



*John I. Blair*

**BLAIRSTOWN**, the gem of the Paulins Kill Valley, is named in honor of the 19th Century, entrepreneur, financier, and railroad builder John Insley Blair, who made his home here from about 1821 until his death on December 2nd, 1899. In 1848, Blair, a noted philanthropist and one of the richest men in the United States, donated the land and a small building that was to become the nucleus of today's prestigious Blair Academy. In 1876, he constructed the Blairstown Railway, a twelve-mile-long short line that joined the village with the outside world via a connection with the mighty Delaware, Lackawanna and Western at Delaware Station, and eventually became part of the main line of the New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad as it pushed west to reach its coal fields in Pennsylvania.

Originally known as Smith's Mills, the village became Butt's Bridge in 1820 and Gravel Hill in 1825. On January 24, 1839, the local residents decided to honor their most prominent citizen in a very personal way by making a final name change to "Blairstown."

Blairstown is filled with history. From the yards and station of the old Susquehanna Railroad, which once stood at what is now Footbridge Park, to its century-old village with a façade reminiscent of a frontier village, Blair's town has withstood the onslaught of change. Relive some of that history as you enjoy a leisurely stroll through our community, much of which has been frozen in time.



Conveniently located off exit 4C or exit 12 on Interstate 80 in scenic Warren County, NJ.

The village is situated on Route 94

7 miles north of Interstate 80

65 miles west of NYC

90 miles north of Philadelphia.

GPS to Footbridge Park: 40.981345, - 74.957191



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# Historic Blairstown Walking Tour



Welcome to Blairstown! Home of John I. Blair, the twenty-first wealthiest American of all time. Enjoy our scenic street featuring our landmark buildings. Each plaque on the tour tells a history of the building and the villagers who lived and worked at that location.



Celebrating Blairstown's 175th Anniversary  
1839 - 2014