

# TRAPPE, MD. AREA POST CARDS

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A compilation of cards from several collections. Printed cards were made in quantity for sale, while cards using actual photographic images could be made in quantity or be one of a kind examples for individuals. Many Trappe cards are known by one copy only.

Views of St. Paul's Church, South Main St. and Trinity M.E. Church South were issued in two versions, one by D.T. Simpson & Son Trappe with uncropped images and the other by L.T. Kaufmann & Sons, Baltimore with the background and especially the trees severely cropped. Other cards known only by one or the other of these names probably existed in both versions, for example the view of Main St. with a Model T parked on the street, and Maple Ave. It is not known if the Simpson versions preceded the Kaufmann versions or if they were issued simultaneously. Kaufmann may have printed both versions.

The "greetings from" cards were often not specific to a particular location, but were generic landscapes or images of flowers, etc. left with a space for "your town's name" to be added later usually rubber-stamped or printed by hand. Sometimes the landscapes came with a printed name but were wildly inaccurate, showing impossible topography. One example reads "Scene Near St. Michaels, MD." showing a road winding through a mountain range. Perhaps these were sent out as unsaleable samples and the purchaser would then choose a scene more appropriate to their location for their order.

Most collectors turn their noses up at the generic "greetings from" or "View Near" or "Scene Near..." cards, but they are a valid part of a town's history.

## MAIN STREET

1. "Trappe High School" [hand printed in ink diagonally in top left corner]; close-up of school with person standing in doorway, tree at extreme left has some leaves; photo card, image area 4 1/2 x 3 3/8. Reverse: unused, card not divided, no makers name. 1 copy known.

2. [High School]; view of High School from street showing front and right side with shed and barn to left; trees bare; photo card. Reverse: divided; one copy postmarked "Tuxedo, Md. Mar. 16, 1909" addressed to Lillian Jones from Elisabeth. 1 copy known.

3. "High School and Lawn, Trappe, Md." [printed upper left corner]; shows front yard with line of children, one holding a bicycle, school in background, trees have leaves; color printed card. Reverse: divided card; one copy postmarked Trappe Aug. ?, 1918 used on p. 79 of Preston; *Trappe, The Story of an Old Fashioned Town*, where the date is stated as 1919; makers name printed up left edge "D. T. Simpson & Son, Trappe, Md."; "No. 8842" lower right

4. "St. Paul's P.E. Church" [hand printed in ink upper right hand corner]; close-up of front of church; steeple cut off, edge of another building visible at left, trees on either side have a few leaves; photo card; image area 4 1/2 x 3 3/8. Reverse: unused; card not divided, no maker's name; 1 copy known.

4a "Interior P.E. Church Trappe, Md" written on negative; image size 3 3/8 x 3 1/4; photo card. written on front "Dear Mr Gault, Do you recognize this? Wish we might see you here again Save for Mrs Gault Ada Naylor"; front addressed to Rev. J. Gibson Gault Denton Maryland" postmarked Trappe Oct 9, 1906 and with canceled one cent stamp. The image has an "x" inked on it presumably to locate Rev. Gault. 1 copy known.

5. "St. Paul's P.E. Church. Trappe, Md." [handwritten across top right]; church on left and parsonage on right, picket fence across front, trees bare; printed card; full image. Reverse: divided card, unused; printed vertically left edge "Series 106/11097 Pub. by D.T. Simpson & Son, Trappe, Md" ; postmarked May 17, 1912, addressed to Mrs. Helen E. Hastings; 1 copy known.

6. variant of above; "St. Paul's P.E. Church. Trappe, Md." [printed across top center]; church on left and parsonage on right, picket fence across front, trees bare, branches cropped off image area; printed card;

full image. Reverse: divided card, unused; printed vertically left edge "Pub. by Louis Kaufmann & Sons, Baltimore, Md./ K.239" .

7. [S. Main St.] view from sidewalk looking across street at an angle, St. Paul's Church at extreme left with parsonage and more houses up street, trees bare; photo card; full image area. used on p. 68 of Preston; *Trappe, The Story of an Old Fashioned Town*; Reverse: used-addressed to Mrs. ?iny Frampton, postmarked date not visible; card divided but not with vertical line. 1 copy known.

