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Item Type Object Photograph Document Book

Collection Library

Object ID/Accession # 4093

Object Name WVHS Historical

Category Ambler

Date/Year Range 1993

Title WVHS Historical Scrapbook #4

Creator/Author/Artist Frank J. Russo, Jr.

Description:

Contains: Oath of Office for School Directors from 1899 for the Independent School District of Ambler, Ambler Independent School District Vouchers to reimburse people for printing, postage, secretary's salary from 1899 and Treasurer's report.



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Object ID/Accession # 4094.1-2

Object Name Broad Axe Village -

Category Whitpain

Date/Year Range August 2000

Title Broad Axe Village - History, Reminiscences, Lore,
August 2000

Creator/Author/Artist Ed Goldschmidt

Description:

Broad Axe Village, circa August 2000, is a community of 89 homes near the intersection of Butler and Skippack Pikes, in Montgomery County, PA, along with a small shopping center. A quiet suburban neighborhood of stately stone homes. The land had been witness to settlers from Europe seeking economic and religious freedom during the 17th and 18th centuries, and to General George Washington prior to Valley Forge. In the 19th and 20th centuries it served as a farm for several generations and after WW II



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Object ID/Accession # 4095

Object Name National Register of

Category Whitpain

Date/Year Range October 31, 2013

Title National Register of Historic Places - Registration form
for Franklinville School

Creator/Author/Artist David Kimmerly

Description:

Application form to register Franklinville School on the National Register of Historic Places. Contains a description of the school, the historic integrity and background, the significance of the school, building sketches and map locations.



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Item Type Object Photograph Document Book

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Object ID/Accession # 4096

Object Name Historical Society of

Category Whitpain

Date/Year Range 2014

Title Historical Society of Whitpain - Misc. Items

Creator/Author/Artist Historical Society of Whitpain

Description:

Collection of misc. items: Guide Book, History of Whitpain, Historical Society Letterhead, forms, guest register and various signs.



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Object ID/Accession # 4097

Object Name WVHS - Whitpain

Category Whitpain

Date/Year Range 1993

Title WVHS - Whitpain Township Historical Scrapbook #1

Creator/Author/Artist Frank J. Russo, Jr.

Description:

Collection of items relating to Whitpain Township; photo's (orig and copies), ads, History of Broad Axe Village, maps, newspaper articles, Revolutionary History of Whitpain Encampment, Whitpain notable trees, township directory, history of Centre Square, history of Blue Bell, Account of Rader Tragedy, Boehm Church, St. John's Church and Historic House Tour procedure, 1975.



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Item Type Object Photograph Document Book

Collection Library

Object ID/Accession # 4098

Object Name Reminiscences of

Category Whitpain

Date/Year Range 1896

Title Reminiscences of Dawsfield and Vicinity, Saunders
Lewis Manuscript

Creator/Author/Artist Morris J Lewis, MD

Description:

History of "Dawesfield". The name is derived from the "Dawes" family name and has been in uninterrupted possession of the property since 1728. This is a copy of the original manuscript.

The manuscript also describes some of the local homes and buildings in the area.

Also enclosed are two DVD's:

1. Unedited interview with Vivian Gast.
2. Unedited interview with Gloria Jones.



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Item Type Object Photograph Document Book

Collection Library

Object ID/Accession # 4099

Object Name Reminiscences of

Category Whitpain

Date/Year Range Reprinted October 1998

Title Reminiscences of Dawesfield & Vicinity

Creator/Author/Artist Saunders Lewis 1896; Reprinted by Permission of Mrs. Carroll R. Wetzel (Phoebe M. Francine) A descendant

Description:

Limited Edition #98/500

The name "Dawesfield" is derived from the "Dawes" family, who, with their descendants, have been in uninterrupted possession of the property since 1728. History of other local properties are also mentioned in this book.



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Object ID/Accession # 4100

Object Name Dawesfield - National

Category Whitpain

Date/Year Range March 29, 1991

Title Dawesfield - National Register Approval March 29, 1991, along with the application

Creator/Author/Artist Forms prepared by: Gregory Ramsey, Chief, National Register and Survey Programs

Description:

Application forms submitted on January 8, 1991 and approval received March 29, 1991 from the Commonwealth of PA, PA Historical & Museum Commission as a National Register of Historic Places



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Collection Library

Object ID/Accession # 4101

Object Name Normandy Farm & It's

Category Whitpain

Date/Year Range December 1996

Title Normandy Farm & It's Barn

Creator/Author/Artist Compiled by: Meghan MacWilliams, The Acanthus Group, Building Preservation; Compiled for: The

Description:

History of Normandy Farm and It's Barn from 1875 to 1996. Oral history from Arthur Rush, Farm Manager of Normandy Farm for 45 years.

Two copies in the binder. One loose in sheet protectors, the other in spiral bound booklet.



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Object ID/Accession # 4102

Object Name Whitpain Township

Category Whitpain

Date/Year Range 1950

Title Whitpain Township Zoning Ordinance 1950 as amended to and including Ordinance No. 4-2, with

Creator/Author/Artist Board of Supervisors, Whitpain Township, Montgomery County, PA, printed 6-61

Description:

An Ordinance of the Township of Whitpain, County of Montgomery, Commonwealth of PA, classifying, regulating, and restricting the height and size of buildings and other structures; the percentage of lot that may be occupied; the size of yards and other open spaces; the density of population; the location, erection, construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, and use of buildings and structures, and the use of land for trade, industry, and other purposes; establishing the boundaries of districts for the



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Object ID/Accession # 4103

Object Name Whitpaine's Creek

Category Whitpain

Date/Year Range 1701-2001

Title Whitpaine's Creek, Whitpain Township Tricentennial
Commemorative Publication 1701-2001

Creator/Author/Artist Carol Hansberry Spacht

Description:

Contents:

1. What's in a Name?
2. A Lonely Grave?
3. Whitpaine's Creek: Paradise Lost, One Third Regain'd
4. Whitpain Township's Secondary Landholders
5. The Log Cabin of Yost Road
6. Appendices
7. Index

Illustrations



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Object ID/Accession # 4104

Object Name Whitpain ... Crossroads in

Category Whitpain

Date/Year Range October 1977

Title Whitpain ... Crossroads in Time

Creator/Author/Artist Whitpain Township Bicentennial Commission, Whitpain Township, Montgomery County, PA

Description:

The purpose of this book is to bring the past of Whitpain Township closer to the people, especially our neighbors.

