

Camp Elder Historic Marker Dedication Ceremony

A Historic Marker for Camp Elder Civil War Camp was unveiled on Sept. 7th at Oakbourne Road and Trellis Lane. From left to right: Dave Walter, treasurer of the Brandywine Valley Civil War Roundtable, which sponsored the event; Westtown Supervisor Tom Haws; Mike McDonald, President of the Wild Goose Farms Home Owners Association; and Karen Galle, representing the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, which will maintain the marker. The Rustin High Golden Knight Band led a parade from the Oakbourne Mansion to the site.



Photos Needed For Westtown History Book

Arcadia Publishers is interested in working with the Westtown Township Historical Commission to produce an “Images of America” book on Westtown. Many of the surrounding communities have already been featured in this popular photo book series. A minimum of 180 vintage photographs are needed before the Commission can proceed with the project. A number of photographs of our township’s historic residential structures are in the township files, but not nearly enough. Additional vintage photos will be culled from the extensive collection at the Chester County Historical Society in West Chester. However, the Commission must depend on our long-time residents to provide photos from their personal collections in order to round out the human interest aspects of our community.

The publishers are interested in: elementary class photos and notable school events; vintage photos showing businesses that once existed or current businesses when they were under construction or just opened; photos of meetings, community, athletic events, and award ceremonies sponsored by groups within the Township; old photos of our churches and significant religious events; photos of the trains, trolleys, and old buses and cars that rolled through Westtown; photos of housing developments under construction or when they were new; vintage photos of West Chester Pike, Wilmington Pike, Street Road, and other roads; anything along the lines of fire trucks fighting a major blaze in the township; creeks, mills, barns, orchards, dams and other scenes that have vanished from the present day. If the photo shows a pre-2000 scene of interest, there’s a good chance we may use it.

If you have photos you think may be “book worthy,” and will permit the Commission to use them, then we would love to hear from you no later than Nov. 1st. Contact the Historical Commission at HistoricWesttown@verizon.net and describe your photos.