

# *Dill's Tavern*

## *Chronicle*

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*Purpose: To promote and encourage the study, collection, and preservation of the historical heritage of the Northern York County area.*

## **Help Restore Dill's Tavern**

### **\$70,000 is Needed**

~ 2003 ~

## **Congratulations!**

**For the \$70,000 matching Keystone Historic Preservation Grant awarded by the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission.**

**And Also**

**The nomination for the Tavern to be listed as a National Historic Site has been received.**

This is great news for the entire Dillsburg Area. In a unanimous vote by the PHMC Historic Preservation Board Meeting on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, The Tavern received a nomination to become a National Historic Site. That nomination now goes to the Department of Interior for final approval.

George and Alyce Jackson, Connie Trostle, and Larry and Joanne Klase attended on behalf of NYCHAPS. Representative Bruce Smith joined them.

The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of places in the United States worthy of preservation.

~ 1742 ~

### **Mathew Dill is patented 199 Acres**

Mathew and Mary Dill of Ulster Province, Ireland and their son James immigrated to Chester County, Delaware in **1731**. Ten years later they migrated to "Monaghan Settlement," of then Lancaster County, later becoming Northern York County, where he built the first structure on those 199 acres.

He established the settlement of "Dills" in Dills Gap, west of the Susquehanna River. Because the area was prone to attacks by native Indians Mathew serves with the "Associators" (An Infantry Volunteer Regiment) organized by Ben Franklin, and is commissioned Captain of that militia.

By **1749**, York County was established from Lancaster County and Mathew was commissioned a justice of the peace and justice of the Court of Common Pleas.

Being a Scots-Irish Presbyterian he also became an elder in the original Monaghan Presbyterian Church.

Mathew died in **1750** leaving 190 acres to his son James. He was 52 years old.

~ 1755 ~

## James builds a Stone Structure

The Saga of the Tavern begins when James builds a Stone Structure. Read about its history in the following publications of this Sheet.

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**We hope the continuing interesting stories of our local history and this wonderful building will help to strengthen your resolve to help us restore the beautiful Dills Tavern**

Our Tavern has met the criteria necessary to place it on the NRHP with distinctive characteristics of construction along with its history of commerce for its time period.

### Newsy Notes:

By the middle of December our \$70,000 Capitol Fund Raising Campaign had received nearly \$5000. This was an encouraging beginning.

The Tavern Committee is delighted to announce that it has been joined by Mervin Ice.

There was a meeting with McKissick Associates on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. to discuss how they would proceed with reconstruction.

**The Tavern Committee**  
Bob Eichelberger, Chairman, Mervin Ice, Larry Klase,  
Joanne Klase, Connie Trostle, and Greg Wonders

The Northern York County Historical and Preservation Society was gifted the funds to purchase the Dill Tavern on N. Baltimore Street. Now we must raise \$500,000 for the restoration of the property. Your donation is TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

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