Contents:

1. Early Whitpain Township History
 - a. Early History of Whitpain Township
 - b. Flora and Fauna of Whitpain Township
 - c. William Penn
 - d. Whitpain Township - "What's in a Name?"
 - e. European Settlement of Montgomery County



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Object ID/Accession # 4105

Object Name Whitpain Township, A

Category Whitpain

Date/Year Range 1701 - 2001

Title Whitpain Township, A Tricentennial Reflection 1701 - 2001

Creator/Author/Artist Compiled and Edited by Wayne A. Huss

Description:

Rework of Whitpain ... Crossroads in Time and to incorporate newly submitted material.



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Object ID/Accession # 4106

Object Name Whitpain Township,

Category Whitpain

Date/Year Range October 1961

Title Whitpain Township, Comprehensive Plan, October 1961

Creator/Author/Artist Montgomery County Planning Commission, Norristown, PA

Description:

This plan is a framework from which to begin the continuous process of formulating Township goals and policies in order to promote the orderly development of Whitpain.



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Object ID/Accession # 4107

Object Name Whitpain Township

Category Whitpain

Date/Year Range 1950 and 1960's

Title Whitpain Township Planning Report and other items

Creator/Author/Artist Whitpain Planning Commission

Description:

Planning Commission Report and misc. items:

1. Historical District Zoning
2. Your Township, April 1, 1959
3. Your Whitpain School System, 5 year projection
4. newspaper articles
5. Whitpain Township Planning Commission, 11/18/63
6. Booklet, Whitpain Township Planning Commission 1954



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Object ID/Accession # 4108

Object Name History of Whitpain 1880

Category Whitpain

Date/Year Range April 1981

Title History of Whitpain 1880 - 1980

Creator/Author/Artist Agnes Baker Jefferson

Description:

Prepared by Agnes Baker Jefferson as a Chapter in Montgomery County History - Second Hundred Years. Manuscript revised and edited once before submission to Jean Toll, Editor.

Table of Contents:

1. Introduction
2. Whitpain Government
3. Agriculture in Whitpain
4. Rail Transportation
5. Social Life
6. Schools in Whitpain



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Object ID/Accession # 4109

Object Name Time Line of History - In

Category Whitpain

Date/Year Range 1714 - 2004

Title Time Line of History, In Centre Square and Vicinity,
The Centre Square Hotel, now Reeds Country Store,

Creator/Author/Artist Compiled and written by Bob Whittock

Description:

Time Line of History from 1714 to 2004 for
Centre Square and Vicinity.



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Item Type Object Photograph Document Book

Collection Library

Object ID/Accession # 4110

Object Name Whitpain Historic Houses

Category Whitpain

Date/Year Range 1700 - 2002

Title Whitpain Historic Houses and Demolished Structures

Creator/Author/Artist Compiled by Bob Whittock

Description:

Photo's (originals or copies), descriptions and locations of historic houses and demolished structures in Whitpain.



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Item Type Object Photograph Document Book

Collection Library

Object ID/Accession # 4111.1-3

Object Name The Early Roads of

Category Whitpain

Date/Year Range 1765 - 2015

Title The Early Roads of Whitpain Township

Creator/Author/Artist Compiled by Bob Whittock

Description:

#4111.1 The Early Roads of Whitpain Township: When the roads were laid out in Whitpain Township, how/why they were named or changed, hand drawn map, who worked on the roads, costs, materials, amount of tax levied and who shoveled snow, dated July 2, 2015.

#4111.2 Copy of a page from a book indicating the names of roads in Whitpain, which were toll roads, when they were paved and name changes.

#4111.3



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Item Type Object Photograph Document Book

Collection Library

Object ID/Accession # 4112

Object Name Centre Square Fire

Category Whitpain

Date/Year Range Oct 22, 1988 and

Title Centre Square Fire Company

Creator/Author/Artist Centre Square Fire Chief

Description:

The Centre Square Fire Chief provided WVHS with:

1. The 75th Anniversary pamphlet on the Centre Square Fire Company, issued October 22, 1988.
2. After the Fire Chief completed his presentation on the history of the fire company, he presented WVHS with a printout with photo's containing information on the Apparatus, Fire Stations, CSFC History, Old Apparatus, dated 4/6/2007.



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Collection Library

Object ID/Accession # 4113

Object Name Photographs - misc.

Category Whitpain

Date/Year Range unknown

Title Photographs - miscellaneous

Creator/Author/Artist unknown

Description:

Photographs found in Library:

1. Olsen property, May 2, 1992
2. Identify Houses "Questers and Whitpain House Tour" May 17, 1981. Contains negatives and a print-out of the negatives on one sheet.



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Item Type Object Photograph Document Book

Collection Library

Object ID/Accession # 4114

Object Name Favorites from our Table

Category Whitpain

Date/Year Range 2013

Title Favorites from our Table

Creator/Author/Artist Centre Square Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, 100th Anniversary 1913 - 2013

Description:

The Centre Square Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary was founded April 22, 1913 to support the CSFC and various causes through their fundraising efforts, one of them being this recipe book. The Table of Contents includes:
Appetizers and Beverages
Soups and Salads
Vegetables and side dishes
Main Dishes
Breads and Rolls
Desserts



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Object ID/Accession # 4115.1-2

Object Name Wings Field

Category Whitpain

Date/Year Range May 23, 1930

Title Wings Field Autobiography, 75 Years of Aviation
History, edition 2005 and 2009

Creator/Author/Artist Wings Field (with a little help from Charles Spence)

Description:

#4115.1 - Edition 2005

#4115.2 - Edition 2009

The people, places and events surrounding
one of the oldest and best airports in the
United States.



