



1. Washington Ave. looking East



2. View of North Wales from Trolley Bridge



3. North Wales Academy letterhead



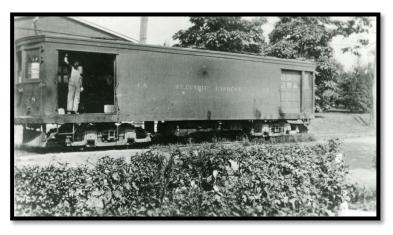
4. North Wales Academy and School of Business
Samuel U. Brunner 1842-1901



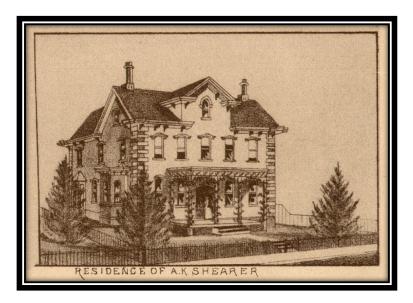
5. North Wales Legion Demolished 1964



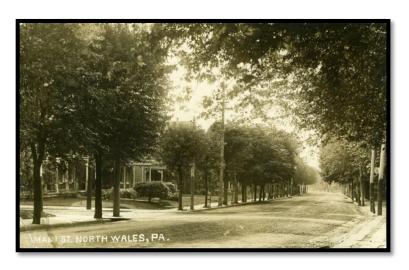
6. Trego's 1st home 141/143 W. Montgomery Ave.



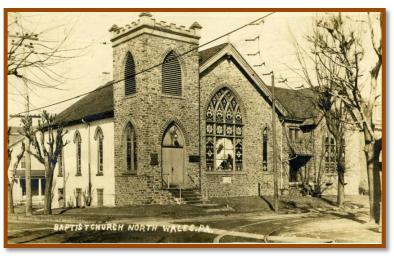
7. Pennsylvania Ave. Transfer Station



9. Residence Able K. Shearer 108 S. Main Street



11. Main St. Looking North from Shearer Street



8. North Wales Baptist Church Note: Trolley Tracks



10. Shearer St. Looking West from Moyer Alley



12. Main St. Looking North from Shearer Street



13. Main Hotel Main & Shearer



14. Elias K. Freed mill before fire



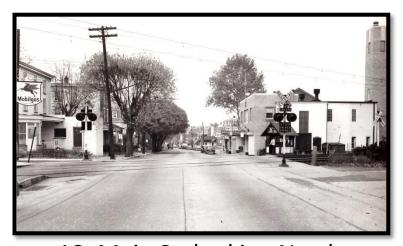
15. Rorer Bldg. & North Wales Garage north of Mill



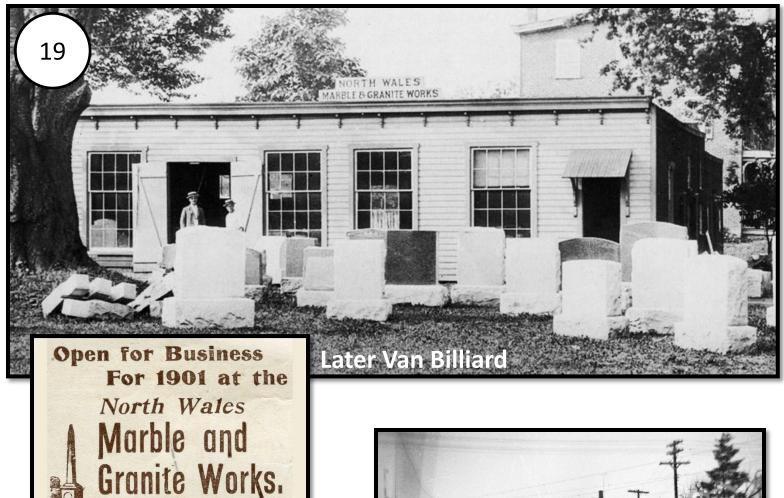
16. Kneule's Bakery 128 South Main Street



17. Main St. Looking South from RR crossing



18. Main St. looking North from RR crossing.
Note: Crossing guard shack



20. John F. Brasch, Automotive & Gas. Building in background the former Verona Hotel, Kuhn Estate

JAMES BILLIARD,
Proprietor.







