



OCTOBER 2018

The Lower Merion Historical Society

in collaboration with

The Trails End Café

presents a lecture and discussion on the

The Reading Railroad

Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 1:00pm

At the [Trails End Café at Cynwyd Station](#)

375 Conshohocken State Road in Bala Cynwyd

Located at the Terminus of the Cynwyd Heritage Trail

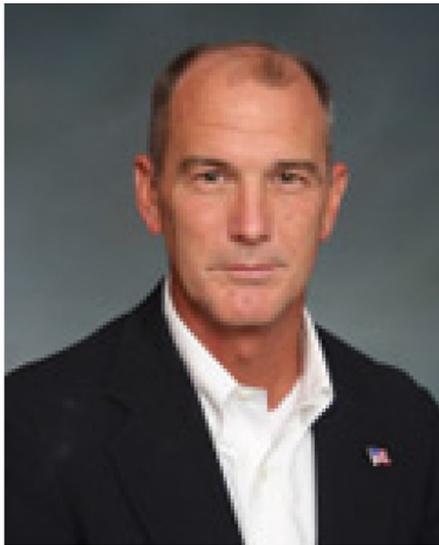


Founded in 1833, the *Philadelphia and Reading Railroad*, aka, *The Reading*, was one of the earliest public access railroads in the United States. The Main Line of the Reading Railroad runs the entire length of the river border of Lower Merion. Thus, Lower Merion is unique in being home to two major main lines –

The Reading RR and The Pennsylvania RR.

The History of *The Reading RR* is rarely discussed and scantily recorded in much of our history and yet as the largest business corporation of its time, and the largest railroad corporation at the height of the Age of Railways in the US, the history of the Reading and its influence on America is very worthy of greater notice.

By learning more about the Reading, your knowledge and interest in local history as well as American History will be greatly enhanced.



**This lecture and discussion will be led
by Perry Hamilton,
Secretary of
The Lower Merion Historical Society.**

Perry, a lifelong resident of Lower Merion & Narberth, has been assigned by The Lower Merion Historical Society to raise awareness of the Reading RR in our local history and develop a library of sources of this subject.

The Great War: Lower Merion's Centennial Celebration



Come join us on **Sunday, November 11th 2018** for 100th Anniversary of *Armistice Day* (today celebrated as *Veterans Day*) at the [Merion \(War\) Tribute House](#) located at 625 Hazelhurst Avenue in Merion. It will be an open house family friendly celebration from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. This free event, with plenty of free parking, is open to the general public. We have planned an afternoon of **Remembrances** along with many educational exhibits and speakers.

Here is a brief story of one of the **Remembrances**. In the spring of 1915, shortly after losing a friend in Ypres, a Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae was inspired by the sight of poppies growing in battle-scarred fields to write a now famous poem called 'In Flanders Fields'. After the First World War, the poppy was adopted as a symbol of **Remembrance**.

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

We are the Dead. Short days ago

*We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

A Unique Rental Opportunity!



There is an Apartment Available for Rent at the Cynwyd Train Station

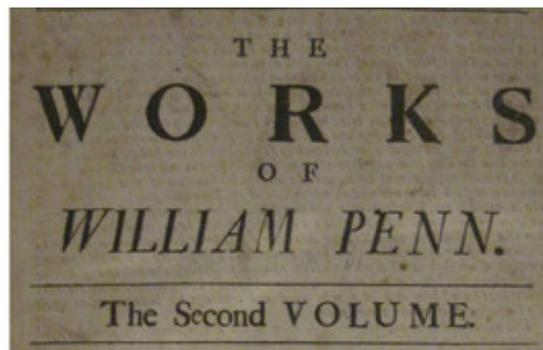
A large studio apartment located on the second floor of a cherished Lower Merion historic treasure - the Cynwyd Train Station at the nexus of the Cynwyd Heritage Trail. The tenant will have some caretaker responsibilities for the station building. Spacious, open and sun filled, this space is large (more than 800 square feet) and has been completely renovated and freshly painted. Click [here](#) to see the listing and click [here](#) to see the video.

All inquiries should be directed to [Betsy Kellogg Hamilton](#) at (610 246-8994) at Berkshire Hathaway Home Services/Fox & Roach Realtors

Treasures From Our Archive Room



This is the *fifth* of a series of articles that highlight some of the rare and more interesting items in our archive collection. We're proud of our heritage and are fortunate to have so many *primary source materials* that relate to Lower Merion and Narberth. We would like to share with you one of these items from our Archive Room.



***The Works of William Penn* by William Penn**

This publication is a complete set of Penn's writings and epistles which was published in 1726. It is printed in an oversized format in 2 volumes; Volume 1 is 911 pages, Volume 2 is 916 pages.

The formidable title of this anthology is:

“The Works of William Penn: The Guide Mistaken, & Temporizing rebuked: or, A Brief Reply to Jonathan Clapham’s Book, intituled, A Guide to the True Religion In Which His Religion is Confuted, His Hypocrisy is Detected, His Aspersion are Reprehended, His Contradictions are Compared.”

This publication offers us a window into the past and an account of Penn’s beliefs and dreams.

Coming Soon



Saturday, November 10th is the 200th Anniversary Banquet of the *The Lower Merion Society for the Detection and Prosecution of Horse Thieves and the Recovery of Stolen Horses* at [Evviva Restaurant](#) located at 1236 Montgomery Avenue in Narberth.

You are invited to join us with a menu selection that has been carried forward since 1818! The Board of Stewards of the Horse Company will be offering a menu of Oyster Cocktail, Fried Oysters and Oyster Stew along with Turkey and Trimmings. The oyster dinner is \$85.00/person, and there is a modified menu at \$60.00/person.

Additional details will be forthcoming or contact Roy Wolfe, Treasurer at rpw@3states.net

“Confusion to All Horse Thieves”

MISSION STATEMENT

The Lower Merion Historical Society is an organization dedicated to *Preserving Our Past For The Future*. This is accomplished by stewardship of local history, education of the community, preservation of historic resources and outreach to promote awareness of the cultural heritage of the Township of Lower Merion and the Borough of Narberth.



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