meal there, you may recall the front bistro, marble floors and bar, and the rose quartz hanging fixtures and brass accents.



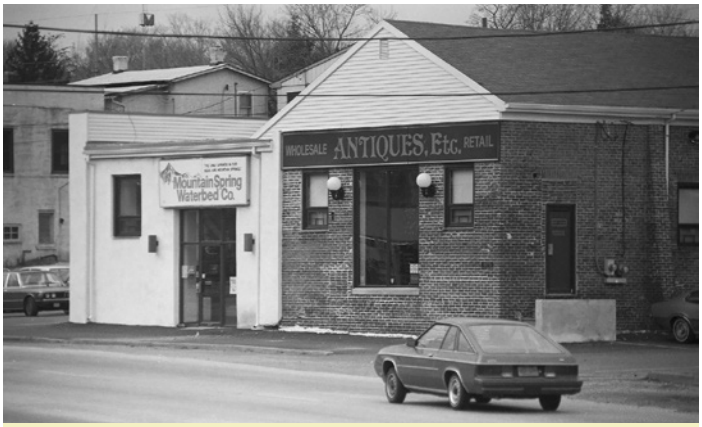
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[103] (PA128) 1986 traffic accident at Routes 30 and 252 in Paoli. Note the Township personnel working on the electrical connections of the downed traffic signal, the Tredyffrin police officer at work with a possible culprit in the back seat of the cruiser, and the small Paoli Video store building, later Clockworks.



[103] (CVR145) Truck meets bridge on Swedesford Road, January 30, 1990. Unfortunately for the bridge, the truck won. The bridge carried the Cedar Hollow spur of the Chester Valley Railroad over the road. The dislodged steel structure lies in the road with the remains of the truck, while the railroad ties remain suspended by the tracks. A rebuilt bridge now carries the Chester Valley Trail.



[103] (BE223) In this 1984 image, the building marked as "Antiques Etc." is the former home of the old Berwyn Ice Company founded in 1901, later occupied by "Yang's Farmers Market," and most recently, "Handel's Homemade Ice Cream." Note the "Mountain Spring Waterbed Co." (now "Kramer Drive") located immediately to the west of "Antiques, Etc."—a reminder of days gone by when waterbeds were very popular.

To better understand the building's historical significance, see Annabelle B. Motley's article "The Berwyn Ice Plant" in *TEHCQ* Vol. 16 No. 1 (June 1972) pp. 18-22, and the more recent "The Berwyn Ice Plant" by Frances Pane Kauffman *TEHQ* Vol. 50 No. 4 (July 2003) p. 128. Also see "Then... and Now: Berwyn Ice Plant" *TEHCQ* Vol. 40 No. 3 (July 2003) p. 112, and "Berwyn Village Walk: (#7) Berwyn Ice Plant" Vol. 37 No. 4 (October 1999) p. 118.



[103] (FPC56) Perhaps some of my favorite images in the collection are those reflecting the April 14, 1986 move of the old Paoli Library building to its new location adjacent to Paoli Presbyterian Church on South Valley Rd. At the time, we had young children who were mesmerized by the relocation orchestration of this giant building on wheels negotiating streets, lamp posts, overhead wires, and onlooking gawkers. Early reproduced images in the original story of the move in *TEHCQ* Vol. 24 No. 3 (July 1986) pp. 105-110 do not do justice to the actual move. These new images help to resurrect the visual impact of this entrancing engineering feat. See also images FPC33-FPC68.



[103] (CAA10) The Cassatt Avenue Bridge, an overhead iron plate girder bridge was originally constructed by the PRR in about 1880, and rebuilt in 1898. Years of continued use brought it to a deteriorated condition and it was closed in 1981. A new steel bridge was erected in collaboration with SEPTA in 1999 and is now used exclusively as a walkway by railroad commuters and other foot traffic. See "Berwyn Bridge Reconstruction Underway" in *TEHCQ* Vol. 36 No. 1 (January 1998) p. 29. The dedication ceremony for the bridge also included the unveiling of the relocated World War I Veterans' Memorial that had been moved back—very close to its original location—from the former Easttown Township Building and Library at Midland and Berwyn Avenues. See "Pedestrian Bridge Dedicated" in *TEHCQ* Vol. 37 No. 3 (July 1999) p. 107.

