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The Borough of Northampton as we know it today was originally part of Allen Township. Thanks to new evolving transportation systems of the 19th century and the newly erected cement industry, three separate villages sprang up in proximity along the Lehigh River.

The first of these Allen Township villages was Siegfried's Ferry, so named because it was the home of the only method of crossing the Lehigh River north of present-day Allentown, after 1750. Siegfried's Ferry arose out of the interesting transportation systems of roadway and river. Eventually the ferry was replaced with a covered bridge and the name changed to Siegfried's Bridge, then later just Siegfried. It was located between what is now 19th and 24th streets in current Northampton.

The second village was named Newport. In the 1820s, canals became a great way to move goods and people quickly and cheaply. The Lehigh Coal and Navigation Canal was constructed alongside the only privately held river in the United States, the Lehigh River. Ownership of the river was granted to the LCN Co. by the Pennsylvania General Assembly in 1829 order to get the canal built so coal could be moved to Philadelphia.

The third village to be created by a new transportation system was Stemton. It was created after the completion of the Lehigh & Susquehanna Railroad in 1867. It also ran alongside the Lehigh River on the east side of the canal. George and William Stem of Coplay moved across the river to construct the Lehigh Car Manufacturing Company, which made wooden cars for the new railroad line. This village was created along Main Street between what is now 5th and 10th Streets in the current Northampton.

If these three villages agreed to merge into one, under Pennsylvania law they could become a borough. That is exactly what they did in 1902. Together they became the Borough of Alliance, a fitting name, as the town was an alliance made up of a joining together of the three villages.

Northampton was once a global center for the manufacturing of cement as home to the Atlas Portland Cement Company, which supplied most of the cement used in the building of the Panama Canal. In 1909, Atlas petitioned county courts to change the alliance into a borough, reportedly because the change would make

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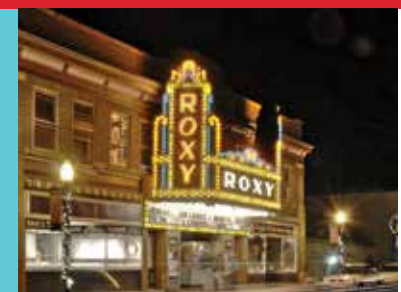
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it easier for the company to send and receive mail, and the name of the Borough was changed to Northampton. The Atlas Portland Cement Company plant closed in 1982, but city residents, many who are former Atlas employees and their descendants, still identify strongly with the company and its history. For example, the Northampton Area School District mascot is the "Konkrete Kid."

Northampton is also the home of the nostalgic Roxy Theater. What began as vaudeville on the stage, along with wild west shows, minstrels and local productions later became and remains the home of motion pictures.

Locals and visitors enjoy the Northampton trailhead of the D&L Trail, which is paved for 1.3 miles through Canal Street Park and crosses the Lehigh River on the PA 329/West 21st Street bridge (bicyclists are encouraged to walk). On the west riverbank, the crushed-stone pathway—which follows the former railbed of the Lehigh Valley Railroad—travels upstream around a few bends through lush forests and towering cliffs with breathtaking views of the river.



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