

# Thornbury's Past at Thornbury Park

Welcome to Thornbury Park. This timeline tells the story of Thornbury Township over the course of more than 300 years. Here in Thornbury, ordinary people took part in the nation's extraordinary history.

Native Americans, European settlers, William Penn's First Purchasers, soldiers, farmers, millers, manufacturers, and residents all had one thing in common: this land.

As the nation struggled to solve problems in society, fought wars, and saw progress, so did citizens of Thornbury. People here learned in classrooms and found solace in churches. They enjoyed the countryside and tried new ways of living in communities.

The Board of Supervisors of Thornbury Township Delaware County, along with Thornbury's Historical Society, Parks and Recreation Board, and Historical Commission invite you to explore Thornbury's timeline of history.



Aerial view of Thornbury township looking east toward Philadelphia skyline, July 2010.  
Thornbury Historical Society

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## Across the Centuries...

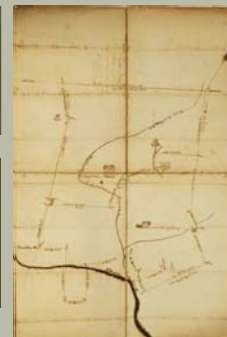


Thornton School on Westtown Road around 1900.  
Thornbury Historical Society

Thornton School's teacher and students gathered on the front steps, c. 1900.  
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Late 19th century photographs show wagons waiting to be repaired at the wheelwright shop.  
Courtesy Col. and Mrs. Robert Wilshire



A late-1700's map shows the location of Cheyney shops, where residents found, at various times, a blacksmith, a wheelwright, a general store, a post office, and other shops.  
Courtesy Gillespie Family



Today, the wheelwright shop exists as a private residence, across the street from modern Cheyney University buildings.