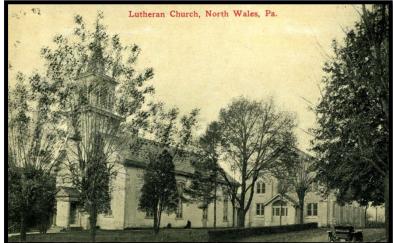


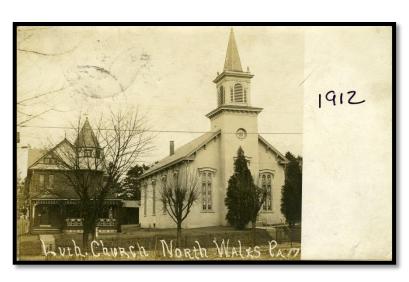
21. Shontz Bros Sold Keiser & Fraziers at this location.



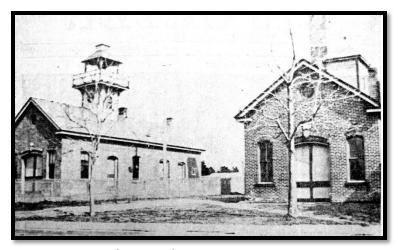
22. 1868 Groundbreaking at Main & Church St. (Chestnut St.)
Ander's farmhouse & barn in background











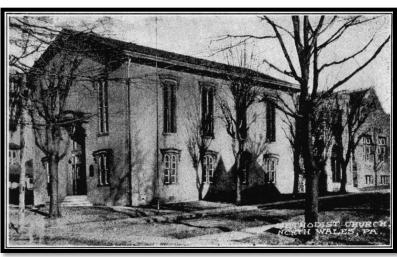
23. North Wales Hose Company, No. 1Montgomery Ave. & Third St.



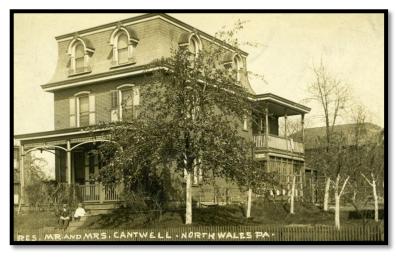
24. Hose Company assembled in front "Hose House" c. 1901



L to R: Methodist Church, 417 E. Montgomery Ave. (Parsonage) & 415 home of historian Eve Frank



26. Sanctuary Methodist church



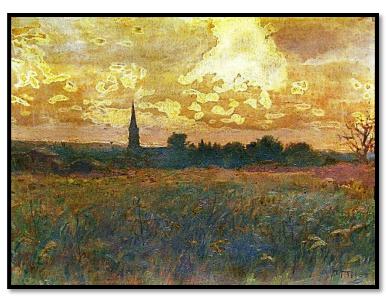
27. 417 East Montgomery Ave. c. 1910



28. 509 East Montgomery Ave.



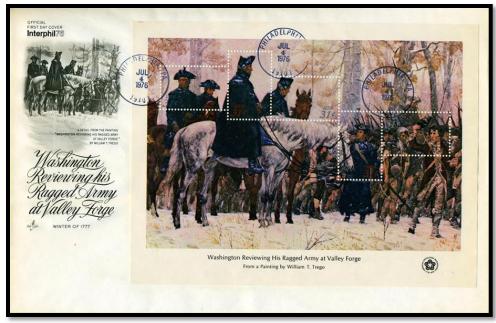
William B. T. Trego (1858 – 1909)



30. "Dusk at North Wales"



31 "Evening Into The Barn" East Prospect Ave.



32 "Washington Reviewing His Ragged Army At Valley Forge"





Former Heist residence Sumneytown Pike.

Milestone 233 S. Main St.

A Colonial Pastor: The Reverend Jacob Van Buskirk, 1739-1800

Reverend Jacob Van Buskirk hailed from a family which had settled in North America in the seventeenth century. He studied and trained for the ministry under the most prominent leader of the Lutheran Church in America at the time - Henry Melchior Muhlenberg. Muhlenberg is widely considered the "Father" of the Lutheran church in America. Van Buskirk was under his supervision since early adulthood. He is noteworthy because he was the first American born Lutheran to be ordained into the Ministerium of Pennsylvania through their apprenticeship program. In fact, he may well be the first Lutheran Pastor who was both born and ordained in North America.

A few things are known about his personal life. On March 15, 1764 he married Anna Maria Hollenbach, the daughter of an elder in the New Hanover congregation. They had twelve children.

Like many colonial pastors, Reverend Van Buskirk served quite a number of congregations, Lutheran churches in New Hanover, Providence, Pikestown, Germantown, Macungie, West Salisbury, Upper Milford, Saucon, Gwynedd, Upper Dublin and Whitpain. Typically, a rural colonial pastor ministered several congregations in one area. From 1793 until 1796 Van Buskirk served congregations in Gwynedd, Whitpain and Upper Dublin.