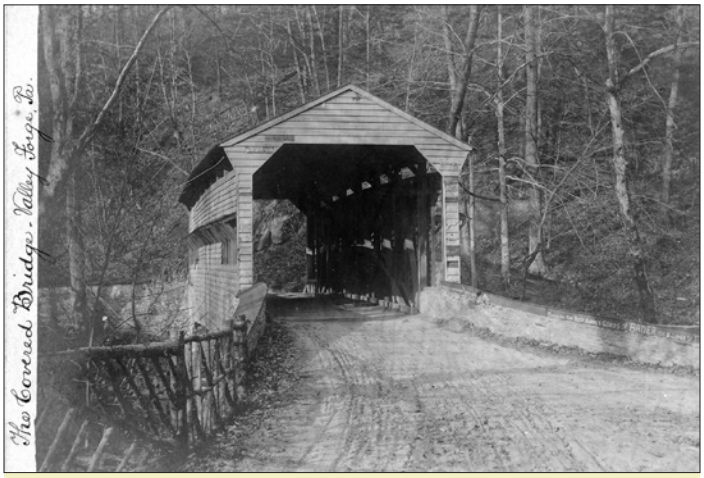


(RIGHT) Unveiling the relocated WW1 memorial (*FROM L–R*): State Sen. Robert Thompson; County Commissioner Colin Hanna; State Rep. Carole Rubley; Dick Kurtz; and SEPTA General Manager John K. Leary, applauding; County Commissioner Karen Martynick (hidden). (BE192) *From the Herb Fry Collection, TEHS Archives.*

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Two other noteworthy images from the Neil Sardiñas and family collection [101] depict the Berwyn Theatre (BET21) and the Berwyn Fire Co. No. 1 (BFC16) in its original location, and three more from the Robert Cohen collection [106] complete our modest sampling of this rich resource.

Do take some time to browse through the images in these groups, especially the extensive *Suburban* collection. I'd wager many of them will bring back some wonderful memories. The images are available in our online Image Collection at **images.tehistory.org/index.html** — you can also use the **Image Collection** links on various pages of our website **tehistory.org** — and the alphanumeric image identifiers provided in the text can be used as search targets. (Note: If you want to browse through all of the *Suburban* images, please use the search string "Suburban" in the first search field, and "Prichard" in the second search field.)



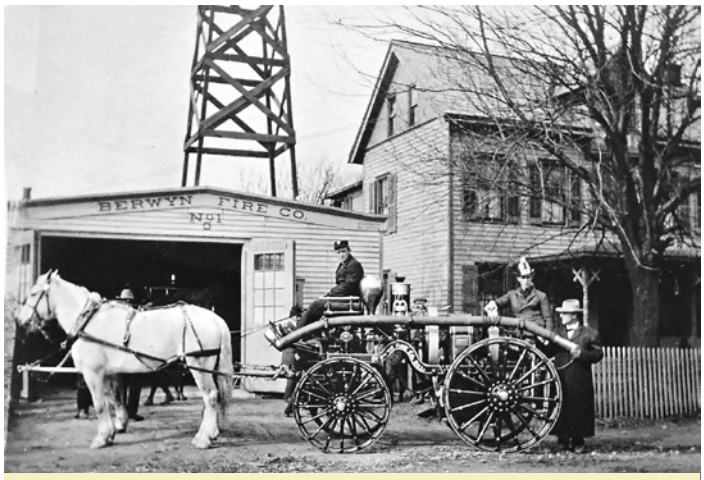
[106] (KCB58) A wonderful image by photographer Lucy Sampson featuring the iconic Knox Covered Bridge over Valley Creek. To read more about this area and the bridge, see Mike Bertram's article "A History of the Yellow Springs Road in Valley Forge National Park", *TEHQ* Vol. 42 No. 4 (Fall 2005) pp. 107-109.



[106] (VC25) An 1876 photo of lower Valley Creek (downstream from the Knox Covered Bridge), with the stone arch of the bridge that carries Valley Forge Road (Route 23) upstream in the distance.



[101] (BET21) An undated photo of The Berwyn Theater on Cassatt Ave. in Berwyn, still standing and currently the Philadelphia regional offices of Playfly Sports, a national sports marketing & media company.



[101] (BFC15) Berwyn Fire Co. No. 1 in its original location on Berwyn Ave. with horse-drawn equipment. Note the rich detail of the Waterous pumper, particularly the chromed fittings. The Malvern Fire Company still owns and maintains a similar 1903 Waterous pumper.

While this photo is undated, some useful details can be found in "Berwyn Fire Company" by Florence Barnes, *TEHCQ* Vol. 15 No. 4 (October 1970) pp. 61–65. On page 62 it states "In 1906 a horse drawn Waterous 350 gallon pumper was purchased ..." and given the pristine appearance of the pumper proudly displayed in the image, it seems reasonable to suggest a similar date for the photo. See also the photo (BFC16) on the back cover where above the left corner of the doorway, just below the roof, you can read "Organized July 23, 1894" corresponding to the date mentioned on page 81 of the article.



[106] (WSP07) An undated colorized postcard photo of Washington Spring along the road beside Valley Creek (downstream from the Knox Covered Bridge). Also referred to as "Martha Washington Spring."

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