

## East Falls Past—June Happenings

*The Fallser*, June 2006, by Wendy Moody

**June 14, 1900** – When the property of Mr. John Dobson was first threatened by the intersecting of it by Allegheny Avenue not a few deplored the fact that it would ruin the appearance of his home. Mr. Dobson, who did not wish to have the quiet of his home destroyed by having a thoroughfare so close by, fought the relentless march of modern improvement with every means in his power, but to which he had to finally succumb. Mr. Dobson was awarded what



was deemed fair damages, but which did not satisfy him...in order to overcome Mr. Dobson has erected a substantial pointed stone wall built along the entire front, which has completely transformed its appearance. It has foundations four feet thick...will cost \$10,000...3000 bags of cement...ending in an ornamental tower and a watchman's house that will enhance the beauty of Mr. Dobson's house to an extend hardly anticipated.

*Weekly Forecast*

**June 21, 1900** – How few of us stop to consider the great bearing which a National Convention like the Republican Party is now about concluding in this city has on the fate of the nation...for upon their actions depend the welfare of upwards of 70,000,000 people. (Note: McKinley was nominated and won the election). *Weekly Forecast*

**June 28, 1900** – Jeweler B. N. Greenlund, of Ridge Avenue, while repairing an old clock met with a very simple but serious accident... while winding up the spring, the key slipped, releasing the spring, the sharp edge of which struck Mr. Greenlund just above the left eye, cutting a terrible gash, which required the attention of Dr. O. Rath, who inserted several stitches. *Weekly Forecast*

**June 6, 1901** – Shoe dealer James Cain of Ridge Avenue, and who is widely known as our local collie enthusiast, has just received...one of England's foremost collies, Judge, a splendid specimen of a black and white collie in whelp to the renowned "Stoneleigh Ensign." *Weekly Forecast*

**June 1, 1995** – Non-stop entertainment and festivities will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Falls Bridge on Saturday, June 3. Kelly Drive and the landmark bridge will be closed to traffic ...the celebration will feature a bridge lighting, horse and carriages, band concerts, amusement rides, Falls Bridge souvenirs, photographs of the bridge's history, and a commemorative postage stamp cancellation by the U. S. Post Office. *Chestnut Hill Local*