



From Here to There: Transportation in Philadelphia

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Parkway Central Library on Opening Day
June 2, 1927

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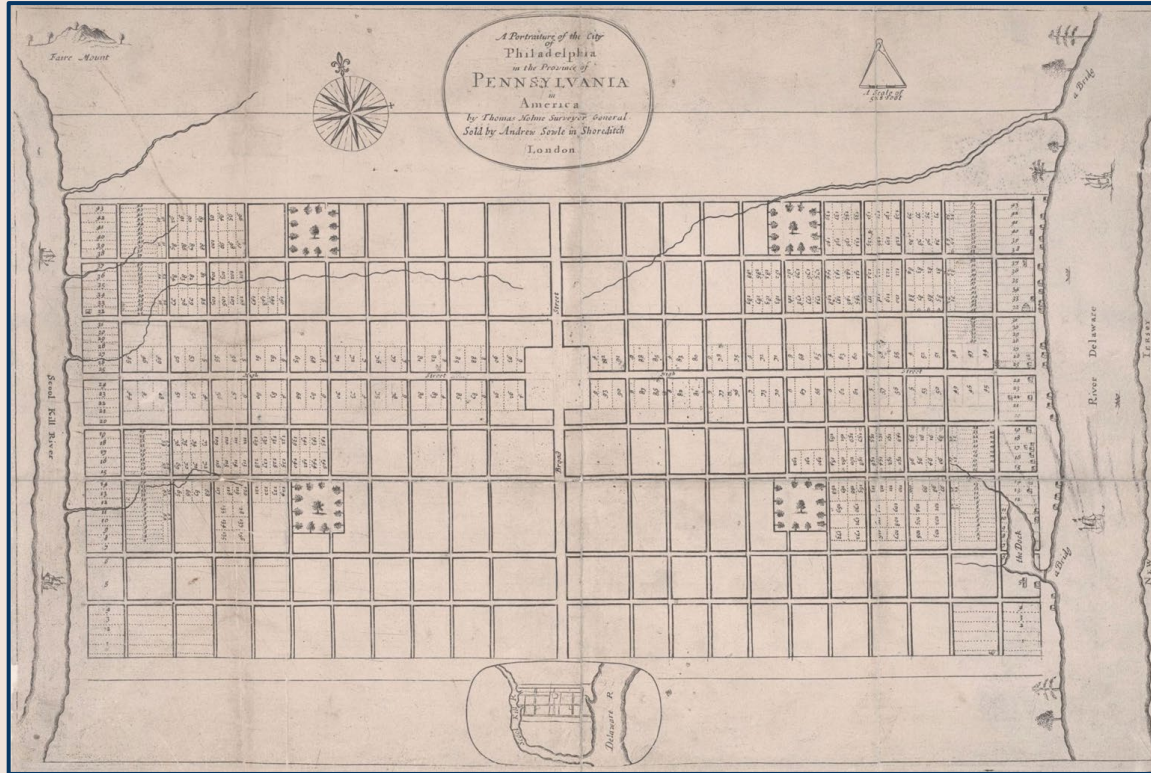
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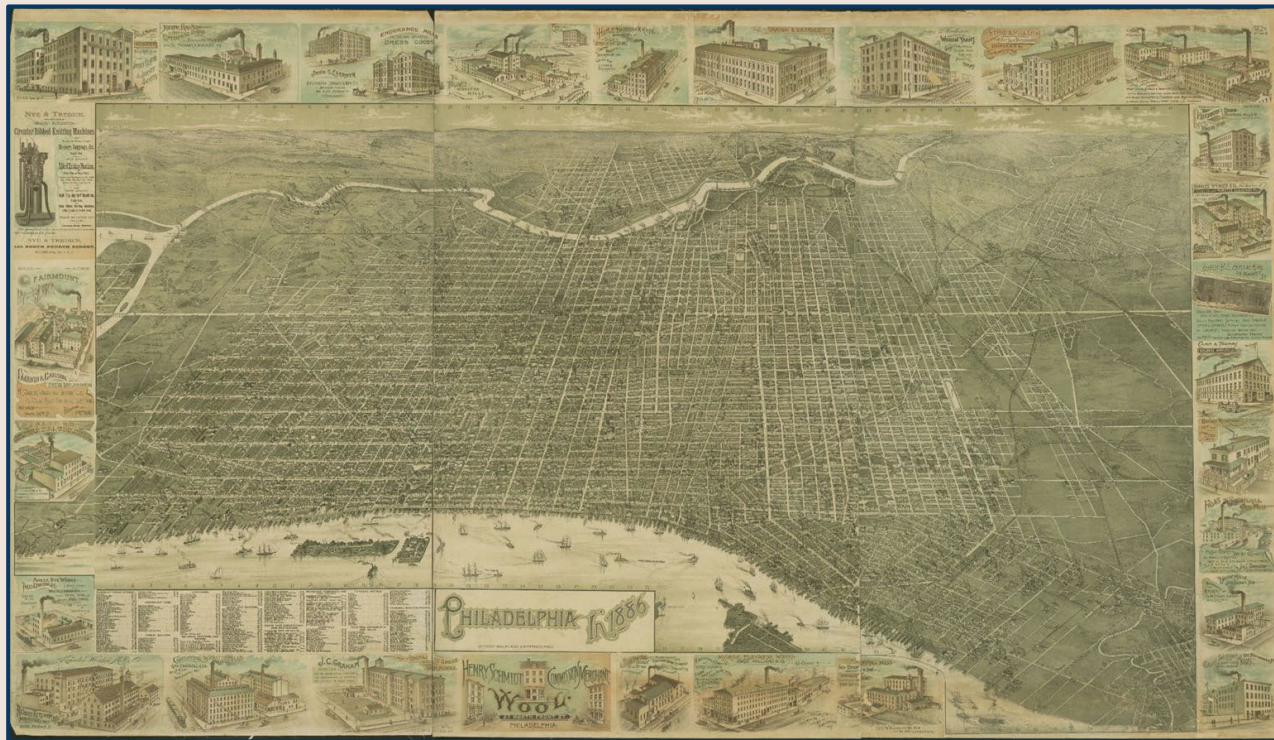
City of Philadelphia



