

# PHOENIXVILLE, PA, FACT and FICTION QUIZ

## 115<sup>th</sup> Detwiler Family Reunion – August 20, 2011

1. Steel from Phoenixville was used in the building of the Eifel Tower.
2. Fighting took place in Phoenixville during the Revolutionary War.
3. Phoenixville was the birthplace of a governor of Pennsylvania.
4. Had the Confederate Army been successful at Gettysburg in 1863, a target of Robert E. Lee's army was the cannon making facility of the Phoenix Iron Works.
5. Legendary outlaw, the Sundance Kid, grew up in the Phoenixville area and attended elementary school in Phoenixville.
6. Support Beams of the Washington Monument were manufactured in Phoenixville.
7. The town of Phoenixville was an active center of Underground Railroad activity prior to the Civil War.
8. In the Civil War, the youngest general in the Union Army came from the Phoenixville Area.
9. In the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, the Phoenix Iron Company was the largest single employer in all of Chester County.
10. Phoenixville is the site of one of the oldest surviving houses (built before the Revolutionary War) in Chester County.
11. Among the major bridges built by the Phoenix Bridge Company was the Brooklyn Bridge.
12. Phoenixville area land was originally part of a land grant from William Penn.
13. Before 1890, the two tallest bridges in the United States had been built by the Phoenix Bridge company, a division of the Phoenix Iron Company.
14. The oldest monument in Phoenixville is the Revolutionary War Monument located at Bridge Street and Nutt Road.
15. Phoenixville fielded one of the earliest professional football teams in the United States.
16. **BONUS QUESTION:** Phoenixville has more streets named after Presidents of the United States than any other community in Chester County.