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Oxford's nineteenth century heritage is portrayed in its brick streetscapes, especially the picturesque Oxford Grain and Hay building. Imagine the lives of citizens eighty years ago living in Kennett Square Historic District's western section of bungalows with spacious front lawns.

Step back in time, in fact 226 years, to the Paoli Battlefield with its heritage field plantings. Sshh, I think the British are coming. Don't miss the Mill at Anselma and see the recently restored, historic waterwheel. And finally, absorb twentieth century history at Yellow Springs that highlights Science Fiction film productions featuring Steve McQueen's honeymoon cottage and other notables.

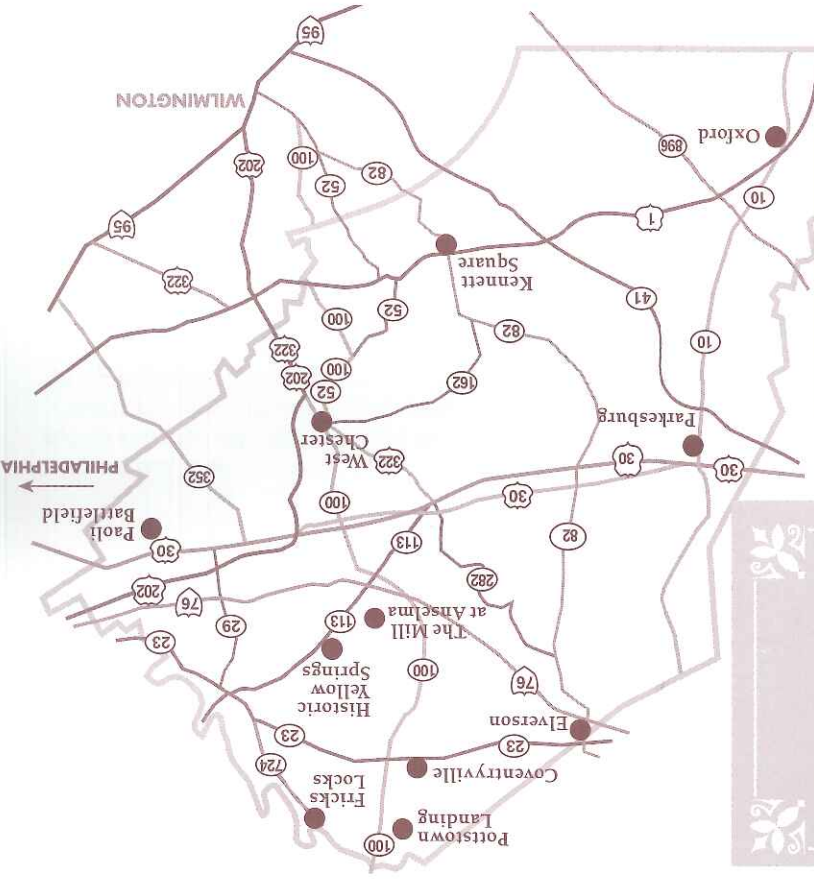
Partnerships have been established to take facts out of filing cabinets and share stories and folklore with neighbors and all the visitors we welcome to our FREE summer-long program. Many of our restaurants will feature "Early Bird" Specials for pre-tour suppers or other dining values after your Town Tour or Village Walk.

The nostalgic delights of our historic villages are yours to discover as you spend lovely summer evenings on any, or all of the FREE evening Town Tours and Village Walks. Designed to evoke memories of life in simpler times, they're an experience to share with family and friends. Your guides, some in period dress, are experts in local history and architecture. They bring to life the people who lived and worked along the streets you'll travel. For years, they have researched old records to learn about the historic buildings in their neighborhoods. Highlighted are properties, both residential and business, revealing the fabric of three centuries of domestic, social and industrial life in our region, one of William Penn's first named counties.

Here, homes are lovingly restored and show the charm of small town life in the Colonial, Federal, Greek Revival, Victorian and twentieth century styles. Many of these, along with designated Historic Districts, are part of this summer's new tour itineraries. Observe the preservation and adaptive reuse of our period architecture - it will give you ideas for your own lifestyle.

