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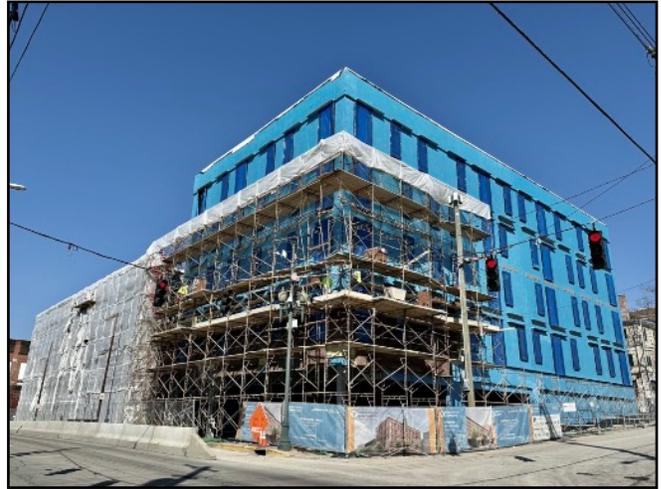
## Penn-Lincoln Hotel in 1952 celebrated 25 years in Wilkinsburg!



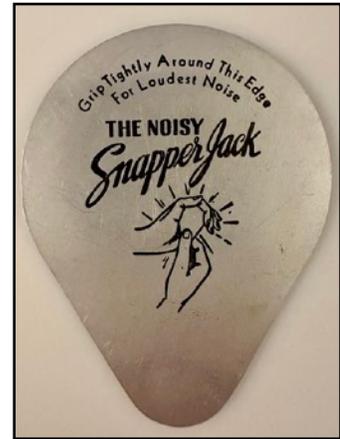
This vintage 1952 image was taken during the Silver (25th) Anniversary of the Penn-Lincoln Hotel. It was hailed as Pittsburgh's Modern Suburban Hotel and was conveniently located at the intersection of Penn Avenue (Lincoln Highway) and Center Street in Wilkinsburg. The hotel also featured the Lincoln Restaurant, a popular place to eat.

This photo labelled the man with the giant scissors and ribbon as J. Harold "Chick" Ake, Secretary/Manager of the Wilkinsburg Chamber of Commerce. The ribbon-cutting event was to celebrate the grand opening of the 100 space parking lot for the Penn-Lincoln Hotel, accessible from Penn Avenue. The ladies in the 1952 Cadillac are Miss Hazel Gillis who owned "The Kay Shoppe", a women's lingerie and hosiery store at 722 Wood Street in Wilkinsburg. The driver is Mrs. Carmen Bauman of Bauman Chevrolet, Inc. located at 432 Penn Avenue in Wilkinsburg. That site is where McDonald's fast-food is located today.

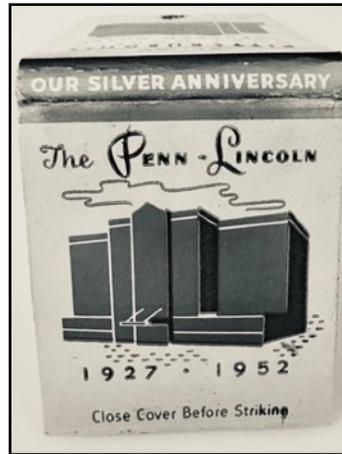
Penn-Lincoln Hotel circa 1927 and emerging Penn-Lincoln Apartments in 2026



Progress continues with construction of the Penn-Lincoln Apartments as completion is expected this August, 2026. To learn more: [action housing.org/penn-lincoln-apartments](https://action.housing.org/penn-lincoln-apartments) Ninety-nine years ago the new P-L hotel proudly opened their Lincoln Restaurant (on the Lincoln Highway). They often gave away trinkets with the Lincoln Restaurant advertisement.



Above: Mid-century creamer featured likenesses of both William Penn and Abraham Lincoln. The Snapper Jack, first made in late 1940s for Cracker Jack was manufactured for the PL Hotel.



