

Notes & Comments

ARC—On the Move Again

The American Revolution Center, originally planned for a site adjacent to the Visitor's Center in Valley Forge National Historical Park, has yet another proposed location. After being mired in controversy for several years due to a proposed relocation across the Schuylkill River, the ARC in July announced its intent to locate within the boundaries of Independence National Historical Park in downtown Philadelphia. The agreement reached with the National Park Service would transfer ownership of the ARC's 78-acre property in Lower Providence Township to the Park Service for incorporation into the Valley Forge park system.

Significant paperwork remains before the deal can be finalized, but this appears to be a victory for those who opposed the development of the Lower Providence parcel, which included plans for multiple structures, among them a hotel, in addition to the museum building. On the other hand, it could mean that the collection of Revolutionary War artifacts previously owned by the Valley Forge Historical Society will leave the vicinity of Valley Forge, which seems rather ironic. In any event, the ARC has entered a new chapter, and this saga remains years away from a conclusion.



This is the new proposed site of the American Revolution Center, although it is unclear whether all or part of the existing building will be retained. *Photo by Ed Hille, The Philadelphia Inquirer.*

Easttown Historical Commission

The Easttown Township newsletter contains a request for volunteers to assist in photographing the township's historical resources over the winter. The Historical Commission is planning to document all resources over 100 years old, so any photos or other relevant records would be appreciated, and may be dropped off at the township building. Further information on Historical Commission activities can be obtained from Anna Sicalides, anna@annaorganizesu.com.

Historic Re-enactments

In October, Main Line Suburban Life reported that St. David's Episcopal Church would host a re-enactment of the internment of General Anthony Wayne's bones, on the 200th anniversary of the original burial. Although Wayne died in 1796 near Erie, PA, and was buried there, his bones were subsequently relocated to the St. David's burial grounds in 1809.

The following month, re-enactors at Mount Zion A.M.E Church in Devon celebrated the participation of African-American soldiers in the Civil War. The Veterans Day Service included local veterans of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam as well as the re-enactors.

Society Archives

The Tredyffrin Easttown Historical Society archives have spent many years in a storage room at the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District Education Services Center in Berwyn. The school district is planning to renovate that building, and as a result the TEHS archives will be relocated to a climate-controlled public storage facility in early 2010.

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