***Portraiture of the City of
Philadelphia in the Province of
Pennsylvania in America
1683***

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City of Philadelphia



Burk & McFetridge
Philadelphia in 1886
1886

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Streetcars and Trolleys



Horse-drawn Streetcar: Ridge Avenue Depot

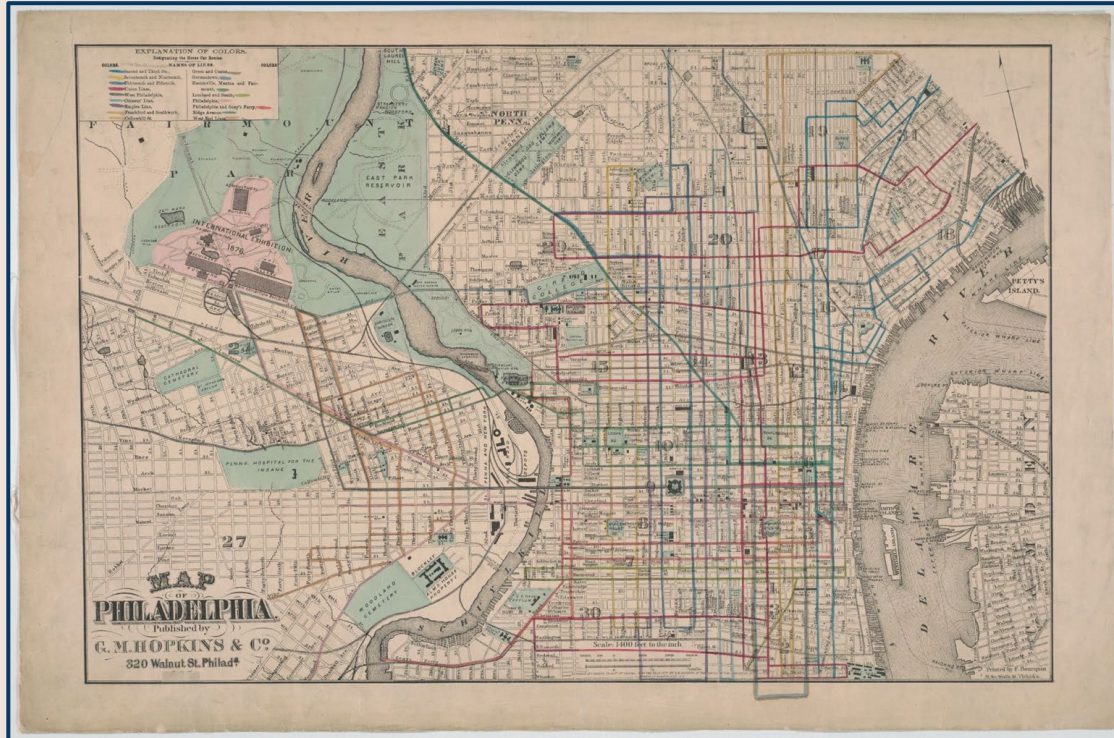
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The London Stereoscopic Company

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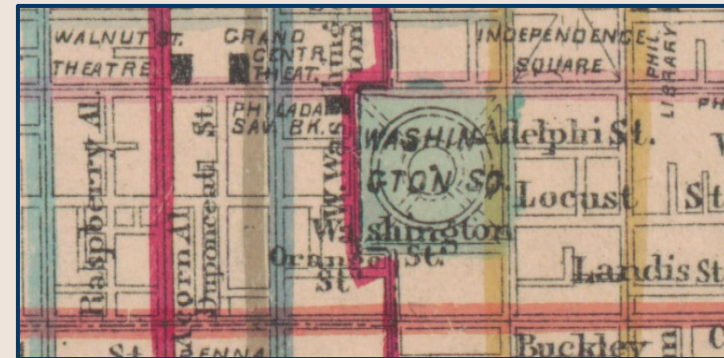
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Streetcars and Trolleys



EXPLANATION OF COLORS.
Designating the Horse Car Routes.

COLORS.	NAMES OF LINES.	COLORS
Green	Second and Third Sts.,	Green and Coates,
Yellow	Seventeenth and Nineteenth,	Germantown,
Blue	Thirteenth and Fifteenth,	Hestonville, Mantua and Fairmount,
Pink	Union Lines,	Lombard and South,
Light Blue	West Philadelphia,	Philadelphia and Gray's Ferry,
Purple	Citizens' Line,	Ridge Avenue,
Orange	Empire Line,	West End Lines,
Red	Frankford and Southwark,	
Light Green	Callowhill St.	



