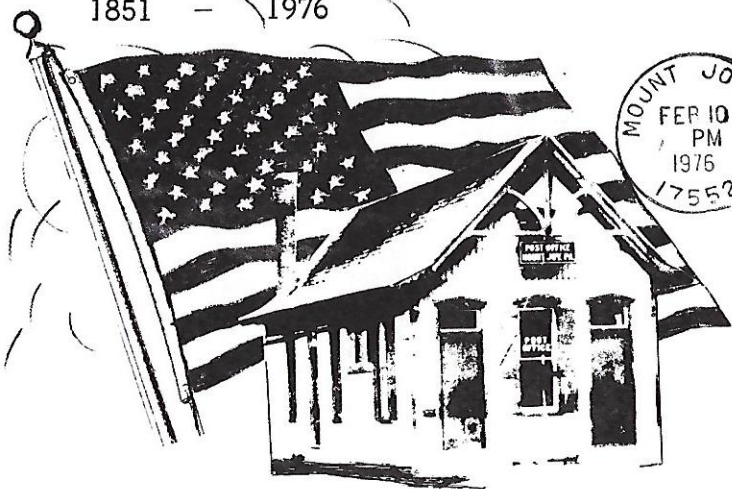


1851 — 1976



125th ANNIVERSARY
MOUNT JOY INCORPORATED INTO A BOROUGH
February 10, 1851

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF MOUNT JOY

Mount Joy was built and developed around the nucleus of two hotels, each the rival of the other. The first of these was built on the north side of East Main Street just west of North Barbara Street, the other, the "Cross Keys" at the intersection of New Haven and West Main Streets.

Prior to 1851, many villages were located here. Their names were Mountjoy (Robrerstown), Richland, Mountjoy Extended, Mountjoy Continued (Wallickstown), Richland Extension, and Richland and Mountjoy Connected. On February 10, 1851, these villages united and were incorporated into the borough of Mount Joy. Just when the name Mountjoy was separated to Mount Joy, two words, is not known.

Mount Joy was noted for two private schools. Cedar Hill Female Seminary, located east of Mount Joy, had its beginning in 1831, later moved into a new building which was destroyed by fire. A school for boys called "Moore's Academy" was located on North Barbara Street. When the Civil War began it was used as an orphanage.

Mount Joy continued to grow and in 1963 annexed Florin.