

"SOUTHSIDE" MEANT ACROSS THE RIVER



In an East Liverpool paper of 1899, "Southside" repeatedly means Chester and the adjoining district on the other side of the Ohio.

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RECONSTRUCTED COMPLETE COLUMN

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Three overlapping mobile captures were aligned to restore the whole column. The joins occur after "Hookstown" and after "his"; no editorial wording was inserted.

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Verbatim: original spelling and capitalization retained; line-end hyphenation removed.

WHAT THE EVIDENCE ESTABLISHES
"Southside" was East Liverpool's relational name for the district across the Ohio—not merely a neighborhood within East Liverpool.
The column defines itself as news from "Across the Ohio River," then identifies its residents with the proposed Chester post office, Hookstown, the mill, and visitors to Chester. The usage assumes an East Liverpool point of view.

THE SAME PAGE REPEATS THE EQUATION

- Iron for the Chester rolling mill would be shipped to "the South Side."
- "Store keepers on the South Side" are immediately described as storekeepers "in Chester."
- "Southside Patriotism" introduces an article about workers at the Chester rolling mill.