G.M. Hopkins
Map of Philadelphia [Horse Car Routes]
1875

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Streetcars and Trolleys



Trolleys on Market Street
December 21, 1907
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Trains and Subways



*Pennsylvania Railroad Station, Market Street west
at Penn Square*

1889

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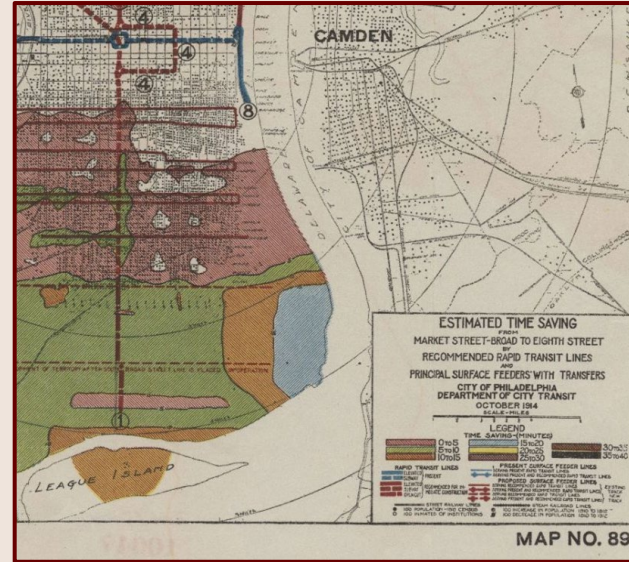
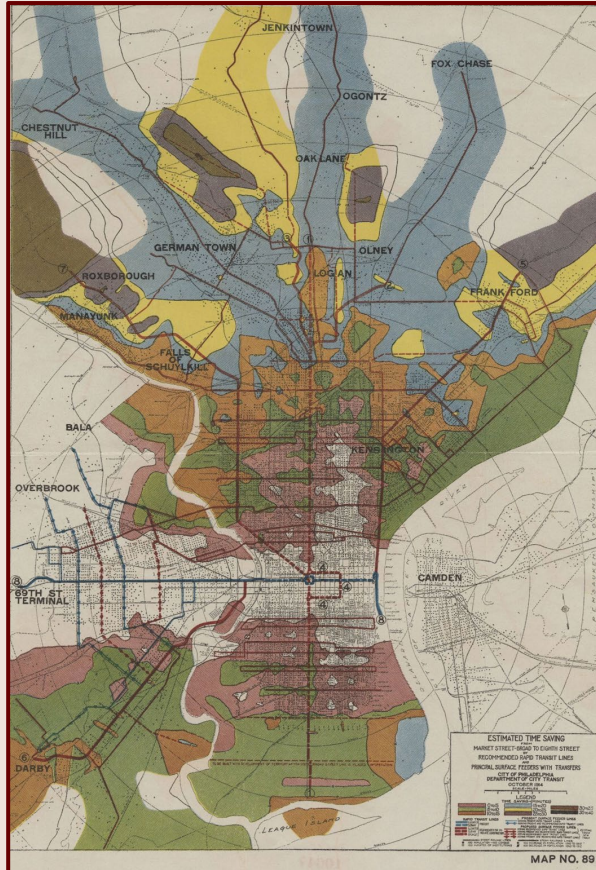
*Publicity Department, Pennsylvania Railroad
Broad Street Station After Fire*

1923

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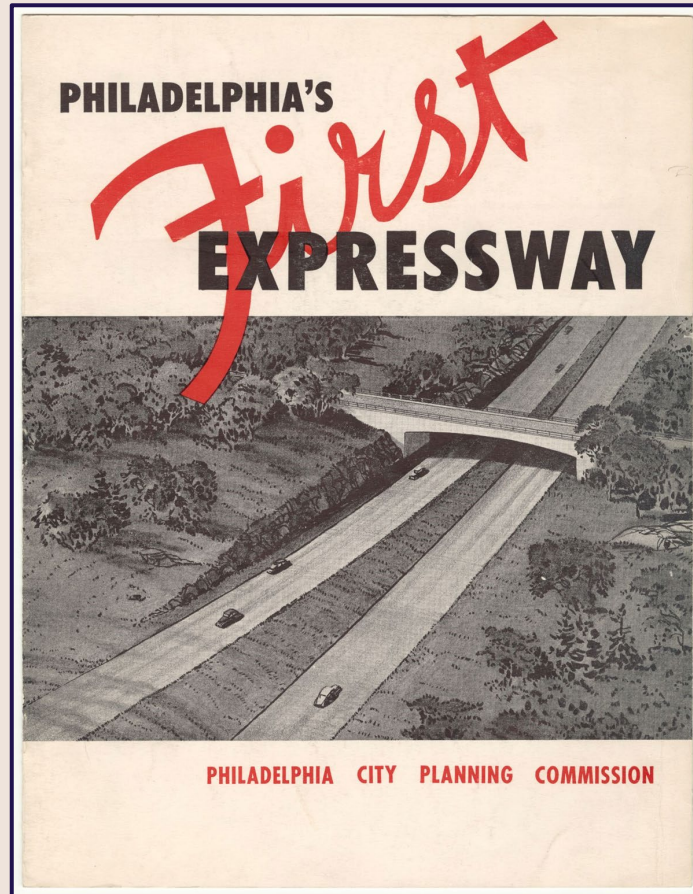
Trains and Subways



**Philadelphia Department of City Transit
Estimated Time Saving From Market St-Broad to 8th
St. by Recommended Rapid Transit Lines
1914**

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Cars



Philadelphia's First Expressway
1949

Philadelphia City Planning Commission
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Cars

