

# The Railroad That Should Never Have Been Built



## *A Talk by Jack Hill*

The New London Area Historical Society and Franklin Township Historical Commission invite you to hear Jack Hill talk about the history of the Pomeroy & Newark Railroad. Originally part of a line that linked the Pennsylvania Railroad to Delaware City's port, it began operations in 1872 and was bankrupt in 1879. In 1881 the Pennsylvania Railroad acquired the line, and the Newark to Delaware City track became a separate line. The Pomeroy & Newark served the White Clay Creek Valley as a freight & passenger line until 1928, then as a freight line, with service south of Landenberg ending in the late 1930s. The final track abandonment occurred in the late 1960s. The talk will touch both on Landenberg and the Buck and Doe Farms (also known as the King Ranch), and will show what still can be seen of the old railbed, parts of which are now hiking trails.

A retired computer programmer and a Marine Corps Vietnam veteran, Jack came to Delaware in 1975 and moved to Landenberg in 1999. He has had a lifetime interest in railroads. Fascinated by the traces of an old railroad in the Newark and Landenberg areas, he determined to put a face on it and wrote *The Pomeroy and Newark Railroad*. He has also authored two historical books on Pennsylvania, *The Cambria and Indiana Railroad – 90 Years* and *Colver – Mr. Coleman's Town*.

*Join us on Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2025, at 7 PM, at the New London Academy (the New London Township building), 902 State Rd, Lincoln University, PA (1/2 mi. east of Rte. 896). The talk is free; all are welcome. Refreshments will be served afterward.*