8. "S. Main St." [hand printed in ink lower left corner]; view from middle of street, looking down street, three people standing in middle ground, sidewalks tree lined, trees have leaves; photo card; image area 4 1/2 x 3 3/8. View possibly taken near St. Paul's church looking north. Reverse: unused, card not divided; no maker's name. 1 copy known.

9. "Post Office" [handwritten in ink bottom right"]; circa 1905 car facing right in front of building, 4 people sitting in car, sign on tree at right reads something like "Do Not Hitch/ This (?) Tree/ Under [?]", photo card, full image, Reverse: ? Part of card used on the front cover of the pamphlet *Greetings From Easton!* published by the Historical Society of Talbot Co. in 1992 .1 copy known.

10. "South Main Street, Trappe, Md." [hand printed lower left corner];view from edge of left sidewalk looking west down the street at an angle, several houses on right, edges of houses on left, tree's bare; photo card; full image area. House in foreground on right is now numbered 3839 Main St. Reverse: used, divided; one copy postmarked Trappe April 2, 1911 addressed to Mr. Charlie Dashell; printed vertically on left edge " Series 106/ 11096 Pub. by D.T. Simpson & Son, Trappe, Md."

11. variant of above; "South Main Street, Trappe, Md." [printed across top center]; big tree and branches at left cropped out; photo card; full image area. Reverse: used, divided; printed vertically on left edge " pub. by Louis Kaufman & Sons, Baltimore, Md./ K 239". 1 copy known

12. [house and barn]; view of house with barn on right, two adults-man and woman behind picket fence; two children on sidewalk in front of fence, trees on left have leaves; photo card; full image. House is now numbered 3838 Main St. Reverse: unused; divided card; no makers name. 1 copy known.

13. [close up of building, sign on building reads "Philemon Dickinson Library"]; tree on left has large poster, trees on right have leaves; photo card; image area 4 1/2 x 3 3/8. Library building was located at approx. 4045 Main St.; Reverse: unused, card not divided, no makers name. 1 copy known.

14. "Residence of "Homerun" J. Franklin Baker, Trappe, Md." [printed upper right corner]; view of house at slight angle, trees have leaves; color printed card. House is now numbered 3881 Main St. Reverse: divided; one copy postmarked Trappe, [date obscured]; another copy has handwritten date 1916; makers name printed vertically up left edge-name obscured but as shown on another copy is definitely D.T. Simpson & Son, Trappe, Md.; "No. 8840" lower right of card

15. [two girls sitting in yard between road on left and house on right]; photo card; image area 3 x 3 1/8; vertical hand writing on right side. House is now numbered 3971 Main St. and dirt road is now Greenfield Ave. Reverse: divided card; no makers name; postmarked Trappe, March 24,1908 addressed to Mrs. J. Edgar Leonard. 1 copy known.

16. "Trappe, Md" [hand written in ink upper left corner]; view from left side of street looking north west, store at end of street, brick house on right, trees bare; photo card; full image. Brick house is now numbered 4011 Main St. Reverse: postmarked "Tuxedo, Md. Nov. 20, 1908" addressed to Lillian Jones from Elisabeth. Card used on p. 328 of the reprint edition of Ingraham; *Land of Legendary Lore*; Easton; 1979.

16a variant of above card; instead of "Trappe, Md." handwritten in ink in upper left, has "Main St. Trappe, Md." written in the negative showing in white letters on lower right; 5/16 inch trimmed off right edge of

photo resulting in loss of part of the brick house and fence; addressed to Miss Evelyn Fleming, Hillsboro, Md." stamped but not canceled and apparently never sent.

17. "Scott Methodist Church Trappe, Md." [printed lower center]; card not seen; location unknown; used on p. 95 of Preston; *Trappe, The Story of an Old Fashioned Town*. Church located at south end of Main St. 1 copy known.

#### MAPLE AVE.

18. "Maple Ave., Trappe, Md" [printed top center of card]; view looking diagonally across street, trees with leaves hide most of the houses, Model T parked across street; printed card; full image. Building at extreme left is now numbered 29349 Maple Ave. Reverse: divided card; one copy postmarked "Trappe, June 24, 1913" ; lower right corner "Pub. by L. Kaufmann & Sons, Baltimore, Md.-K. 1166"

19. "Trappe Primary School" [hand printed diagonally in ink in top left corner]; close-up of school with top of steeple cut off, two children sitting on front steps, small trees at sides of school have a few leaves, larger trees in back are bare; photo card; image area 4 1/2 X 3 3/8. Primary school building is now a house at 29441 Maple Ave. Reverse: unused, card not divided, no makers name. 1 copy known.