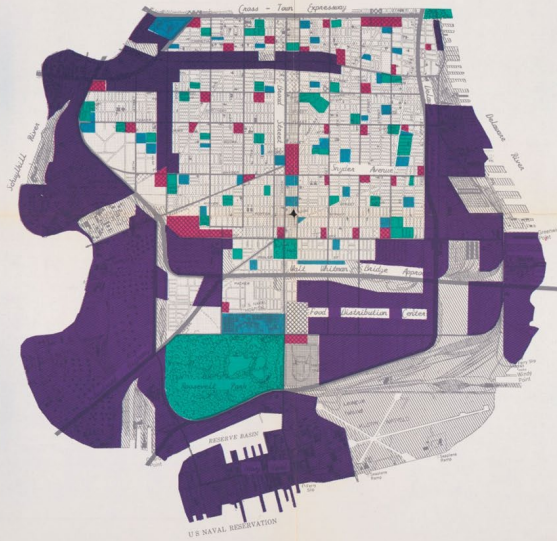


Russell C. Hamilton, photographer
Traffic Jam Gets Worse as Turnpike Hits City Line
1954

The Evening Bulletin
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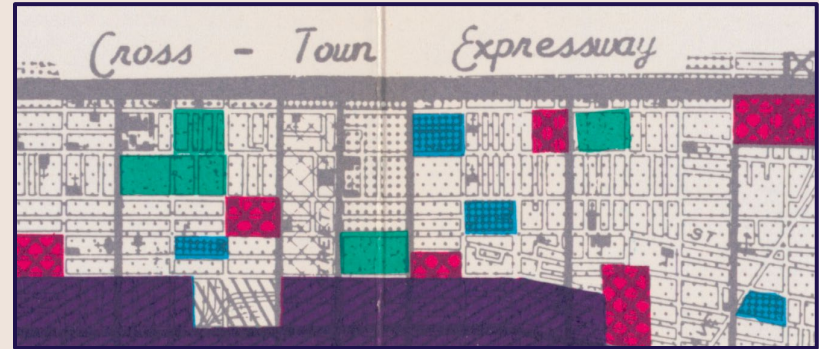
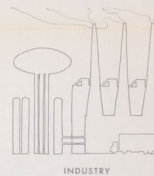
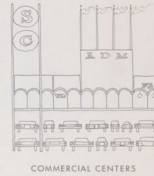
Cars

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN for SOUTH PHILADELPHIA



PROPOSED USES COMPREHENSIVE PLAN JUNE 1961

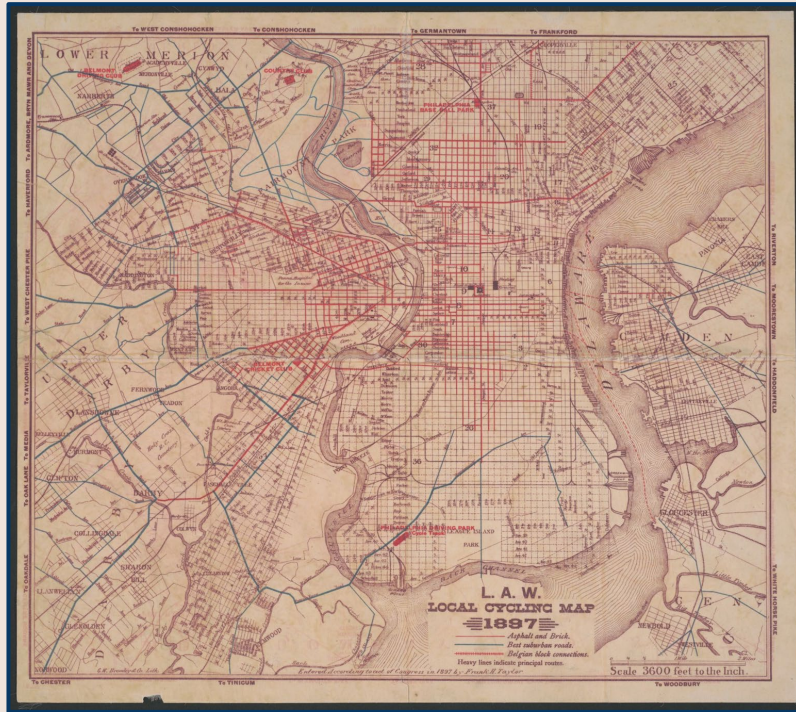
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UNDER 20
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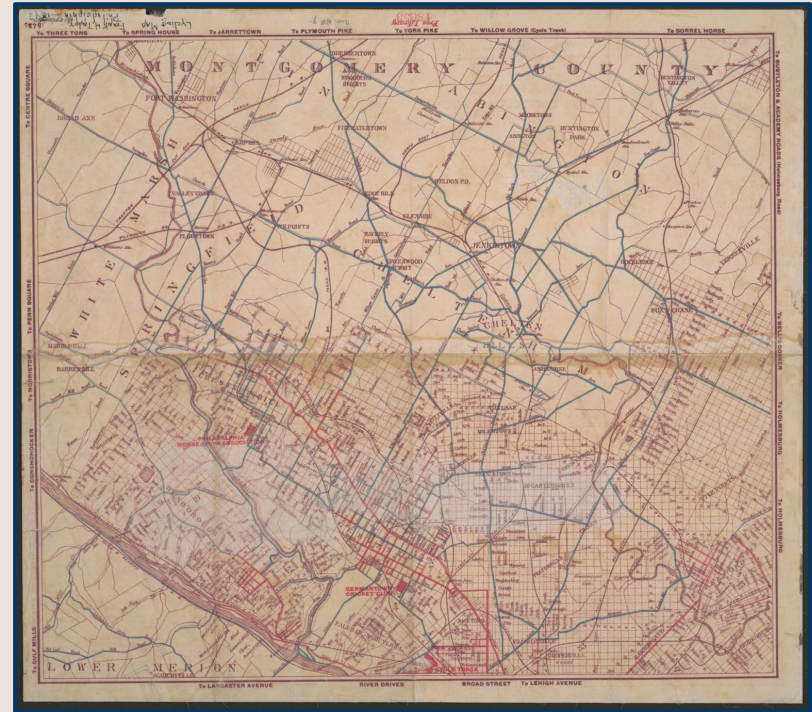
***Comprehensive Plan for South Philadelphia
1961***

