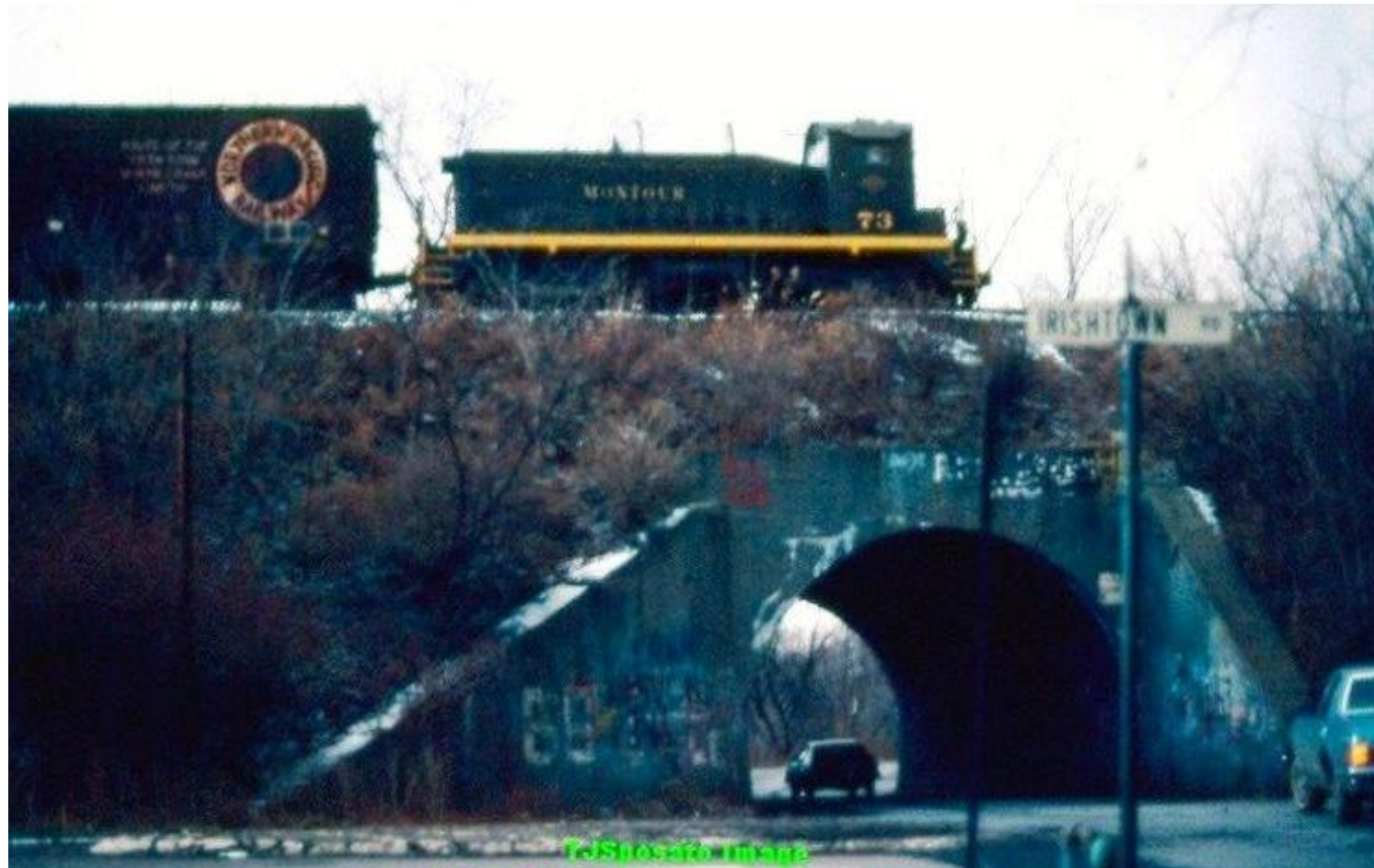


Montour Main Line

This portion of the Montour Trail was the main line of the Montour Railroad. Constructed in 1913-14, this section serviced coal mines and local businesses.



Montour #73 crosses over Logan Road with loads for Brookside Lumber. Tim Sposato photo

The main line continued beyond this point, serving Brookside Lumber, the Coverdale coal mine, Kiefer and Slater Supply stores, the Allegheny County maintenance garage and a connection with the Pittsburgh & West Virginia Railroad, later Norfolk & Western, while also continuing on to an interchange at West Mifflin with the Union RR.



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Montour locomotives cross over Library Avenue, the PAT trolley tracks and Brightwood Road, ca. 1975. Gene P. Schaeffer photo

The section from Brightwood to Salida was abandoned in 1977, and the line from Peters Township to Brightwood in 1981.

The last train operating past this location was December 26, 1980 to remove several empty railroad cars from Brookside Lumber.

The right-of-way in Bethel Park was converted to trail use in 1998-2000.



Near Rt. 88 in 1971, Montour diesels lead a string of empty hoppers from West Mifflin to coal mines in the area. Tim Sposato photo