

YORK--A NATION'S CAPITOL

Good day everyone...it's a beautiful day in Pennsylvania.

York County takes you to the history of the eighteenth century-- and brings you to today in what is Pennsylvania's community of craftsmen. The city of York was the first town west of the Susquehanna. York is called "Colonial" and it is that. Its Golden Plough Tavern housed the conspirators of the Conway Cabal, who tried to overthrow George Washington as commander. Its Gates House was the home of General Horatio Gates, head of the Board of War, while Congress sat in York. Penn Common is an original portion of the grant of William Penn. York claims to have made as many Pennsylvania rifles as its sister city of Lancaster. Located in the Susquehanna Valley, York's early Germans were skilled for their farming and craftsmanship, even as people of the area are today. Old log houses, the city markets, the weight-lifting Hall of Fame--(York is known as "muscletown")-- and other places could keep you in the city, but the county has such beauty and interest that one must visit these lush areas, too. In one tour northwest, you can visit Bentzel's Mill Covered Bridge; try Ski Roundtop in the wintertime; just outside Wellsville, see the Warrington Quaker Meeting House dating from 1762. Today, the little village of Wellsville has become one of the great hunt-club towns in the country, now hosting the famed Rose Tree Hunt. Gifford Pinchot State Park is nearby; more than 3000 acres of great recreation land. The river view near Goldsboro is one of the best of the Susquehanna; Codorus Furnace one of the ancient forges which supplied

Washington at Valley Forge. Going East, you can pass the house built like a shoe; literally the Shoe House, see Sam Lewis State Park, with its impressive view of York Valley, cross the Wrightsville Bridge, the largest multiple arch bridge in the world. Nearby here, the Susquehanna Yacht Club has its annual Regatta. In another direction, this time west, visit Lauck's Farm and Craft Museum, the great Hanover Show Farms, which provide the finest harness horses in the world. Beyond it, is Conewago Chapel, the first Catholic church west of the Susquehanna--the oldest built of stone in the United States. York county offers these pleasures and much more-- it is one of the few places where one can enjoy a railroad tour of an entire county, each Saturday and Sunday in the tourist season. Now, hear this! York was the first Capitol of the United States! After the Continental Congress fled Philadelphia, it moved to Lancaster for one day, then on to York where it met from September '77 to June '78. Thus when this nation and state celebrate its Bi-centennial in 1776, York, Pennsylvania should be an integral part of that multi-year celebration. It was there, by the way, following the victory at Saratoga that the first Thanksgiving Proclamation was issued in 1777. Reason enough to be for York--city and county.

This is Pete Wambach. It's a beautiful day in Pennsylvania.