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The history of Schuylkill County is one of rich culture, strong heritage, and the triumph of human spirit. The boroughs and towns of Southern Schuylkill County contributed formidably to the development and progress of the entire county, from its first tiny settlements to the explosion of the Industrial Revolution. This unique collection of photographs reveals a portion of Schuylkill County that is often overlooked, but definitely not forgotten. The story of Southern Schuylkill County is also the story of small-town America: the development of culture, transportation, education, agriculture, and industrial progress detailed on these pages symbolizes the determination and spirit upon which this country was built. Those who dared to dream forged ahead and built the railroads, canals, schools, and churches that transformed settlements into communities. From Orwigsburg, the countys first seat of government, to Port Clinton, with its history deeply rooted in transportation, this collection provides an opportunity for people of all ages to relive an incredible era of historical accomplishments and personal achievements.

About the AuthorJennifer L. Bowen-Frantz, educator and historian, has compiled this collection of photographs from the archives of the Orwigsburg, Cressona, and Auburn Historical Societies and the Northern Berks-Southern Schuylkill Historical Association so that others will recognize and remember the determination and sacrifices made by

the pathmakers of this county.