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PREFACE

Historic preservation is no longer limited to the maintenance of a few handsomely-executed 18th or early 19th century buildings. It is now recognized as encompassing the preservation of small artifacts, groups of buildings, and entire historic areas, both urban and rural. We now realize that we must preserve not only individual buildings and sites, but also total environments which illustrate cultural patterns and developmental trends. In light of this expanded concept of historic preservation, the Lancaster County Planning Commission has prepared this report as the first major effort at identifying and preserving the total range of historic resources in Lancaster County.

In preparing this study, considerable assistance and guidance was readily given by virtually all those organizations discussed in Chapter Three; valuable information and assistance was also provided by a large number of the organizations discussed in Chapter Four. The Lancaster County Planning Commission wishes to thank all of those, both organizations and individuals, who did contribute to this study.

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INTRODUCTION

Lancaster County is the seat of a distinctly significant cultural heritage. Industrious settlers, fertile soils, and a favorable location produced a prosperous region which was of considerable importance during the early days of the American colonies. The German traditions of regional settlers, intermingled with those of their English and Scotch-Irish neighbors, plus the Anabaptist religious heritage provided one of the basic sources for our nation's cultural traditions.

Conservative habits and fortuitous circumstances have combined to preserve a remarkable portion of the physical evidence of this heritage in a setting of outstanding natural beauty. Unfortunately, time is running out. Population growth, suburban expansion, inappropriate commercialism, technological and cultural change, and excessive tourism threaten to damage or destroy much of that which remains. In all of this, lack of understanding is the most important problem.

This report presents the case for the preservation of the architectural and environmental aspects of this heritage in a balanced, planned relationship with continued contemporary development. Information is offered concerning the County's resources, the dangers to historic areas, and the possibilities for action. While individual County landmarks do deserve additional attention, the primary emphasis within this report is on the overall character of Lancaster's environmental heritage and the need for its preservation. The natural beauty of our rural areas and the pervasive historic character of many of our older communities are among Lancaster County's basic assets.

Lancasterians should keep in mind that 1976 is the 200th anniversary of our nation's founding. Regardless of any uncertainty concerning official activities for the National Bicentennial Celebration, southeastern Pennsylvania will undoubtedly be a center of celebration and tourist interest. This prospect offers Lancaster County an opportunity and an additional motivation for the development of an outstanding historic preservation program. The historical interest and financial opportunities surrounding the Bicentennial will offer a major source of energy for action. However, sensible preparation and vigorous, sustained effort will be required to fulfill this potential.

The 70's will be a time of major decision concerning the preservation or loss of Lancaster County's architectural and environmental legacy. Concerned citizens must face the fact that unless comprehensive protection is soon provided the region's inevitable development will destroy its architectural and environmental heritage.

8. Brick House. 41 S. Main St. Attractive, three-bay, brick structure.
9. House. 60 S. Main St. Five-bay, wooden structure with flat front facade, Greek Revival doorway, small windows, and narrow gable end eaves.

34. Manheim Township

- ** 1. Frick Farmstead. Barn, 1793. Kreider Rd., n. side, e. of Koser Rd.; n. of Boadman Run; resident: A. H. Kreider. Stone house with arched windows and remnants of gable end eaves.
2. House. Keenes Rd., n. side, e. of Kissel Rd.; resident: Levi S. King. Five-bay, yellow, stuccoed house with pedimented doorway and coved cornice.
- * 3. Meyers House. Pa. 722, n. side, w. of Millport Rd. (L. R. 36011); Oregon vic.; resident: Walter L. Pletz. Long farm residence with semi-circular doorway lights; interesting.
4. House. Pa. 722, n. side, w. of Old Oregon Pk. (L. R. 36011); Oregon. Five-bay house; Federal doorway.
5. House. Old Oregon Pk. (L. R. 36011), w. side, s. of Pa. 772; Oregon. Square, hip roof, brick house with deck and cupola; Victorian detail.
6. Oregon Hotel. Pa. 772, n. side at Old Oregon Pk. (L. R. 36011); Oregon. Early stone tavern; altered.
- * 7. "Twin Springs Farm." Pa. 722, s. side at Millport Rd. (L. R. 36011); Oregon; resident: William H. Wilson. Square, Greek Revival residence with hip roof and cupola; limestone bank barn adjacent.
8. Flory Mill and Residence. L. R. 36006, both sides, s. of U. S. 230. Stone
9. House. 2065 Fruitville Pk., e. side, n. of Roseville Rd. One and one-half story log (?) house with porch.
- * 10. Meeting House. Buch Ave., s. side, w. of Hampton La.; Neffsville vic. Brick; plain lintels; original appearance.
- * 11. House. Valley Rd. (L. R. 36042), s. side at Landis Run. Brick residence with bull's-eye window details; interesting early out-building.
12. Snavelly House. Reported near Landis Valley by Community Historians; not located.

- ** 13. Pennsylvania Farm Museum of Landis Valley. Kissel Hill Rd., e. side, s. of Valley Rd. Pa. State Farm Museum. Several early 19th-century structures preserved; numerous museum reconstructions on grounds. An outstanding collection of historical farm materials.
- ** 14. Isaac Long Farmstead. Jake Landis Rd., s. side, e. of Kissel Rd.; Landis Valley vic. Barn was site of historic meeting between Mennonites and reformed church members during German Evangelical awakening; origin of United Brethern in Christ. Eighteenth-century Germanic residence retains half of its original tile roof.
- * 15. Farmstead. Barn, 1828. Oregon Pk., w. side, just s. of new U. S. 222; resident: Shriner. Attractive, stone structural group; barn is an outstanding example of regional bank barn style.
- 16. Farmhouse. New U. S. 222, w. side, n. of Landis Run. Early stone house with arched windows.
- * 17. H. I. S. House. 1721. Oregon Pk. (U. S. 222), e. side, s. of Landis Run. Rebuilt in 1881 by Henry and Catherine Landis; of interest for early date and proportions.
- 18. Golf and Swim Clubhouse; Village of Old Hickory. Oregon Pk. (U. S. 222), e. side, w. of Landis Valley Rd. (L. R. 36042). Example of preservation through sympathetic contemporary use of an outmoded historic structure.
- 19. House and Barn. 1990 Landis Valley Rd., n. side, w. of New Holland Pk. (Pa. 23); resident: K. C. Shaub. Center-chimney house; double door; early bank barn.

35. Manor Township

- * 1. Hershey Mill and Farmstead. Mill, 1810. Hershey Mill Rd. (T. 599), both sides, e. of Rohrer's Rd. (T. 601). Early 19th-century group of buildings in excellent condition.
- 2. Farmstead. Dillerville Rd. (L. R. 36146), w. side at Weaver Rd. (T. 597); resident: Charles H. Musser. Brick house with bull's-eye details; interesting stone outbuilding with Germanic details.
- 3. Farmstead. Weaver Rd. (T. 597), s. side, e. of Dillerville Rd. (L. R. 36146). Attractive, well-maintained, early 19th-century farmstead. Five-bay house; decorated brick end barn.
- * 4. House. Charlestown Rd. (T. 595), n. side, e. of Ironstone Ridge Rd. (T. 408). Three-bay, frame house with original Georgian detail; attached one and one-half story house; excellent condition.
- 5. Rohrer House. 1833. Charlestown Rd. (T. 595), n. side, e. of Grady Rd. (T. 408). Very long, eight-bay, stone farmhouse with porch.