

RIDLEY TOWNSHIP

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Marker No. 1

TOLL GATE NO. 1

This toll gate, in existence from 1845 till June 1921, was situated on the south side of Chester Pike opposite Bullen's Lane (1936).

(2014) This toll gate was opposite old Bullen's Lane by the intersection of Chester Pike and Simpson Street on the southeast corner. It was removed shortly after Chester Pike was freed from tolls in June of 1921



Ridley Township

Marker No. 2

NEWLIN FARMHOUSE

This farm site is located on the south side of Providence Road about one-quarter mile west of Secane Station. The farmhouse was built in 1725. In 1790 it was known as the "Newlin Farm". This farmhouse is still standing and is now known as the Shipley and Newlin farm. Dr. Arthur Newlin occupies the house at this writing (1936).

(2014) On April 28, 1921 Dr. Arthur Newlin of Phila. received [439-555] from the Girard Trust Co. trustees of the estates of Thomas Newlin, Mary S. Newlin and Katherine Newlin a property that consisted of 250 acres and 154 perches in the townships of Ridley, Springfield and Upper Darby. The cost was \$13,000.00. The Newlin Family still owns the property and the address is 1300 Providence Road, Secane. The barn is in ruins and the house with many additions is apartments.



Ridley Township

Marker No. 3

PROSPECT PUBLIC SCHOOL

This school was built in 1888 on the northwest corner of Eighth and Lincoln Avenues. It is still standing (1936).

(2014) This school was originally two story and it opened on January 2, 1889. The first school built in what is now Prospect Park Boro opened on January 2, 1889. The school property was purchased {S6-240} from George Shirley for one dollar and the Prospect Park Land Association {O6-572} for \$1300.00 both on September 8, 1888. Ground for the school was broken in mid-August of 1888. Originally a two-story brick school, it was built by B. Harvey and Son, but a third story was added by contractor James Buchanan in the summer of 1895 to accommodate more students and take care of a leaky roof problem. The school was sold to the Prospect Methodist Church in 1949 and was torn down. Today the school site is the parking lot for the church. 2014

(Prospect Park Borough)



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Marker No. 4

PROSPECT METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The above church was built in 1879 on the west side of Lincoln Avenue north of Eighth Avenue. It is still standing (1936).

(2019) The church was chartered [O4-589] on August 2, 1878. On November 13, 1878 James C. Shedwick, builder of Philadelphia, sold [R4-392] lots #286 thru 289 to the Methodist church for one dollar. The church has been added onto many times the last in 1961. It is still being used as a church today at 8th and Lincoln Aves..

(Prospect Park Borough)



Ridley Township

Marker No. 5

PROSPECT HILL CEMETERY

This cemetery is on the east side of Lincoln Avenue about four hundred seventy-five feet north of Chester Pike. Some of the grave stones date back to 1811. (1936)

(2014) The Prospect Hill Cemetery Company was chartered [T4-178] on January 31, 1879. On March 10, 1888 William F. and Annie Simes sold [N6-5480] to the cemetery company an addition to the cemetery (lot size unknown) for one dollar. . In June of 1893 the cemetery company sold [X8-318] part of the Simes property to the church for one dollar. The Prospect Hill Baptist Church took over the cemetery about 1978 and now takes care of it.

(Prospect Park Borough)



Ridley Township

Marker No. 6

PROSPECT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

The above church is on the east side of Lincoln Avenue about four hundred fifty feet north of Chester Pike. It was built in 1832 and rebuilt in 1893. The church is still standing in 1936.

(2018) On September 17, 1832 William and Lydia Trites of Ridley yeoman sold [S-372] for one dollar 53 perches to the trustees of the Ridley Baptist Church. The trustees were; William and Daniel Trites, Thomas Harmon, Israel Bolton(?) and John Stoophe(?). Trites added more property [V-508] on September 22, 1842. The church was chartered [V-508] on September 2, 1842 as the First Particular Baptist Church of Ridley. The church was chartered [Charter A-307] a second time on April 3, 1888 as the Prospect Hill Baptist Church. The church is still standing at 703 Lincoln Avenue and is being used for services



{Prospect Park Borough)

Ridley Township

Marker No. 7

BIRTHPLACE OF JOHN MORTON AND FERRY HOUSE

In this log and stone house, built about 1698, located on the west side of Lincoln Avenue, (Prospect Park Borough), about two hundred feet north of Darby Creek, was born in 1724 John Morton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, who became the first of such signers to die. In 1935 it was purchased from the owners by aid of the John Morton Memorial Association and the Council of the Borough of Prospect Park, and in conjunction with the Department of Forests and Waters of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, it is proposed to remove the surrounding buildings and establish a small park as a fit setting for this old house. The house was originally two log cabins used subsequent to the Morton occupation as a Ferry House with vehicles passing between the two cabins on their way to the Ferry. This space was subsequently filled in with the present stone structure. This Ferry House passed through several ownerships, of whom is known Adam Archer and Philip Morris. It was more commonly known as the Morris Ferry House till the discontinuance of the Ferry about 1840. This building also has been the center of various commercial ventures and is reputed at one time to have been a tavern.

(2018) The building was bought by the State of Pennsylvania in 1937 and restored in 1938. The building was dedicated on October 8, 1938 as the John Morton Homestead. In 1957 after further research the homestead was changed to the Morton Homestead after it was determined that John Morton never lived there. The building was placed on the list of The National Register of Historic Places in 1970. The homestead still stands at 100 Lincoln Avenue and is now owned by Prospect Park.



Ridley Township

Marker No. 8

OLD SUBSCRIPTION SCHOOL

This is the site of a subscription school which was built in 1800 and used as a school until about 1870. It is located on the north side of Chester Pike west of Myrtle Avenue in Ridley Park. The original sides and front of this "Old Subscription School" are still standing (1936).

(2014) Ground of 42 square perches was sold [E-269] for five shillings by Caleb Davis for a school on July 25, 1800. This school was a subscription school and was turned over to the Ridley Township School District in 1836. The school closed in 1870 when the Leiperville School was built. The school still stands with an addition at 313 W. Chester Pike, Ridley Park.



Ridley Township

Marker No. 9

WORRALL HOME

The Worrall Home, located on the southeast corner of Fairview Road and MacDade Boulevard, was built by William Worrall in 1794. The cornerstone bearing the date 1794 is on the left side of the front door. The house is still in the possession of the Worrall descendants.

(2014) The house was torn down in the 1980's and new homes are on the site.



Ridley Township

Marker No. 10

WHITE HORSE TAVERN

This tavern was on the north side of Chester Pike seventy-five feet west of Summit Avenue. Adam Archer was the first licensee in 1735. From 1774 to 1909 it was generally called the "White Horse Tavern". It was also known as the "General Jackson Inn". It was remodeled and is now (1936) known as the "Washington Apartments".

(2016) On December 14, 1894 Court Master, Henry K. Blake sold [G9-383] for \$4,100.00 a "brick messuage or tavern house" and 19 acres to Washington L. Simes. The property was from the estate of William F. Simes. The property was part of four tracts purchased from Jonathan Newlin in January of 1871. On August 7, 1850 George and Mary Ann Jordan of Darby Twp. sold [Z-139] to Jonathan P. Newlin of Ridley Twp. for \$6,000.00 that "brick messuage or tavern house" on 3 acres and 80 perches. On January 5, 1871 Jonathan and Margaret Newlin, gentleman, sold [B3-237] to William F. Simes, Phila. Druggist, for \$5,500.00 a "brick tavern house" 2 tracts of land. Tract #1- 3 acres and 80 ½ sq. perches and Tract #2- 16 acres and 2 sq. perches. The second tract mentions the cemetery. The building still stands empty except for some offices with an 1890's addition at 705 Chester Pike, Prospect Park.

(Prospect Park Borough)



Ridley Township

Marker No. 11

PROSPECT MASONIC LODGE NO. 578

This lodge hall was built in 1889 on the west side of Lincoln Avenue opposite Ninth Avenue. It is still standing in 1936.

(2014) The deed for this property is confusing. On January 25, 1904 William Calhoun of Norwood sold [Y10-349] the property to a Richard M. Chambers of Media. Chambers on April 27, 1910 sold [M14-81] the property lots # 289, 290, 291 on the plan of Prospect Park to the trustees of the Masonic Hall for \$5,000.00. The trustees were Charles O. Gregg, Charles A. Barnes and Ralph Scotney. The building still stands as a Masonic Hall with two additions at 822 Lincoln Avenue, Prospect Park.

(Prospect Park Borough)



Ridley Township

Marker No. 12

FREE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

This small stone church was on the south side of Chester Pike a few hundred feet east of the extension of Fairview Road. The exact date of its erection is not known, but it is supposed to have been built about 1811 and was known as the "Free Christian Church". In 1865 this group dissolved and the church was purchased by the Delaware County Baptist Mission which used the building until about 1900 when it was closed. Nothing remains of this little church but the east gable wall (1936).

(2018) On December 24, 1818 Isaac Culin, Ridley yeoman, sold [N-394] for \$200.00 one acre of land on Chester Pike to the trustees of the "Free Christian Church" aka "Christ Church of Ridley". The trustees were John Morton, John Price, Abraham Ward, Jonathan Bond and Samuel Tribbet. The sect was established by an Englishman, Frederick Plummer, and from this was also known as "Plummer Meeting House". In 1865 this group dissolved, and the church was purchased by the Delaware County Baptist Mission which used the building until about 1900 when it was closed. Nothing remains of this little church but the east gable wall (1936). Today part of this property is owned by Ridley Township, "Hack Wilson Park" the other part is the Ukrainian Baptist Church at 1110 Chester Pike, Crum Lynne.



Ridley Township

Marker No. 13

LEIPERVILLE HOTEL

This hotel, located at Leiperville on south side of Chester and Darby Turnpike, about opposite Fairview Road, was built about 1830. It is still occupied as a tavern (1936).

(2014) On December 1, 1898 William and Agnes Buckley of Phila. sold [E10-484] the Leiperville Hotel for \$3,238.83 to Maria Wentz of Ridley. On November 28, 1900 William and Maria Wentz of Ridley sold [F10-12] to Edward F. McLaughlin of Ridley for \$12,500.00 dollars the Leiperville Hotel and 2 acres and 77 sq. perches. The building is now gone, later known as the Ponderosa Tavern, it burned in the late 1960's and now the Fizzano Brothers Concrete Products plant and building is on the site at 1776 Chester Pike.



Ridley Township

Marker No. 14

RIDLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

This church, located on the east side of Fairview Road about six-tenths of a mile north of MacDade Boulevard, was established in 1818 by the Leiper Family. Grace Livingston Hill, the famous authoress, is quite an active worker in helping the missionary activities connected with the Church. The building is still standing (1936) and is now known as "The Leiper Memorial Presbyterian Church".

