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Vintage Photographs Focus on Chadds Ford of Long Ago

“Changing Times: Chadds Ford People and Places,” an exhibit of more than 80 vintage photographs is featured at the Chadds Ford Historical Society through December.

The exhibit documents the changes in the landscape, buildings and lifestyles in the village of Chadds Ford from 1870 to present. It was a time of expansion and change in Chadds Ford: the railroads brought summer visitors to the area while the paving of Route 1 and the advent of the automobile brought more traffic to this peaceful village by the Brandywine. The exhibit provides a fascinating glimpse of an era that is remembered with great nostalgia by Chadds Ford’s oldest residents.

The photos were chosen from the Society’s collection of over 800 images. Most were taken by resident amateur photographer Edward J. Shimer Seal (ca.1897-1955) and Richard Lindley Baldwin (b. 1887) and feature early businesses – most long since gone - and residents both at work and play. Enlarged black and white photographs are matched with color photos of present day businesses so viewers get a sense of how the area has changed. A large map of Chadds Ford with numbers corresponding to the houses and businesses featured in the photos also helps orient visitors.

Also on display is “Chadds Ford: A Community Portrait,” a photo collage of people in the Chadds Ford community. Anyone who lives, works or has a connection to Chadds Ford is invited to bring in a photo to add to this pictorial legacy of the community as it is today.

Exhibit hours are weekdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. through December and weekends, 1 to 5 p.m. through September 26. Admission is free. The Chadds Ford Historical Society is on Creek Road (old Route 100), ¼ mile north of Route 1.

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