**Citizen's Council on City Planning
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Bicycles



Frank H. Taylor
L.A.W. Local Cycling Map
1897



League of American Bicyclists
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Bicycles



Frank H. Taylor
L.A.W. Local Cycling Map
1897

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Bicycles



Bicyclists on East River Drive
c. 1895
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Bicycles



Commuters' Bike Map for Philadelphia [verso]
1974

Philadelphia Bicycle Coalition
Map Collection

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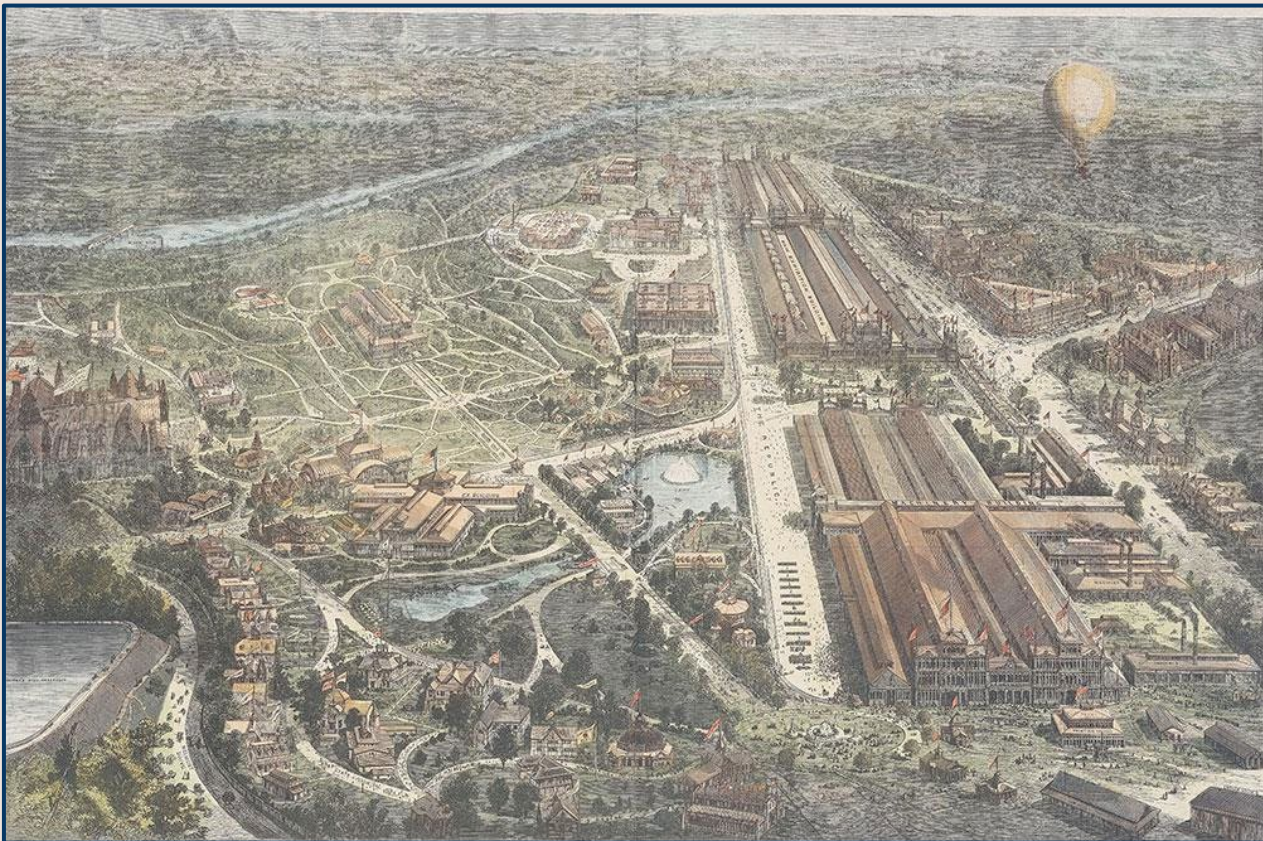