(2014) In August of 1818, Jonathan Thomas of Middletown sold [N-134] one acre for \$150.00. The trustees were: George Leiper, Robert Marlin, Alexander Hopkins, Christopher Noble and John Perkins. The name "Second branch of the United Presbyterian Congregation of Aston, Providence and Springfield" The church was chartered [B2-565] on June 2, 1854 as the Ridley Presbyterian Church. On March 15, 1901 the church was chartered [Charter B -535] as the Leiper Presbyterian Church. The church closed on January 8, 2012 at 900 Fairview Road, Woodlyn.



Ridley Township

Marker No. 15

OLD LEIPER CEMETERY

The above cemetery dates back to the year 1818. James Noble was interred in its grounds in 1821. James Noble was interred in it's grounds in 1821. It is now (1936) known as the "Leiper Memorial Cemetery", and is on the grounds of the "Leiper Memorial Presbyterian Church", to the south of the Church building, which is located on the east side of Fairview Road about six-tenths of a mile north of MacDade Boulevard.

(2014) The cemetery is still being used at 900 Fairview Road.



Ridley Township

Marker No. 16

THOMAS LEIPER PUBLIC SCHOOL

This school, located on the west side of Fairview Road about six-tenths of a mile north of MacDade Boulevard opposite Old Leiper Church, was established in 1867 - teacher Silas Sample. It was built of red brick, the inside being laid out as follows - in front of the classroom was the teacher's desk, and as the children progressed from the first grade they went up a platform until they had finished school. In other words, each grade was elevated on a platform of its own. The land was bought in 1849 by the School District, added to in 1880. The school was used until 1912. It has been renovated and is now (1936) used as a private house.

(2014) On July 30, 1849 the school district purchased [Y-400] twenty square perches for \$50.00 at what is today #901 Fairview Road, Woodlyn. (more property was purchased from John Grace in 1880 for \$200.00 and the old school was torn down and rebuilt to "look like Kedron School" according to School Board Minutes). The school was sold [S13-436] on April 15, 1912 to Antonio Pergerioe and is today a private home. The school was torn down in 2005 and a modern single home built at 901 Fairview Rd..



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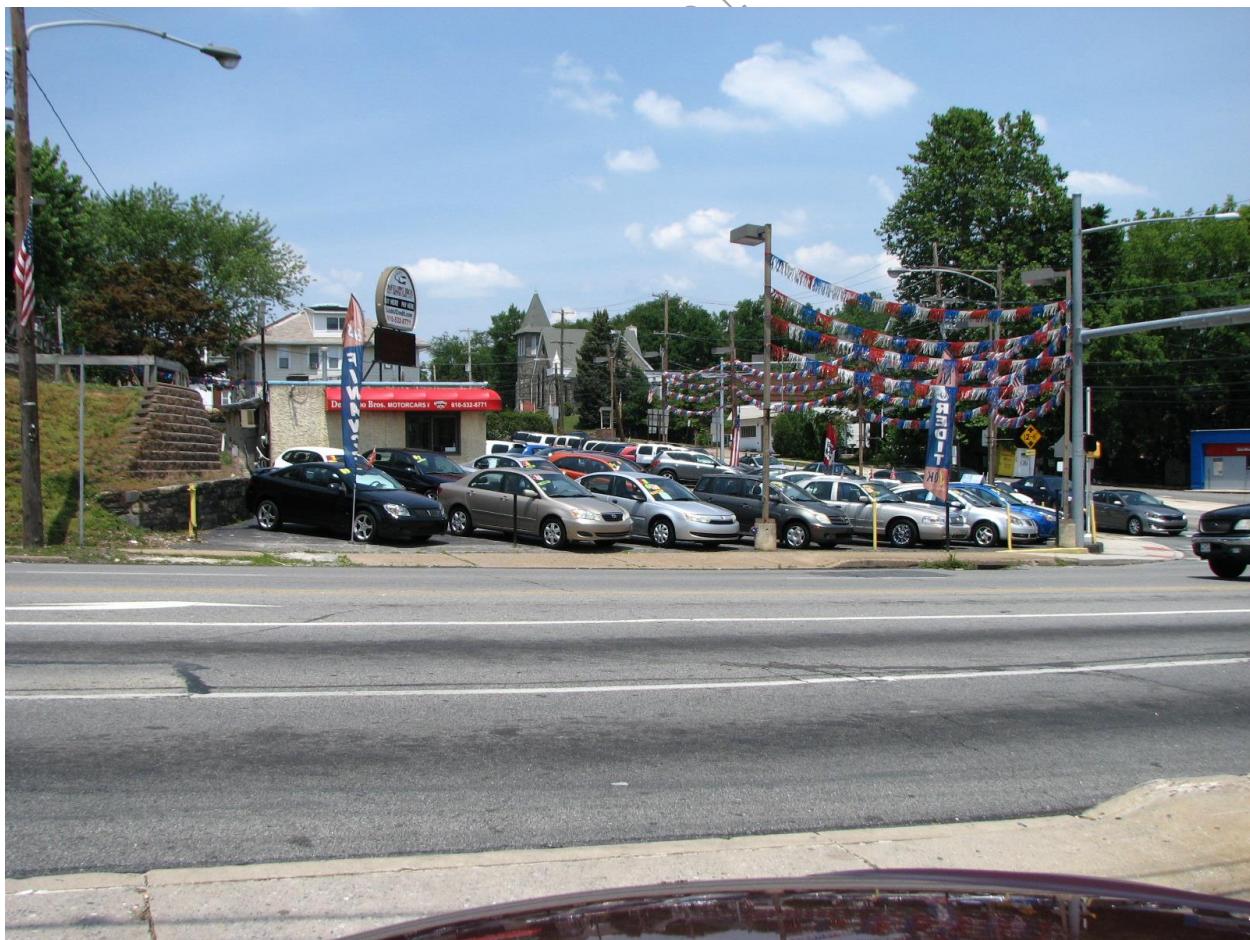
Marker No. 17

BLACKSMITH SHOP

Located on the northwest corner of Chester Pike and Lincoln Avenue, there was erected in 1785 a blacksmith shop, the owner of which at that time is unknown. However, in 1805 records show the shop was owned by John L. Pearson, whose executors in 1863 sold the shop to Thomas Elwood Urian. Urian was high bidder. In 1879 a coach and wheelwright shop was erected on the side. The shop has been destroyed, and the ground is now (1936) vacant.

(2014) On April 9, 1863 the Executors of Pearson, Joseph Gibbons, William Price and Perry Pike sold [K2-437] the property of 5 acres and 16 square perches to Thomas E. Urian for \$2,425.00. Urian was high bidder. In 1879 a coach and wheelwright shop were erected on the side. Part of the 5 acres was sold for development in the 1890's. The shop has been destroyed, and the ground is now (1936) vacant. Today it is a used car dealership at 602 Lincoln Ave.

(Prospect Park Borough)



Ridley Township

Marker No. 18

OLD ICE HOUSE

The above ice house was built in 1886 on Ridley Park Lake. At that time the winters were very cold and this lake and ice house supplied Chester and vicinity with ice. Today (1936), the building is not in use.

(2018) The building is still standing and is owned by Ridley Park and is rented for meetings etc. Locally known as the “pump house”.



Ridley Township

Marker No. 19

LEIPERVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

This school was built in 1871 on the south side of Chester Pike east of Fairview Road extended. Originally a two story brick building, it was added onto twice; the first addition was a rear two story brick and frame addition done in 1873. It is still used for school purposes (1936).

(2017) On October 27, 1870 the school district purchased [A3-513] 133 perches at what is now 1124 Chester Pike, Crum Lynne. The property was obtained from the Philadelphia Press Brick Company for \$550.00. The school closed in 1974 and became a Mental Health Center in 1977. In 2007 the building at 1124 Chester Pike became the offices of Target Builders.



Ridley Township

Marker No. 20

OLD LEIPERVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

This was a one-room school built in 1855 on the west side of Fairview Road north of Chester Pike, and south side of Holland Street, having William Flounders as teacher. It was built on ground purchased by the School District in 1854 and was sold in 1871 when School #19 was built. The old building was renovated and is now used as a dwelling (1936).

(2017) In September 1854, Abraham Patterson sold [B2-721] 527 square yards for \$150.00 at the southwest corner of today's Fairview Road and Holland Street, Crum Lynne to the school district. Although the deed mentions a building on the property, bids were put out by the school district to build a two-story stone school. It was built on ground purchased by the School District in 1854 and was sold in 1871 when School Marker #19 was built. On November 25, 1865 David and Rebecca Harper of Ridley sold [P2-685] to the school district 13 ½ perches for \$200.00. More property was added to this site in 1865 from David Harper and the school was used until the Leiperville School was built in 1871. This property was sold {C3-67} by the Ridley School District to John B. Holland for \$700.00 with the school building on May 1, 1871. It is now a store at 301 S. Fairview Road.



Ridley Township

Marker No. 21

MORTON SAW MILL

This site was formerly occupied by the saw mill of Sketchley Morton, near Stony Creek, which was removed about 1878. The location is southeast side of Morton Avenue northeast of Linden Street. Rutledge Institute was established here in 1887 and is now functioning as Rutledge Public School (1936).

(2014) On December 9, 1903 the Rutledge Mutual Land Association sold [X11-92] ten lots 47 thru 57 with the “stone building thereon erected” to the Rutledge School District for \$1,000.00. The school closed in 1964 and was torn down. Today, the Rutledge Court Apartments stand on the site at 75 S. Morton Avenue.

(Rutledge Borough)



Ridley Township

Marker No. 22

NORWOOD INN

The above inn, located on the southwest corner of Welcome and Ridley Avenues, was built in the year 1875 and was destroyed by fire about the year 1906. The proprietor was Summers. Now (1936), private homes are built on the site.

(2016) No picture is known to exist of the hotel which stood on Ridley Ave. between homes 30 thru 42 Ridley Ave..



(Norwood Borough)

Ridley Township

Marker No. 23

NORWOOD METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Located on the northeast corner of Chester Pike and Ridley Avenue, this church was first built in 1888 on the northwest corner of Cleveland and Mohawk Avenues. In 1924 a new church was built of stone. This is still standing (1936).