Discover how our waterways and mills - French Creek, the Schuylkill and branches of the Brandywine - influenced life in our valleys and along our early toll roads. Tales told of the characters, great and small, who lived here, will intrigue and amuse the entire family!

This summer, the ninth season of tours, four towns have created brand new tours. West Chester is offering eight tours in their southwestern quadrant while Elverson is full of stories about families who have lived in the town for several generations.



FOR EXACT STARTING TIMES AND LOCATIONS, PLEASE CALL THE NUMBER LISTED WITH EACH WEEKLY TOUR. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS FOLLOW EACH WALK. DON'T FORGET TO WEAR COMFORTABLE SHOES!

# TOWN TOURS & VILLAGE WALKS

SUMMER 2003

## ENJOY AN EVENING STROLL!

- Choose one of eight new tours in West Chester and Hear Ben Franklin's footsteps in Coventryville.
- Enjoy Kennett Square's historic neighborhoods.
- Savor the culinary delights restaurants are offering while you Toast your favorite village, town or historic place.
- Entice your neighbor or friend to join you as Round & round goes the water wheel at Anselma.
- Calling all canalers to Pottstown Landing & Fricks Locks.
- Observe unique architecture in Oxford and Unlock the stories of families in Elverson.
- Navigate the sites & sounds of Science Fiction movies and Travel through time at Historic Yellow Springs.
- Yellow ice cream at Parkesburg's ice cream parlor; what a treat!

## MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:

- JUNE 12- WEST CHESTER: PORTICO ROW AND BEYOND- NEW!
- JUNE 19- POTTSTOWN LANDING
- JUNE 26- THE MILL AT ANSELMA- NEW!  
ONLY RESTORED OPERABLE AND HISTORIC WATER WHEEL IN AN 18TH CENTURY GRIST MILL IN CHESTER COUNTY
- JULY 3- NO TOUR. ENJOY INDEPENDENCE DAY WITH YOUR FAMILY.
- JULY 10- COVENTRYVILLE - LOOK FOR BENJAMIN FRANKLIN AS HE WALKS THROUGH THE VILLAGE TO VISIT THE LOVELY MRS. GRACE.
- JULY 17- PAOLI BATTLEFIELD - NEW!
- JULY 24- OXFORD - NEW!
- JULY 31- PARKESBURG
- AUGUST 7- ELVERSON - NEW!
- AUGUST 14- HISTORIC YELLOW SPRINGS - NEW!  
VIEW SITES USED IN THOSE SCIENCE FICTION CLASSICS, "THE BLOB" AND "THE 4-D MAN."
- AUGUST 21- KENNETT SQUARE - HISTORIC DISTRICT'S WESTERN SECTION - NEW!
- AUGUST 28- FRICKS LOCKS

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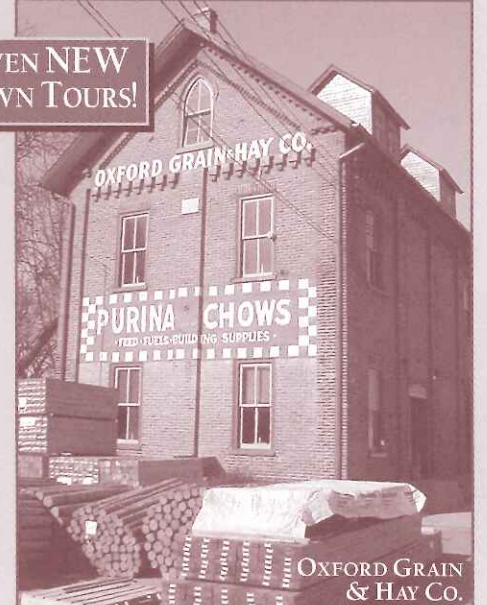
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## WEST CHESTER: PORTICO ROW AND BEYOND



DATE: JUNE 12, 2003

TOUR RESERVATION: 610-918-7348  
 SPONSOR: West Chester Historical and Architectural Review Board

Enter West Chester's southwest quadrant: Portico Row and beyond. Explore the oldest planned residential neighborhood in the County Seat. Behold monumental architecture by nationally known architects and architectural gems constructed from Serpentine. Discover why West Chester was once known as "The Athens of Pennsylvania". Tours will start and end at the West Chester Community Fellowship Church on South Church Street. Pick from one of eight tours that will wend their way among sites as old as 1810 and as young as 1930.

