

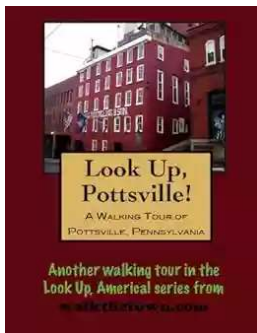
# A Fascinating Walking Tour Of Pottsville Pennsylvania - Unveiling the Charms of Look Up America Series

Are you ready to embark on a journey through the alleys of culture, history, and architectural brilliance? Look Up America Series brings you an unforgettable walking tour of Pottsville, Pennsylvania. Join us as we uncover the secrets of this enchanting town, taking you on a mesmerizing adventure through time.

## Discover the Hidden Gems of Pottsville

Get ready to immerse yourself in a world filled with captivating stories, remarkable landmarks, and a rich sense of community. Pottsville, Pennsylvania, nestled in the heart of Schuylkill County, is a charming town with a lot to offer. With its picturesque streets, breathtaking architecture, and a backdrop of stunning natural beauty, Pottsville will leave you awestruck.

Our walking tour aims to unveil the hidden gems of Pottsville, taking you on a journey of exploration and discovery. From the historic downtown area to the iconic Yuengling Brewery, each step will bring you closer to understanding the essence of this remarkable town.



## A Walking Tour of Pottsville, Pennsylvania (Look Up, America! Series) by Doug Gelbert(Kindle Edition)

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## **A Glimpse into the Past**

Pottsville has a rich and vibrant history, rooted in the coal mining industry that once thrived in this region. As you stroll through the streets, you'll notice the remnants of a bygone era - magnificent Victorian mansions, beautifully preserved churches, and architectural wonders that echo whispers from the past.

Our expert tour guides, well-versed in the town's history, will regale you with tales of triumphs and challenges that shaped Pottsville into what it is today. Delve into the Coal Region's fascinating past as we explore the stories behind each building, providing you with a deeper understanding of this remarkable place.

## **The Yuengling Brewery - A Taste of Authenticity**

No visit to Pottsville would be complete without a visit to the famous Yuengling Brewery. As America's oldest operating brewery, Yuengling is an integral part of Pottsville's heritage, and a national treasure in its own right.

During our walking tour, you'll have the opportunity to witness the brewing process firsthand, as well as sample some of their finest beverages. The tantalizing aroma of malt and hops will greet you as you step into this historic establishment, transporting you to a time when craftsmanship reigned supreme.

The Yuengling Brewery is not just a place for beer enthusiasts; it is a testament to the enduring spirit of Pottsville and the pride its residents have for their town. By visiting this iconic brewery, you'll gain a deeper appreciation for the community that thrives here.

## A Sense of Community

Pottsville isn't just about breathtaking architecture and historical significance; it's a tight-knit community that takes pride in its culture and traditions. During our walking tour, you'll have the opportunity to meet some of the warm-hearted locals who call Pottsville home.

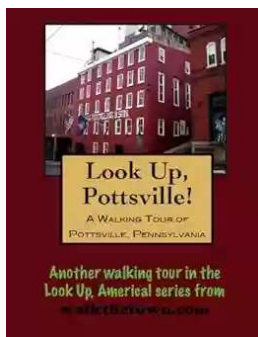
From passionate artisans to dedicated volunteers, you'll discover that the essence of Pottsville lies in its people. Hear their stories, engage in conversations, and be inspired by their dedication to preserving the town's heritage.

## Plan Your Walking Tour Today

Look Up America Series invites you to join us on a mesmerizing journey through Pottsville, Pennsylvania. Immerse yourself in the history and charm of this captivating town where every street has a story to tell.

Our walking tour caters to both locals and tourists alike, providing a unique and unforgettable experience. Unveil the secrets of Pottsville as we guide you through its hidden treasures and share the captivating stories of its past.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to explore Pottsville, Pennsylvania, and discover the captivating allure of Look Up America Series. Plan your walking tour today and embark on an adventure like no other!



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Each walking tour describes historical and architectural landmarks and provides pictures to help out when those pesky street addresses are missing. Every tour also includes a quick primer on identifying architectural styles seen on American streets.

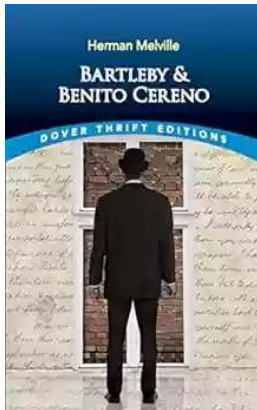
Pottsville's history is tied to anthracite coal like a twisted pretzel braid. Its beginnings with the black diamond date to 1790 and the whimsical legend of a careless hunter named Necho Allen. Seems he fell asleep one night at the base of the Broad Mountain and woke to the sight of a large fire. His campfire had ignited an outcropping of coal. By 1795, an anthracite fired iron furnace was established on the Schuylkill River. In 1806, John Pott purchased the furnace and then founded the city of Pottsville. The site of Pottsville was originally located in Chester County. Subsequently Pottsville became part of Lancaster County, then Berks and ultimately in 1811 Schuylkill County. The borough of Pottsville became Schuylkill County's seat in 1851 and developed into its only city.

Construction of the Schuylkill Canal, which ran a distance of 108 miles along the Upper Schuylkill River, was completed to Port Carbon by 1828 to transport the coal to larger markets. The canal spurred the development of more anthracite mines, and before long, the anthracite production in and around Pottsville was largely impacting America's Industrial Revolution. The nine counties in northeast Pennsylvania contain 97% of the country's anthracite coal reserves (the type of coal with the highest heating value, containing 86-97% carbon) and by 1854 half of all coal produced in America was Pennsylvania anthracite.

The growth of mine-related industries produced a population surge as immigrants came to work in the mines. The population doubled between 1820 and 1840. This led to the development of businesses, churches, and schools. Other industries grew up to support the mines. One was the Phillips Van Heusen company which was founded in 1881 when Moses Phillips and his wife Endel began sewing shirts by hand and selling them from pushcarts to the local coal miners.

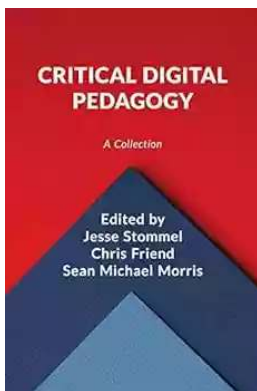
During the 1870s, Pottsville's began its greatest period of prosperity, an era that would last until the Great Depression. In the 1920s Pottsville even fielded one of the most powerful professional football teams in the country. After winning the championship of the Anthracite League comprised of Pennsylvania mining town teams in 1924, the Pottstown Maroons (supposedly named for the color of their jerseys) joined the National Football League in 1925. They won their first game against Buffalo 28-0 and finished the season 9-1-1 and beat the Chicago Cardinals in the NFL championship game 21-7. The title was later taken away, however, when the team played a college all-star team and so the Pottsville Maroons were stripped from the NFL record books. The franchise left for Boston in 1929.

The region survived the Depression because of the demand for coal and the Works Project Administration that created jobs through the construction of City Hall and the old Post Office. After World War II, however, recession in the mines struck the region hard. Hundreds moved as mines shut down and construction of a bypass routed traffic away from the downtown. Our walking tour will get off that bypass and begin at City Hall, the last major building constructed in downtown Pottsville...



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