Lincoln Restaurant ash trays and silver anniversary matchbooks were distributed in 1952. Note that the ashtray says "The Food Must Be Good - The Manager Eats Here"





**The Lincoln Highway Association will host a huge celebration this summer of 2026. This event, the week of June 22-26 in York, PA. celebrates the Lincoln Highway, the first coast-to-coast highway in our nation. The Lincoln Highway National Conference in York, PA. is entitled “Road to Independence” as the celebration includes the 250th birthday of the USA.**

This exciting conference features tours to choose from, lectures, videos, music, celebrations. A number of special events are planned for you to select. You can decide on several extra activities to celebrate the nation’s 250th anniversary as well as the Lincoln Highway.

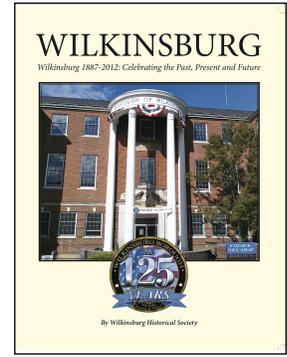
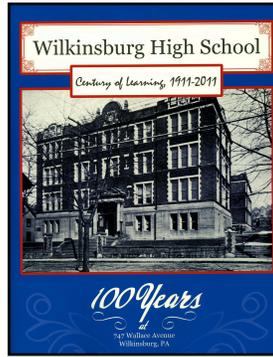
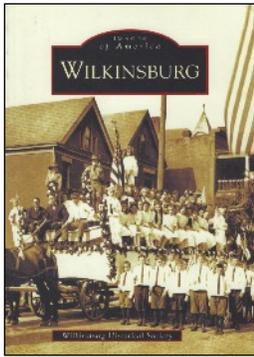
There will be bus tours, walking tours, visits to Gettysburg Battlefield where the July 1-3, 1863 battle took place. special events and presentations about over 250 years of transportation history along the Lincoln Highway. Pennsylvania has a number of historic **Lincoln Highway** places to visit and it’s quite special that the National conference for 2026 is in York, Pennsylvania! There is an extra bus trip on Friday June 26 to Philadelphia to Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell.

To learn more about the conference and tours, pre-register and start making your plans, visit the Lincoln Highway Association website: [lincoln250pa.org](https://lincoln250pa.org)



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Scan the QR code to see the entire extensive itinerary, and make your plans to have an amazing time this June at the Lincoln Highway National Conference in York, PA. Some of the side trips are filling up fast! Don’t miss out, scan the QR code today!!



These are the three books that the **Wilkinsburg Historical Society** wrote and published during the past twelve years. They help to promote and preserve the history of Wilkinsburg and raise funds for the various projects of the Society. All three books are still available to purchase from the Society. Another way to support the activities of the Historical Society.

On the far left is ***“Images of America - Wilkinsburg”***, a 128 page soft-bound book printed by the Arcadia Publishing Company. It includes over 220 black and white photos depicting the history of our town from the early land patents in the late 1700s up to the 75th celebration of Wilkinsburg in 1962. The book is available from the Wilkinsburg Historical Society for \$20.00, plus \$3.00 for shipping.

The middle book above is ***“Wilkinsburg High School - Century of Learning 1911-2011”***. This book chronicles the history of the local high school from its early start in the late 1880s, the creation of the magnificent structure in 1910, and each decade since with highlights of the events that were important in the lives of the students and the Wilkinsburg community. For over 100 years the Wilkinsburg High School served the Borough of Wilkinsburg students and this book has several hundred photos showing much of this important history. This *Century of Learning* book is available from the Wilkinsburg Historical Society for \$15.00, plus \$3.00 for shipping.

The book on the far right is ***“Wilkinsburg - 1887-2012, Celebrating the Past, Present and Future”***. This book was produced by the Historical Society in 2012 to recognize the 125th anniversary of Wilkinsburg’s incorporation as a Borough. This soft-bound book has 196 pages and includes chapters on the history of Wilkinsburg, the celebrations from the past, information about Wilkinsburg’s government, and all the events that occurred during the 125th celebration. There are several chapters about the clubs and organizations in Wilkinsburg as well as the churches and worship centers in the Borough. The “future of Wilkinsburg” section recognizes advertisers and sponsors who helped to fund the creation and printing of the book. This book, originally \$15.00, is now available for \$10.00, plus \$3.00 for shipping.

<p>Make check or money order payable to: <b>Wilkinsburg Historical Society</b>          Orders can be mailed to: Wilkinsburg Historical Society, P.O.Box 17252, Pittsburgh, PA 15235</p>			
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