## POTTSTOWN LANDING

DATE: JUNE 19, 2003

TOUR RESERVATION: 610-323-1694  
 SPONSOR: North Coventry Township Historical Commission



Although the Schuylkill River on Chester County's northern border served as a conduit for settlers in the 18th century, it became busier in the 19th century as an industrial corridor. At the same time an adjacent manmade waterway known as the Schuylkill Canal, completed in 1842 between Schuylkill County and Philadelphia, assured travel in time of high waters. Today one of the dock areas, Pottstown Landing's historic streetscapes, reflects its bustling canal economy in the "canaler" houses, baker and church. This is an interesting site in the Schuylkill River Heritage Corridor.

## THE MILL AT ANSELMA

DATE: JUNE 26, 2003

TOUR RESERVATION: 610-917-0447  
 SPONSOR: The Mill At Anselma Preservation and Educational Trust

Nestled along the Pickering Creek, the Mill at Anselma (c. 1747) is an extraordinary artifact of Chester County's industrial heritage. Now silent, the grist mill and village of Anselma was once a bustling place serving the local agricultural community for over 200 years. Today, the mill's historic wooden gearing and machinery survive remarkably intact and are under restoration to return it to operation. View the restoration efforts including the dramatic 16-foot water wheel and enjoy a peaceful stroll along the mill race.



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## COVENTRYVILLE

DATE: JULY 10, 2003

TOUR RESERVATION: 610-469-0444  
 SPONSOR: South Coventry Township Historical Commission

Coventryville, a quiet village of 18th and 19th century homes near French Creek in its earliest days was a hub of industry and derring-do with the Coventry Forge turning out both useful and decorative iron works, and later ammunition for the Revolutionary War. Rebecca Grace, wife of ironmaster Robert Grace and close friend of Benjamin Franklin, entertained officers of the Continental Army at Coventry Hall where the first Franklin stove had been installed in 1742. The world-famous Coventry Forge Inn is the site of the Old Rising Sun Inn which had opened for business in 1750.



## PAOLI BATTLEFIELD

DATE: JULY 17, 2003

TOUR RESERVATION: 610-644-2602  
 SPONSOR: Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund and Malvern Borough

Located off Monument Avenue in Malvern, PA., the Paoli Battlefield is the site of a nighttime, surprise attack by 1,200 British regulars on the evening of September 20-21, 1777. The burial mound on the Paoli Memorial grounds was marked with a stone obelisk in 1817, the Battle's 40th anniversary. A larger monument was erected nearby on the 100th anniversary in 1877. In 2002, period fencing and crops were returned to the Paoli Battlefield and a historic trail with interpretive markers was constructed to allow visitors to tour and experience from both a visual and educational basis, the significance of the Battle of Paoli.

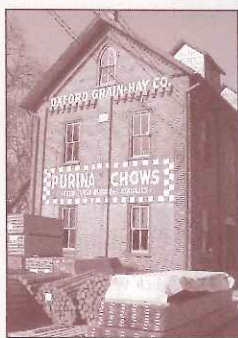


## OXFORD

DATE: JULY 24, 2003

TOUR RESERVATION: 610-932-2888  
 SPONSOR: Oxford Historic Commission and Oxford Area Historical Association

In 1754 a cluster of structures grew here at the junction of Indian trails. First called Hood's Crossing after the tavern, creation of Oxford Township, then Lower Oxford Township, brought a post office in 1805. This promoted the name, Oxford Village. Incorporation of the borough was in 1833. Leaders and educators, the Dickeys, arrived to start Lincoln University. Evan Pugh left to start Penn State. Post Civil War prosperity sparked construction of large, still well preserved Victorian Houses. Oxford became a railroad center, moving out farm products, brick, tools, passengers, and bringing in merchandise for turn of the century shops.

