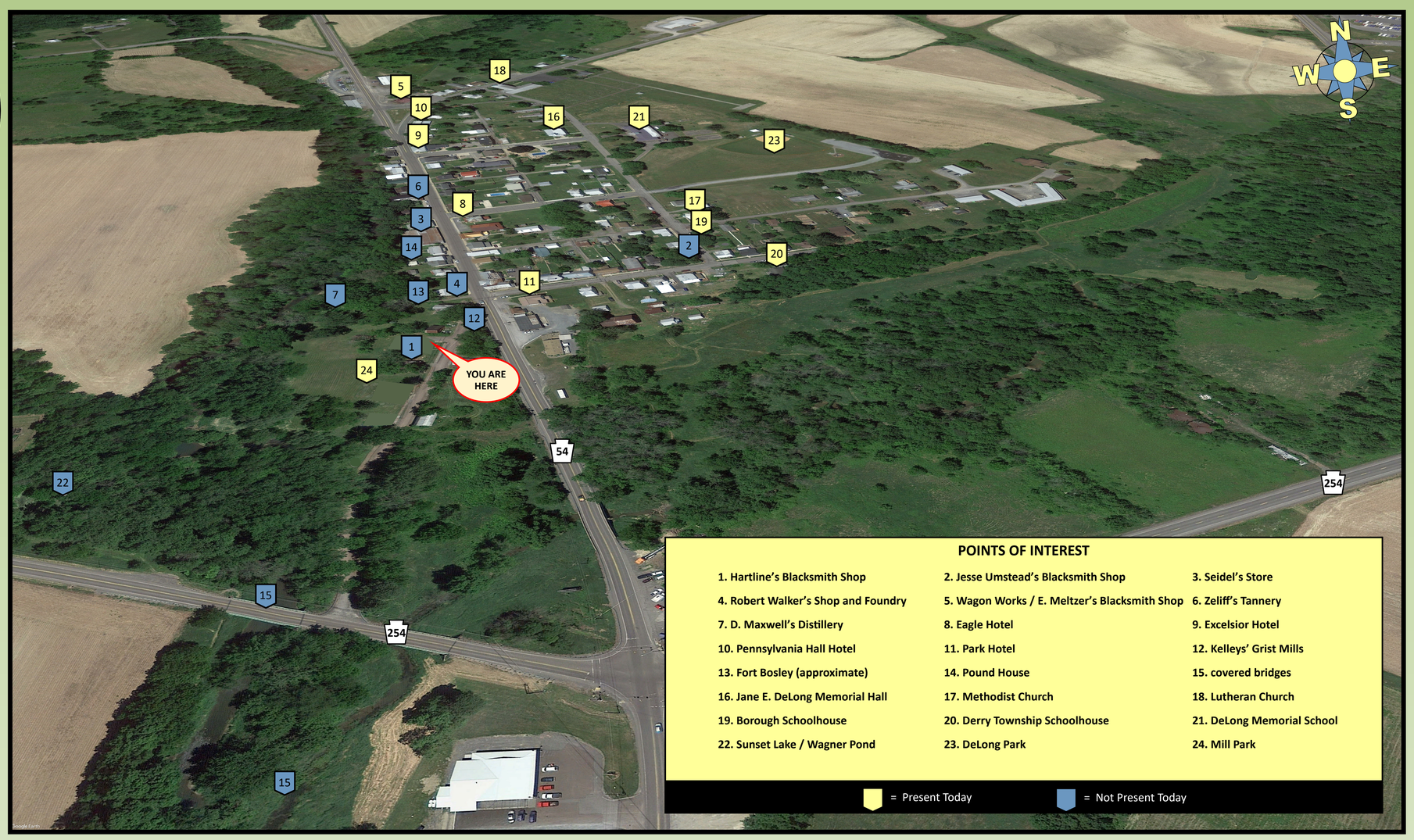
WASHINGTONVILLE BOROUGH HISTORIC POINTS OF INTEREST



POINTS OF INTEREST

1. Hartline's Blacksmith Shop
2. Jesse Umstead's Blacksmith Shop
3. Seidel's Store
4. Robert Walker's Shop and Foundry
5. Wagon Works / E. Meltzer's Blacksmith Shop
6. Zeliff's Tannery
7. D. Maxwell's Distillery
8. Eagle Hotel
9. Excelsior Hotel
10. Pennsylvania Hall Hotel
11. Park Hotel
12. Kelleys' Grist Mills
13. Fort Bosley (approximate)
14. Pound House
15. covered bridges
16. Jane E. DeLong Memorial Hall
17. Methodist Church
18. Lutheran Church
19. Borough Schoolhouse
20. Derry Township Schoolhouse
21. DeLong Memorial School
22. Sunset Lake / Wagner Pond
23. DeLong Park
24. Mill Park

