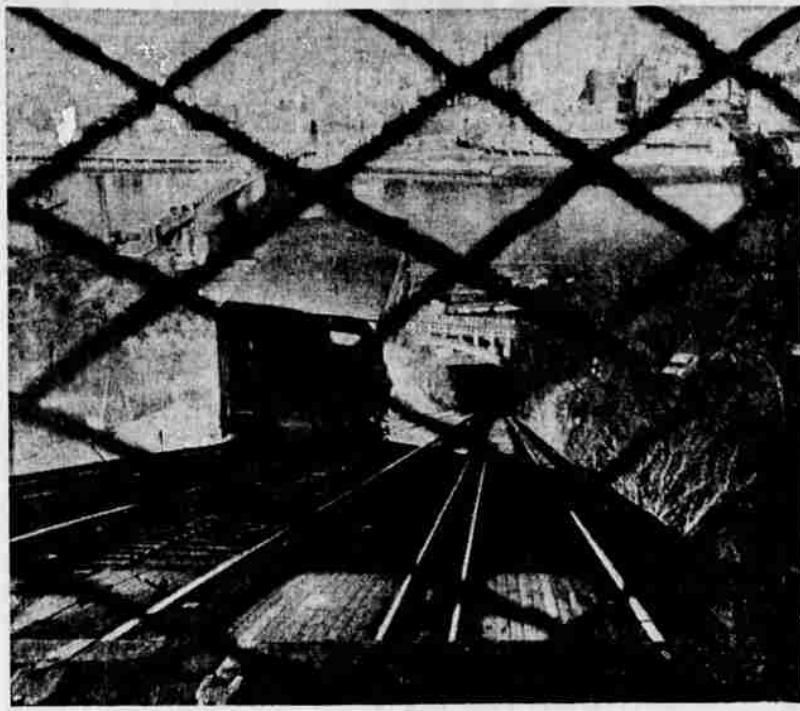


# In Pittsburgh It's In-Cline; One Still Thriving



**ONE IN-CLINE THRIVES** - One of Pittsburgh's three remaining "in-clines" slides down Mount Washington, overlooking the city's skyline and the Monongahela River. (UPI)

during the quick plunge down Mount Washington.

**Little Car Idle**  
How could such a bargain ever escape the public domain? "Finances," says Schmidt. "We need passengers."

The Monongahela incline has the advantage of a southern, broadside-the-city location. The Duquesne incline slopes across from the western end of Pittsburgh's "point." While its private owners pore over red inked ledgers, the little car sits idle. According to Schmidt, the situation is only temporary and the company hopes to resume operation in the near future.

On the other side of the coin, however, is the Castle Shannon incline run by the Pittsburgh Railways company. In a petition filed with the state P.U.C., the company seeks to discontinue service on 23 bus lines, curtail runs on four others and send the Castle Shannon incline into oblivion. The reason: financial.

The request has created a commuter uproar not just in Pittsburgh but throughout Allegheny county.

Castle Shannon Superintendent Robert Eaton says he can sympathize with the incline's customers, but there's nothing else his company can do in the face of mounting losses. Castle Shannon runs from 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., charging 30 cents for riders and 50 cents for trucks and cars. Neither one of the other inclines has freight facilities.

The inclines are practical. Pittsburgh's Mount Washington roads ferry a car when the weather turns icy. It is close enough to the city proper to make a commuter wonder if driving is really worth the effort. The inclines offer a convenient skid-and-traffic avoiders' and rely on the old world inclines for transit to modern steel skyscrapers.

And there's an intangible sort of fun to riding one. From "Uncle Tom's Cabin" to the suburban split level, Pittsburgh's inclines have stubbornly held their ground. The key to their present endurance is not so much their antique value as it is the survival of their practicality as a transportation method.

For although the immigrants are gone, a good many Pittsburghers still term themselves "the city's cliff-dwell-

ers" and rely on the old world inclines for transit to modern steel skyscrapers.

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Pittsburgh (UPI) - In Germany it's "Stellbahn," in Italy it's "Funicular," in Japan it's "Kobai," in San Francisco it's "Cable Car," and in Pittsburgh it's "In-Cline."

The word incline is a noun which, according to the dictionary, means an ascent, a descent or a slope.

Pittsburgh has three inclined - picturesque conveyances operated on the order of the mine lift or the elevator. Three are all that remain of an original 17.

Of the present three, one is out of service, another is heading that way, and the third is doing a thriving business.

**First Incline**  
The first passenger incline in the country, the Monongahela, serves 300,000 riders per year plus an additional 200,000 tourists. The Duquesne incline, when it was in service, carried 800 persons daily up and down Pittsburgh's Mount Washington.

The Pittsburgh Railways Co. has asked the State Public Utility Commission for permission to abandon the Castle Shannon incline. The firm says it is losing money because the passenger rate drops daily.

You can get an argument from almost any Pittsburgher as to whether the city sits where the three rivers meet - the Allegheny, the Monongahela and the Ohio - or whether it sits where the first two join to form the Ohio.