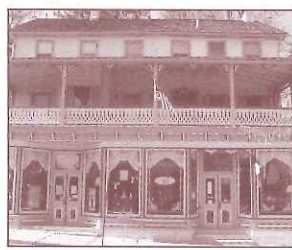


## PARKESBURG

DATE: JULY 31, 2003

TOUR RESERVATION: 610-857-1458  
 SPONSOR: Parkesburg Area Business Association

Parkesburg, named after prominent local, landowners, was incorporated in 1872. However, it was the original site of the Fountain Inn, a colonial tavern and stopover for Lancaster farmers taking their livestock and produce to Philadelphia. Parkesburg was modeled after the prosperous European industrial towns and was home to the Philadelphia and Columbia Railroad repair shops and the Parkesburg Iron Company. Visit a 19th century country store and enjoy the ambiance of an old-fashioned ice cream parlor. Stroll past historic Italianate and Second Empire commercial buildings.



## ELVERSON

DATE: AUGUST 7, 2003

TOUR RESERVATION: 610-286-6443  
 SPONSOR: Elverson Borough Historical Commission

Numerous springs in the area attracted eighteenth century immigrants, hence the beginning of the Springfield hamlet. During the nineteenth century it prospered as a village on Ridge Road, whose businesses provided services to its citizens and travelers going west. In 1911 the bustling community became the Elverson Borough. Family roots run deep; numerous businesses have been owned by two or more generations of the same family. Today there are fourteen homes and three businesses that have experienced this longevity. Enjoy this town tucked in Chester County's northwest corner.



## "QUIET ON THE SET"...YELLOW SPRINGS AND THE MOVIES

DATE: AUGUST 14, 2003



TOUR RESERVATION: 610-827-7414  
 SPONSOR: Historic Yellow Springs, Inc.  
 From 1952 to 1974, Good News Productions produced religious and social issue films in the Yellow Springs village.

To pay for these films, Director Irwin S. Yeaworth, Jr. filmed several science fiction movies on the village's three sound stages. Two of those films were Steve McQueen's "The Blob" and "The 4-D Man" starring Robert Lansing, Patty Duke and Lee Meriwether. View Steve McQueen's honeymoon cottage and a selection of village sites used in those Science Fiction classics.

## KENNETT SQUARE HISTORIC DISTRICT'S WESTERN NEIGHBORHOOD

DATE: AUGUST 21, 2003

TOUR RESERVATION: 610-444-0641  
 SPONSOR: Kennett Square Historical Commission

Characterized by quiet tree lined streets, Kennett Square Historic District's western neighborhood is a mix of stately homes built in the early 20th century and more modern residences interspersed with late 19th century duplex houses. As you stroll the streets, the busy thoroughfare of Cypress Street seems to disappear and it becomes a pleasant place to raise a family. The tranquility explains why most of these homes have just begun to come on the market for the first time in 30 years. The new owners and a few remaining long-time residents have banded together to work to preserve those things about their area that drew them to the neighborhood originally.



## FRICKS LOCKS

DATE: AUGUST 28, 2003

TOUR RESERVATION: 610-495-5443  
 SPONSOR: East Coventry Township Historical Commission and Fricks Locks Canal Village Association.

The Fricks Locks District comprises approximately 18 acres of a farming hamlet with domestic and agricultural architecture spanning the period from 1757 - 1937. The tour includes the remains of locks 54 and 55 of the Schuylkill Navigation Co.'s Girard Canal, from Lewis Dam, to Parker ford, a short distance downstream from Fricks Locks. A lockkeeper's residence and locks date from the canal's initial construction, and the area was the site of a 1930's WPA Project. Currently, it is in an unrestored state within the Schuylkill River Heritage Corridor.

