

The 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.



Changes are Occurring Daily



From Here
The Dills

To There
The Eichelbergers to the Logans

And Back Again!
The Northern York Co. Historical Soc.



1800 STYLE FRONT DOOR

The door has 6 raised panels and stands in the original frame. Above it is a new 4-light transom sash. The door is hung on 2 salvaged heavy strap hinges to match the original size, location, and type, but are visible only on the inside. It will soon get a Moravian box lock and a final coat of paint.

with chip carving of stars and lines below the top is original and served as a guide for the carving on the entire mantle. Paint lines indicated the exact configuration of the large original reeded center piece. We are uncertain of the original appearance of the blocks above the columns on each side but Sam Mckinney referred to the Abbott House in Abbottstown, which is of the same period. Actually the Abbotts and the Dills were friends and though this room was built in 1800 by Leonard Eichelberger, it is likely that it had a similar design.

The brick hearth and repaired firebox will be completed soon. The mantle coupled with the original cast iron fireback are items of great pride for our building.

THE FEDERAL FIREPLACE MANTLE IN THE PARLOR



The mantle has been painstakingly returned to its proper appearance in the 1800 parlor. The top was lowered to its original height, determined by the marks in the plaster. This required replacing architectural elements that existed below the mantel top. The piece

INSIDE VIEW OF 1800 PARLOR DOOR

It was an exterior door when this 1800 room was built. We found it moved into another doorway probably during the 1820 addition. It has been set on salvaged strap hinges, like the front door, and also will get a large Moravian box lock, of which the outline can be seen in the paint.



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North Side View of 1820 Addition

This is the North side of the 1820 addition where a 2-story porch originally stood. The only remaining evidence is the 2nd. story floor joists projecting from the wall. A replacement porch will be built this summer. We plan to incorporate an outside staircase unto the porch to allow easier access to the assembly room. The first floor door and window were reinstalled in their original locations after this section of wall was torn out in about 1900. The door frame was found in the basement and reconditioned to once again serve its role in the tavern. This section of wall will be faced with stone to match the rest of the exterior.

Corner View of the Tavern and the 1820 Addition

In this view you can see 4 exterior doors. Those on the left exit from the center hall. The 2nd. floor door which was at the top of the staircase in the center hall was replaced to fit the sagging frame. The original was too badly deformed in the near collapse of this wall. The door on the first floor, has not yet been changed. Mr. McKenny will be raising the left side of the frame in an attempt to correct as much of the sag as possible. He will then install a stone sill and fit a new door. This door will also be of the 1800 raised panel version.

The other 1st. floor door is in the wall which has been reconstructed of cinder block. The wall will get a stone veneer followed by a coat of plaster to match that on the 2nd. story. The frame was also found in the basement but was in this spot originally. It has a "new" stone sill. It is also an 1820 flat panel design.



YOU CAN HELP ! We need donations to finance vegetation to front the NEW fence along the north side of the property bordering the Unimart. If you have an interest in this area please send your donations to the address below. It will be appreciated very much. Thank you.

The Tavern Committee: Bob Eichelberger-Chairman, Mervin Ice, Larry Klase, Joanne Klase, Connie Trosle, 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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