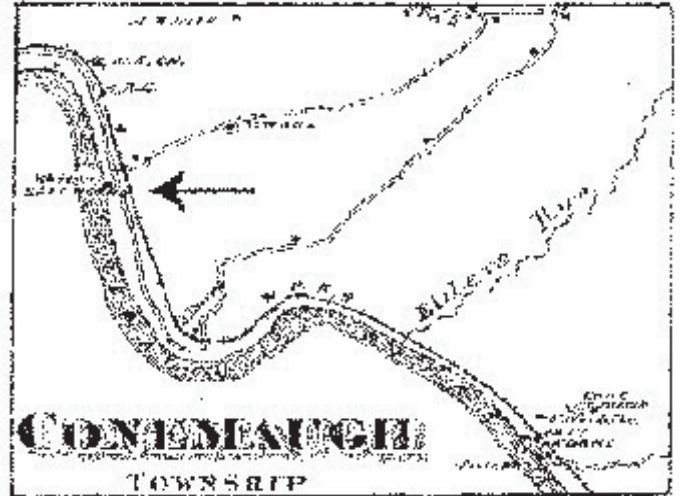


## WEST PENN TRAIL at WHITE STATION



The train station is long gone, but, many years ago, this place was a stop on the West Penn Railroad.

The land about here was acquired by Thomas White, who took over the old (1813) salt works, in 1855; his son, Harry White, Civil War general, continued the operations so that, in 1870, those original salt works were the last still in operation on the Conemaugh. In more recent times, the houses in this village were occupied by the families of men employed in the two coal mines here – the Watson mine and the Bowman mine.

The Freeport Coal "seam" that was mined here had earlier (1815) supplied the fuel used to boil brine in the salt works that flourished here until 1850, when railroads began to carry rock salt from distant places, like Michigan and New York.

In the old days (1815-1850), before coal became more valuable than the salt made by burning coal to boil brine, the tiny village here housed a community of people employed at the several salt works in the vicinity. At that time, this place was not yet known as "White," but was identified as Conemaugh P.O., the site of the Great Conemaugh Salt Works.