

THE OLD YORK ROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Invites you to join us for a tour of

Rittenhouse Town



Rittenhouse Town is one of the earliest industrial communities in America. In 1687 William Rittenhouse moved to the newly formed neighborhood of Germantown and purchased property along a tributary of the Wissahickon Creek and built the first paper mill in British North America. For the next 40 years, the Rittenhouse family were the only papermakers in America. The original mill was destroyed by fire in 1701 but a new mill was quickly built. The Rittenhouse homestead was built in 1707 and still stands across from the site of the second mill. Other houses and buildings also remain from this once thriving little town.

Our tour will take us into a number of the early houses including the birthplace of David Rittenhouse, astronomer, surveyor and first director of the US Mint. We will also have a demonstration on paper making.

The Society has chartered a bus to provide transportation. We will meet at the Jenkintown Library to board the bus, departing by 1:15 p.m. sharp. We should return by 5:00 p.m. Come along and bring your friends.

When: Sunday, April 26, bus departing at 1:15 p.m. sharp

Where: Meet at the Jenkintown Library and we will board a bus

Cost: \$32 for Members, \$37 for Non-members

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Please RSVP by Monday, April 20

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone No.: _____

No. of members _____ No. of non-members _____ Total payment enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to the Old York Road Historical Society and mail to the Society, 515 Meetinghouse Road, Jenkintown, PA 19046. If you have questions, please call and leave a message (215-886-8590).