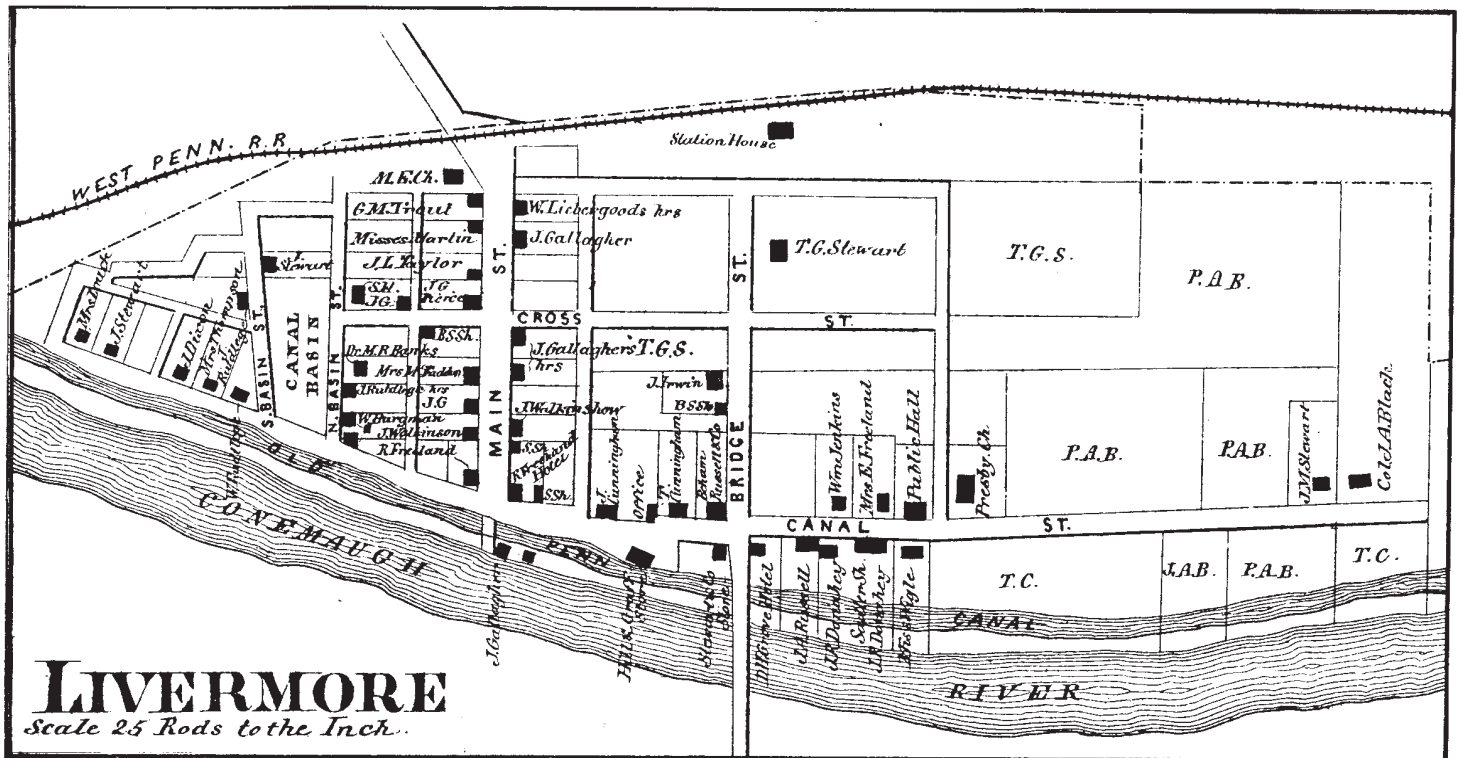


WEST PENN TRAIL at LIVERMORE



The village that once stood here was dismantled, in 1950, because the site would be underwater in the floodcontrol reservoir. This village was named for Alonzo Livermore, the State engineer who built the canal through here. The town began as a canal construction camp, in 1830, then grew as a canal town; in 1864, Livermore became a stop on the West Penn Railroad that replaced the canal. Today, the canal boat basin is merely a shallow depression that is sometimes filled with water, but in canal days, the basin included a dry dock where boats were built and repaired.

Alonzo Livermore was in charge of construction of the canal from the Allegheny River as far as Blairsville. His crowning achievement was to dig the tunnel that carried canal boats through Bow Ridge, about two miles downriver from here. That was only the third tunnel ever dug in America. The "minimum pool" of water that is maintained behind the Conemaugh Dam extends upriver as far as Livermore; this is where the river flows into standing water.