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Collection Library

Object ID/Accession # 2581

Object Name Wings Field newspaper

Category Whitpain

Date/Year Range 1960's

Title Wings Field newspaper articles

Creator/Author/Artist unknown

Description:

Various newspser articles from the 1960's dealing with Wings Field expansion, noise, lights....



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Description:

Collection

Object ID/Accession #

Object Name

Category

Date/Year Range

Title

Creator/Author/Artist



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Category

Date/Year Range

Title

Creator/Author/Artist



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Object ID/Accession # 4116

Object Name The Martinos: A Family

Category Whitpain

Date/Year Range 1908 - 2002

Title The Martinos: A Family Legacy (painters)

Creator/Author/Artist Curated by Gary T. Erbe; Organized by the Butler Institute of American Art, OH; In conjunction with The

Description:

Giovanni, Eva, Nina F. and Babette Martino.

In the case of the Martinos, the level of achievement is both impressive and inspirational. Curator Gary Erbe has pulled together a remarkable selection that also offers wonderful insights into the creative identify of each artist while examining their shared vision.

In the 1960's the Martinos settled in Blue Bell. They painted scenes from Phila., Norristown,



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Object ID/Accession # 4117.1-2

Object Name Mermaid Estates Civic

Category Whitpain

Date/Year Range 1959 - 1967

Title Mermaid Estates Civic Association - Archives Book 1
and Book 2, 1959 to 1967

Creator/Author/Artist Mermaid Estates Civic Association (MECA)

Description:

Two books containing the Constitution and By-Laws of MECA, Minutes of the Meetings, Halloween photo's, general correspondence, Fallout Shelter plans, etc.



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Collection Library

Object ID/Accession # 4118

Object Name Local History (#1),

Category Montgomery County

Date/Year Range unknown

Title Local History (#1), collected by Art Driedger

Creator/Author/Artist Art Driedger

Description:

Collection of Articles throughout Montgomery County which touch on the Wissahickon Fire Co., Independent School District of Ambler, Ambler businesses by street location, Mary Hough articles, Articles from Ambler Gazette, Through the Revolutionary War, Centre Square Grange #1774 P.O.H., History of Cold Point Grange #606, History of Wissahickon Grange #760 P.O.H., Papermaking at Miquon, PA, Antique Iron Works and Machines of the Water Power Age, History of Whitpain Twp., Formation of Townships and Boroughs,



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Object ID/Accession # 4119

Object Name Local History (#2),

Category Montgomery County

Date/Year Range unknown

Title Local History (#2), collected by Art Driedger

Creator/Author/Artist Art Driedger

Description:

Collection of Local History including:
Continental Army Encampment maps,
Wissahickon Fire Co, Census of 1850, Trolley
Lines, History of Ambler and Whitpain and
Newt Howard articles.



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Collection Library

Object ID/Accession # 4120

Object Name Local History Notes (#3),

Category Montgomery County

Date/Year Range collected 1986

Title Local History Notes (#3), collected by Art Driedger

Creator/Author/Artist Art Driedger

Description:

Collection of local history including:

History of Ambler

Harmar's death, 1831

The Morris'

Mills: Fulling Mill, Clover Mill, Thomson Mill,
Wertsner Mill, Reiff Mill, Hague's Mill, Burk's
Mill and Fluens Silk Mill.

Faust's Tannery

Toll Gates in Ambler

The Independent School District

Montgomery County Agricultural Society



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Collection Lower Gwynedd - J.E.

Object ID/Accession # 4122

Object Name J.E.Marsden Glass Works,

Category Glass - Blocks

Date/Year Range 1902 - 1933

Title Blocks from Marsden Glass Works Kiln

Creator/Author/Artist donated by Gary Fuess

Description:

These blocks were unearthed at Amchem Products, Inc., Ambler, PA, while excavating in the corner of the Amchem parking lot. The blocks lined the Glass Kilns used by the



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Collection Library

Object ID/Accession # 4121.1-19

Object Name Ambler High School - R-

Category Ambler

Date/Year Range 1919 - 1948

Title Ambler High School - R-Ambler and The Pinnacle
Yearbooks

Creator/Author/Artist Ambler High School

Description:

The Pinnacle states it is issued bi-monthly during the school term, by and in the interest of the pupils of the Ambler High School. The R-Ambler states the purpose of the R-Ambler is to create in the hearts of those in the Class of xxx an everliving memory of the happy days we have spent in Ambler High School.

We have the following albums:

4121.1 - The Pinnacle, Vol. IV, No. 3, daated

April 1919, soft brown cover, 9" x 6"x.25"

4121.2 - The Pinnacle, Vol. XII, No. 2, dated



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Item Type Object Photograph Document Book

Collection Amchem Products, Inc.,

Object ID/Accession # 4123.001

Object Name Amchem Chemicals and

Category Documents - Patents

Date/Year Range 1904 - 1990

Title Case #1: Patent for "Process of Repairing Castings or the Like"

Creator/Author/Artist James H. Gravell and Eugene Pearson

Description:

Process of repairing castings or the like.





Item Type Object Photograph Document Book

Collection Amchem Products, Inc.,

Object ID/Accession # 4124

Object Name Amchem Reunions

Category Books - Lower Gwynedd

Date/Year Range 1996 - 2017

Title Amchem Products Reunions

Creator/Author/Artist Gary Fuess

Description:

Letters, memos, notations, directories and photo's taken during some of the reunions. History of dates, locations and number of attendees is attached. Reunions took place in 1996, 1999, 2002, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015 and another is scheduled for October 28, 2017 with a tour of Ambler Yards, formerly Amchem. Former Amchem employees: if you wish to attend, please contact Joan.Duxbury@comcast.net.

