

Dill's Tavern Chronicle



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James Dill builds a Stone Building

*Mathew Dill, died in **1750** leaving his son James, “the tract of land now in his Possession” totaling about 190 acers.*

In **1754**, James obtained the rank of Captain during the French and Indian War. In the midst of the Indian uprisings James built the stone building circa **1755**, which became the tavern bearing his name.

By 1756 the Indian threats heightened to the point that many residents fled the area leaving their crops to rot in the fields. In '59 the uprisings once again caused more to flee. However, through this unrest, progress was still in the making as a road was laid out from Carlisle to Dill's Gap in '65.

According to records a tavern license was issued and renewed at regular intervals, to “James Dill, York County tavern-keeper # 64,” between **1758** and **1782**. He operated the tavern through out the Revolutionary War.

James acquired additional land and in the **1783** tax assessment, his property totaled 650 acres, and included nine slaves. Before his death in **1797**, James apportioned his holdings to his sons with **John** taking possession of 393 acres and the Tavern.