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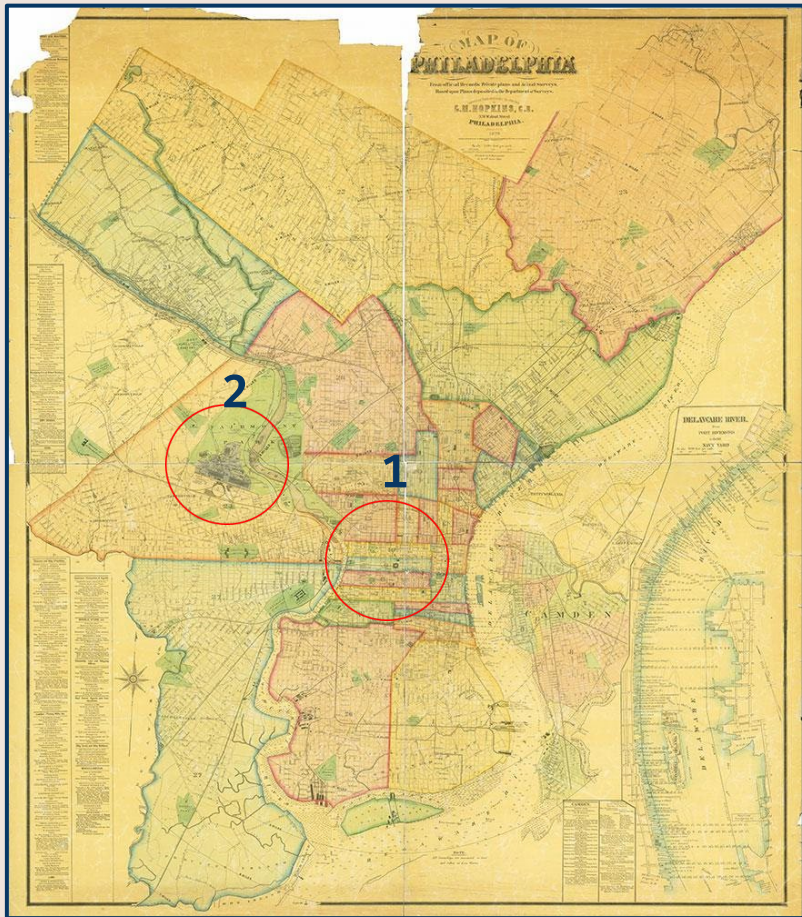
**THE INTERNATIONAL
EXHIBITION OF ARTS,
MANUFACTURES,
AND PRODUCTS OF
THE SOIL AND MINE**

*From Harper's Weekly,
September 30, 1876
The Centennial: Balloon View of
the Grounds*

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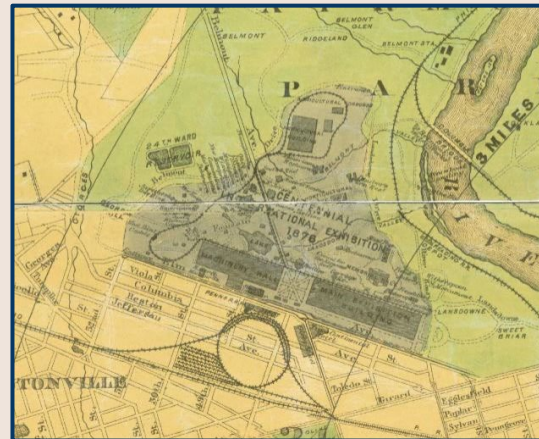
Centennial Exhibition, 1876



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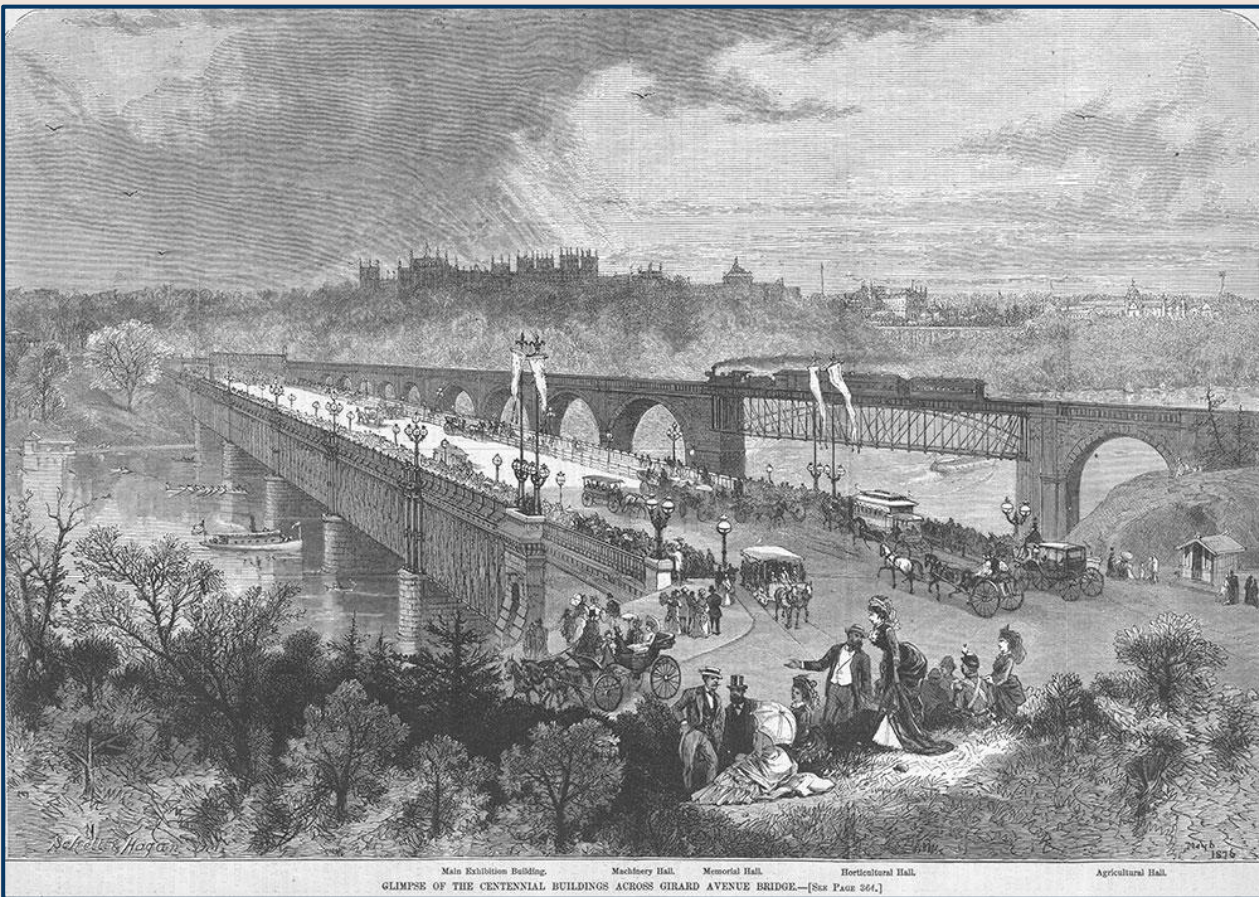