Amchem Reunion History

	Year Held	Location	Date	Number of Attendees
1st Reunion	1996	Williamson's	May 31st	250
2nd Reunion	1999	Williamson's	May 21st	135
3rd Reunion	2002	Holiday Inn	April 27th	77
4th Reunion	2005	The Pike	September 25th	54
5th Reunion	2007	Old York Road Country Club	October 20th	70
6th Reunion	2009	Old York Road Country Club	October 24th	66
7th Reunion	2011	Old York Road Country Club	October 22nd	48
8th Reunion	2013	Old York Road Country Club	October 19th	55
9th Reunion	2015	Old York Road Country Club	October 17th	38
10th Reunion	2017	Old York Road Country Club and tour of Ambler Yards	Scheduled for October 28th	



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Collection Ambler - Bob Whittock's

Object ID/Accession # 4125.1-3

Object Name Forest Avenue School

Category Photographs - Historic

Date/Year Range 1881 - 1926

Title Ambler Area Postcards from the Bob Whittock Collection, Forest Avenue School.

Creator/Author/Artist Compiled by Bob Whittock

Description:

Ambler's oldest school, situated at Forest Avenue and Spring Garden, was an outgrowth of the Ambler Independent School District. It was established in 1881 in a more central location to reduce the inconvenience of travel for the school's 35 students, who came from Lower Gwynedd, Whitpain, Whitemarsh and Upper Dublin Townships. It was a one room, one story structure surrounded by an iron fence. With some structural additions, it continued to serve the region's students well until it was destroyed by fire on February 20,





Item Type Object Photograph Document Book

Collection Ambler - Bob Whittock's

Object ID/Accession # 4125.4-6

Object Name Ambler High School and

Category Photographs - Historic

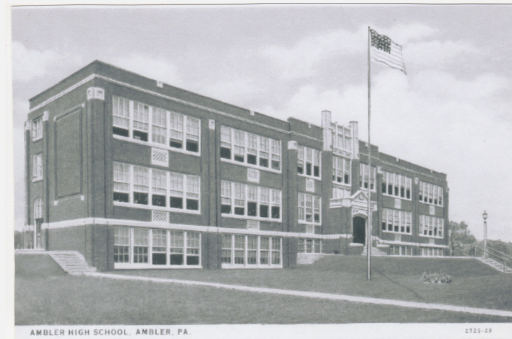
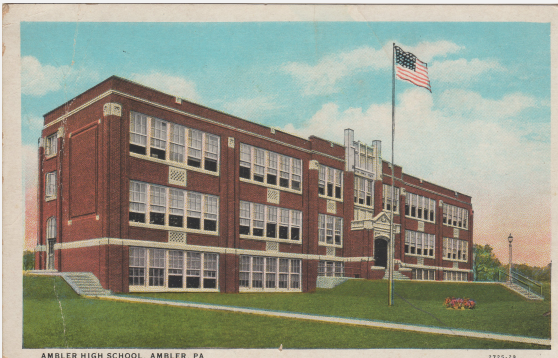
Date/Year Range 1922 to 1973

Title Ambler Area Postcards from Bob Whittock's Collection,
Ambler High School and Ambler Joint (Junior and

Creator/Author/Artist Compiled by Bob Whittock

Description:

Ambler (Junior and Senior) High School, located at Tennis Avenue and Hendrick's Street, was constructed over the course of three separate timeframes. The first section (left) was completed in 1922. The second section (bottom/right), built partly with federal funds, was done in 1933. The final section was finished in 1957. The school closed in 1973. It was demolished in 1978, a housing development took its place.





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Object ID/Accession # 4125.7

Object Name Upper Dublin High School,

Category Photographs - Historic

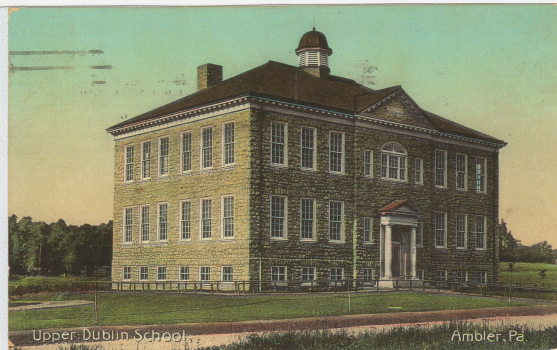
Date/Year Range 1906 to 1961

Title Ambler Area Postcards from Bob Whittock's Collection,
Upper Dublin High School

Creator/Author/Artist Compiled by Bob Whittock

Description:

The Upper Dublin High School, also called the Matthias Sheeleigh School, was built for the children of employees of Keasbey & Mattison Company. Located at the corner of Douglas and Argyle Avenues, its cornerstone was laid in 1906. It was demolished in 1961.





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Object ID/Accession # 4125.8-10

Object Name Mount Pleasant Baptist

Category Photographs - Historic

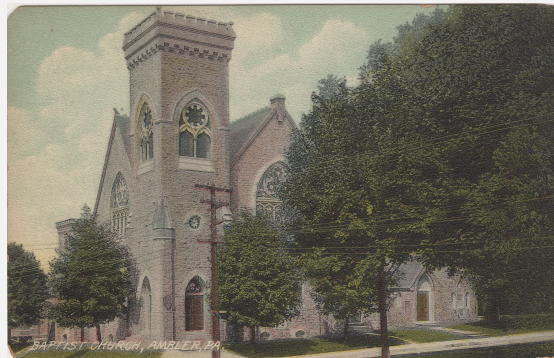
Date/Year Range 1877 to date

Title Ambler Area Postcards from Bob Whittock's Collection,
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church

Creator/Author/Artist Compiled by Bob Whittock

Description:

When the congregation began to outgrow its original building on Mount Pleasant Hill (as it was known at the time) and Morris Road, this fine stone edifice was erected at the corner of Forest Avenue and North Spring Garden Street. It was begun in 1892 and dedicated the following year. The chapel to its right was built in 1877, when the membership had grown to 129. Both the chapel and the church are still standing.