(2017) On July 19, 1889 Reverend William and Malinda Swindells of Philadelphia sold [Y6-550] lot 308 on The Henderson Plan to the church for \$450.00. The church was already on the property at the time of the sale. (NOTE Wm. Hazzard sold [Y6-552] the property to Swindells on December 22, 1888 deed recorded in July of 1889.) The church was chartered [Charter A-348] on July 1, 1889 and enlarged in the year 1908. About 1907 the church was moved to its present location. On June 24, 1907 William and Margaretta Harrison, Sr. of Prospect Park sold [V12-294] lot #21 of the Neal Duffee Plan of Norwood for \$1000.00 to the church. On September 20, 1907 Ann Smith of Darby, a widow sold [U12-208] lot #22 of the Neal Duffee Plan of Norwood for \$650.00 to the church. The church is still in use at 315 Chester Pike.

(Norwood Borough)



Ridley Township

Marker No. 24

KEDRON PUBLIC SCHOOL

This school is located on the east side of Amosland Road about one thousand feet south of Park Avenue. The original building was erected in 1875 but since that date additions have been made as late as 1922. The building is still standing and is still used for school purposes (1936).

(2014) On July 26, 1875 a property of 38 and a half perches was purchased [Z3-585 & 589] for \$100.00 at what is now #714 Amosland Road, Morton. The property was purchased from George Caldwell, a farmer, and Thomas T. Tasker wealthy land owner and local preacher. Tasker sold his property on May 7, 1875 for \$300.00 128 and a half perches. The name of the school, "Kedron" comes from a brook in the Holy Land and probably came from Tasker. This school closed in 1980 and was sold and is now the Calvary Baptist Church and school at 714 Amosland Road. The original one room brick school outline can still be seen on the front of the current building.



Ridley Township

Marker No. 25

FOLSOM PUBLIC SCHOOL

In 1890 this school was erected at the northeast corner of Sixth and Swarthmore Avenues, and since then two additions have been made, 1910 – 1918. It is built of red brick and is still being used as a school (1936).

(2018) On June 30, 1890 the Folsom Land Company sold [K6-211-212] two lots in section 72, lots 2250 and 2251 for \$300.00. The school closed in 1979 and was sold in 1980 is now the School House Senior Center at 600 Swarthmore Avenue, Folsom.



Ridley Township

Marker No. 26

BLACKSMITH AND WHEELWRIGHT SHOP

The wheelwright shop was on the northeast corner of Chester Pike and Lincoln Avenue as early as 1821. John Culin sold it to Garrett Pyewell in 1828. The shop was owned by George Lodge and son, James P., from 1848 to 1901, when it burned down. A blacksmith shop east of the wheelwright shop was sold by Culin in 1826 to Joel Painter, who sold it to Pyewell. Pyewell sold it to George Lodge, who died in 1874 leaving both establishments to his son, James P. The site is a vacant lot at the present time (1936).

(2016) William and Lydia Trites, Ridley yeoman on May 23, 1821 sold [O-352] to John Culin, Ridley wheelwright for \$641.75 a lot of 4 acres and 68 perches. On March 24, 1828 John and Julia Culin, Ridley wheelwright, sold [T-460] to Garrett Pyewell, blacksmith for \$750.00 a lot of 2 acres and 71 square perches. Today the site is an Exxon Gas Station at 759 Chester Pike.



(Prospect Park Borough)

Ridley Township

Marker No. 27

McCLURE HOUSE

This house, located on Welcome Avenue between Amosland Road and Winona Avenue, was built in the year of 1873 for Mr. Alexander K. McClure [1828-1909] who was owner and publisher of the Philadelphia Times, a morning newspaper. It was one of the first houses built in Norwood and is now used as an apartment house (1936).

(2014) No deed for McClure could be found in the 1870's. It does not appear he ever lived in Norwood. The house in question stood below on Welcome Ave. on property now owned by Holly Garden Apts. at 60 W. Winona Ave.



(Norwood Borough)

Ridley Township

Marker No. 28

CROSBY SMELTING FORGE

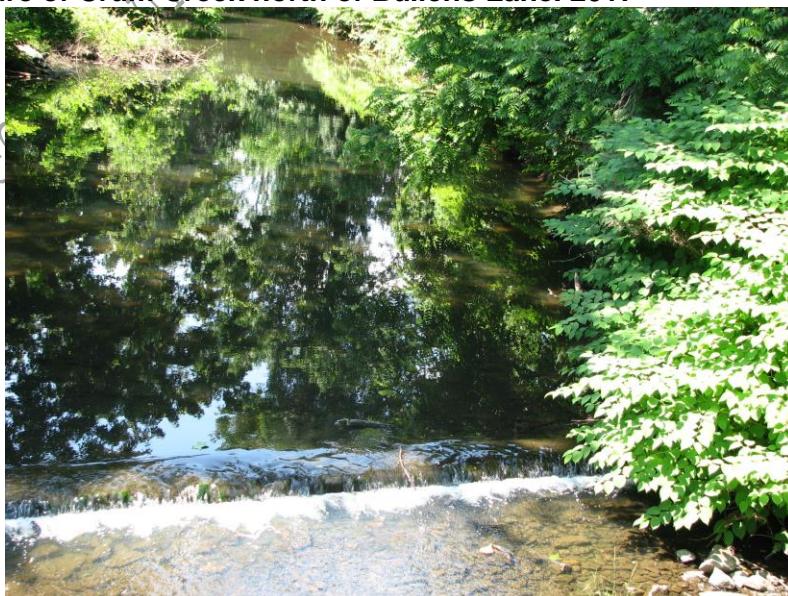
The above Forge, on Crum Creek north of Bullen's Lane, was operated prior to 1741 by John Crosby with Peter Dicks. No records are available as to the date of its erection, nor can any data be found later than 1750, during which year John Crosby died.

(2019) On November 12, 1717 John Crosby, Ridley Twp. yeoman sold {D2-120} 50 acres on the east side of Crum Creek to James Bollen, "late of Philadelphia Gent". The price was 350 lbs. of which Bollen borrowed 250 from Crosby. The property included a house, "mill and mills". These mills were a grist and saw mill. Two bolting mills were in the grist mill. The mills would have stood south of Chester Pike about 700 feet on the east side of Crum Creek on the property that later became the property of the Baldwin Locomotive Works.

Bollen or Bullen failed on his mortgage with Crosby and in late 1743, John Crosby sold the above property and more for a total of 103 acres to Joseph Carter "of Ridley, miller". Carter sold two-thirds of the same property to his two sons; Joseph Jr. and John in December of 1743. The Carters and Crosby also went into a partnership for a forge on the Carter property. An agreement was signed on December 24, 1740.

Joseph and Jacob Carter borrowed 520 lbs. from Joseph Parker of Chester on April 2, 1750. The mortgage was secured on their 110 acres with "water corn mill or grist mill, saw mill and Iron forge". It is believed this mortgage was never satisfied. Peter Kalm the Swedish naturalist mentions this forge in his book on travels. This forge appears to be the "Kingsherry" that the Carters mention on March 5, 1751 when they advertised for a runaway. The terms of the agreement are unknown but on February 5, 1751 the Penna. Gazette advertised the Forge formerly of John Crosby Esq. for rent or sale in Ridley Township with 100 acres. The Carters in the same paper on June 4, 1752 advertised one half of a grist and saw mill for sale with half of 50 acres.

Below is a picture of Crum Creek north of Bullens Lane. 2017



Ridley Township

Marker No. 29

PETER HILL'S OR HICKMAN'S GRIST MILL

This mill, built of stone prior to 1774, supplied all the surrounding country for quite a number of years after its erection. It was located on the south side of Haverford Road about twelve hundred feet west of Swarthmore Avenue (today's Morton Avenue). The mill is now in ruins (1936).

(2018). This grist and saw mills were built by Peter Hill Sr. in 1790 and 1791. Despite the stories, it appears Hill never owned any mills during the Revolution. Hill was taxed for 300 acres in 1790 and in 1791 the mills were first mentioned. Peter Hill Sr. was never taxed for any mill prior to 1790. Hill died in 1814 and the mills were passed to Peter Hill Jr.

Peter Jr. and Hannah Hill gave a deed of assignment to James Copper, Coleman Sellers and Albert Paxson on November 28, 1829. This order was to manage or sell property the Hill's owned in Ridley Township left to them by Peter Hill Sr. On December 13, 1832 the trustees sold {S-404} 12 acres and 46 perches to Henry Burt of Philadelphia for \$1,600.00. On the property was a house and "Grist Mill now a Cotton Factory". Per a court order issued on October 28, 1842 Sheriff John Larkin held a public auction of the property of Henry Burt of Ridley on January 28, 1843. The sale mentions 4 frame tenements and a two-story cotton factory 50 X 38 feet. The high bidder at \$4,860.00 was Henry Effinger for the house, Grist Mill and 12 acres and 46 perches. The 1848 Ash Map shows the tenement houses along Haverford Rd. by the "factory". In December 1851 Effinger advertised the factory and 8 dwelling houses for rent and also in March of 1852. In January of 1853 he advertised the property for sale. Henry Effinger of Ridley on May 4, 1854 sold {B2-757} a house and Cotton Factory to John Bartow of Philadelphia for \$3,450.00. The factory stood on 5 acres and 28 perches next to Little Crum Creek. The mill was torn down in 2016 and new homes erected.



Ridley Township

Marker No. 30

PROSPECT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 1

This fire company was organized and incorporated and a charter granted in 1896. The Fire House is located on the northeast corner of Lincoln Avenue and Tenth Avenue (1936).

(2018) The Fire company was chartered [Charter B-332] on June 1, 1896. On June 5, 1908 Milo D. and Clara Gould of Moore sold [R11-508] the fire company a lot at Tenth and Lincoln Avenues for \$1000.00. The original fire house was torn down and replaced in 1964. Today, the fire house still stands at 1001 Lincoln Avenue.

(Prospect Park Borough)



Ridley Township

Marker No. 31

NORWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 1

The above first company was organized in 1892. The Fire House is located at 26 W. Winona Avenue on the west side of Winona Avenue about three hundred feet north of Chester Pike (1936).

(2014) It was incorporated and granted [Charter B-279] a charter on September 30, 1895. On April 23, 1901, Samuel Hall of Glenolden, a painter sold [B10-294] a lot on Winona Avenue to the Fire Company for \$820.00. On June 27, 2013 the firehouse was closed and sold. The fire company moved to 336 Chester Pike on the southeast corner of Chester Pike and Winona Ave.