Colonial pastors did not get paid much and relied on other sources of income. Pastor Van Buskirk owned a 400 acre farm in the Macungie area and a tannery. According to the 1790 census, he also owned one slave. When Pastor Jacob Van Buskirk died on August 5, 1800, he left behind a widow and ten children, three of whom were minors. According to the inventory taken two weeks later, all his books were valued at fifteen pounds. By far the most valuable items in the inventory consisted of bonds and the equipment and inventory of a tanner.

Serving the congregation in Upper Milford in the last years of his life, Pastor Van Buskirk died during a visit to Gwynedd, where on the preceding Sunday he had preached in the Old Yellow Church, which was located near this site and was the first church building of St. Peter's. He preached his last sermon two days before his death, at St. Peter's, and was buried here.

For our congregation, Reverend Van Buskirk holds a special place. He not only served here from 1793-1796 as our second pastor. According to records from St. John's Lutheran Church in Center Square, Reverend Van Buskirk already served the Lutheran community in Gwynedd from 1772 until 1775, leading up to the founding of this congregation in 1776. It is quite possible then that Rev Van Buskirk was our first Lutheran minister, for we know he subsequently preached here from time to time.

Andreas Wagner, 39th pastor of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

North Wales Tour

Businesses by address in commerative booklets 1941, 1954 & 1969

Main & Walnut	Childs Drug Store	1800s
	C. Raymond Lukens - Builder	1969
400.6	Fosbenner - Shoe Shop	1969
100 South Main	William M. Grasch - Lawyer	1986
103-105 South Main	The Star Restaurant	1954
104 South Main	Thomas B. Ladner - Insurance	1969
	John S Mason - Insurance	1954
	Arnold Hershman & Steven I. Present, DDSs	1986
	Martin Opticians	1969
107 South Main	Wheeler's Pharmacy Dr. Charles E. Wheeler Est. 1913	1941
	Edward H. Wheeler, Pharmacist	1969
	North Wales Pharmacy Ted, Bonnie & Dean Knauss	1986
108 South Main	Marinello Beauty Shop	1954
109 South Main	Tom Ladner - Insurance	1969
112 South Main	William D. Puglisese, MAI Real Estate, Appraisals	1969
113 South Main	Lapp's Market	1986
115 South Main	W. F. McCracken - Dry Goods	1800s
	Feldman's	1941
	People's Federal Savings & Loan	1969
	Ernest E. Dancer	1986
	Commonwealth Federal	1986
116 South Main	North Wales Beauty Shoppe	1941
	Lawrence A. Buck - Builder	1954
122 South Main	Tom & Greg Ladner - Insurance	1986
123 South Main	Edna Bishop Shoppe	1954
	John Rorer - Real Estate	1954
	Dr. James M. Shetsline - Family Practice	1986
129 South Main	Lasher's 5 & 10	1941
	North Wales - Florist	1989
132 South Main	Michael P. Holland - Real Estate & Insurance	1986
136 South Main	Kneule's Bakery	1954
137 South Main	William G. Lukens & Son - Millwork	1941
	North Wales Planing Mill	1954
139 South Main	John T. Daub - Hardware	1941
	North Wales Press	1969

Main & Shearer	John Rorer - Real Estate & Insurance	1941
	John F. Brasch - Automotive & Gas	1941
	Charles S. Graves' - ESSO Service Center	1954
Main & Montgomery	Billiard (later Van Billiard) - Marble Works & Granite 1800s	
	Norman D. Black - Automotive	1941
	"Johnny's" Tavern	1954
	John F. Brasch - Automotive & Gas	1954
200 South Main	Stanley B. Kitzelman - Insurance	1941
203 South Main	Carl's TV & appliances	1969
209 South Main	Steven J. Cwienkala, C. P. A.	1954
40.50	William J. Brooks - Real Estate Wm Brooks & B. J. Fulmer Realtors	
1969		
Main & Washington	Sylvester Bright – Carriages (first automobile in North Wales)	1800s
308 South Main	O. H. Schell, Jr Real Estate, Insurance	1941
405 South Main	John S. Mason - Real Estate	1941
400 South Main	B. H. Miller - Insurance	1954
6 th & Church	John Forrest Kratz - Insurance	1941
119 W. Montgomery	Robert Keider - Radio	1941
143 Shearer	Lester K. Geyer - Real Estate & Insurance	1941
147 Shearer	A-B-C Dry Cleaners & Rug Cleaners	1954
307 Shearer	Hollands Beauty Salon	1969
606 East Montgomery	Frank & Betty Robinson - General Merchandise	1954
107 S. 6 th	Harry D. Baskin - Evinrude Outboards & Chris Craft	1954
322 South Pennsylvania Ave	Mail Advertising Co., Inc.	1969