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G.M. Hopkins, Surveyor
Map of Philadelphia, 1876
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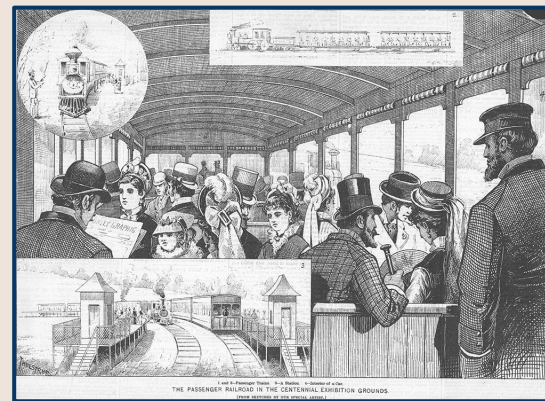
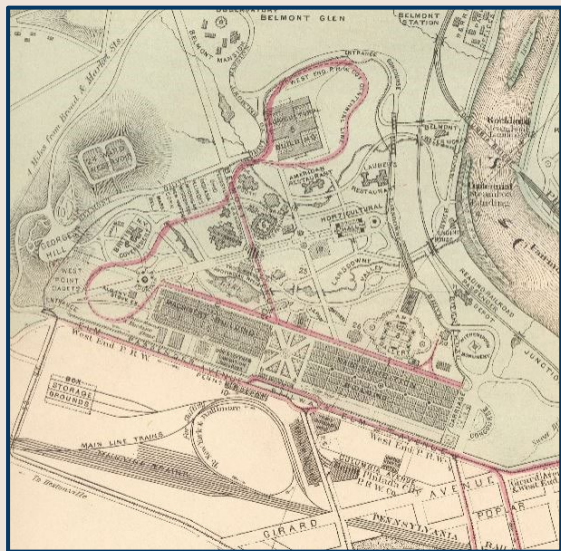
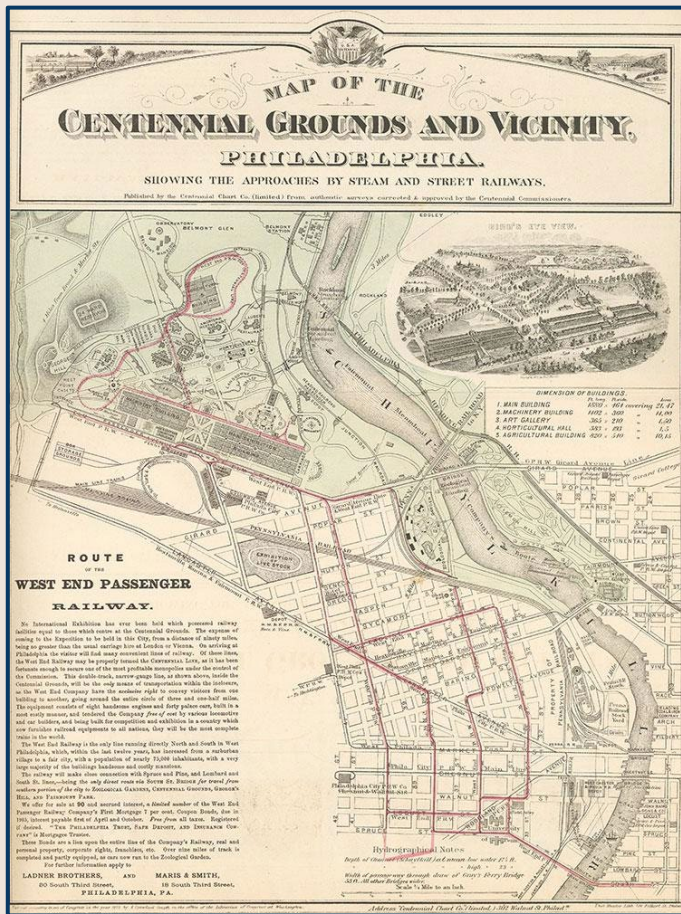
Centennial Exhibition, 1876



From Harper's Weekly, May 6, 1876
***Glimpse of the Centennial
Buildings Across Girard Avenue
Bridge***
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Main Exhibition Building. Machinery Hall. Memorial Hall. Horticultural Hall. Agricultural Hall.
GLIMPSE OF THE CENTENNIAL BUILDINGS ACROSS GIRARD AVENUE BRIDGE.—[See Page 264.]

Centennial Exhibition, 1876



Passenger Railroad in the Centennial Exhibition Grounds

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Map of the Centennial Grounds and Vicinity, Philadelphia, Showing the Approaches by Steam and Street Railways

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May 10, 1876
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SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN SUPPLEMENT

Scientific American Supplement, Vol. II, No. 33, New York, Aug. 12, 1876.

NEW-YORK, AUGUST 12, 1876.

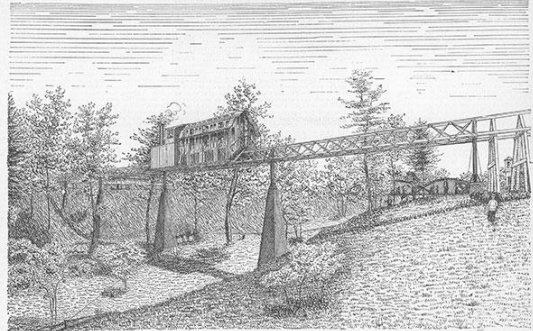
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NOTES FROM THE EXHIBITION.

