

Notes & Comments

Salem Church Cemetery Cleanup

Along Yellow Springs Road, between Cedar Hollow and North Valley Road, are two old cemeteries. The westerly cemetery was associated with Salem Methodist Episcopal Church across the road.¹ The old church has been converted into a private residence and the present ownership of the cemetery is unclear.



John Lamborn and Neil McAloon, from the Tredyffrin-Easttown Veterans Association, organized the cleanup of the cemetery. Members of the Association together with members from the Tredyffrin Historic Preservation Trust, Great Valley Association, Open Land Conservancy, and the Tredyffrin Easttown Historical Society volunteered their time on August 9th to cut back the weeds, shrubs, and trees that were taking over the cemetery.

There is a small project for a Society member to undertake at the Salem cemetery. The inventory of the gravestones was taken in 1948 – 1949. Since then a small number of additional graves have been added to the cemetery. Somebody is needed to document these newer graves.

The organizers hope to schedule a second cleanup to tackle the eastern cemetery, that of the Mennonite Church which was demolished in the early 1900s.²

¹ Mrs. Frank Wandless, "The Old Salem Church, 1833 – 1930." *Tredyffrin Easttown Historical Society Quarterly*, Vol. 7, No.1 (December 1948), pp. 1-8;

"Tombstones of Old Salem Church." *Tredyffrin Easttown Historical Society Quarterly*, Vol. 7, No.1 (December 1948), pp. 16-20;

"Tombstones of Old Salem Church (continued)." *Tredyffrin Easttown Historical Society Quarterly*, Vol. 7, No.2 (December 1949), pp. 42-45;

² Franklin L. Burns, "The Mennonite Meeting House on Yellow Springs Road, Diamond Rock, Tredyffrin Township." *Tredyffrin Easttown Historical Society Quarterly*, Vol. 4, No. 2 (April 1941), pp. 22-23.

Twenty Years of Active Politics on the Upper Main Line: Experiences, Observations, and Trends

At the next public meeting of the Tredyffrin Easttown Historical Society, on September 21, former State Senator Earl Baker discusses his experiences, makes some observations, and relates them to historical trends locally and nationally. In his public service career, Baker was elected 16 times, never losing an election. Please join us for this timely and enjoyable discussion.

The meeting will be held at the Easttown Library and Information Center in Berwyn, PA, at 2:00 p.m.