



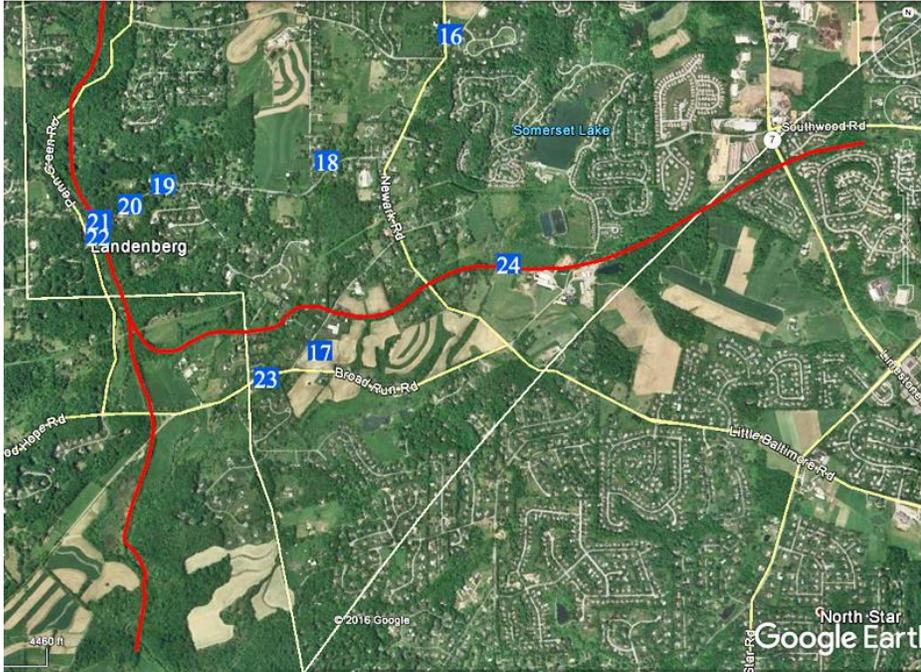
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New Garden: Then and Now (Part III)

Historical Commission



Currently on display in the Township Building is the “Then and Now” exhibit. Consisting of 22 pairs of photographs the viewer can discern how parts of New Garden’s history has been preserved, altered or completely erased. Some of the “then” photos date to the late 1800s, some from before World War I and some from just a few decades ago. All the “now” photos record the same area as seen in 2015. The New Garden Historical Commission selected from its archives the old photos based on historical significance and also proximity to the road so one can easily drive by the area to see the change. There are three sets of these photos. This article shows nine of the “Then

and Now” photos all from the area south of Route 41. Use the numbers in the aerial photo to locate where they are located. To submit an old photo or drawing of another building and would like to add to the [Historical Commission](#). View photos ([#1 thru #7](#)) and ([#8 thru #14](#)).

THEN

#16 Jabez Thompson



NOW



The stone house of Jabez Thompson and his sister stood at the intersection of Sunny Dell and Newark Roads. Built in the early 1800's, the Thompson house was demolished about five years ago to be replaced by a large modern house.

#17 Kaolin Mine



Mining "Kaolin clay" in New Garden peaked in the mid-1880's reaching a daily production of over 5,000 bricks. Extracting the clay was hazardous. Dug in open-pit mines, some as deep as 60 feet, there was always the risk of springs inundating a mine. With larger deposits found in Georgia mining operations ceased during the early 1900's. Today, the mines are either ponds or in higher grounds filled in with soil.

#18 Walnut Run School House



Walnut Run School was one of seven one-room schools when the Kennett Consolidated School opened in 1932. Today the building is a residence.

#19 Quaker Meeting House



During the 1880's, James Lund, owner of the Landenberg woolen mill, built this house on Landenberg hill, for his son, Ezra. Ezra Lund supervised the mill, ran the hotel and general store. Today the house is being carefully restored to its original carpenter gothic style.

#20 Wash Ewing's Hotel



Among Landenberg's mills works and associated buildings houses, schools and stores were built. Storekeeper and postmaster Washington Ewing built this hotel known as "Wash Ewing's Hotel". Remnants of a stone wall along Landenberg Road is all that remains of the hotel.

#21 Landenberg RR Depot



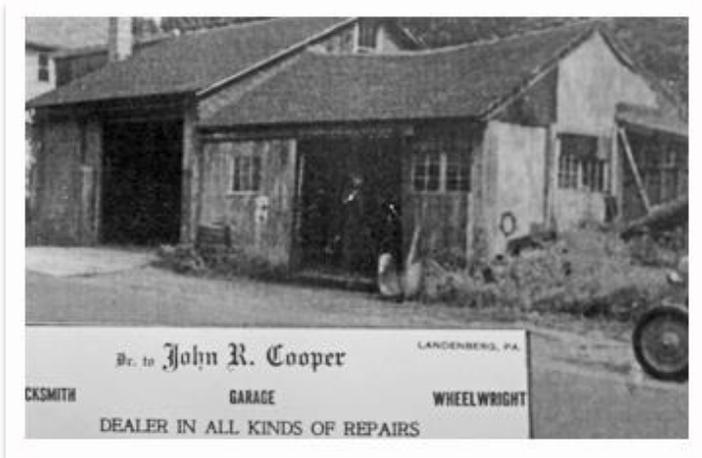
Beginning in the 1880's, dairy farmers brought raw milk to the Creamery in Landenberg. Wagons and later trucks would queue from the creamery out onto Landenberg Road. Today, the building has been converted into apartments.

#22 Landenberg



In the 19th century, Landenberg was a typical small textile town. Four dams and six mills harnessed the power of the White Clay Creek as it dropped nearly 60 feet over the course of a mile. This picture taken before 1898 when the bridge was replaced, shows an iron bridge, hotel, store, mill, and boarding house in the center of Landenberg.

#23 Last blacksmith shop in New Garden Township



Here once stood the blacksmith shop of Maurice "Johnnie" Richardson, the last blacksmith in New Garden Township. Located on Broad Run Road between Buttonwood and Sawmill, Richardson's blacksmith shop made welding repairs to farm machinery. Richardson served the farming community until the mid-1970's

#24 Broad Run Trestle



The Broad Run Trestle, built in 1873 for the Wilmington and Western Railroad, was a third of a mile long and stood in places, 40 feet high. It crossed the valley on, now Wilkinson land, east of Newark Road. When it was demolished for scrap during World War II, it marked the end of industrialized Landenberg.