As Others See Us
...Quotes about Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania
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Pittsburgh in 1790,” engraved by J. C. McRae.

Friday, April 15 [1793]. We this morning arrived at Pittsburg, a post-town in Pennsylvania, and the capital of Alleghany County. . . .

The local situation of this place is so commanding that it has been emphatically called “the key to the Western Territory;” and it has rapidly increased in population, business, and prosperity within a few years past. It contains upwards of four hundred houses, several of them large and handsomely built of brick; forty-nine are occupied as stores and shops.


Kennywood Park consistently embraces the future by adding new rides that feature the latest technology and design. Still, the 103-year-old park is known to hold onto its past too. The Lost Kennywood section, opened in 1995, is just one of many gestures to its heritage and that of amusement parks everywhere.

Actually, an earlier Racer on the site was torn down for the current ride in 1927. The History Center holds blueprints for the Racer’s 1946 entryway update, what has been called the coaster’s “world’s fair style” façade. This look lasted only 14 years, when it was replaced with colorful porcelain-enamel panels. The fourth and current façade, from 1990, is a return to the coaster’s 1927 wooden entryway.

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