20. "Primary School, Trappe, Md." [printed top left center]; view from street showing school and front yard, trees have leaves, very top of steeple cut off; printed card; full image. Reverse: divided card; one copy postmarked Oct. 30, 191? ; lower right edge "Pub. by L. Kaufmann & Sons. Baltimore. Md.-K 1166"

21. "M.E. Church South" [hand printed diagonally in ink upper left corner]; close-up of church with steeple cut off, three people sitting on front steps, trees on either side have leaves; photo card; image area 4 3/8 x 3 3/8. Church was located at what is now 29269 Maple Ave. Reverse: unused, card not divided; no makers name. 1 copy known.

22. "Trinity M.E. Church South" [printed upper left corner]; view from across street, church in center showing west and front sides, with house on right, trees bare and not cropped in image; printed card; full image. Used on p. 70 of Preston; *Trappe, The Story of an Old Fashioned Town*. Reverse: divided card; another copy seen postmarked "Trappe, Md. Dec. 12, 1910"; printed vertically in left edge "Series 106/ 11095 Pub. by D.T. Simpson & Son, Trappe, Md."

23. variant of above card; same scene with strip of front yard cropped out and tree limbs severely cropped out in image; printed card, full image. Reverse: divided card; one copy postmarked "Trappe, Md. Aug 17 [no year visible] another postmarked Oct. 18 [no year visible]; one copy addressed to Com. R.G. Buckingham; printed vertically in left edge "Pub. by Louis Kaufmann & Sons, Baltimore, Md."

24. "~~West~~ Maple Ave." [hand printed vertically bottom center of card]; view from center of sidewalk looking down street, two men standing in middle ground, one holding a cloth bag, picket fence to right, houses in background, trees have leaves; photo card; image area 4 1/2 x 3 3/8. View probably taken on West Maple (originally called West St. which may explain the crossed out West) looking east toward the town center. Reverse: unused, card not divided, no maker's name. 1 copy known.

25. "Maple Ave. Trappe, Md." [printed lower right center of card]; view from right edge of street looking west, houses on left, trees bare; printed card; full image. House in foreground at left is now numbered 29292 Maple Ave. Reverse: divided card; one copy postmarked "Wye Mills, Sept. 19, 1910"; makers name printed vertically " Series 106/ 11094 Pub. by D.T. Simpson & Son. Trappe, Md."

26. "Residence of Mrs. Elsie M. Collins, Trappe, Md." [printed top left corner]; shows house with car under side porch; color printed card; full image. House is now numbered 29299 Maple Ave. Reverse: divided; one copy postmarked Trappe Jun. 15, 1916; makers name printed vertically up left edge-name obscured but is D.T. Simpson & Son, Trappe, Md.; "No. 8841" lower right of card

27. [Trappe fire 1911] shows 15 man bucket brigade standing in front of ruins of Kirby's store; printed card; full image. Kirby's store was located at what is now numbered 29350 Maple Ave. Used on p. 135 of Preston; *Trappe, The Story of an Old Fashioned Town*; Reverse: divided; unused ; written in ink "Ruins of Trappe. Do you recognize any?" and, in pencil, "What did you do with my old black felt hat?"; man with crutch is Troth Kemp<sup>1</sup> copy known.

28. [Trappe fire 1911]; written diagonally in ink upper right corner "one of the scenes of our fire of Aug. 1, where Kirby's store stood"; view looking west down Maple Ave., ruins on right, trees have leaves; photo card. Reverse: divided card; postmarked "Trappe, Nov. 8, 1911"; addressed to Miss Lillian Jones from Elisabeth. 1 copy known.

29. "M.E. Church, Trappe, Md." [printed top left]; view from street of east and front side of church, trees bare, line of houses in background; printed card; full image. Church is located at Maple St. and Powell Ave. Reverse: line under address reads " Pub. by. L. Kaufmann & Sons, Baltimore, Md.-K. 1166" divided card; one copy seen postmarked Jan. 10, 1913 with note reading, in part, "as we are at the Trappe will write you a few lines".

