

## **ANSWERS TO CAMBRIA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S ROAD RALLY SOUTH**

AT LILLY:

The small settlement that sprang up during the construction of the Allegheny Portage RR here in the 1830s was known by **Foot of Four** - You are standing at the foot of Incline #4. Foot of Ten is on Old 22 near the Blair County line. Many of the early sketches of Cambria County's industry was made by local artist George Storm. He did several along the Allegheny Portage RR including this one of the Engine House at the top of Incline # 6.

The plaque was installed in **2006 (MMVI)**

Between the names *Foot of Four* and *Lilly*, the town was known as **Hemlock**.

AT WILMORE:

This St Bartholomew Church was dedicated in **1852**. Among the early African-American settlers in the county was Godfrey Wilmore, a freed slave, who farmed near here. Godfrey paid off the indebtedness of his Irish-Catholic wife and they raised several children here. They were friends of Fr. Gallitzin, who warned his congregation of making discouraging remarks about the couple. Gallitzin converted Godfrey to Catholicism. Godfrey's son, Bernard, developed the plan of "Jefferson" in 1831, but eventually it took the name of the founding family - Wilmore.

As a boy, Felix Skelly, along with his cousin, Mrs. Elder, were **captured by Indians**. Made to "run the gauntlet," Mrs. Elder defended herself with a large cast-iron skillet. Felix escaped before they got to Pittsburgh. He fell off a cliff into a camp of befuddled natives who simply laughed at him. Felix went on to serve in the Revolutionary War. Mrs. Elder was taken to Canada and never hear from again.

AT TUNNEL STREET: You drove under **4 tunnels**. Did you have to go back and do it again?

Tunnel Street follows **All of the above**: Old and New Portage RR, the Pennsy and Frankstown Road.

AT SOUTH FORK FISHING & HUNTING CLUB

Depending on what you count as a post, there are **about 17** of them.

According to the informational signage, the original color of the clubhouse was **Light Grey**.

Near the center of the grounds, the Clubhouse was located on **Lot # 7**. This fact only came to light a few years ago among the "Kephart Papers" in the attic of the historical society.

AT THE AIRPORT:

**Curtiss** was the company that manufactured the P-40 Warhawk which had a top speed of 360 mph. It was introduced in 1938. Imagine, that was only 30 years after the Wright Brothers flew at Kitty Hawk, NC. in 1908. Orville Wright, who died in 1948, would have seen these huge advancements in aviation manufacturing.

Buzz Wagner flew with the **Army Air Corps**. There was no Air Force during WWII.

There are **8 Japanese flags** (white field with red circle) on the side of Wagner's plane. Lt Col Boyd D "Buzz" Wagner was born in Emigh, attended UPJ and is buried in Grandview Cemetery. He died in 1942 on a routine flight from Florida to Alabama.

AT THE JOHNSTOWN TRAIN STATION:

There are columns on the side of the building but on the Walnut St. side (the front) there are 4 columns but only **2 are cylindrical**.

It's hard to read but the clock at the station comes closest to reading **4:20**

In 1866, a year after the Civil War, Andrew Johnson was running behind in a re-election bid. As his campaign train entered Johnstown nearly 3,000 were there to meet him. Hundreds of people were on two "worker's" bridges that hovered over the tracks. Both **bridges collapsed** killing six and injuring hundreds. President Johnson's train was forced to station as the scene of the tragedy slowly disappeared out of sight.

AT THE BOTTLEWORKS IN CAMBRIA CITY:

Answer: The BOTTLE WORKS is housed on what was the former **Tulip Bottling Company**.

The founders were **Jacob and Renee Goldhaber**. Johnstown was lucky to be chosen as the site for this family business, even if by mistake. Mr. Goldhaber was aboard a train for Youngstown, OH where he hoped for his family to settle among a large population of Hungarians. When the train conductor announced Johnstown as the next stop, Mr. Goldhaber mistook it for Youngstown and he disembarked. When it came time to name the "soda pop" business, Mrs. Goldhaber did not hesitate for a moment. It would be named for the national flower of her beloved homeland of Hungary, and so it became the Tulip Bottling Company.

AT THE MARIAPOCS SHRINE IN CAMBRIA CITY:

Mariapocs is a small town **in Hungary**

In the icon, Baby Jesus is **holding flowers**.

AT GRANDVIEW CEMETERY - WESTMONT

Answer: The woman on the left has her hand on **an anchor**. The anchor is used as a symbol of hope, steadfastness and eternal life. Early Christians used the anchor as a disguised cross.

Answer: **Roses**, Rhododendrons, Azaleas and Deciduous Trees are not permitted to be planted on the grounds of Grandview Cemetery

AT THE TOP OF THE JOHNSTOWN INCLINED PLANE

Answer: According to the informational signage, the flood waters hit Johnstown at **4:07 PM**. The Lake Conemaugh Dam in South Fork, 14 miles to the East, burst at 3:10 PM.

Answer: Two months after the flood the Johnstown Tribune newspaper announced the plan for a new community on Yoder Hill. The town was to be called "**Tip Top**" and would provide "cheap and convenient" site for homes for the mill worker's families

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