Why it's called the Enola Miller House

Henry Longsdorf arrived in the area of present-day Summerdale in 1812 and purchased 243 acres where he farmed and raised his family. In 1841, Longsdorf built his

two-story mountain stone house, and on July 13, 1884, **Enola Francis Miller,** the sixth child of Wesley and Francis (Longsdorf) Miller, was born in the house built by her greatgrandfather.

In August 1887, Wesley Miller sold the Northern Central Railway a small

parcel near the family farm for a rail flag station. When Miller was asked to name the flag station, he chose to honor his four-yeardaughter, and the name "Enola" became the official name of the flag station on April 16, 1888.

In 1903, the Pennsylvania Railroad owned and began expanding the railyard near the Miller family homestead. In time, Wesley Miller sold most of the family farm to the PRR.

By 1914, the Enola railyard was recognized as the "World's Largest Freight Classification Yard," and the bustling company town that grew around the rail center kept the name Enola.

The Historical Society's Future Vision



As development of the Summerdale Property began in 2020, the Capital Area Intermediate Unit generously donated a one-acre parcel at 51 Miller Street as a new site for the house.

The HSEP's new 2,400 sq. ft. administration building is located behind the EMH. It is fully ADA-compliant and provides much-needed space for the HSEP's extensive collection of historic photographs, maps, genealogical records, and cherished keepsakes and memorabilia donated by our members and residents. The building also provides for individual workspaces for the Society's volunteers, a small gift shop, museum exhibit display space, a restroom, and meeting space.

These are exciting times for the HSEP, and we hope you will join us in helping to restore the EMH and in building on our organization's mission of preserving our community's history for generations that follow.



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Township & Surrounding Areas



Home at Last

After many years of effort, the near twocentury-old Enola Miller House (EMH) -- the birthplace of the railyard's and our town's namesake -- was saved from demolition with its relocation to its new permanent home at 51 Miller Street in Summerdale.

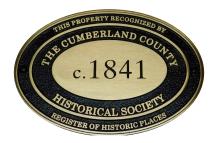
Work is underway to provide for the lasting preservation of this historic local landmark, but we need the community's help!

You can **be a part of history** by helping to fund the restoration of the EMH with the purchase of an engraved walkway brick or paver -- or with any donation of any amount.

The Historical Society of East Pennsboro appreciates your support!

An Echo of Our Past Saved for the Future

Through the efforts of the Historical Society of East Pennsboro (HSEP), in April 2018, the Cumberland County Historical Society placed the Enola Miller House (EMH) on its **Register** of Historic Places.



Development plans for the Summerdale Property, however, resulted in the relocation of this historic structure just a short distance from where it was originally built in 1841.

Through the generous donation of a one-acre parcel by the Capital Area Intermediate Unit and the relocation work of Wolfe House and Building Movers, the EMH was moved to the corner of Miller and First Streets in April 2021.

In December 2022, the HSEP became the proud owners of the EMH and the one acre tract donated by the CAIU at 51 Miller Street.

Around the same time, the HSEP's large collection of photographs, artifacts, records, and donated material was outgrowing the storage and display space at its West Fairview headquarters, a building that EP Township officials made available to the Society in 2003.

For many years, the HSEP worked to protect the EMH as development plans were finalized for the 48-acre "Summerdale Property" around the house.

Bricks & Pavers Order Form to the Right \rightarrow

Order personalized engraved bricks and pavers that will line the walkways at this historic site!



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