30. [29327 and 29321 Maple Ave.]; photo postcard of two houses and two bare trees on West Maple with a man standing in front of one of the houses. Reverse: Postmarked "Trappe, Md. Jan. 22, 1909". Image is very dark, card has a small tear at top and 2 creases at bottom, reverse has ink stain. Card is in poor condition. 1 copy known.

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31. "Interior Old Whitmarsh Church Before the Fire" [printed under image left side of card]; interior view showing door and balcony; printed card; image 3 x 2 3/8. Church burned in 1897. Postcard very early 1900s. Photo on card was also used in the *Eastern Shore Churchman*, Sept. 1923 and, with the image reversed, in the pamphlet *Old Whitmarsh Church*, published by St. Paul's church circa 1963. Reverse: unused. 1 copy known.

32? [exterior of old Whitmarsh Church] a companion view to the above card was taken of the exterior of the church and may have also been issued as a post card, it was printed with the image reversed in the pamphlet *Old Whitmarsh Church* published by St. Paul's church circa 1963; and with correct image on p. 14 of Preston; *Trappe, The Story of an Old Fashioned Town*; card not seen and may not exist. No copies known.

33. [Trappe station]; view of side of building, no people, "Trappe" sign barely legible on sign over door on right side of building; photo card, full image. Reverse: modern writing "Ronald Morris House-near Trappe Station location", apparently building was moved nearby and remodeled into a house. 1 copy known.

34. [steamboat Minnie Wheeler at Trappe Landing]; steamboat docked alongside of wharf with bank visible on either side, three or four people on boat; location positively identified by comparison with another photo of Trappe Landing on p. 85 of Trappe book- the trees are the same; photo postcard, full image. Reverse: postmarked "Trappe May 16, 190[6 or 8]; addressed to Grace Dean from G.D.T.; . 1 copy known.

35. "New Choptank River Bridge Near Easton, Md." [printed top center]; circa 1935; view of bridge from center of road from Dorchester side looking toward the Talbot side; cropped at guard rails; printed; full image. Reverse: divided card; printed vertically down center " The Mayrose Co. Publishers. Linden. N.J."; on address half "A Mayrose Post Card"; unused.

36. "New Choptank River Bridge Near Oxford, Md." variant of above; same scene but showing more of guard rails on either side. Reverse: divided card; printed across top "A Local View Post Card" and vertically down center " The Mayrose Co. Publishers. New York";

37. "New Choptank River Bridge, Cambridge, Md." [printed top center]; circa 1935; view on bridge looking toward Talbot side left hand railing in center of card, car in background. printed; full image. Reverse; divided card; sign post design: across top "A Local View Post Card" and vertically down post " The Mayrose Co. Publishers. New York"; unused;

38. "12 Choptank River Bridge between Cambridge and Easton, Md" [printed across top center]; view looking through spans, 2 cars passing through; color printed linen card; printed on right corner "1B-H2184". Reverse: divided card; printed vertically up center " Genuine Curteich-Chicago "C.T. Art-Colortone" Post Card (Reg. U.S. Pat. Off.)" and on left edge "The Harry P. Cann & Bro. Co., Baltimore, Md."; unused.

39. "Choptank River Bridge Connecting Cambridge and Easton, Md." printed across top right of card; printed color view looking west of bridge looking at Talbot side; work boat moored to piling on left. "8A215" printed lower right corner. Reverse: "C.T. American Art" Reg. U.S. Pat. Off. Made only by Curt Teich & Co., Inc., Chicago" printed vertically down center of card" postmarked "Feb. 21, 1950"

40. "3-View from Waterfront showing Choptank River Bridge between Cambridge and Easton, Md." printed across top of card; color linen card from landscaped Dorchester side with bridge at left and work boat moored at piling to right, lower right corner "1B-H2183". Reverse: "The Harry P. Cann & Bro. Co., Baltimore" printed vertically up left hand margin, and "Genuine Curteich-Chicago "C.T. Art-Colortone" Post Card (Reg. U.S. Pat. Off)" printed vertically up center of card; unused.

41. "New Choptank River Bridge Between Cambridge and Easton, Md." [note misspelling of Choptank]; "7A350" bottom right corner of margin; printed color scene of bridge across center of card looking toward Talbot side, water in foreground; card not seen; reproduced on p. 127 of Claggett, Images of America Easton.

