

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL OF HISTORICAL MARKERS SUBMITTED IN 2009

Name of Marker	County	Description
1	Baldwin Locomotive Works Philadelphia	In operation for over 100 years, this company was, at its height, the largest manufacturer of locomotives in the US, if not the world. It produced locomotives for Railroads all over the nation and throughout the world.
2	Birthplace of NFL Films Philadelphia	Begun in 1962, it brought NFL football into the forefront of popularity of American sports. Considered “one of the most effective propaganda organs in the history of corporate America,” it’s thorough documentation of NFL football is second only to that of WWII.
3	Boyertown Burial Casket Co. Berks	At its height, the 2 nd largest casket company in the world, and one of the first publicly traded on the NY & Phila. Stock Exchanges. An innovator in design and marketing, many famous people throughout the world have been interred in Boyertown caskets.
4	Byron D. Benson Crawford	One of the founders of the Tidewater Pipe Company. Their pipeline used a larger pipe and pumped oil a greater distance and higher elevation than ever before, revolutionizing the transportation of crude oil.
5	Corry State Fish Hatchery Erie	Referred to by the PA Fish & Boat Commission as “the pioneer PA trout hatchery,” it is one of the earliest and longest continuously operating fish hatcheries in the state. In addition to supporting recreational fishing, it is instrumental in restoring species to native waters.
6	George Nakashima Bucks	Considered one of the initiators of the American Craft Movement, he designed and built furniture in a unique style that combined Japanese craftsmanship, modernist aesthetic, and appreciation of natural wood.
7	John M. Phillips Allegheny	Founder, board member, and president of the PA Game Commission. An engineer and industrialist, he became one of the most prominent names in conservation in PA. He also helped found the Boy Scout of America and founded PA’s first troop.
8	John William Heisman Crawford	Legendary college football coach, the coveted Heisman Trophy was named for him. He revolutionized the sport w/ the center snap, the hidden-ball play, the Heisman shift, and promotion of legalization of the forward pass, as well as numerous safety improvements.
9	Julia C. Collins Lycoming	A unique figure in American literary history, she is likely the first African American female novelist. The themes in several published essays (1864-1865) address black self-improvement, education, morality, and racial uplift at the possibility of freedom.

10	Junkin Tent--1st Covenanter (Reformed Presby.) communion	Cumberland	Site of the first Covenanter (Reformed Presbyterian) communion in the New World. The event, presided over by John Cuthbertson the first Covenanter minister in the US, drew hundreds from the surrounding region.
11	Lock Ridge Iron Furnace	Lehigh	The last furnace in the US to exclusively use anthracite coal to fuel its furnaces. Its partially restored ruins are some of last remaining evidence of the Lehigh Valley's importance to the iron industry.
12	Mercersburg Members of the 54 th Mass. Regiment	Franklin	Mercersburg contributed the third highest per capita recruitment to the 54 th Mass. Regiment - the most famous African American unit of the Civil War. It was second only to Philadelphia in PA in volunteers.
13	Oil Creek Railroad	Erie	Revolutionized the transportation of oil from the surrounding oil region by rendering obsolete wasteful and dangerous pond freshets and time and labor intensive horse drawn wagons.
14	PA's Largest Arrest for Civil War Draft Opposition	Columbia	In response to opposition to the draft in Columbia Co., 800 troops were sent to suppress the resistance. 44 were arrested and imprisoned. The US Supreme Court declared such arrests unconstitutional 2 years later.
15	Shippingport Atomic Power Station	Beaver	The first commercial nuclear facility in the US created specifically for generating electricity. Part of President Eisenhower's "Atoms for Peace" plan.
16	Solitude (The)	Philadelphia	Country home of John Penn, William Penn's grandson. An early example of neo-classical architecture, it incorporates many of the characteristics of the "Adam Style."
17	Thomas E. Cahill	Philadelphia	He founded Roman Catholic High School, the first free diocesan high school in the US. It served as a model for many Catholic and parochial schools across the country.
18	Thomas Ustick Walter	Philadelphia	The architect of the Capitol dome in Wash., DC, he was a successful neo-classical Philadelphia architect. He founded the American Institute of Architects (AIA), and was instrumental in developing professional standards of architectural practice.
19	Westinghouse Air Brake Company	Allegheny	Before the success of his electric company, George Westinghouse developed the air brake for railroads. It was an innovative engineering feat that revolutionized rail transportation, enabling trains to be longer, heavier, and faster, while also being safer.
20	Westinghouse Atom Smasher	Allegheny	The nation's first industrial Van de Graaf nuclear generator, it was intended, not as a bomb, but to seek out the secrets of nuclear energy as a source of practical power. The unusual pear-shaped structure has been designated an Electrical Engineering Milestone.
21	Wills Eye Institute	Philadelphia	The oldest facility in the US for exclusively treating diseases of the eye, it has been consistently ranked among the finest in the nation. Many innovative treatments and procedures were developed here, and much groundbreaking research has led to important discoveries.