

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.

Construction flourishes at the Tavern



While the Chronicle took a summer hiatus, construction on the Tavern site did not.

With **eciService** as our lead construction firm, demolition of many of the 20th. century features is almost complete. Already, the south side porch (toward the town) and the reconstructed bake oven have been removed as both were very late additions to the structure. (Keep in mind that the goal is to take the Tavern back to its **1876** appearance, as it became a private residence after that time.) The last addition, circa 1900, will be demolished in the near future, as soon as the heavy equipment required for the job can be brought in.

Work on shoring up the **1820** section to stabilize the adjoining walls continues. An investigation is ongoing as to whether a porch was part of that section and how it would have been constructed in order to recreate that feature.

The existing roof was painted to improve the appearance of the building for the time being. However, a cedar shake roof will be installed in the near future.

The masonry cleaning process performed by **Casey Brothers** of Carlisle is now substantially complete. All the stone has been vigorously sandblasted removing 2 centuries of road grime. Though the pointing was removed in the process, it will be replaced when all masonry repairs are complete.

Having knowledge of 18th. century construction, we are fortunate to have the services of **Sam McKinney** and **Bruce Trostle** overseeing the work as it progresses to insure it remains true to our plan. Sam and **Kevin Ricker** have also been contracted for future additional work.

~~~~~ In the Near Future ~~~~~

We expect that fabrication of the replacement windows will begin shortly. They will be milled from reclaimed lumber to match the original frames that have survived. The original windows were smaller so additional masonry work is required to secure the proper opening size. We hope to have several in place for the annual Farmer's Fair celebration.

We are hoping to contract for the repair of the 5 existing chimneys yet this summer. We wish to line the chimneys that we want to put in use with wood burning fireplaces.



"Music On The Green"

~ Still Simple Gifts ~



Sunday, Sept. 12 - 6 PM

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy music on traditional folk instruments!

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

