

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.



WANTED! Tavern Keepers Secretary

Have you seen one of these somewhere?

It is one of many period or reproduction furnishings we are seeking to acquire;

To fully interpret the operation of the Tavern our need for this Secretary stems from another "discovery" recently made by Sam McKinney in the 1800 parlor. He observed a heavy wear pattern that exists in the flooring which runs left from the entry to a spot between the windows of the east façade. (Stop by and let us show it to you!) The only explanation is that a secretary desk similar to the one in the photo sat between those windows and was the Tavernkeeper/Plantation Owner's record keeping desk. The hob-nail boots of farm workers coming for payment wore the flooring noticeably thin on that path. Our hope is to raise enough funds to purchase a period secretary like this one and place it in that same spot. Can you help us?

Below are 2 entry pages from actual Ledgers written at such a Secretary
See some transactions from the 1800 tavern ledger of Leonard Eichelberger

Date Individuals / Items (Sums are in) Pounds/ Shillings/ Pence



In 1800 a Pound was about \$4-5 - Shilling - .35 -.40 and a Pence was a penny
Approximately: 12 Pence = 1 Shilling, 12 Shillings = 1 Pound

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1800	John Cassidy hired to Lenard Eichelberger for 6 months beginning the first day of October for 2 Pounds			
1801	Oct 17 to cash paid Dr Wilson for a hat	-	15	/-
	to 1 pr shoes	-	11	/3
1801	Nicholas Shatto to a new waggon	9	15	/-

First Friday at Dills – March 7

Gather a group of Friends and enjoy a wonderful evening together!

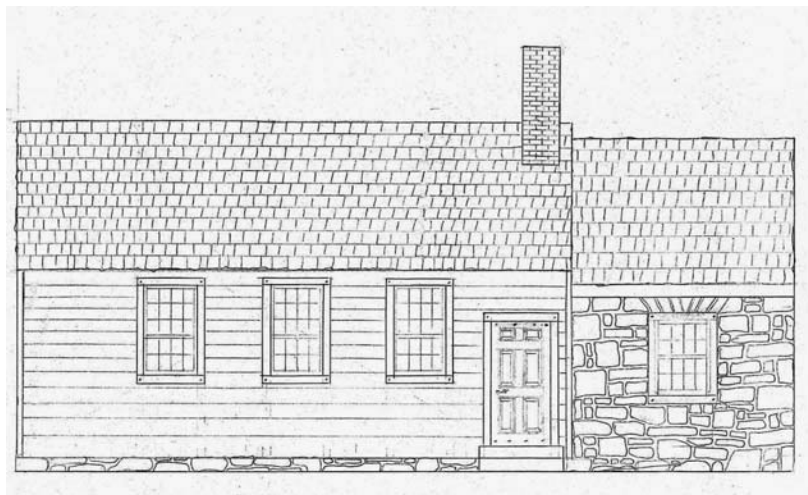
JONATHON FRASER will entertain you with some Celtic Music for a March evening.

Share: MUSIC ~ SNACKS ~ GAMES ~ PLEASANT CONVERSATION

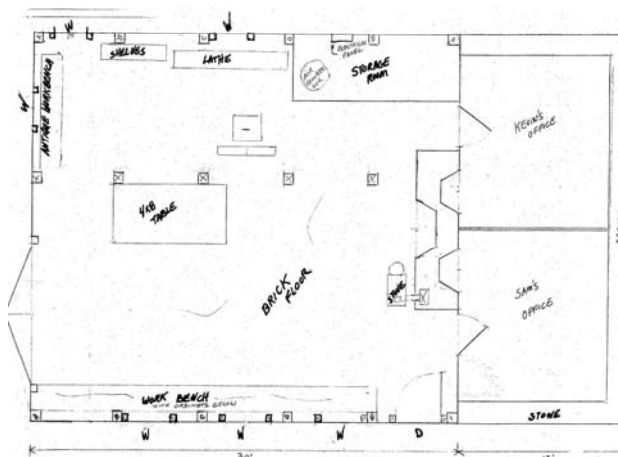
7-10 ~ \$10.00 per ~ BYOB - 21yrs. Min.

Al Kauffman, proprietor of MANEtenance, a hair styling salon, is sponsoring the event.

Sketches of Proposed Woodwright's Shop with Floor Plan



Sketches by Sam McKinney



If you've been paying attention, you know that we have plans to erect a woodwright's shop this summer on the Tavern grounds. These renditions created by Sam show what that building will look like and the floor plan. The building will be fully functional as a working space for both ongoing work on the property as well as demonstrations and workshops. The history of this property as both a farm and a commercial establishment necessitated the skills of wagonmakers, wheelwrights, coopers (one who makes or repairs wooden casks or tubs), and carpentry trades of all types. In addition, as the Tavern itself nears completion, space is required for housing the workers to continue the work on the property when the finished rooms will no longer be available for the cluttered, dirty dusty work of construction.

You can enjoy a Great Learning experience by becoming a part of this project!

Building this Woodwright's Shop is a feature of the Preservation Workshops to be held by Sam and Kevin Ricker:

Reproducing Early Pennsylvania Stonework – May 29 and 30, 2008

Timber Frame Repairs and Raising of the Wood Wrights Shop – July 10, 11, 12

Stop by to see the complete plans and a description of how the building will be put to use. Then

Join one or both Workshops and learn at the hands of these Masters.

Utility Kitchen plans:

With the popularity of the Tavern for social functions, the need for a fully capable kitchen is upon us. The space in the Summer Kitchen is available and we have a basic setup for food preparation now. The Tavern Committee is in the process of soliciting ideas from professional kitchen designers that will allow maximum utilization of the space with the ability to serve the desired number of people. One major limitation is dish washing along with the state requirements for sanitation in food service areas.

Once a design is in hand, we will be sharing those plans with everyone in hopes of raising funds to complete the work and open to even grander community events in the near future.

The Tavern Committee:

Bob Eichelberger-Chairman, Mervin Ice, Larry Klase, Joanne Klase, Connie Trostle, and Greg Wonders

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