But there's no disputing the fact that for the best view of all three rivers - the city's inclines fill the bill. They perch about 500 feet above the land-triangle formed by the Allegheny and the Monongahela. This triangle forms the city's downtown area and is often referred to as the "Golden Triangle." The area where the Ohio forms is known as "the point."

The inclines have a mean pitch of about 34 degrees. Their function - just as it was in ante-bellum days - is to transport people, mostly workers, from their homes atop Mount Washington down to one of the bridges spanning the Monongahela.

**Housing Problem**  
At the onset of the industrial revolution, Pittsburgh - like Wheeling, W. Va., Duluth, Minn., Cincinnati, Ohio, and Johnstown, Pa. - found itself faced with a housing problem. Its main industry had sprawled over the river-fronts composing the city proper. The people, most of them mill workers, had to "take to the hills" along the downtown district.

Daily, just before sunrise, the immigrants who manned "coal hill" - now Mount Washington -

At nightfall they climbed back to their homes.

Those of Germanic origin had reason to complain. Over a mug of beer, the men often met to reminisce about the "stellbahns" which dotted the hillsides of their homeland. Talk of the simplicity and convenience of the German hoist cars would end with a typically American "why doesn't somebody do something about it?" The immigrants themselves were in no position to finance a transit company.

But after the civil war, Andrew H. Mellon, George Westinghouse and Andrew Carnegie were. The three - along with other financial interests - helped to form the Monongahela Incline Plane Co., the first passenger service of its kind in the United States. Chartered in 1867, the firm launched on - schedule transportation in May of 1870.

**Trend Begins**  
The trend had begun. By the turn of the century, steel city residents had their choice of 17 inclines. Cities whose physical features paralleled those of Pittsburgh adapted the lifts to their own needs.

Italian immigrants remembered the "funicular." This was the musical name for a version of the incline used in the Piedmont. Somewhat later the Japanese came up with an Oriental brand of the incline and labeled it "kobi."

The bleak years that followed 1929 proved equally difficult for Pittsburgh's inclines. The auto market and a highway system built to carry an increasing number of cars spelled financial disaster for many of the incline firms. In the mid-30's when the surviving companies switched from steam to electrically driven engines, Monongahela signed with the Otis Elevator Co. for a complete rebuilding and electrification.

**Oldest and Newest**  
According to Monongahela Superintendent P. G. Eisenhafer, Otis has not built an incline since then. Thus, he says, Monongahela has the distinction of being the "oldest company and newest incline."

Eisenhafer can list the reasons for his company's success without even pausing for a breath, since he's called upon so frequently to do so. The singularity of the firm's

**At Least 10,000 View Mona Lisa**

Washington - (UPI) - At least 10,000 persons came to the National Art Gallery Wednesday to view the Mona Lisa on its first public display in America, but most got only a 12-second glimpse of the famous smile.

During the seven hours the gallery was open, officials counted 10,235 visitors who looked at the painting at the rate of 40 a minute. Most probably got their best view of the Leonardo da Vinci masterpiece from prints and postcards on sale at the gallery.

Those viewing the venerable painting had to crane their necks and squint their eyes because of its unusual height on the gallery wall and the protective glass which reflected the glare of lighting.

**Portland Man Found Guilty of Murder**

Portland - (UPI) - Bernard Heidelberg, 37, Portland, was found guilty of first degree murder by a Circuit Court jury here Wednesday night. The jury of eight women and four men recommended life imprisonment.

Heidelberg was charged in the fatal shooting of Walter Jackson, 41, Portland, at Jackson's home last Aug. 26.

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healthy finances in itself makes the incline something of a curiosity. He says:

"The reasons are simple: location, modern machinery, safety and advertising."

Eisenhafer might have added cost (15 cents), service (every 10 minutes from 5:30 a.m. until 1:00 a.m.), and atmosphere.

There is a certain charm about the Monongahela incline's terminal building. It is 92 years old and the office safe still retains the city's old spelling - "Pittsburg."

The walls are decorated with plaques exhibiting tickets from 1902 (horse and buggy 15 cents; horse \$2) and daily weather records dating back to 1870.

George Laray, the Monongahela maintenance engineer who spent many, many years in vaudeville, says nearly every day some one from out of the state rides the incline.

**What A Ride**  
The ride's the thing though - and what a ride. Up 640 feet in two minutes while the city spreads out like a fan. Once aloft, the rider with some spare time can chat with Eisenhafer or Laray and receive what amounts to a most comprehensive account of the incline's "ups and downs" - both historical and mechanical.

The lore available from the superintendent of the Duquesne incline, Henry W. Schmidt, would put any history book to shame - not for accuracy but for creative interpretation.

The Duquesne incline began daily service in 1876, and Schmidt maintains that Abe Lincoln split the logs for the wooden teeth of the motor's main pinion gear. He'll add - with a straight face - "I was shot at the battle of Bull Run, that's how I know."

Before Duquesne suspended operations, Schmidt gave the passengers their rides, a quote or two from Byron, general songs and patter plus all the history he could slaughter

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