(Norwood Borough)



Ridley Township

Marker No. 32

LAPIDEA MILLS

These mills were located on the west bank of Crum Creek on both sides of Bullen's Lane. They were built in 1848 and known as the Lapidea Mills until 1875 when they were renamed "Crozer and Lewis Worsted Mills". In 1882 they became the property of S. C. Lewis who ran them until about 1909 when the grounds were purchased by Senator William C. Sproul, whose estate owns them up to this writing (1936). All signs of the mills have been removed except for the tenant houses which are still in possession of the Sproul Estate. About the year 1900 this mill group was known as "Carey's Bank". (1936)

(2014) The property of 16 acres, one road and 29 perches a cotton mill, tenet houses were purchased [A3-184] for \$6001.00 on December 27, 1869 from the George Leiper Estate executors, John H. Thomas and J. Edward Farnum by Samuel Lewis and Samuel Crozer. On February 26, 1876 Samuel C. Lewis rented [H5-288] the mill to William Cockcroft. It was a two-year lease or rent on the mill, water ways machinery of the property known as the "Lapidea Mills". Today a few ruins can still be seen.



Ridley Township

Marker No. 33

MCILVAIN HOUSE AND MILL

John McIlvain, son of James, lived at the northeast corner of Leiper Railroad and Chester Pike, and it is claimed General Washington slept here the night following the Battle of the Brandywine. John was followed by his son, Jeremiah, who operated a tan yard and bark mill along the north side of the Pike east from Crum Creek, the race, later utilized by Leiper, supplying this yard as well as his brother, John Jr.'s mill on the south side of the Pike and east side of Crum Creek. Jeremiah died and his sons, John and Jeremiah, Jr., carried on the bark and saw mill and tannery. George G. Leiper enlarged the bark mill about 1835. During the trolley strike of 1908 this house (still standing 1936) was the scene of a shooting episode between sympathizers of the trolley men and State Troopers.

(2017) On February 27, 1827, James and Mary McIlvain sold [R-108] a tract of land size unknown with water corn/grist mill to George G. Leiper, Gentleman for \$500.00. James inherited the property from his father, John McIlvain at his death. Leiper also bought [R-109] from Richard McIlvain, lumber merchant a mill seat and 5 acres and 60 perches for \$11,500.00. George G. Leiper enlarged the bark mill about 1835. The site of this house now gone is approximately 1431 Chester Pike, now occupied by Delri Industries (2014).



Ridley Township

Marker No. 34

GRIST MILL

George W. Moore in the year 1877 built a grist mill on the north side of the Philadelphia, Wilmington, & Baltimore Railroad, now (1936) the Pennsylvania R. R., about one hundred feet east of Lazaretto Road, now known as Lincoln Avenue, opposite Twelfth Avenue. The grist mill operated from 1877 to 1921. The building is now (1936) used as a warehouse.

(2017) Below is the approx. site of the mill is 707 Moore Industrial Park.

(Prospect Park Borough)



Ridley Township

Marker No. 35

KERR FARMHOUSE

This farmhouse was built in (??) by Henry Effinger and lies between Ninth and Tenth Streets, east of Ashland Avenue, in Eddystone. Later the farm land was used as sites for residences, but the original farmhouse still stands (1936).

(2014) On July 17, 1782 Isaac Eyre sold [C3-193] to Henry and Rachel Effinger of Springfield, a house and 150 acres for 1000 lbs. Rachel was the daughter of Isaac Eyre. The Effinger Family owned the property till it was sold to William Simpson. Kerr rented the house from the Simpsons. The house still stands as a private home at 947 Ashland Avenue.



(Eddystone Borough)

Ridley Township

Marker No. 36

EDDYSTONE PRINT WORKS

These red brick mills were started in 1872 by William Simpson. They comprise quite a few buildings along the Delaware River east and west from Eddystone Avenue, Eddystone. The mills have been in constant use since the date of their erection. (1936)

(2014) On January 1, 1877 William Simpson Sr. and his sons for stock and money sold [H4-11] to the Eddystone Manufacturing Co. 28 acres and 66/100 of an acre. The plant closed in 1963 and the property was sold to Sun Ship, now it is #1 Saville Avenue.



(Eddystone Borough)

Ridley Township

Marker No. 37

WORRALL HOME

This residence is located near the northwest corner of Fairview Road and MacDade Boulevard. It is a stone house end facing road covered with ivy. The land was bought in 1752 by Jonathan Worrall. It was later transferred to his son, William Worrall, who was born in 1730. There was first a log house built on the premises. In 1765 the present house was built. The English, were quartered here during the Revolution. On October 31, 1777, George Washington wrote a letter requesting all mill stones be buried as the British were coming. The millstones from Lloyd's Mill (later Leiper's) were buried in William Worrall's barn. County money was buried under the path from the house to the barn. The British were quartered here and vowed vengeance to the man who had buried the stones. Fortunately, the British were called off before their horses ate down to the mill-stones. This was the largest house in the section and it had the first barn. It is still in possession of the Worrall descendants, although at present (1936), a tenant occupies it.

(2017) Today the site is now the Ramblewood Apts. at 1299 Ramblewood Lane, Woodlyn.



Ridley Township

Marker No. 38

AMERICAN LEGION HOME

The Norwood American Legion Post #507 was organized in the year 1920. In 1924 it was incorporated, and a charter granted. They built a Legion Hall in 1924 on the west side of Cleveland Avenue about two hundred fifty feet north of Chester Pike, which is still standing (1936).

(2014) Today the building at 20 West Cleveland Ave. is the John Wesley Cross Post #507 in Norwood Boro.



(Norwood Borough)

Ridley Township

Marker No. 39

PROSPECT PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

On August 20th, 1800, Lewis Morey conveyed [E-447] for five shillings "use and benefit of building a school house" to William Boon and Aaron Morton, Trustees, thirty-seven and a half square purchase of land on (Lazaretto Road) Lincoln Avenue, near southwest corner of Thirteenth Avenue, for the building of a school. The school sessions were held here until the year 1877 when the pupils were transferred to the Norwood School on Chester Pike, Norwood, Pennsylvania. In the year 1889 John L. Price built a home on the site. G. E. Clarke in 1924 altered the house into an apartment house, which is still standing (1936).

(2014). The school was sold [U4-54] to William Tranor on August 19, 1878 and torn down soon afterward; the stone being used for the foundation of the Prospect Park Methodist Church. The Price house was torn down along with another about 1970 and the Eldorado Court Apartments were built taking up the whole block at 1200 Lincoln Avenue. The apartments are still here today.

(Prospect Park Borough)



Ridley Township

Marker No. 40

OLD BAPTIST CHURCH

This church was built in 1872 on Chester Pike east of Fairview Road extended by the Delaware County Baptist Mission. It was used as such for some years but was later vacated. Recently it has been reopened being used by the Russian Colony along the Pike (1936).

(2014) On August 8, 1872 Samuel Crozer of Upland sold [E3-410] 33 perches and 46/100 for one dollar to the Baptist Mission. Today it is the Ukrainian Evangelical Baptist Church at 1100 Chester Pike, Crum Lynne.

(Leiperville)



Ridley Township

Marker No. 41

PUBLIC SCHOOL

This school, between Ninth and Tenth Streets on the east side of Leiper Street, in Eddystone, was built in 1915 and is still in use in 1936.

(2014) On December 5, 1913 the Philadelphia Trust Company, Executors of the Simpson Family Estate sold [354-88] to the borough school district a lot at Tenth and Leiper Streets for \$22050.00. This school was torn down and replaced in 1968. Today the site is the rear yard of the Eddystone Elementary School at 1410 9th St.

(Eddystone Borough)



Ridley Township

Marker No. 42

CALHOUN HALL

This hall, on the southeast corner of Winona and Welcome Avenue, was built in 1888. The Councilmen and Firemen Association held their meetings in the hall. It was also used for entertainment purposes. In the year 1905 the hall was destroyed by fire. The site is now occupied by a bungalow and barber shop and is owned by John Oliver (1936).

(2017) Today the site is the Matthews Bar at 85 W. Winona Ave.

(Norwood Borough)



Ridley Township

Marker No. 43

THE IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The above church, located on the northwest corner of Chester Pike and Winona Avenue, was organized and built in the year 1889. The church is still being used for religious services (1936).

(2014) The church was chartered [Charter A-309] on February 4, 1889. On December 6, 1888 Henry and Mary Clark, Elizabeth R. and Mary Clark, single women and Robert Clark, student sold [Y6-342] lot 428 on the plan of Norwood for \$500.00 to the trustees of the church. The trustees were; Charles Boerkencamp, Frank W. Taylor, John N. Wunderlich and Theodore Kreeger. A new church was built in the year 1925. The church still stands at 501 Chester Pike with additions.



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(Norwood Borough)

Ridley Township

Marker No. 44

LIGHTHOUSE HALL (TOWN HALL)

This brick building located near the northeast corner of Second Street and Eddystone Avenue, Eddystone, was built in 1880 after the old English Chester style with a tower from the first floor to twenty-six feet above the roof, with a belfry. It was designed by architect T. P. Chandler and cost \$12,000.00. It was dedicated on Saturday, August 21, 1880. On the first floor is a library and retiring room. On the second floor a seating capacity for over two hundred persons. This building was built by the Simpson family, and is still standing (1936).

(2017) Today the building stands at 205 Eddystone Ave. and is now a business.



(Eddystone Borough)

Ridley Township

Marker No. 45

THOMAS SIMPSON SCHOOL

This was the first school in Eddystone, located on the southwest corner of Fourth Street and Saville Avenue. It was used as a school until 1915 when the new school was built. Since 1915 this school building has been used as a store to sell remnants of goods and prints from the Eddystone Manufacturing Company (1936).

(2014) William Simpson of Eddystone sold [H4-277] a lot to the school district to build a school on May 26, 1877 for \$800.00. It was built in the summer of 1877 by the Ridley Township School District. In 1889 the school district gave the school to the new borough of Eddystone. It was known as the "Mill Store" and it closed in 1963. Today it is a church "The Praise Center" on 4th Ave.



(Eddystone Borough)

Ridley Township

Marker No. 46

SCHOOL AND ATHLETIC FIELD

The Prospect Park High School and Athletic Field for Boys and Girls was built in the year 1924 on the west side of Washington Avenue, between Ninth and Tenth Avenues.

(2017) On January 11, 1924, John S. Coletter? of Phila. sold [599-616] Lot #105 on the James L. Moore Plan for \$1600.00 to the Prospect Park School District. In 1955 the Prospect Park High School merged with the Glen Nor High School and the former high school became the junior high. Today it is the Interboro School District Administration Building at 900 Washington Ave.



(Prospect Park Borough)

Ridley Township

Marker No. 47

GLEN-NOR HIGH SCHOOL

The Glen-Nor High School and athletic field for boys and girls was built by Glenolden and Norwood Boroughs in 1922 on the southwest corner of Sylvan and South Avenues. It was named "Glen-Nor", because it is the high school for both Glenolden and Norwood Boroughs. The school is active at the present time (1936).

