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Revisit Warrington's History with New Book

Local authors share the history of the area using stunning, vintage images

Telling a story in pictures is *Warrington Revisited*, the newest addition to Arcadia Publishing's popular *Images of America Series*. The book by local authors Mary Doyle Roth and Kenneth Samen, for the Warrington Historical Society, is set to release on November 24, 2014. The book boasts 200 vintage images, many of which have never been published, and showcases memories of days gone by.

At the time of Warrington Township's founding in 1734, few landowners lived on Bucks County's fertile soil. The history of the township is one of gradual growth and development. From unbroken wilderness grew small clusters of families forming villages. Warrington consisted of four villages: Warrington, Neshaminy, Pleasantville, and Tradesville.

In the mid-1800s, the township's landscape was made up of family farms, with agriculture as the main industry. In the late 1920s, the first small housing developments were built. By the early 1960s, larger housing developments and shopping centers had replaced many farms. Once lined with lush fields of crops and trees, the Doylestown–Willow Grove Turnpike/Easton Road/Route 611 has seen the most change throughout time. Historically significant families created well-known businesses along this road on which they lived. Today, this thoroughfare has little historic substance to offer its current residents.

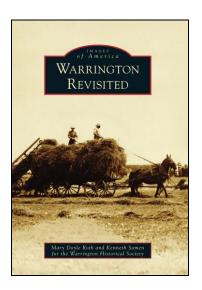
Highlights of Warrington Revisited include:

- All of the proceeds from the sale of the book will go to the Warrington Historical Society, and be used to restore and maintain the County Line Road School House at 10 Folly Road for use as headquarters, a museum and storage for the Society.
- Warrington Revisited is a companion publication to Warrington, published in 2009. Warrington Revisited presents even more township history with newly discovered photos.
- The book includes a chapter that presents many images of pieces of Warrington Township's history that have been lost to time, development and modernization.

Available at area bookstores, independent retailers, and online retailers, or through Arcadia Publishing at (888)-313-2665 or <u>online</u>.

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The mission of the Warrington Historical Society, founded in 2007, is to locate, acquire, preserve, and exhibit any and all articles, documents, photographs, papers, artifacts, and other items of historic, cultural, and educational value that pertain to the township. The society has assembled these vintage photographs from their archives, along with images from current and former residents, to provide a look into Warrington's past.

Warrington Revisited

by Mary Doyle Roth and Kenneth Samen for the Warrington Historical Society *Images of America* Series Price: \$21.99 128 pages/ softcover

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About the Authors of Warrington Revisited



Kenneth Samen was raised in Holmdel, New Jersey, but since relocating to Pennsylvania and graduating from college, he has considered Pennsylvania to be his home away from home. Samen has always had in interest in photography and history. This has led to his co-authoring of two titles from Arcadia Publishing: *Warrington* and *Warrington Revisited*.

As a member of the Warrington Township Historic Commission from 2004 to 2011, Samen helped form the Warrington Historical Society in June 2007. The society was created to be an independent, tax exempt organization in order to help with the solicitation of contributions and grants. Samen has been Vice President of this organization since its inception.

A graduate of Brookdale Community College and Beaver College (now known as Arcadia University), Samen is now a Compliance Manager in the financial industry. Samen and his wife Melissa have a son and a daughter, Henry and Anna.

Mary Doyle Roth is a native of Warrington Township. Her parents bought their first home on Barness Road in 1949. Mary arrived in November, 1949 the first of the 5 Doyle children. In 1979 she and her husband Ron also bought their first home in Warrington. They have a son, daughter-in-law and grand doggie, Mark, Kristen and Olive.

Mary Doyle Roth was a member of the Warrington Historic Commission from 2002 to 2011, serving as chairperson from 2004 until 2011. In 2007 she was one of the founding members of the Warrington Historical Society and has served as its president since the inception. Through these experiences she has learned a lot about the earlier days of the township.

The two titles from Arcadia Publishing, *Warrington and Warrington Revisited*, help share her wonderful memories of growing up in Warrington and the stories of the earlier years.

