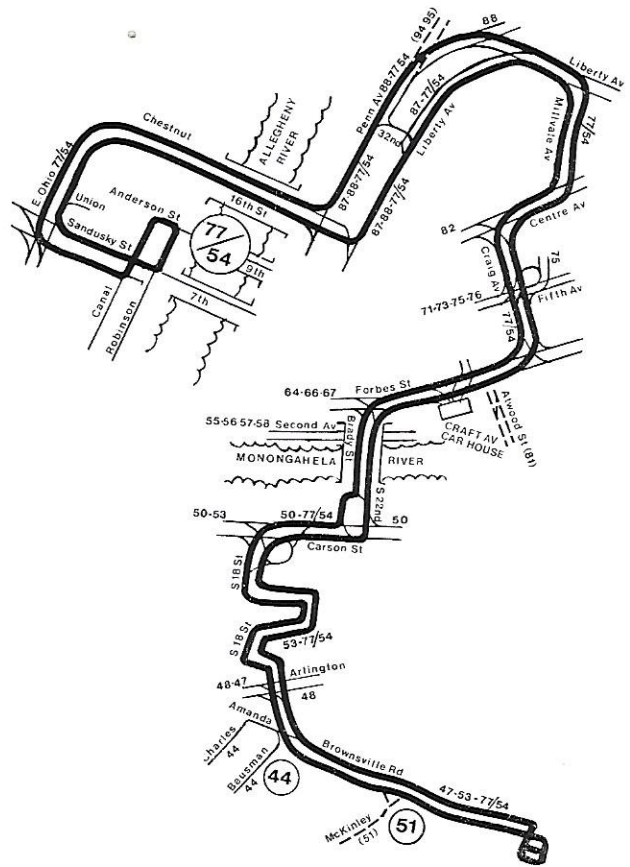


The official name for the combined routes 77 and 54 was NORTH SIDE-CARRICK via BLOOMFIELD, and it was designated 77/54. Small wonder that the line's nickname was the "Flying Fraction." It takes a map to adequately describe and understand the Flying Fraction's route, as it seemed to meander from North Side to South Side by way of the East End by taking the most indirect of routes. Actually, this Pittsburgh Railways' line had been doing for years what highway planners would come to call beltways or peripheral highways. There always has been a need to serve the flow of traffic generated by people moving crosswise to travel routes radiating out from the center of the city.



BOTTOM:
By the time this picture of No. 1612 was taken in June of 1964, the route no longer ran through to Carrick, having been cut back to Gist Street on the Oakland side of the Brady Street bridge. The remains of the track switch in the foreground of East Ohio Avenue once connected to the Union Street line.

