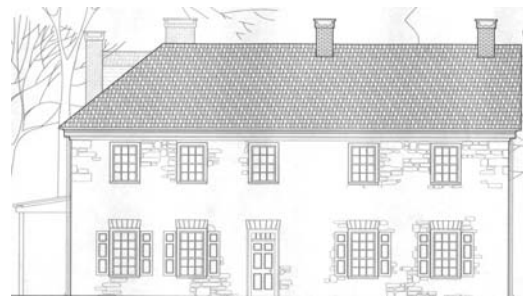


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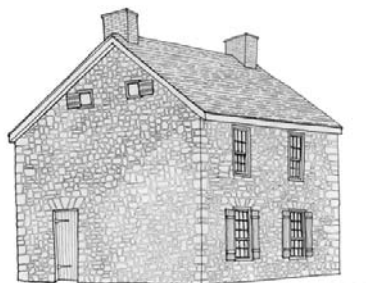
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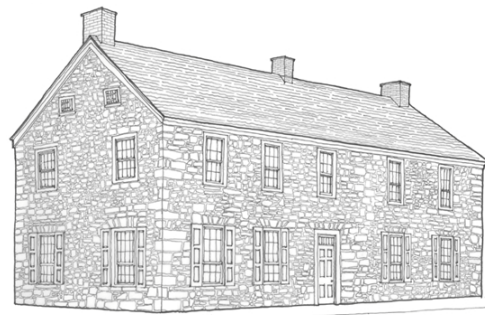
Purpose: To promote and encourage the study, collection, and preservation of the historical heritage of the Northern York County area.



## Original Tavern grows in the New Era



*Dill's 1750*



*Eichelberger's 1800*

The year 1800 brought significant changes. The area, not yet a town, now included 6 dwellings and more than 30 residents and the new century welcomed a new owner to the Tavern. Leonard Eichelberger moved his family and trade from Maryland to "Monaghan," as the area was now called. Having lived in Hanover a few years earlier and having family both there and in York, Leonard bought 393 acres of farmland with the Tavern for 2950 pounds., 9 shillings and 1 pence. (Though there was a new American currency, it is interesting that the transaction still occurred in English pounds.) Here, Leonard could continue tavern keeping along with his wagon making and wheelwright businesses.

His plans included expansion and significant remodeling of the building. The Tavern more than doubled in size as it grew to the south and sprouted a new entry facing east. A large center hall with stairway welcomed visitors as it does today and the old winding stair in the original Tavern room was removed. Though the new stairway was of plain style with very little ornamentation, it was solidly built and stands today as a testimony to the skills of the workmen. The addition also included a large parlor for the family on the first floor and a plantation master's bedroom above, both with fireplaces.

He used similar sandstone for its construction and took care to blend the stonework and make a proper Georgian style facade with symmetrical window layout. The masons' style was different, however, and the newer stone sported a more squared-off look, reflecting the increased skill and attention to time-consuming detail that 19<sup>th</sup>. century life afforded. The difference is apparent to the observant visitor today and a tour guide can point out several more interesting details.

The new rooms were also larger than the older Tavern rooms and therefore caused the front view to be somewhat stretched to the south, but the window sizes were chosen to match on the front of the building, while they were not so constrained on the south elevation. Here they were wider with more panes of glass to allow more sunlight, another contrast that is interesting to note today.

Though we don't have proof of room uses from the period, it is rather easy to imagine that the Tavern trade continued as before, but the new family had its own quarters in this new arrangement.

### **Historians Dig In**

An archeology project is in progress at the Tavern in sites where porches have been removed. Volunteers, including a veteran of the Holy Land digs and a trained archeologist, are scraping layers of ground to learn

about daily life at the Tavern. Careful hand digging has unearthed artifacts by the box-full. Aware that areas outside of kitchens can be fruitful, exciting finds have fulfilled these expectations. Searchers have retrieved a multitude of bottles, china fragments, and metal items. On the first level (one foot deep) identifying marks on the china are dated from the mid 1800's to WW1. A Lundborg's Perfume bottle was found from this period.

To this point the most exciting finds on the property have been what appear to be pre-Civil War copper buttons and a British coin on which one can discern the figure of Britannia, the head of George II and the date 1757.



## "Still Simple Gifts"



Saturday, Dec. 11, 2004 ~ 7 pm

We are happy to announce that Still Simple Gifts will be performing the Christmas program at the Old Monaghan Church this year. Attendees are encouraged to wear historical garb as we will be caroling on the way to Dill's Tavern after the concert. Many enjoyed last year's candle-lit stroll down Baltimore Street for refreshments and fellowship. If you missed the performance of this group in Sept. this is your chance to experience an enjoyable evening of traditional instrumental music.

**Gift Giving Items are available in the Gift Shop at Maple Shade Barn: Several items sporting the Tavern design, ornaments and pins by Mark Motich, golf shirts & caps in several colors, and pieces taken from the dismantled areas of the building.**

**The Shop is open on Sunday's from 2pm to 4pm.**

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

### Join a Circle to Preserve Dill's Tavern and Its History

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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