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Object ID/Accession # 4125-11

Object Name Mattison Avenue School

Category Photographs - Historic

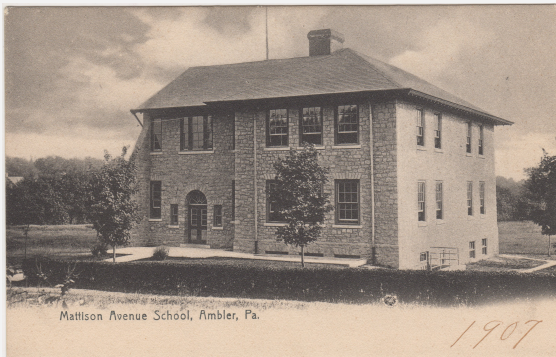
Date/Year Range 1903 to 1967

Title Ambler Area Postcards from Bob Whittock's Collection,
Mattison Avenue School

Creator/Author/Artist Compiled by Bob Whittock

Description:

The Mattison Avenue School was built in 1903 with stone from Richard V. Mattison's quarry located on Highland Avenue. It was demolished in 1967, one year after the new Mattison Avenue School opened. The school was located on Mattison Avenue at the junction of Ridge Avenue and Poplar Street.





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Object ID/Accession # 4125.12-13

Object Name Calvary Methodist

Category Photographs - Historic

Date/Year Range 1908 to date

Title Ambler Area Postcards from Bob Whittock's Collection,
Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church of Ambler,

Creator/Author/Artist Compiled by Bob Whittock

Description:

In 1908, after the First Methodist Church of Ambler had grown too large for its original quarters at Ridge Avenue and Race Street, the members purchased the vacant lot at Lindenwold and Park Avenues, where the present stone church was built. On September 4, 1912, the name of the church was changed to Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church of Ambler, and on May 18, 1913, the church was formally dedicated.

The building that once served as the first





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Collection Ambler - Bob Whittock's

Object ID/Accession # 4125-14

Object Name Church of the Brethren of

Category Photographs - Historic

Date/Year Range 1922 to date

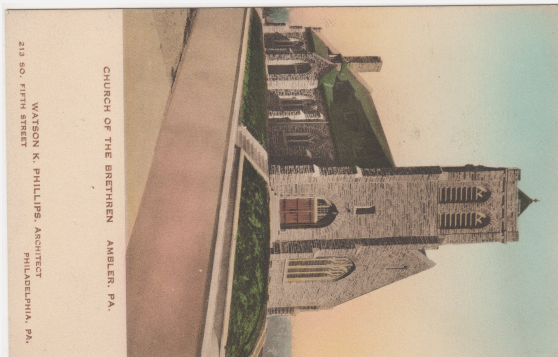
Title Ambler Area Postcards from Bob Whittock's Collection,
Church of the Brethren of Ambler

Creator/Author/Artist Compiled by Bob Whittock

Description:

Church of the Brethren of Ambler is located at Butler and Rosemont Avenues. This church was built in 1922.

Originally, the church was an outgrowth of the Upper Dublin German Baptist Church. The original site of the Church of the Brethren of Ambler was a one-room structure built in 1840 on land donated by John Reiff, it was situated on the east side of Butler Avenue near the end of Hague's Mill Road between the Rose Valley and Rose Hill Cemeteries. It





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Collection Ambler - Bob Whittock's

Object ID/Accession # 4125-15

Object Name St. Anthony's of Padua

Category Photographs - Historic

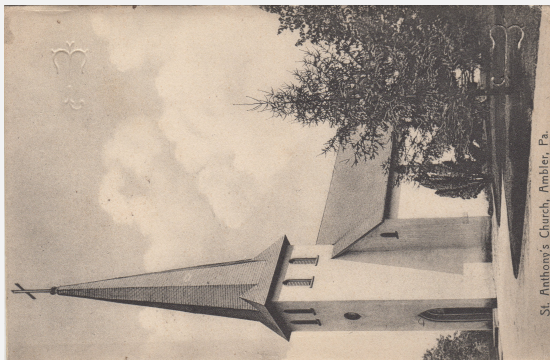
Date/Year Range 1886 to date

Title Ambler Area Postcards from Bob Whittock's Collection,
St. Anthony's of Padua Roman Catholic Church

Creator/Author/Artist Compiled by Bob Whittock

Description:

Despite the influx of Italian workers during the building of the railroad, there were few Catholic families in Ambler through the 1880's. After that number grew and several families had to walk all the way to Chestnut Hill to attend Sunday Mass, the Rev. Henry Stommel, pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Doylestown (and builder of the Catholic churches in Lansdale, Quakertown, and Sellersville), founded St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church on Forest Street at the top of what is now hilly





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Collection Ambler - Bob Whittock's

Object ID/Accession # 4125.16-17

Object Name First Presbyterian Church

Category Photographs - Historic

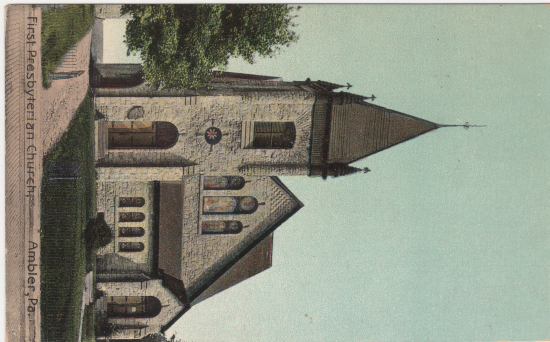
Date/Year Range 1886-to current

Title Ambler Area Postcards from Bob Whittock's Collection,
the First Presbyterian Church of Ambler.