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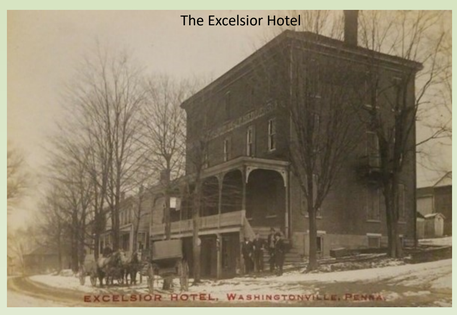

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The Excelsior Hotel name applied to three structures which stood at this location. First constructed as a frame building in 1837 by James Heddens, it was torn down and rebuilt as a brick building. Operated by Fanny Heddens for many years after the death of her husband in 1888, the hotel was commonly known as the Fanny Heddens Hotel. Destroyed by fire in 1891, the building was again rebuilt and continued operation until the 1920s or 1930s.

The building was later used as Emmerson Heffner's Funeral Home from 1947 to 1977.

Diehl's Store/ Seidel's Store

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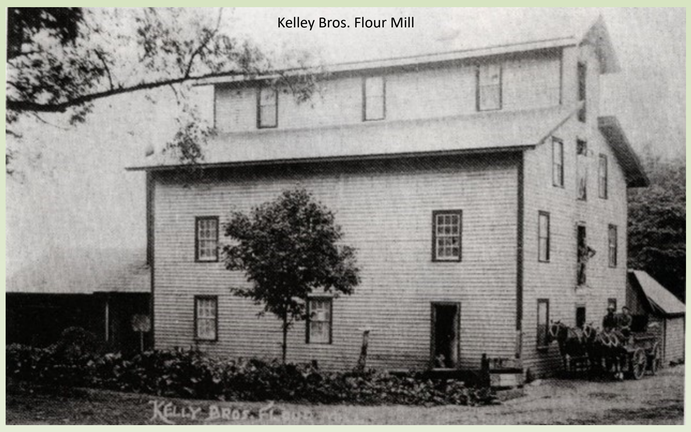
Constructed in 1908, the store was original owned by McClellan Diehl. Ownership changed to Eves & Diehl and later to Ryder, operating under the name Seidel's Department Store. Ownership again changed hands to the Foust Brothers who closed the store for a short time. Reopened by Harold DeGreen, the original building burned down (along with two other buildings) on Halloween night 1982, but was rebuilt and reopened before Christmas that same year. The store remained in business until about 2012.

4th of July, 1908

Washingtonville's 4th of July, 1908, celebration parade.



Kelley Bros. Flour Mill

Fort Bosley and The Grist Mills

There were several grist mills built along Mill Road throughout Washingtonville's history. The first grist mill was built by John Bosley prior to 1773; this was the mill that was fortified and became known as Fort Bosley. The precise location of this mill is still debated today. Over time, the mill changed hands and in 1826 the mill burned down and was rebuilt. In 1870, that mill also burned down. The mill was rebuilt one last time on the other side of Mill Road. The last family to operate the mill was the Kelley family, who closed the mill in 1967. The building was eventually torn down.

The 2020 rediscovery of a 1780s era log cabin, linked to the first Bosley mill, garnered the borough international attention. The building was possibly the oldest in Montour County. A modified reconstruction of the log cabin today sits at the nearby Montour DeLong Community Fairgrounds.

The Eagle Hotel

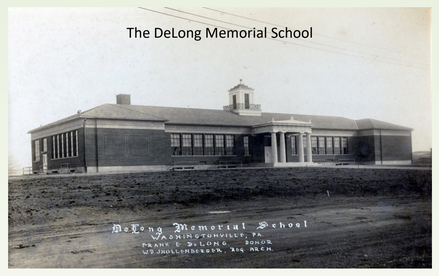
The Eagle Hotel was built by Major James Cummings in 1810. The hotel was in operation for over one hundred years before it eventually closed in the late 1920s.

The Borough Schoolhouse

This schoolhouse was built in the mid 1800s and was in operation until the DeLong Memorial School opened in 1930.

DeLong Memorial School

Frank DeLong built the school and then gifted the building to Washingtonville Borough. The school was dedicated on Thanksgiving day 1930.



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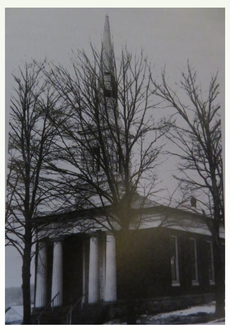

The Jane E. DeLong Memorial Hall

Originally constructed in 1853 as the Washingtonville Presbyterian Church, the building was purchased in 1928 by Frank DeLong. Mr. DeLong remodeled the building into a library and community hall. This community treasure is still in use today for meetings, special events, and the community's annual Christmas party.

Washingtonville Borough History Tour

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