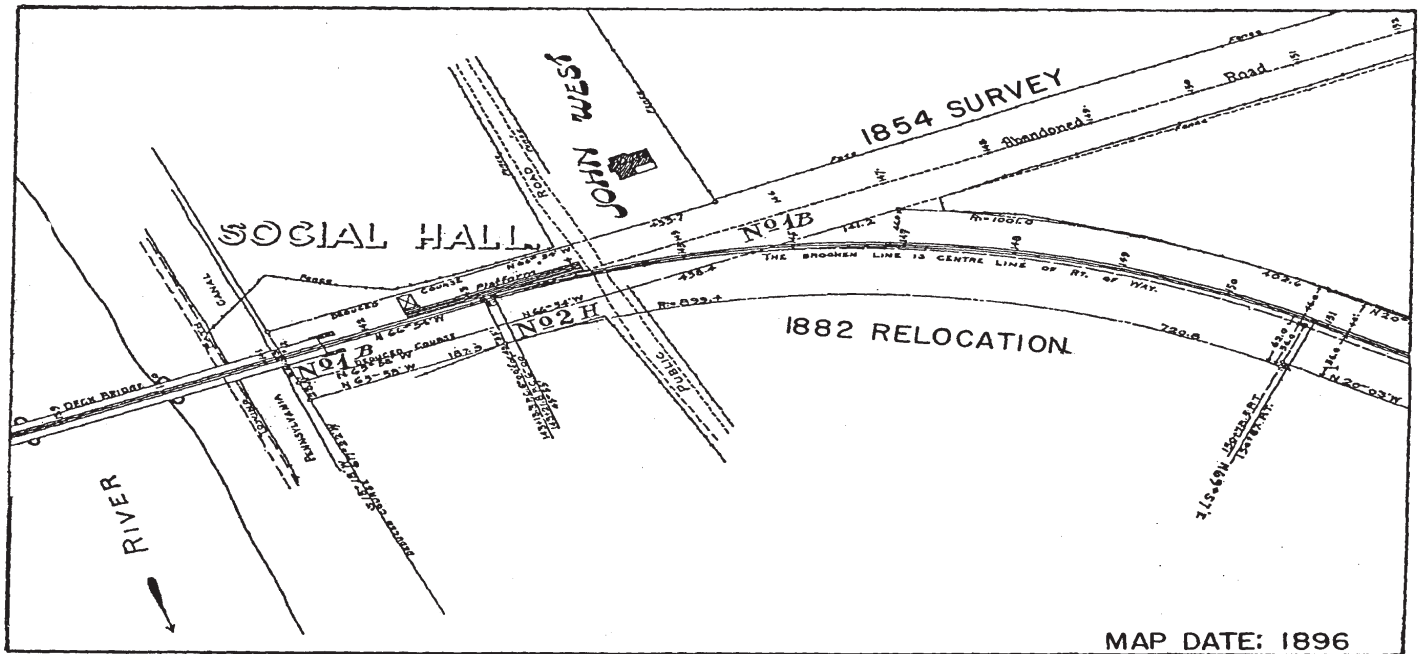


WEST PENN TRAIL at SOCIAL HALL RR STATION



Two railroad grades (relocations of the West Penn Railroad) converge here, on the west side of the Conemaugh River above the mouth of Blacklick Creek.

In 1830, this site was on the farm property, named Social Hall, that was the home of Bernard McManus, who also worked for the State Canal Commission as lock-tender at Lock 15, located next to the river here (immediately upriver from where you are standing).

After 1864, when the West Penn Railroad replaced the canal, a railroad station was erected here. The map, dated 1896, does not show the line of the 1907 relocation of the railroad bed (today's hiker-biker trail), which ran westward between the 1854 and 1882 railroad grades. The Social Hall farmstead seems to have become the John West property.