(2014) This school closed in 1976 when the new Interboro High School was built on Amosland Road. It was later torn down and houses are now on the school site. Below is a picture of Sylvan and Summit Aves. the high school would have stood at the crest of Summit Ave.



(Glenolden Borough)

Ridley Township

Marker No. 48

JOSEPH MILLER HOUSE

This house, located on the southwest corner of Welcome and Winona Avenues, was built by Joseph Miller in the year 1875. Mr. Miller was master-builder of the Pennsylvania Railroad. In 1924 DeHarmon West purchased the property and remodeled it into apartments which are there at the present time (1936).

(2018) No deed could be found for Miller or West. Below is a picture of the location today at 60 Welcome Ave.



(Norwood Borough)

Ridley Township

Marker No. 49

RIDLEY PARK HIGH SCHOOL

This school was built in 1918, and it is located on the west side of Free Street between Ward and Dupont Avenues. The boys are housed in one building and the girls in another. The gymnasium is a marked feature of the school. The building is built of yellow brick and is very attractive being surrounded by a fine lawn and athletic field. It is still being used as a school (1936).

(2014) On September 19, 1916 Ellen I. Kenny sold [351-523] two lots on Free Street to the Ridley Park School District for \$7,000.00. Ridley Park and Eddystone School Districts merged with Ridley Township in 1966. The high school was torn down in 1971 and a new school was built. It is now the Ridley School District Middle School at 400 Free St.



(Ridley Park Borough)

Ridley Township

Marker 50

WHEAT SHEAF OR DROVE INN

This old inn was located on the west side of Swarthmore Avenue north of Chester Pike. The exact date of its erection is not definitely known but it was in the early 1700's. The inn was torn down in 1905 and there is nothing remaining at this time except an old wooden pump that was used in connection with a well dug in the rear of the site, which at the present time (1936) is visible.

(2017) On the site of the inn today are the Brian Court Apts. at 17 W. Chester Pike.



(Ridley Park Borough)

Ridley Township

Marker No. 51

TAYLOR HOSPITAL

On May 10, 1910, the above mentioned hospital was founded by Dr. Furness Taylor. It is located on the north side of Chester Pike west of Morton Avenue. The institution contains twenty three beds, private and semi-private rooms. It is still maintained as a hospital with a nurses' home in the rear (1936).

(2014) The Hospital was chartered [Charter Book D -470] on May 21, 1910. On September 21, 1909 Anna B. Torbert, widow of Ridley Park sold [D14-13] a tract of land for \$14,000.00 to Dr. H. Furness Taylor. An addition was added in 1957 and in 1973/74 the entire hospital was torn down except for the 1957 addition which faces Chester Pike. The hospital still stands at 175 E. Chester Pike, Ridley Park Pa.



(Ridley Park Borough)

Ridley Township

Marker No. 52

OLD SWEDES HOUSE

This old house was built after 1638, its location being near the waterfront between Darby and Crum Creeks. This is one of the oldest houses in Pennsylvania, and the only Swede house in Delaware County being built when the Swedes were in control of the Delaware River. Joseph Ward of Ridley owned this property for many years, but at present (1936), it is owned by the Baldwin Locomotive Works who have erected an iron fence around it. A plaque has been placed on the house which is in good condition. (1936)

(2014) In 1958 this house was moved to Fort Christiania State Park in Delaware State it is there today. Below is a picture of the house before it was moved to Delaware.



(Eddystone Borough)

Ridley Township

Marker No. 53

AMERICAN LEGION HOME

The above home was started in 1920 in memory of the boys who fell in battle during the World War. The Post is located on Ward Street near Cresswell Avenue. They maintain a ward in the Taylor Hospital consisting of four beds. At present (1936), the Post is still functioning.

(2017) The Legion Home was the former Ward Home at 109 E. Sellers Ave. Today the home is gone and is the Bill Graham Service Center.



(Ridley Park Borough)

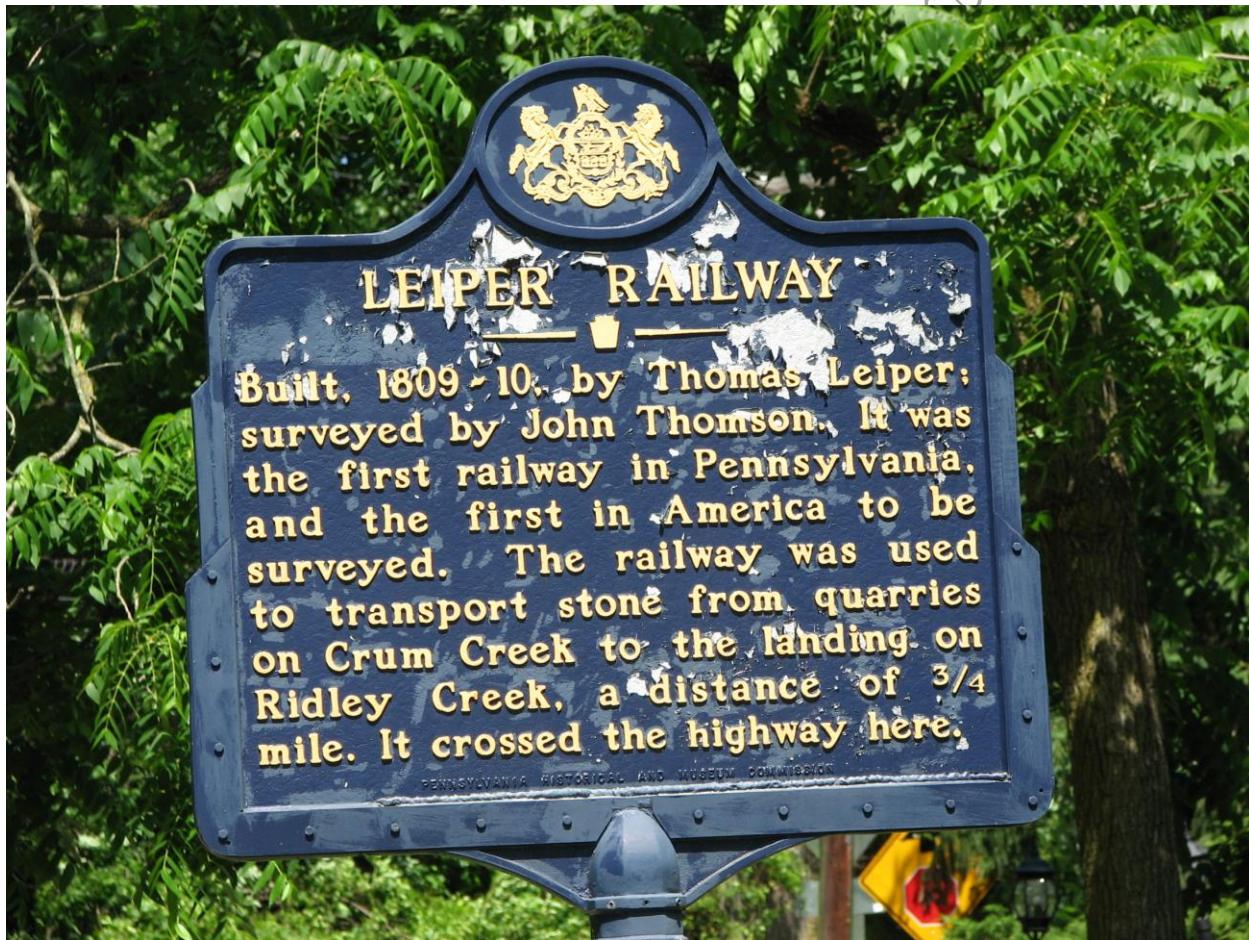
Ridley Township

Marker No. 54

LEIPER CANAL

This canal, on the east side of Crum Creek in a section then known as Carey's Bank, was built by George Leiper, the son of Thomas Leiper in 1828 for the transportation of stone from the Avondale Quarries. There were three sets of locks - number one was just above Chester Pike on the south side of Crum Creek; number two was just above Bullens Lane on the south side; number three was situated opposite the Leiper Quarries. The canal was in operation until 1852. At this writing (1936), little can be seen of the canal or the locks.

(2018) The marker below is on Bullen's Lane in Nether Providence Twp.



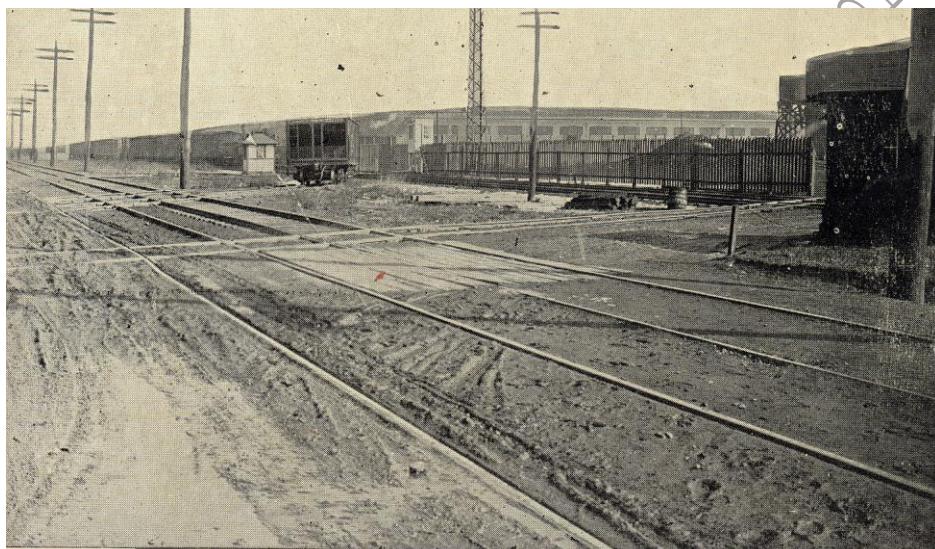
Ridley Township

Marker No. 55

EDDYSTONE EXPLOSION (WORLD WAR)

This explosion occurred on lands of Baldwin Locomotive Works. It caused the death of one hundred thirty people on April 10, 1917. The explosion occurred in the new "F" building which was used for a shell loading plant. The exact cause has never been determined and is still an open case in the Department of Justice (1936).

(2019) Below is a picture of the plant from about 1916.



EDDYSTONE AMMUNITION PLANT, Eddystone, Pa.

(Eddystone Borough)

Ridley Township

Marker No. 56

LEIPERVILLE POST OFFICE

The first post office in Leiperville was located opposite Fairview Road on the south side of Chester Pike in the general store which was owned by Judge Isaac Johnson in 1865. This post office moved into different stores on the pike and at the present time (1936) is in a store at the rear of the Old Colonial Hotel on the south side of Chester Pike at the corner of the property of Baldwin Locomotive Works.

