

ANSWERS

PHOENIXVILLE, PA, FACT and FICTION QUIZ 115th Detwiler Family Reunion – August 20, 2011

1. **FICTION:** The Eifel Tower was built of iron entirely by French companies.
2. **FACT:** Following the Battle of Brandywine, British and American soldiers skirmished in what is now downtown Phoenixville.
3. **FACT:** Governor Samuel Whitaker Pennypacker was born on High-street. (PA Governor 1903-1907).
4. **FICTION:** Beyond cutting off the railroads at Harrisburg, there are no documented sources indicating Lee's goals in invading Pennsylvania.
5. **FACT:** Harry Alonzo Longabaugh, the "Sundance Kid," was born in Mont Clare and attended Phoenixville schools.
6. **FACT:** "Phoenix Columns" manufactured by the Phoenix Iron Company are used in the internal supports of the Washington Monument.
7. **FICTION:** The Underground Railroad was active in the Schuylkill and East Pikeland Townships. Despite local legends there is no hard evidence of its activity in the town of Phoenixville.
8. **FACT:** Galusha Pennypacker, promoted to Brigadier General at age 20, was born in Charlestown Township.
9. **FACT:** By the 1850's, Phoenix Iron Company had more employees than the next 75 businesses combined in Chester County.
10. **FACT:** The Longstreth House (10 S. Main Street) was built in 1732.
11. **FICTION:** Among bridges built by the Phoenix Bridge Company was the Manhattan Bridge (1909) still in use today.
12. **FACT:** Charles Pickering received a land grant to most of what became northern Chester County before 1700. Following his death, it was subdivided.
13. **FACT:** The Kinzua Bridge (near Erie) (1882) and the Pecos River Bridges (1892) were the tallest in the world and the United States when built.
14. **FICTION:** The Revolutionary War Monument is from 1907. Both the Soldier's Monument (1871) in Morris Cemetery and the David Reeves Monument (1872) in Reeves Park are older.
15. **FACT:** The Union Football Club was founded in 1907, 15 years before the National Football League was created in 1922.
16. **ELEVEN:** Washington, Buchanan, Lincoln, Jackson, Grant, Fillmore, Tyler, Harrison, Madison, Garfield and Monroe. **TWELVE** in you include Taylor Alley.