42. "Riverview Courts/ on U.S. Route #50/ P.O. Trappe, Md.-Foot of Choptank River Bridge/ Phone Cambridge 1903" ; linen card; Printed color, view from road slightly north showing three buildings. Reverse: "Riverview Courts/ 22 Spacious, Heated Rooms/with Private Tiled Baths, Beautyrest Mattresses/ Artesian Water- Screen Porches/ North of Choptank River Bridge, Opposite Cambridge, Md./ Phone: Cambridge 1903 On U.S. Route No. 50/ Swimming, Boating, Fishing/ P.O. , Trappe, Maryland/ Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Budd, Owners, Managers" on top right half; "Fullcolor Post Card" and "Nationwide Post Card Co., Arlington, Texas-in Cambridge Md., see Sherwood Yates-", printed vertically down middle.

43. color photo card showing three buildings as seen across yard looking north. Reverse: "RIVERVIEW COURTS/ On U.S. Route 50 north of the Choptank/ River Bridge opposite Cambridge, Md. Mail- ing address: Trappe, Md. Phone: Cam-/ bridge 1903 [number blacked out] Television, radios, and playgrounds available." new phone number "AC 8-1800" rubber stamped beneath. "K" in diamond lower left corner; 19814 bottom middle; written in ink across top "stayed here Aug. 1961".

44. "Riverview Courts" top center of card, color photo of swimming pool in foreground with 3 buildings behind it, ; reverse: "Riverview Counts P.O. Box Trappe, Md...." Lower left corner "61151-B" lower center "dp Dexter Press/ West Nyack, New York".

45. "Shuffler's Restaurant, on Route 50, next door to Riverview Motel." printed card; reverse "Located on the Beautiful Choptank River, next door to Riverview Motel. An exceptionally nice restaurant; serving the finest in Seafood, Choice Steaks, Maryland Fried Chicken and many other specialties- where the good old Eastern Shore Hospitality prevails. Air conditioned for your comfort. Good hunting and fishing area. Owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Dale Shuffler, P.O. Trappe, Maryland. Telephone: Cambridge, Md. 1274M." Printed down center of card top to bottom "Nationwide Post Card., Arlington, Texas (43); printed above space for address "Mirr-o-Krome Post Catd". Unused.

GREETINGS FROM TRAPPE, ETC.

These are pretty cards which could have any town's name printed on them. No effort has been made to locate multiple copies.

46. "Scene from Bruceville, Md." printed upper left corner; color card; postmarked Easton 1915 and addressed to Trappe; shows a river scene with boat on the left from the bank looking across a river to the opposite shore, small boat on river on left- probably a generic scene, although the Choptank River is nearby.

47. "Greetings from Trappe, MD." printed in block letters across the bottom of the card. Card shows a color scene of a bridge over a wooded stream. This is a generic view and is not a Trappe scene. Reverse: "no. 2343, 16 des. PROCESS COLOR SCENES" printed vertically up left margin; postmarked Aug. 27, 1928.

48. "Greetings from Trappe" in raised gold script at a slight upward slant across the lower right-hand side of the card; color picture of flowers upper left-hand side of card printed in relief. Reverse: 5 lines of text upper left corner in with "post card" in 18 languages; lower left monogram "PMF" in two crossed compasses and "No. 6069 Relief/ No. 6097 Brilliant".

49. "Greetings from Trappe, Md." rubber stamped horizontally in blue ink across lower middle of card, vertical color picture of daisies across top (or down left hand side). postmarked Trappe, Oct. 28, 1909 (?)

50. "Greetings from" [printed vertically down left margin] "Trappe, Md." [printed vertically down right margin; color picture of flowers in center. Reverse: 5 lines of text upper left corner in with "post card" in 18 languages; lower left monogram "PBP" in two crossed compasses with Series 2834".

51. "Greetings from Trappe, Maryland" embossed lettering (except for "Trappe" which is handwritten in red" and embossed floral design at top, "Maryland" in in an embossed rectangle. top is orange yellow, bottom is blue.; reverse not seen.

52. "Greetings from Trappe" printed along bottom, scene is probably generic, of men pitching hay from a horse drawn hay wagon; reverse not seen.

53. "Souvenir from Trappe, Md", front of card has color lithograph border of sea shells and the words "Souvenir from" with a space left in the center of the card for the location to be filled in, someone wrote "Trappe, Md." in in; reverse not seen.

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