(2017) The original post office closed on August 9, 1872 and reopened on December 1, 1895 as the Crum Lynne Post Office. Today the Crum Lynne Post Office is at 1416 Chester Pike.



Ridley Township

Marker No. 57

RIDLEY PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

In 1876 a frame church was erected on the northwest corner of Swarthmore and Ridley Avenues. The church was chartered [D4-561] on November 1, 1876. On February 15, 1877 the Ridley Park Association sold [H4-322] lots #651 and 652 on the plan of Ridley Park to the church for one dollar. This building was torn down and replaced in 1914 and a stone edifice was erected which still stands. Up to the present time (1936), it is still being used as a church.

(2018) The church was chartered [D4-561] on November 1, 1876. On February 15, 1877 the Ridley Park Association sold [H4-322] lots #651 and 652 on the plan of Ridley Park to the church for one dollar. This building was torn down and replaced in 1915 and a stone edifice was erected which still stands. The church still stands with additions at 300 N. Swarthmore Ave.



(Ridley Park Borough)

Ridley Township

Marker No. 58

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

This church was organized in 1873 by members of the Prospect Hill Church. It is located on the northwest corner of Ward and Ridley Avenues. At present (1936), it functions as a church.

(2018) On December 26, 1872 the Ridley Park Association sold [O3-191] lot "B" for one dollar to the" First Particular Church of Ridley Township". The church still stands and is in use at 15 E. Ridley Ave.



(Ridley Park Borough)

Ridley Township

Marker No. 59

TOLL GATE NO. 2

The original site of Toll Gate #2 was on the south side of Chester Pike west of extension of Hinkson Boulevard. It was removed in 1921. (1936)

(2016) The picture below is the approx. site of Toll Gate #2 Leedom School at 620 E. Chester Pike, Ridley Park.



Ridley Township

Marker No. 60

OLD STONE SAWING MILL

This mill is located on the east side of Crum Creek southeast of Sproul Viaduct. It is a large white mill building which can be seen from the east end of the Sproul Viaduct. This mill marks the first attempt at sawing stone by mechanical power. The quarries above the new viaduct, now owned by Cadwalader I. Leiper Estate, supplied stone for the breastwork at Lewes, Delaware; also for the breastwork of the Fairmount dam on the Schuylkill River, and the Blockley Hospital in Philadelphia Pennsylvania. (1936)

(2017) This mill burned to the ground about 1939. Ruins can still be seen underneath the Sproul Bridge on Sproul Rd. aka Route 320. Below is a picture of the stone mill and Route 320 from December of 1922.



Ridley Township

Marker No. 61

SAINT GABRIEL CHURCH

This Catholic Church started as a mission in 1891. Services were held at various homes, and in the year of 1893 a small frame church was built on the southeast side of Chester Pike opposite Garfield Avenue. This was the first Catholic Church erected between Sharon Hill and Leiperville. In 1914 the church was demolished so that a rectory could be built on this site. At the present time (1936), this rectory still stands.

(2015) On March 10, 1891 John J. and Mary O'Brien sold [T7-204] for one dollar a lot 50 by 250 on Chester Pike thru to Winona Ave. to Arch Bishop Patrick J. Ryan. The church still stands and is in use at 233 Mohawk Ave. Norwood.



(Norwood Borough)

Ridley Township

Marker No. 62

SAINT STEPHENS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

This church was built on the southeast side of Chester Pike about fifty feet northeast of Cleveland Avenue in the year of 1896. It was the first Episcopal Church between Darby and Chester, Pennsylvania. The church still stands with additions.

(2015) On June 6, 1896 Benjamin F. and Lizzie Measy of Ridley Park sold [F9-146] for \$300.00 to trustees Charles Lynch and W. Harry Shrivers a lot at Chester and Cleveland Aves. On December 23, 1896 Gordon Chambers sold [N10-14] to the church trustees, Charles Lynch, B. M. Newbold and W. Harry Shrivers lot #4 on the Henderson Plan. The sale was subject to the payment of the Chambers mortgage from June of 1895. It was the first Episcopal Church between Darby and Chester, Pennsylvania. The church still stands with additions at 128 Chester Pike.



(Norwood Borough)

Ridley Township

Marker No. 63

HENDERSON HOUSE

This old house was built in 1825 on the north side of Henderson Avenue five hundred feet west of McKinley Avenue. The house is now known as #125 Henderson Avenue, and is owned by a Mr. Bonsall. (1936) Still standing, and now owned by the Boyle Family. (2014)

(2018) On March 6, 1833 Robert Davison of Philadelphia for \$4,550.00 dollars sold [S-458] two tracts of land, Tract #1- 71 acres and 125 perches in Ridley Twp., Tract #2- 9 acres and 33 perches of marsh land in Darby Twp. On November 5, 1860 Sarah Henderson, "relic" of Matthew Henderson late of Ridley Township divided the property 5 ways for her 5 children several tracts of land including this property of 91 acres and 155 perches sold [J2-265] to Robert D. Henderson for one dollar. The house still stands at 125 Henderson Ave. with barn.



(Norwood Borough)

Ridley Township

Marker No. 64

TOLL GATE NO. 4

This toll gate was located on the southeast corner of Chester Pike and McKinley Avenue. It was opened in the year 1851 and closed in 1921. The site is now used for commercial purposes (1936). 2014

(2018) The Toll House Tavern was built on the site. Today the site is now empty, the tavern burned to the ground in May of 2014.



(Norwood Borough)

Ridley Township

Marker No. 65

NORWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL

In 1877 this public school was built on the southeast side of Chester Pike about one hundred twenty-five feet east of Summit Avenue. The school was used till 1912 when it was replaced. The building stands today and is used as a business. The site has been occupied by the Sun Oil Company from 1920 to the present date (1936).

(2017) On July 25, 1877 property was purchased [R4-60] from J. Frank Black for \$825.00. The Chester Times of January 18, 1878 states the school is almost complete. A second addition was added in 1890 and this school was given to Norwood Borough when it became incorporated and left sold [357-474] to Ridley Township in 1893.. Norwood School District sold [357-474] Evan L. Moore on September 29, 1915 for \$3,500.00. This two-story brick school still stands on the south side at # 652 Chester Pike, in today's Norwood Borough.



(Norwood Borough)

Ridley Township

Marker No. 66

TOLL GATE NO. 3

This toll gate was located at the southeast corner of Lincoln Avenue and Chester Pike. It was opened in 1851 and closed in 1921 and was the first toll gate to be in operation along the Chester Pike from Chester to Philadelphia. At present (1936), the site is a vacant lot.

(2016) Today the site is a Rite Aid Store at 762 Chester Pike. 2014



(Prospect Park Borough)

Ridley Township

Marker No. 67

OLD BRICK HOUSE

Presumably built by Morton Morton in 1765, this house is of brick that is presumed to have been hand-made and brought from Sweden as boat ballast. It is located on the north side of Darby Creek and west of Muckinipatus Creek. At the present time (1936), the house is still standing.

(2017) The house was restored in the 1970's and today is owned by Norwood Boro. The address is 111 Leon Ave.



(Norwood Borough)

Ridley Township

Marker No. 68

SLEEPER FARM HOUSE

This house was built in 1783 and is located on the southeast side of Chester Pike about one hundred seventy-five feet west of Summit Avenue. It was owned by Thomas Ewing. In later years the house was known as the "Sleepers Farm". It is still standing (1936).

(2014) On July 20, 1811 Jeremiah Andrews of Norfolk, Va. sold [K-261] the farm to William Miller for \$5,750.00. The property included a house and a tract of 50 ¾ acres. Andrews bought the property from William Archer on December 10, 1785. Torn down about 1985 and the site is now a parking lot for the CVS Pharmacy at 702 Chester Pike.



Ridley Township

Marker No. 69

CROSBY MANSION

This large stone house, built by John Crosby, the immigrant, about 1770, is located on the east side of Ridley Creek and the north side of Seventeenth Street. The building to this day (1936), has most of the original beams and woodwork in it. In the center of the house is a well which supplies all the water, and in one of the back rooms there is a powder closet which was used to store gunpowder. Most of the original mantelpieces are still here. There was also an interesting fireplace with the stone seat intact in 1907. John Crosby, the 3rd, known as Judge Crosby, First Lieutenant in the American Revolution, while on a visit home at this house was taken prisoner by the British while washing his hands at a pump near the house door, and was confined for six months in the prison ship "Falmouth" in New York Bay, 1776. His hair turned gray while in prison. This old house is now used as a private club (1936). The "El Rancho Club".

(2017) The "El Rancho Club" closed about 1964. The property was later sold to Widener University and today the site of the former Crosby Home are tennis courts off 17th St. from Chester.



Ridley Township

Marker No. 70

WOODLYN SCHOOL

In 1912 the Ridley Township School District discontinued the old Leiper School on Fairview Road and built a new school with the above name. This school is located on the north side of Grant Avenue east of Fairview Road. At the present time (1936), the school still operates.

(2017) On August 8, 1912 Cornelius Lane of the city of Philadelphia sold [365-240] to the school district 10 lots #191 thru 200 on the plan of the West Ridley Park Land Association for \$2,000.00. The school still stands with additions at 1200 Colson Rd.



Ridley Township

Marker No. 71

OLD CEMETERY

This cemetery was located east of Summit Avenue and about seventy-five feet north of Eighth Avenue. British spies are buried here. Part of the original site of the cemetery is now (1936) occupied by homes.

(2017) On December 20, 1894 Daniel B. Rothermel of Phila. a book keeper sold [P8-308] for one dollar to Washington L. Simes, Phila. druggist a tract of 19 acres more or less. The deed reserves the right to "a right of passage thru the said premises to and from a small graveyard". The graveyard was approx. 24 by 28 feet. Bones were found here in June 1927 when the area was being developed. Shown on "Pine Hill" map behind lot 11 on Summit Ave. The picture below is the rear of the Trieste Restaurant at 641 Chester Pike looking at the rear of the houses on Summit Ave. the approx. site of the cemetery.



(Prospect Park Borough)

Ridley Township

Marker No. 72

CHRIST PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Ridley Park Land Association Company donated two lots for the erection of a chapel on May 7, 1873. The location is on the northwest corner Sellers Avenue and Nevin Street. Through lack of funds the proposed work did not progress until 1879 when the present church was built. This building is an English type built of Port Deposit stone with a belfry and spire. Services are still being held in this edifice (1936).