THE SINGLE-RAILROAD.

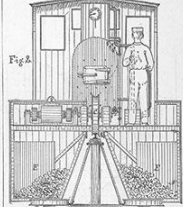
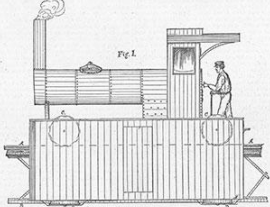
The section of the railway, erected over the Belmont estate in the Exhibition grounds, and described elsewhere, at this point, is known as the plan of transit.

500 feet long, and although laboring under the disadvantages of, to a certain degree, temporary construction and distance from the base of supplies, it is so simple that in passing over the road one would suppose that it had not been built with a view to the present, but to the future. By referring to the perspective and also to the illustrations



THE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF 1876.—THE SINGLE RAILROAD.

Let these things be designed for city and country roads, in long trains, it is believed, can be run, carrying passengers and freight, with great advantage. The example of road now running across the Belmont estate in the Exhibition grounds, was erected and run as follows:—



Plank 1, Pa., and is therefore not an entirely new apparatus on the other hand, it is so simple that in passing over the road one would suppose that it had not been built with a view to the present, but to the future. By referring to the perspective and also to the illustrations



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Elevated Railway
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Ellen Eliza Fitz

Fitz Globe

1879

Ginn & Heath; Gilman Joslin

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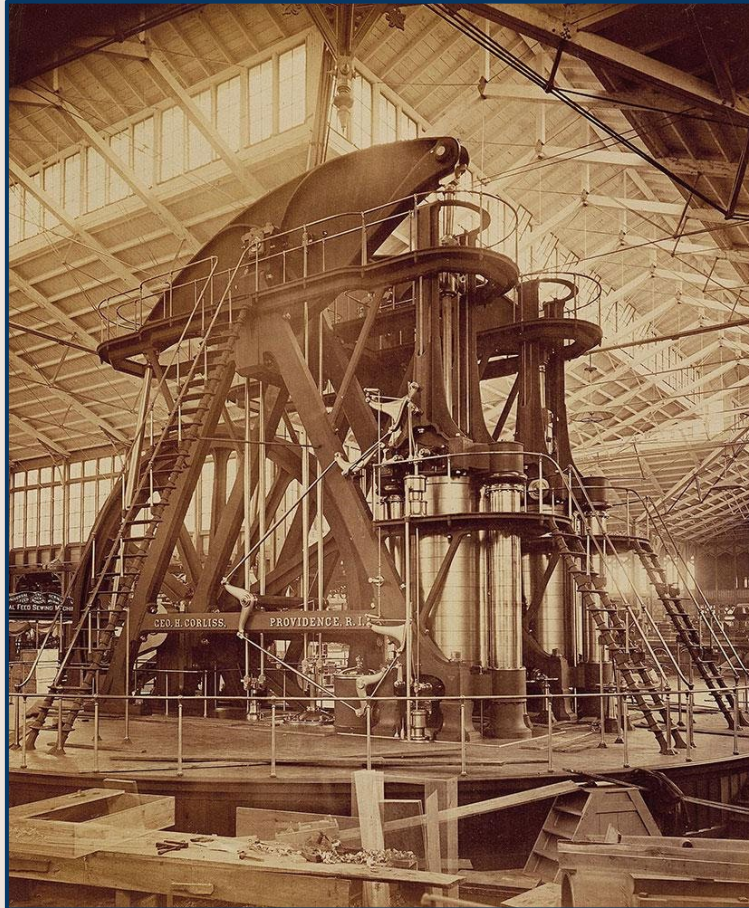


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2025 - BARTHOLDI'S "LIBERTY" - HAND AND TORCH

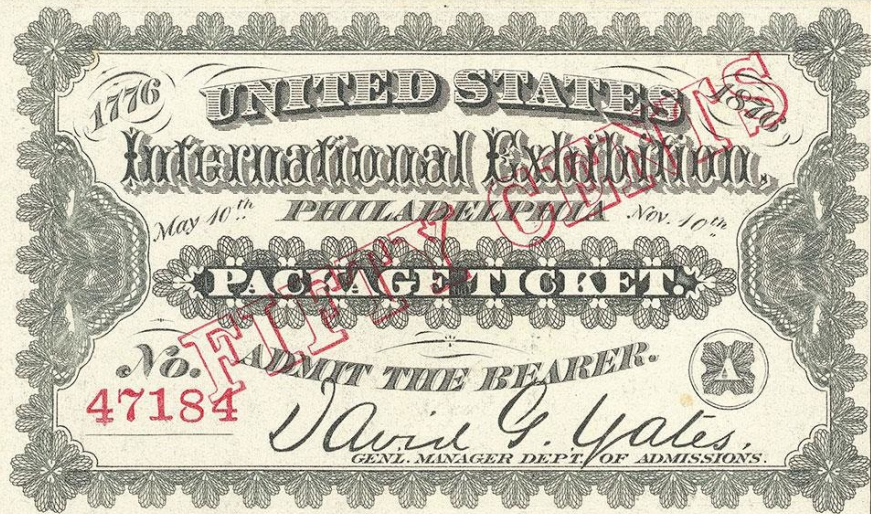
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Centennial Exhibition, 1876



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Corliss Steam Engine
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Centennial Exhibition, 1876



Admission: Fifty Cents

Total Attendance: 9,789,392

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