



300 Year Old Township Tree Recognized As State Champion

Largest of Its Kind in PA!

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The February and March issues of the *Stroll* highlighted Prophecy Creek Park and the Ann McCarty grave with its white picket fence, located along Skippack Pike near Narcissa Road. Legend relates that it was McCarty’s “prophecy” that created the plentiful water at the park.

Today the park, once a farm, boasts a creek and several ponds, in addition to an old manor house, a barn, and a silo, all surrounded by lovely trees.

The Whitpain Township Shade Tree Commission compiles a list of the township’s most precious trees to provide them with special care and protection. It is especially proud of Prophecy Creek Park’s American Sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*) tree. Standing behind the manor house and adjacent to the central pond, its circumference is an amazing 22 feet, 8 inches, and it is thought to be the oldest tree in Whitpain Township, about 300 years old! As part of the township’s tricentennial celebration, the Shade Tree Commission placed a plaque on the tree, stating, “Preserving Our Past For Our Future, Dedicated October 21, 2000. The 300th Anniversary of Whitpain Township.” In 2009, the tree was named a “Pennsylvania Champion Tree,” the largest of its species in the commonwealth.

Author Carol Kalos is president of the Wissahickon Valley Historical Society, in 2025 celebrating its 50th year! A nonprofit, it hosts monthly speakers, free and open to the public. Its headquarters and museum are located at the 1895 School on Skippack Pike. The society also owns the one-room 1858 Franklinville School on Morris Road. For information, please go to www.WValleyHS.org.



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