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### **Community Celebrates York County’s Role in American History at *Travels with Darley* Screening Event** More than 300 attendees celebrate York County’s stories and national significance ahead of America250PA

**YORK, PA** — More than 300 community members gathered at the Appell Center for the Performing Arts for a special screening of *Travels with Darley: Communities that Shaped America*, an episode highlighting York County alongside fellow historic destinations including Gettysburg, Brandywine, and Vicksburg.

Hosted by Explore York, the event celebrated the people, places, and stories that continue to shape York County today. Attendees enjoyed the opportunity to see local landmarks and businesses featured in the nationally-broadcast travel series, including Victor’s Italian Restaurant, John Wright Restaurant, Susquehanna National Heritage Area, Dills Tavern, The Yorktowne Hotel, Central Market York, the Royal Square District, and Perrydell Farm and Dairy.

Following the screening, guests heard from a panel of local experts who helped bring York County’s story to life. Panelists representing Northern Central Railway, the York County History Center, and York Architecture Illustrated shared insights about the region’s rich heritage and its continued relevance today. The event also welcomed several special guests, including Miss Pennsylvania and elected officials from across the region, underscoring the strong community pride surrounding York County’s history and cultural assets.

“This evening was a powerful reminder of how proud this community is of its history and how eager people are to share it with the world,” said Melissa Beaverson, Vice President of Marketing and Communications for Explore York. “Having York County featured in *Travels with Darley* helps shine a national spotlight on the places and stories that shaped America. As we approach the America250PA celebration, opportunities like this help position our region as a meaningful destination for travelers looking to experience authentic American history.”

The screening served as both a celebration of York County’s past and an exciting preview of the growing national attention the region is receiving as communities across Pennsylvania prepare to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the United States.



The episode can be viewed through September 1, 2026, at <https://youtu.be/Pv5YkBVNaec>.

**About Explore York:**

Explore York's mission is to maximize tourism expenditures and their economic impact in York County, PA, through comprehensive tourism sales and marketing programs. Explore York's vision is for a York County where tourism is recognized for the value of its economic impact and its role in raising the profile of York County as a sought-after destination. For more information on Explore York, visit [YorkPA.org](http://YorkPA.org).

Images from Explore York include Darley Newman, Melissa Beaverson, and the group of panelists and people featured in the episode.