

**Pennypacker Mills presents:  
*Traveling on the Perkiomen Railroad***

***Schwenksville, PA*** – On Saturday, January 28 at 1 pm, come to Pennypacker Mills for a free, in-depth powerpoint program on the Perkiomen Railroad, presented by Steve Mallon, President of the Perkiomen Railroad Historical Society, in the Classroom Building.

In the heyday of railroad travel, the Perkiomen Railroad was the connector between Philadelphia and Emmaus. With the train line passing through Schwenksville, the borough grew into a vibrant community with new businesses establishing themselves along Main Street, mail and newspapers arriving from Philadelphia, and many well-do-do Philadelphians building summer homes for their families to vacation in the country. The men who purchased these large summer homes then took the Perkiomen Railroad to work in Philadelphia.

At Pennypacker Mills, farm products such as milk and butter were transported to Philadelphia for sale. Samuel Pennypacker used the train line to commute into Philadelphia as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and then when he became the Governor Pennsylvania, commuted on this rail line into Philadelphia and transferred to rail service to Harrisburg.

Mark your calendar to spend a fascinating afternoon at the Mills learning about the history of the Perkiomen Railroad. The Pennypacker mansion will

be open for free guided tours from 10 am to 4 pm. Both tours of the mansion and this special program are free. Donations accepted.

Pennypacker Mills is open year-round for guided tours, seasonal events, education programs, changing exhibits and more! Operated by the Montgomery County Division of Parks, Trails & Historic Sites.

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Caption: Image from "Railroads in the Lehigh River Valley." No. 123 and crew pose with the Allentown- bound "Pennypacker Express" at East Greenville along the Perkiomen Branch in 1903.

Source: Pennypacker Mills

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Pennypacker Mills mansion

Caption: View of the Pennypacker mansion, home of former Pennsylvania Governor Samuel Pennypacker and his family from 1900-1916.

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