Creator/Author/Artist Compiled by Bob Whittock

Description:

No one knows for certain when the First Presbyterian Church of Ambler was actually founded. Members initially met in 1886 in Edmund Plumley's Hall on the northeast corner of Main and Race Streets, but the church charter dates to 1893. After the sale of the Plumley property and then a devastating fire at Buchanan Hall (where the congregation next met), Charles Shoemaker allowed the congregation to set up a tent on his property on the southwest corner of Butler and Mattison Avenues, where the current





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Collection Ambler - Bob Whittock's

Object ID/Accession # 4125.18-19

Object Name First Presbyterian Church

Category Photographs - Historic

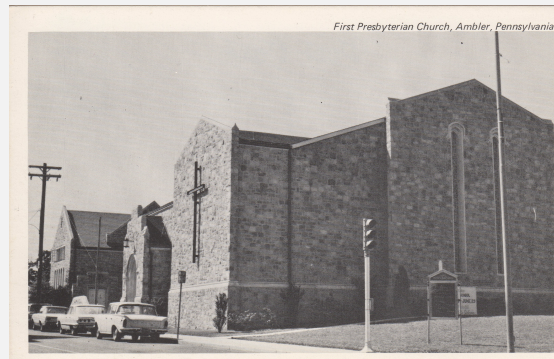
Date/Year Range 1886-to current

Title Ambler Area Postcards from Bob Whittock's Collection,
First Presbyterian Church of Ambler after renovations.

Creator/Author/Artist Compiled by Bob Whittock

Description:

The First Presbyterian Church of Ambler underwent an extensive \$35,000 facelift in 1935 that resulted in the squaring off of the tower, the covering up of the porte-cochere (the entrance gate to the left of the tower), and the adding of state-of-the-art amenities within the church. Pictures c. 1952 and 1963.





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Item Type Object Photograph Document Book

Collection Ambler - Bob Whittock's

Object ID/Accession # 4125.20-22

Object Name Trinity Memorial Episcopal

Category Photographs - Historic

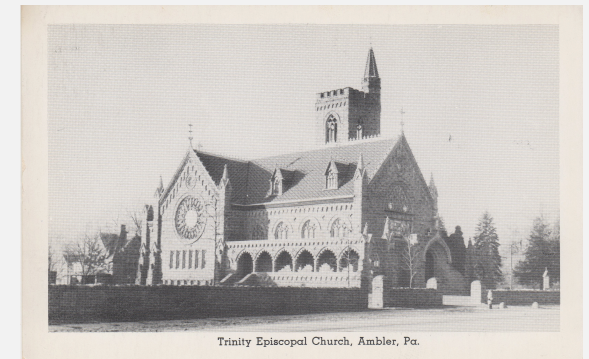
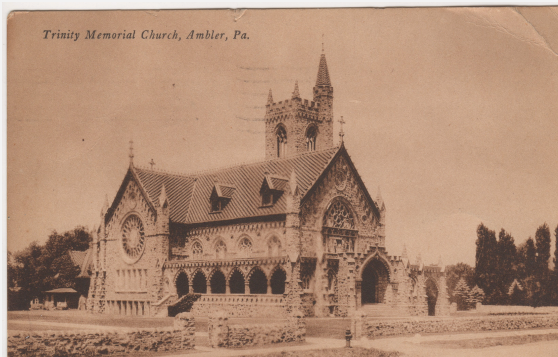
Date/Year Range 1898 to current

Title Ambler Area Postcards from Bob Whittock's Collection,
Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church

Creator/Author/Artist Compiled by Bob Whittock

Description:

The Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church is located on three acres at the intersection of Bethlehem Pike and Highland Avenue across the road from the Mattisons' Lindenwold estate. The cornerstone, containing a copy of the Ambler Gazette, was laid on September 29, 1898. Designed for Richard V. Mattison by Samuel Franklin and built at a final cost of \$150,000, it was acclaimed for its fine illuminated stained-glass windows. When the grand Gothic church was consumed by a devastating electrical fire on June 16, 1986,





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Item Type Object Photograph Document Book

Collection Ambler - Bob Whittock's

Object ID/Accession # 4125.23-24

Object Name Trinity Green

Category Photographs - Historic

Date/Year Range 1898 to current

Title Ambler Area Postcards from Bob Whittock's Collection,
Trinity Green

Creator/Author/Artist Compiled by Bob Whittock

Description:

Trinity Green was so called because of the lovely lawn as well as the dominating position of Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church, built by Richard V. Mattison on Bethlehem Pike between Highland Avenue and Church Street. Directly to the left of the church is the gatehouse and next to it is the rectory. The homes farther to the left are typical of those Mattison constructed for his superintendents. Pictures c.1907.





Item Type Object Photograph Document Book

Collection Ambler - Bob Whittock's

Object ID/Accession # 4125.25

Object Name Wissahickon Valley Public

Category Photographs - Historic

Date/Year Range 1923

Title Ambler Area Postcards from Bob Whittock's Collection,
Wissahickon Valley Public Library, Ambler

Creator/Author/Artist Compiled by Bob Whittock

Description:

Portcard image scanned of the Wissahickon Valley Public Library, Ambler Campus.

The Ambler Public Library was established in 1923 on North Main Street by the Colony Club of Ambler. It served Ambler Borough and Lower Gwynedd, Upper Dublin, Whitemarsh and Whitpain Townships. In 1934 it moved to the corner of Ridge and Race Streets.

