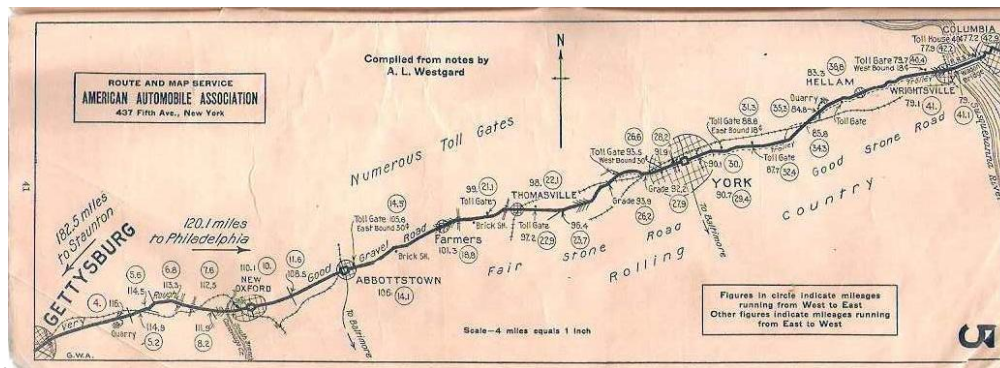


YORK and GETTYSBURG TURNPIKE

On our Web site, and page 6-4 in “West Manchester Township 200th Celebration” book is a picture of Toll house #1 of the York and Gettysburg Turnpike in West Manchester TWP. Located on Northwest corner of Market St. and East Berlin Rd. York and Gettysburg Turnpike was designated Route 126. The turnpike was sold in 1918 to the state and county. There were four toll gates between York and Abbottstown in early 1900’s. Below is a 1911 Map for the American Automobile Association.



Looking at receipts at the York heritage Trust, the names Jacob and L. B. Becker were on most of the Toll Gate receipts. I believe L. B. Becker was gate keeper at Gate one.

Toll Gate No
Mr L. B. Becker

from Hanover to York
Narrow wheel wagon

6 horse wagon	57
4 horse " "	34
2 horse " "	17
1 h Buggy " "	09
Saddle horse " "	05
Starnes horse " "	05

L. B. Becker
Gate Keeper
No. 1.

I recently found some interesting information Mel Miller and Russ Lloyd found at the State Archives in Harrisburg. Here is a description and of Toll House #1 in early 1900s.

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YORK AND GETTYSBURG TURNPIKE ROAD COMPANY
on
HIGHWAY ROUTE 126

DATA RELATIVE TO TOLL GATE NO. 1
at
STATION 1385x45
York County

Two and a half story frame house, approximately 22' x 26', containing 9 rooms, 5 on ground floor and 4 on second floor, also a small attic. The outside of house is construction of 3" weatherboards, painted. The entire 9 rooms are plastered, and all but one are papered. The roof is constructed of shingles. There is an earth cellar under entire house. This house is in good condition.

Attached to main house is a one story office, which forms part of main house. Is approximately 9' x 13', containing one room.

There is a frame $1\frac{1}{2}$ story house constructed of rough 12" boards, stripped and whitewashed. Is approximately 10' x 12". The inside of house is finished with Philadelphia fencing. The roof is constructed of shingles. This house was originally used as a catch toll gate, and is in fair condition.

There is a 2 story frame stable, approximately 18' x 20', constructed of 12" rough boards, stripped and whitewashed. The roof is of shingle construction. This stable is in fair condition.

Note:- There is a garage, pig pens, chicken house, corn crib and an attachment to stable which are owned by the present toll gate keeper.

The main toll house and buildings are owned by the Turnpike Company, and located off the right of way on ground owned by Mr. Charles Kurtz. As these buildings are located on land leased from Mr. Kurtz, and not being familiar with the terms of the lease, I am unable to place valuation on this property.



Toll House #1 Looking West



Toll House looking East

