

## Restoring a Gateway

For many years, the Stotesbury Pergolas at Lincoln Drive and West Johnson Street have stood as an almost forgotten part of the history of Fairmount Park and the Northwest. Completed in 1901, the four pillars of Indiana limestone stood over twelve feet high and featured dramatic carved oak arbors. Two of the four pillars were removed in the 1950s when Lincoln Drive was widened, and in the intervening years the area has become overgrown and neglected.



**The photograph above, part of the Society's Chadwick Collection, shows the Intersection of Lincoln Drive and Johnston Street as it appeared in 1908.**

In partnership with West Mt. Airy Neighbors (WMAN) the Society is in the midst of fundraising in support of the Mt. Airy Gateway Project, which will fully restore the pergolas and once again open a gateway to the Northwest. Neighbors and volunteers have begun clearing the area of overgrowth and plans are in the works for a restoration that will honor the original design and stature of the gates.

Individuals who would like to support this community effort can make a donation online at [www.wman.net/donate.html](http://www.wman.net/donate.html) or send checks made out to WMAN to 6703 Germantown Avenue, Suite 200, Philadelphia, PA 19119. (Please note "Gateway Project" on the check).

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## GHS and Germantown featured on PBS's *History Detectives*!

On Monday, August 16th, Germantown and the Germantown Historical Society were featured in a story investigated by Gwen Wright on the origins of a mysterious face jug dug up in the mid-1950s during construction of Leeds Elementary School. By way of a fascinating trip through South Carolina and in the maps and records here at the GHS library, Gwyn rediscovered the remarkable journey of the jug. She also opened doors to the possibility of clues yet to be found about the original owners and their life in Germantown. GHS will continue to provide occasional updates about this amazing story. For now, click [here](#) to watch the episode on the PBS website.