In the 1950's, as farm land was transformed into suburban developments, there was an





Item Type Object Photograph Document Book

Collection Ambler - Bob Whittock's

Object ID/Accession # 4125.26

Object Name Aerial View of Ambler

Category Photographs - Historic

Date/Year Range c. 1960

Title Ambler Area Postcards from Bob Whittock's Collection,
Aerial View of Ambler

Creator/Author/Artist Compiled by Bob Whittock

Description:

The aerial view of Ambler, taken by Herb Lanks, shows that apart from normal modernization, the borough has changed very little in the years since Richard V. Mattison had 400 houses built at the beginning of the 20th century to accommodate the executives, supervisors, middle managers, and blue-collar workers employed by the Keasbey & Mattison Company. Photograph c. 1960





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Collection Ambler - Bob Whittock

Object ID/Accession # 4125.27-29

Object Name Wissahickon Fire

Category Photographs - Historic

Date/Year Range 1891 to date

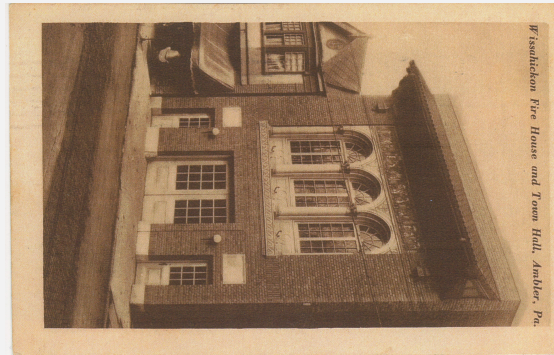
Title Ambler Area Postcard Collection from Bob Whittock,
Wissahickon Fire Company, Fire House and Town Hall

Creator/Author/Artist Compiled by Bob Whittock

Description:

The volunteer firefighters of the Wissahickon Fire Company proudly display their new uniforms and their horse-drawn fire wagon in front of the original firehouse on North Main Street. Photograph .c 1908.

The Wissahickon Fire Company and Town Hall was designed by architect Watson K. Phillips and dedicated on November 3, 1917. The fire company remained at this Butler Avenue location until it outgrew those quarters and moved into the current firehouse on Race





Item Type Object Photograph Document Book

Collection Ambler - Bob Whittock's

Object ID/Accession # 4125.30

Object Name Wissahickon Fire

Category Photographs - Historic

Date/Year Range 1891 to date

Title Ambler Area Postcard Collection from Bob Whittock,
Wissahickon Fire Company

Creator/Author/Artist Compiled by Bob Whittock

Description:

The Wissahickon Fire Company was founded in 1891 by a group of dedicated volunteers to protect the Borough of Ambler and the surrounding area from fire. Today these men and women continue to provide primary fire and rescue services to Ambler Borough and Lower Gwynedd Township, and are called by numerous other fire companies to assist, when needed.

Photograph .c 1965





Item Type Object Photograph Document Book

Description:

Collection Ambler - Bob Whittock's

Object ID/Accession # 4125.31

Object Name Ambler Lake

Category Photographs - Historic

Date/Year Range

Title Ambler Area Postcard Collection from Bob Whittock,
Ambler Lake

Creator/Author/Artist Compiled by Bob Whittock





Item Type Object Photograph Document Book

Collection Ambler - Bob Whittock's

Object ID/Accession # 4125.32-33

Object Name Wissahickon Creek

Category Photograph - Historic

Date/Year Range c. 1908

Title Ambler Area Postcard Collection from Bob Whittock,
Wissahickon Creek

Creator/Author/Artist Compiled by Bob Whittock

Description:

This summertime view of the Wissahickon Creek beyond the now defunct Butler Avenue stone bridge shows the creek in a mellow mood. Yet, it generated sufficient force to power up at least eight gristmills, a fulling mill, and a sawmill over the course of 200 years.





Item Type Object Photograph Document Book

Collection Ambler - Bob Whittock's

Object ID/Accession # 4125.34-36

Object Name Wissahickon Creek, stone

Category Photograph - Historic

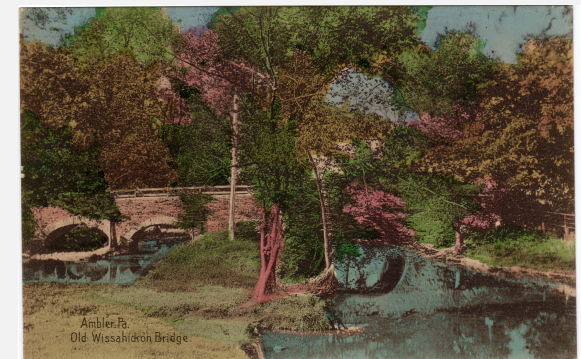
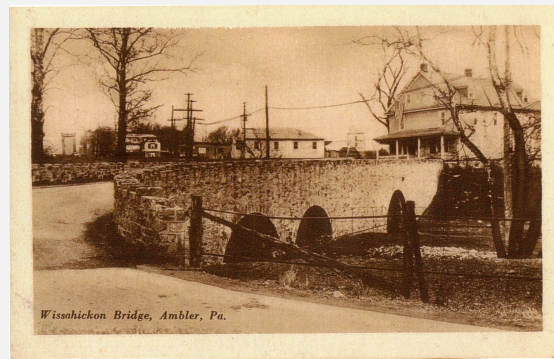
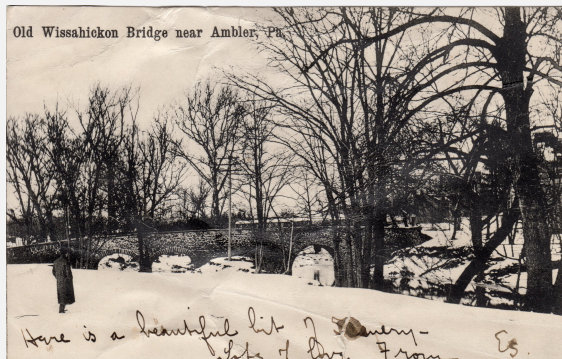
Date/Year Range c. 1906-1907

Title Ambler Area Postcard Collection from Bob Whittock,
Wissahickon Creek, stone bridge

Creator/Author/Artist Compiled by Bob Whittock

Description:

A stone bridge on Butler Avenue spans the Wissahickon Creek, where the Lenni Lenape used to fish before the Harmer family arrived from England in 1682. Here, the Harmers established the first mills, Ambler's first important industry. Now gone, the bridge was located near Reiff's Mill. Photograph c. 1906-1907.