(2016) January 7, 1880 The Ridley Park Association, the Fidelity Insurance Co. of the second part and the Christ Church of the third part. Witness the R.P.A. for one dollar gave lots, 170 thru 173 to the vestrymen of Christ Church. on April 27, 1872. The property was officially transferred on January 7, 1880 when the mortgage was satisfied. The church still stands with additions at 104 Nevin St.



(Ridley Park Borough)

Ridley Township

Marker No. 73

RIDLEY TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

This high school was built in 1934. It is located on the west side of Morton Avenue one-fifth mile north of MacDade Boulevard. The building is two stores high, built of yellow brick (1936).

(2019) On February 27, 1927 the Ridley Township School District bought [853-507] from Antonio and Pasqualina Marino a tract of land on Swarthmore Ave [today's Morton Ave.] for \$500.00 dollars down. They agreed to have the property surveyed and pay \$1500.00 dollar's per acre. They also agreed to widen Swarthmore now Morton Ave. to 60 feet in width. It is located on the west side of Morton Avenue one-fifth mile north of MacDade Boulevard. This school had two additions one in 1957 and the other in 1967. The original High School was torn down in 2001 and only part of the 1957 and 1967 additions remain at 901 Morton Ave. Folsom. It is the Ridley Community Center today.



Ridley Township

Marker No. 74

DUTTON FARMHOUSE

About 1836 the above house was built by Jesse Dutton on the southeast corner of Swarthmore and Sellers Avenues (then known as the "Old Cow Path". The Ridley Park Post Office was in this old farmhouse from 1870 until 1873. The house is still standing (1936).

(2014) On December 23, 1870 Jesse and Emily Dutton sold [B3-270] to the Ridley Park Association for \$19,297.78 a house, 2 roads and 42 acres and 29 perches. The Ridley Park Post Office was in this old farmhouse from 1870 until 1873. Townhouses now mark the site on Sellers at Swarthmore Aves House #'s 2 thru 8 on E. Sellers Ave.



(Ridley Park Borough)

Ridley Township

Marker No. 75

LEIPERVILLE MILLS

These mills were located on the east bank of Crum Creek, and in early times a short distance south of Chester Pike, but later placed on the south side of the Pike itself. The first mill, a grist mill, had been erected prior to 1784 and was operated by John McIlvain. This mill was continued until 1794 when a saw mill was built and continued as such until 1827 when George G. Leiper bought the property. After enlargements the mill was leased to James Campbell, who later became the pioneer manufacturer of Chester. He operated this mill until 1855. George G. Leiper had in 1848 erected an axe factory, which was finally taken over by James Campbell. Following Mr. Campbell came Michael Buggy as tenant, who was succeeded by Daniel Lees as owner in 1869. The mill was finally operated by Smith Longbotham. During the occupancy of Messrs. Campbell, Lees and Longbotham these mills were destroyed by fire many times, but as many times rebuilt. About 1905 an oil line sprung a leak in Bullen's Lane and some adventurous person threw a match into the gutter to see if the oil would burn. It did! The conflagration spread downhill along the north gutter of Chester Pike to Crum Creek, entered the spillway of the race and not only burned the trolley bridge on the north side of the Pike but burned the Longbotham Mill as well. The latter was never rebuilt, and, Baldwin Locomotive Works soon after acquiring the site, the old walls were removed, the Creek walled in and on the site today (1936), stands the Vauclain Fire Company's House, south side of Pike and east side of Crum Creek.

(2020) The approx. site of the mill is this driveway to the Baldwin Office Bldg. at 1510 Chester Pike opposite Zac's Hamburgers on Chester Pike in Crum Lynne. The site is below.



Ridley Township

Marker No. 76

A. G. BURNS GRIST MILL

Arthur G. Burns owned this mill in the late 1800's. It was located on the northwest side of Franklin Avenue one-quarter mile east of Amosland Road. In later years, a coal and lumber yard was operated in conjunction with a saw mill. Nothing pertaining to this mill stands on this site now (1936).

(2014) On June 16, 1882 Arthur G. Burns of Marple bought [G5-299] lot 54 on the plan of Amosland Terrace from Elizabeth Bottomley of Media for \$850.00. Houses built in the 1950's mark the site by the creek in the 2200 block of Franklin Avenue at the intersection of Secane Road.



Ridley Township

Marker No. 77

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

This church is situated on the north side of Elmwood Avenue about two hundred feet west of McKinley Avenue. It was built in 1893 and is standing at the present time (1936).

(Norwood Borough)

(2017)On March 17, 1893 Harry and Annie Williams, Samuel and Mary Bailey, Charles and Tacey Andrews and James and Rachel Jones of Ridley Twp. sold [X8-154] to the St. James Mission of Phila. Pa. for five dollars lot # 176 on Elmwood Ave. Norwood. The trustees "were to erect or cause to be built a house of worship" On September 30, 1921 George and Margaret Jarvis of Prospect Park sold [521-88] lot #336 on the Henderson/Hazlett plan in Norwood on Cleveland Avenue to the trustees of the St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church for one dollar. The trustees were Benjamin H. White, Oliver Holt, John E. Tingle, George Jones, George Britman and George H. Frances.

TWO CHURCHES??? YES according to the deed research. The church was torn down c.1950 the approx. site today is 107 Elmwood Ave. pictured below.



Ridley Township

Marker No. 78

PUBLIC SCHOOL

This school was built in 1912 on the northwest corner of Winona and Mohawk Avenues. The building is still standing (1936).

(2014) On June 21, 1912 Samuel and Josephine Stull sold [D14-556] their house and lot #70 for \$4,600.00 to the school district. On June 22, 1912 Eva and Anna Duffee, single women of Phila. sold [D14-553] to the Norwood School District a frame house and lots 71 and 72 on the plan of Norwood for \$3,500.00. This school building at 20 E. Winona Ave. closed in 1957 and is now an apartment building .



(Norwood Borough)

Ridley Township

Marker No. 79

RIDLEY PARK POST OFFICE

The first post office in Ridley Park was in the farmhouse of Jesse Dutton on the southeast corner of Swarthmore and Sellers Avenues. It was opened on January 9, 1872 with Robert M. Copeland as the first postmaster and it was at this location for three years when (1875) it was moved to Harrison's Drug Store, which was on the north side of Hinckley Avenue west of Sellers Avenue. It was in this second location until 1900 when it was moved to its present site on the southeast corner of Hinckley and Sellers Avenues (1936).

(2014) This post office is now at 15 Felton Street it opened in 1977 as the first solar heated post office in the U.S.



(Ridley Park Borough)

Ridley Township

Marker No. 80

SCHOOL SITE

About 1818 there was a school located on the east side of Fairview Road about one-half mile north of MacDade Boulevard. It stood beside the Ridley Presbyterian Church (See Marker #14) and was mainly sponsored by the Leiper family. This school was closed in 1849 when the new school was erected directly opposite. (See Marker #16).

(2017) No deed has been found for this school. It stood on the north side the Ridley Presbyterian Church at 900 Fairview Rd. (See Marker #14) and was mainly sponsored by the Leiper family. This school was closed in 1849 when the new school was erected directly opposite.



Ridley Township

Marker No. 81

NORWOOD POST OFFICE

This post office is located on the east side of Winona Avenue about three hundred feet north of Chester Pike. It was built and opened on February 11, 1885, and at the present time (1936), the building remains.

(2014) This Post office was known as Norwood Station till January 1, 1941 when it was changed to just Norwood. Today the post office is located at 326 Chester Pike. 2014



(Norwood Borough)

Ridley Township

Marker No. 82

PROSPECT PARK POST OFFICE

The first post office in this borough was opened in the railroad station at Moores. 1880 it was moved from the railroad station to the southwest corner of Eleventh and Lincoln Avenues where it stayed until 1904, when it was moved to the east side of Lincoln Avenue about two hundred fifty feet south of the railroad. It was here until 1919 when it was again moved to the northwest corner of Eleventh and Lincoln Avenues, where it remains at the present writing (1936).

(2014) January 16, 1882, the Moores Post office opened, replacing the Ridleyville Post office On February 1, 1932 the name of the Moores Post office was changed to Prospect Park. The post office is now at 811 Eleventh Avenue.



(Prospect Park Borough)

Ridley Township

Marker No. 83

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD TURNTABLE & ENGINE HOUSE

The Pennsylvania Railroad built an engine house and turntable on the north side of the railroad about two hundred fifty feet east of Lincoln Avenue about the year 1878. This turntable was used by trains that only ran as far as Moores Station. The turntable and engine house were at this location until 1908 when it became the site of a lumber yard.

(2017) Today the site is the Moore Industrial Park at 1200 Pennsylvania Ave.



(Prospect Park Borough)

Ridley Township

Marker No. 84

PLOW TAVERN

This inn was built on the north side of Chester Pike east of Stony Creek in 1740 by Israel Hendrickson. In 1767 William Smith was granted a license and it then became known as the "Plow Tavern". From 1767 to 1820 it was owned by various persons, but in the latter year it ceased to function as a tavern and became the property of John L. Pearson, whose father had purchased the property from Sketchley Morton, son of John Morton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. The house is still standing, being used for residential purposes (1936).

(2014) In the 1870's the house had a mansard roof added and had painted glass windows on the first floor with bay windows that were also added. It is now an apartment building at 915 Chester Pike.



Ridley Township

Marker No. 85

WORRALL PRIVATE CEMETERY

This cemetery, which lies along the west side of Fairview Road, is on the old farm of Jacob Worrall two thousand feet north of MacDade Boulevard. It was the private burial ground of the Worrall family. All that can be seen of it is a stone wall partly fallen to decay, and one headstone still standing with the date "1825" almost extinct (1936).

(2014) This cemetery is long gone only one picture is known to exist. The farm house is still standing at Fairview Court and Fairview Rd.



Ridley Township

Marker No. 86

P. E. CHURCH OF ATONEMENT

The above church, located 935 Amosland Rd. at the southeast corner of Amosland Road and Franklin Avenue, was the outgrowth of meetings held at a cottage of John H. Irwin, and later in the hall over the schoolhouse on School Street. Services are still held here (1936).

(2015) The church was erected April 25, 1879. The church was chartered [Charter A-13] on June 10, 1879. On May 24, 1880 John H. Irwin sold [Y4-372] for one dollar, lots 4 & 5 on a plan of Amosland Terrace. Sold to the vestry of the Church of Atonement. This church closed in 2009 and is now the New Life Temple Church is on the site at 968 Amosland Rd.



Ridley Township

Marker No. 87

W. C. T. U. WATER TROUGH

In years gone by when Chester Pike was a dirt road and the custom was to use horses and carriages for transportation, the different societies erected drinking fountains for horses along the various highways. The W. C. T. U. erected one of these fountains on Chester Pike east of Lincoln Avenue (Lazaretto Road). It stood for quite a number of years, but when the old toll gate was taken away in 1921, this fountain also was removed. (1936)

(2017) Today the approx. site of the trough is the Rite Aid Pharmacy at 762 Chester Pike.



