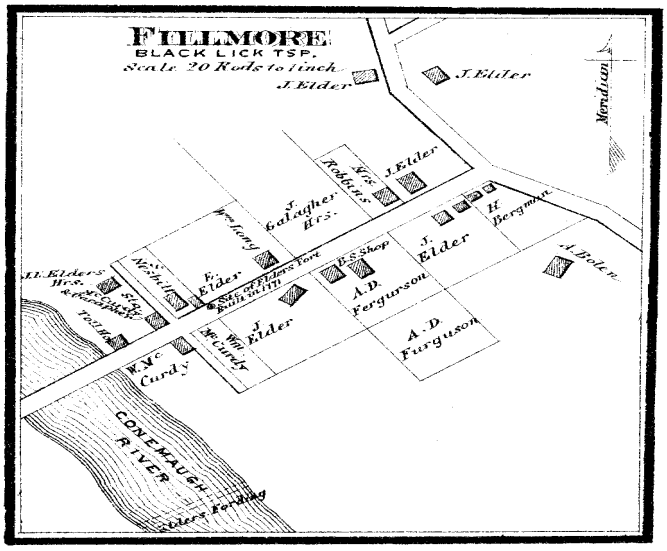
WEST PENN TRAIL
at
LIVERMORE - FILLMORE BRIDGE

Livermore and Fillmore can no longer be visited. The sites cannot be called "ghost towns" because both villages were removed, entirely, just before the gates were closed on the Conemaugh Dam, in 1952, at which time the two town sites disappeared under the water impounded in the flood-control reservoir. The white line drawn on the bridge shows the maximum possible height of water in the river-lake.

This bridge had to be dismantled because floating debris, accumulating on the upstream side of the structure, could convert the bridge into a dam that might fail, suddenly, and so release a tide that might wash away the Conemaugh Dam. The highway bridge was built on the site of Elder's Fording; in 1771, the Fillmore site was occupied by Elder's Fort, a haven from hostile Indians.