Item Type Object Photograph Document Book

Collection Ambler - Bob Whittock's

Object ID/Accession # 4125.37-38

Object Name Wissahickon Creek

Category Photographs - Historic

Date/Year Range c. 1911

Title Ambler Area Postcard Collection from Bob Whittock,
Wissahickon Creek

Creator/Author/Artist Compiled by Bob Whittock

Description:

The onset of steam technology soon rendered the water-powered Wissahickon mills obsolete. By 1887, the last mill - Hague's Mill, off Bethlehem Pike near Hagues's Mill Road - closed, bringing Ambler's long, proud milling era to an end. Photograph c. 1911.





Item Type Object Photograph Document Book

Collection Ambler - Bob Whittock's

Object ID/Accession # 4125.39-41

Object Name Wissahickon Creek, North

Category Photographs - Historic

Date/Year Range c. 1906

Title Ambler Area Postcard Collection from Bob Whittock,
Wissahickon Creek, North Ambler Bridge

Creator/Author/Artist Compiled by Bob Woodick

Description:

Built after 1900, Thompson's Mill Bridge on Mount Pleasant Avenue was a graceful iron structure. It was eventually replaced by a concrete bridge. c. 1906





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Collection Ambler - Bob Whittock's

Object ID/Accession # 4125-42

Object Name Royal Oaks Restaurant

Category Photographs - Historic

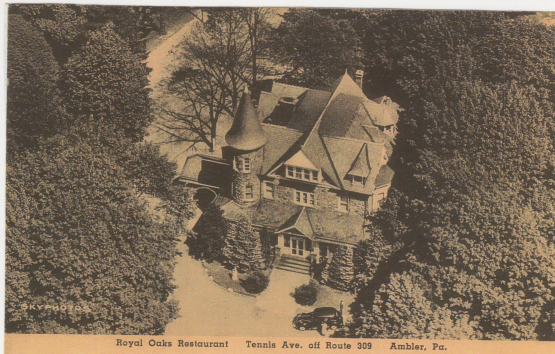
Date/Year Range

Title Ambler Area Postcard Collection from Bob Whittock,
Royal Oaks Restaurant

Creator/Author/Artist Compiled by Bob Whittock

Description:

Photograph of Royal Oaks Restaurant, Tennis Avenue off Route 309, Ambler, PA.





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Collection Ambler - Bob Whittock's

Object ID/Accession # 4125.43-45

Object Name Railroad Station

Category Photographs - Historic

Date/Year Range 1855 to date

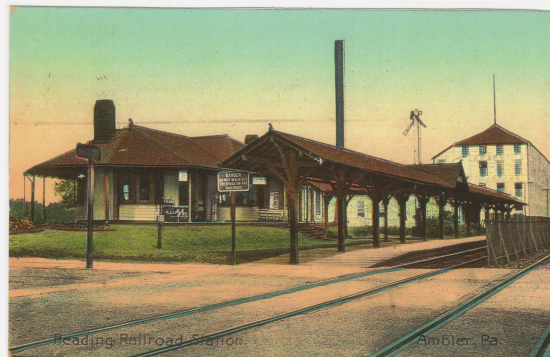
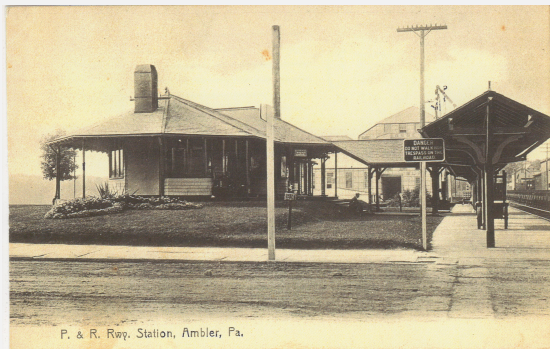
Title Ambler Area Postcard Collection from Bob Whittock,
Railroad Station

Creator/Author/Artist Compiled by Bob Whittock

Description:

When the railroad arrived in 1855, the town's center of gravity shifted from the crossroads at Bethlehem and Butler Pikes to the western end of Butler Avenue. Notice the Keasbey & Mattison asbestos plant just beyond the station house. Photo c.1900 - 1910.

The view of Ambler Station shows passengers awaiting their trains. At its height on any given day, the Reading Railroad might send through as many as 48 passenger trains, 10 of them express trains. Photo c. 1950





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Collection Ambler - Bob Whittock's

Object ID/Accession # 4125.46-48

Object Name Opera House

Category Photographs - Historic

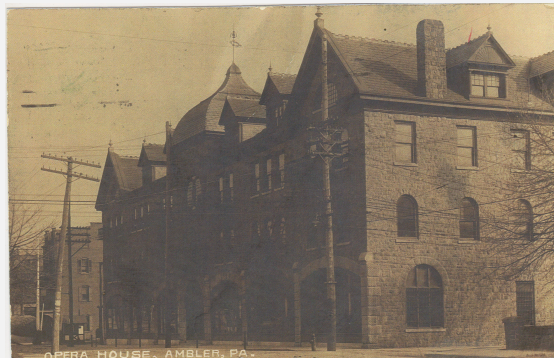
Date/Year Range 1890 - 1966

Title Ambler Area Postcard Collection from Bob Whittock,
Opera House

Creator/Author/Artist Compiled by Bob Whittock

Description:

Richard V. Mattison had Ambler's first opera house designed and built by Marvin Beans of Lansdale, bringing a new wave of theater, vaudeville, and later, when vaudeville died, moving pictures. Built in 1890 on the south side of Butler Avenue just west of the railroad tracks is the Opera House, a huge building that served not only as an entertainment center for Ambler but also as the site of important Keasbey & Mattison Company offices and rooms for other businesses. At various times, it also housed the post office,





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Item Type Object Photograph Document Book

Collection Ambler - Bob Whittock's

Object ID/Accession # 4125.49-50

Object Name Opera House

Category Photographs - Historic

Date/Year Range 1890 - 1966

Title Ambler Area Postcard Collection from Bob Whittock,
Opera House

Creator/Author/Artist Compiled by Bob Whittock

Description:

Same description from 4125.46-48 as follows:

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