(Prospect Park Borough)

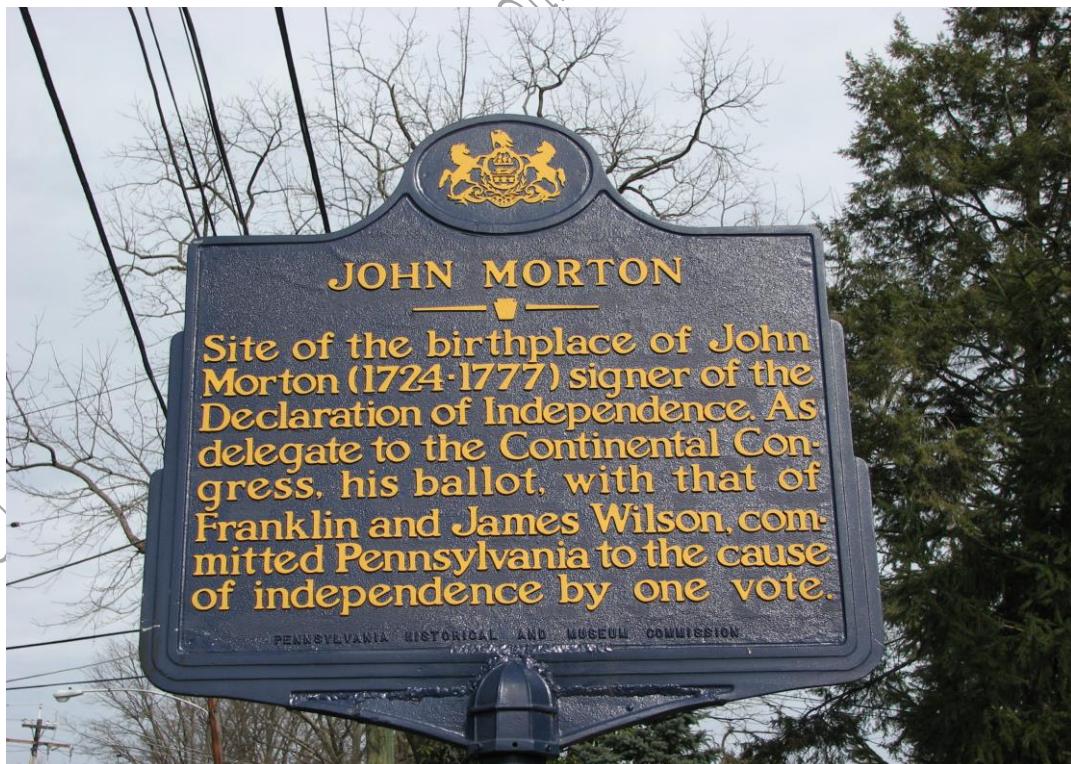
Ridley Township

Marker No. 88

JOHN MORTON'S RESIDENCE

The above home was built in 1765 where now the east side of Ridley Avenue intersects Cresswell Street. John Morton married Anne Justis of Springfield in that year and built the brick house on the site of the log cabin he was born in, in 1725. Some beautiful trees still mark the land but no foundation stones or ruins are there now (1936). This house was quite some distance from Chester Pike and we are told that a beautiful drive leading to the house from Chester Pike was the only access to the house from the then King's Highway. Peter Hill, Jr. married a granddaughter of John Morton, the signer of the Declaration of Independence, and he and his wife also lived in this house in 1824. Now (1936), the property or site is an open field. (1936) The house burned to the ground in the 1870's. An outline of some ruins can still be seen. (2014)

(2014) Peter Hill, Jr. married a granddaughter of John Morton, the signer of the Declaration of Independence, and he and his wife also lived in this house in 1824. On December 23, 1870 Charles and Martha Horne, Ridley Farmer sold [B3-274] to members of the Ridley Park Association for \$28,407.00 a house and tract of land of 133 acres, 2 roads and 20 perches. Charles Horne bought [S-400] the same property from John Justis on January 16, 1833. The house burned to the ground in the 1870's. An outline of some ruins can still be seen below is the state marker in the 500 block E. Ridley Ave. 2014



(Ridley Park Borough)

Ridley Township

Marker No. 89

PUBLIC SCHOOL

This elementary school, located on the east side of Tome Street between Barker Avenue and Park Street, was erected in 1885 and enlarged in 1896. It is built of red brick. The school still functions at this writing (1936).

(2014) On June 5, 1885 the School Board purchased {W5-494} several lots from the Ridley Park Association for \$11010.00 dollars. A two-story stone and brick schoolhouse was built by J. R. Shirley at a cost of \$7,800.00. The second floor of the school was paid for by eleven local residents at a cost of \$2,000.00 and was known as "Ridley Park Hall". The hall was leased from the school board and rented out for parties etc. This school was torn down about 1975 and a small colonial housing development was built on the site. The original stone steps and railing to the school can still be seen at 503 Tome Street at Dupont today.



(Ridley Park Borough)

Ridley Township

Marker No. 90

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD STATION

The Pennsylvania Railroad Station is located on the northwest corner of Welcome and Winona Avenues. It is said to be one of the old exposition buildings used at the Centennial in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia. This building was brought to Norwood about sixty years ago. It is still being used as the Norwood Station of the Pennsylvania Railroad (1936).

(2014) It is not a centennial building, a railroad guide book from 1875 shows the station here. Norwood opened for development in 1873. This station was removed about 1945 and replaced by the current brick one.



(Norwood Borough)

Ridley Township

Marker No. 91

GENERAL ROBERT PATTERSON'S HOUSE

This house is located on the northeast corner of Park and Michigan Avenues, near Swarthmore. East half of the house was built probably between 1725 and 1760. It was tenanted by Francis Patterson's family in the early 1800's, including General Robert Patterson of Civil War time, who attended local schools. The west end of the house was added in 1830 by Isaac Worrall. It has been the residence of Frederick B. Calvert for the past thirty years. (1936)

(2015) On January 25, 1907 Calvert bought [P12-90] the property of 7 and 243/1000 of an acre from Sylvester Garrett for \$7,500.00. Sylvester and Elizabeth Garrett on May 20, 1906 sold [H12-1] the property to Sylvester and Albert Garrett and Tom Cahill for one dollar. The property was lots 20 thru 29 on the plan of the West Hill Land Association. This house is still standing at 417 Vassar Ave.



Ridley Township

Marker No. 92

JOHN MCILVAIN JR., HOUSE

This house was built in 1802 on the east side of Smiley Street south of Chester Pike, Leiperville. It was later the residence of Thomas Maddock, who owned the present Leiperville south of the Pike. The house is still used as a dwelling (1936).

(2014) This house was torn down for the I-95 overpass of Chester Pike at Smiley St. in the late 1970's.



Ridley Township

Marker No. 93

SAMUEL PALMER HOUSE

The above home is located north of Grant Avenue about six hundred feet east of Fairview Road (near Woodlyn School). It was built in 1816 and is still occupied as a dwelling (1936).

(2014) On April 1, 1863 Samuel Palmer of Phila. bought [K2-376] from the heirs of Peter Stewart two tracts of land #1 60 acres,33 perches and house and tenement, tract #2 1 acre 48 perches for \$6,350.00. Palmers heirs sold [T4-454] on October 30, 1879 the same property to William Worrell. This farmhouse is still standing at 230 Washington Ave. in Woodlyn and is now apartments.



Ridley Township

Marker No. 94

JOHN L. CROSBY'S HOUSE

About 1831 this home was built about five hundred feet north of MacDade Boulevard east of Bullen's Lane. George West's family has been occupying same for forty or fifty years as tenants. (1936)

(2014) In 1941 this property was bought by the Federal Government and became war housing. The farm became low income housing after the World War II, known as "Overlook Heights". The farm house became the office and was the victim of arson about 1986. No ruins remain, the site is a parking lot.



Ridley Township

Marker No. 95

GEORGE GRAY LEIPER HOUSE

The above house was built in 1816 on the west bank of Crum Creek about one hundred feet north of Bullen's Lane, at Lapidea. It was sold to Ex-Governor Sproul who later tore it down. Nothing remains of the house at this time. (1936).

(2014) The executors of the George Leiper Estate, John H. Thomas and J. Edward Hannum sold [A3-44] to Elizabeth Leiper Smith. She sold [B3-550] the same property of 31 acres and 37 perches with buildings and tenements to Samuel C. Lewis on April 4, 1871 for \$6,700.00. On July 23, 1903 A. Lewis Smith Administrator of the estate of Samuel C. Lewis sold 12-1-20-1902 [X10-244] to William C. Sproul of Chester a house and tenet house in Ridley Twp. of 44 acres and 40 perches. It was sold to Ex-Governor Sproul who later tore it down. Only a few pictures exist, and this area has changed a lot since the Blue Route went thru. No ruins are known to exist. Below is a dirt road at Bullens Lane and Crum Creek believed to be the old road to the George Leiper Home.



Ridley Township

Marker No. 96

DAVIS AND CULIN SAW MILL

A saw mill was erected about 1797 by Caleb Davis and Isaac Culin on Little Crum Creek where it empties into Crum Creek. In later years this mill fell into ruins but about 1831 it was purchased by John F. Hill who undertook to reestablish the mill, acquiring the privilege of backing up the water by dam near to the falls of the present Ridley Park or Crum Lynne Lake. About 1842 the mill was sold to William J. Leiper with the water rights. Mr. Leiper in turn sold the property to John O. Deshong. It is questionable whether the mill was ever used after the time it was owned by John F. Hill.

(2017) Today the site of this mill would be approx. under I 95. Little Crum Creek and Crum Creek are piped underground in this area. Below is a picture of Rt. 291 running left to right and Sellers Ave. from c.1953. The empty field is now the site of the Boeing Vertol Plant today.



Ridley Township

Marker No. 97

HARVEY MILLS

Sometime between 1708 and 1713 Joseph Harvey purchased from Jacob Simcock a tract of land consisting of approximately three hundred fifty acres located on Stony Creek and what is now the boundary line between the Borough of Rutledge and Ridley Township. On Stony Creek about six hundred feet south of Fourth Avenue, Mr. Harvey built a corn mill, a shelling mill and a saw mill. Joseph Harvey was a member of the Assembly from 1734 to 1745. (1936)

(2014) There are some ruins south of Fourth Avenue about 50 feet on the west side of the creek. Whether these are mill ruins is unknown.

