Philadelphia: Growth of a City

Philadelphia began with Penn’s plan in 1684. The “Greene Country Towne” grew when the Continental Congress met and again with the influx of immigrants in the 1800’s. The 1860’s brought many industries to this thriving area and then in the 1920’s built the Parkway as a grand boulevard. Along came the 1950’s with political change and skyscrapers. So many stories, so little time!

#1 Lenni Lenape – Penn – squares & streets – James Logan & Stenton – Shipbuilding – Clay – Franklin - Consolidation

#2 The Melting Pot: Swedes, Jews, African Americans, Italians, Polish. Chinese

#3 Industries – Sellers, Baldwin

#4 Fairmount, yellow fever, water works, Fairmount Park, the Parkway, Cret, Abele

#5 The Centennial

#6 Trolley History, Widener & Elkins, Amusement Parks

#7 WWW: Dyottville, Cramp, Disston, Reach, Stetson, Foerderer, Harbison, Fishtown, Sugar, Peanut Chews, Frank’s Soda, Jeweler’s Row

#8 Parkway and The Art Museum Cret

#9 South: Stadiums, Navy Yard, Theaters

#10 Bacon/Stonorov

#11 Kahn


#13 A-Z Wanamakers, Magaziner, Atwater Kent, skyscrapers
Resources for Philadelphia History

Building the City Beautiful David Brownlee 1989
explorepahistory.com
hsp.org (Historical Society of PA)
https: hiddencityphila.org
Philadelphiaencyclopedia.org
www.workshopoftheworld.com
Preservationalliance.com (walking tours)
www.phillyhistory.org (Philadelphia City Archive)
en.wikipedia.org
www.philaathenaeum.org www.philadelphiabuildings.org
philly.curbed.com
https://www.design.upenn.edu  Stuart Weitzman School of Design, so named in 2019.
Weitzman b. 1941 Wharton School Grad 1963 Shoe designer, proving million dollar shoes to Oscar nominees and his shoes are sold in over 70 countries. Jones Group bought a major stake in 2010 and then in 2015, Coach bought it for $574M and Weitzman stayed on as shoe designer until 2017. There a store at King of Prussia!