

Historic Preservation In Chester County



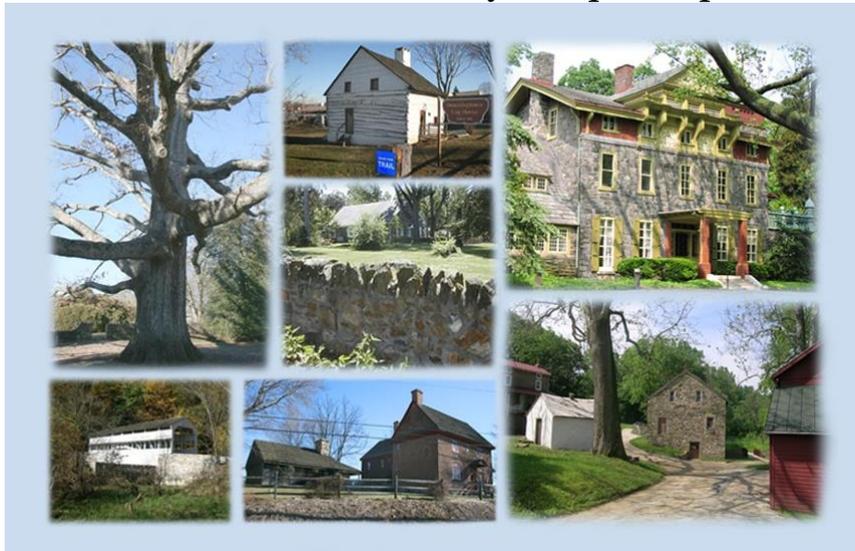
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Seth Hinshaw, Architectural Historian

Welcome to Chester County – a *special* place!



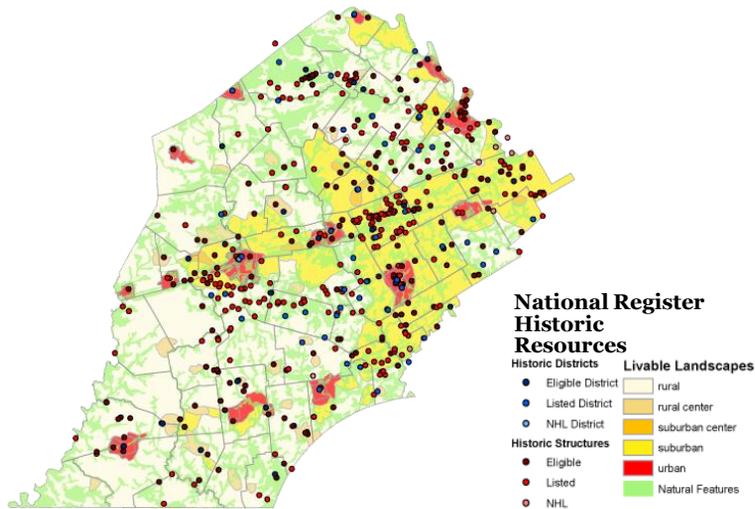
Chester County has an enduring history



Historic Resources Plan for Chester County

An element of [Landscapes2](#)

Chester County is fortunate to have many historic resources that form a varied landscape...



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Chester County Strategies



Landscapes2
Bringing growth and preservation together for Chester County

Chester County Comprehensive Policy Plan



CHAPTER 8
Planning for Historic Resources

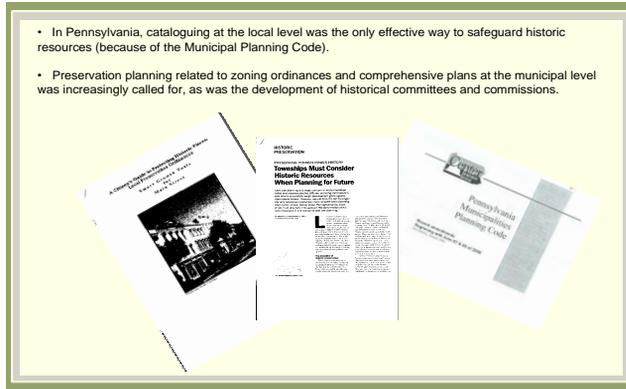
- Objectives, Policies, and Action Plans for
 - Preservation and Adaptive Reuse
 - Historic Landmark and Historic Districts
 - Historic Districts, Historic Landmarks, and Historic Sites
 - Historic Preservation and Rehabilitation
 - Historic Preservation and Development

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Goal for Historic Resources

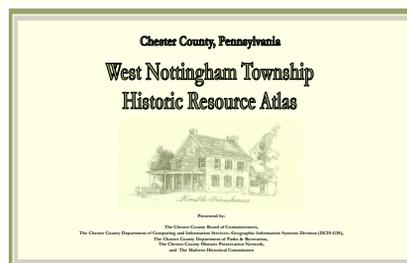
Protect and enhance Chester County's fabric of historic and archeological resources and cultural landscapes for the benefit of current and future generations while promoting sustainable development.

- In Pennsylvania, cataloguing at the local level was the only effective way to safeguard historic resources (because of the Municipal Planning Code).
- Preservation planning related to zoning ordinances and comprehensive plans at the municipal level was increasingly called for, as was the development of historical committees and commissions.



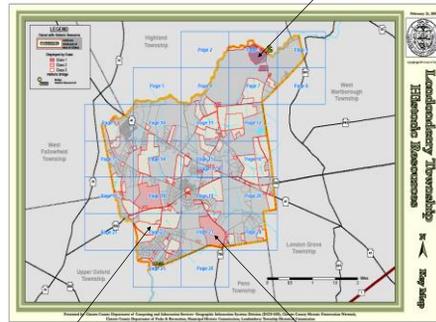
One of Chester County's richest assets is its coalition of citizen based historical commissions, societies, committees, organizations and Historic Architectural Review Boards. Historic preservation in Chester County is accomplished by and large through the efforts of dedicated citizen volunteers under the guidance of equally dedicated preservation professionals.

Chester County, Pennsylvania Historic Resource Atlas Project



Within GIS, the data is then joined to the overall County parcel layer, creating a historic resource parcel layer for that municipality. Utilizing a standardized atlas-creation application within GIS, the historic resource layer is then added to a master key-map. This is divided by a grid index into individual map pages at a scale that will show appropriate detail.

On both the key-map and the individual map pages (created through the application via the page grid index) the historic resource layer is color-coded by Class.



Class I parcels (on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places) are represented in purple, Class II parcels (determined significant by a municipality) are represented in rose, and Class III parcels (50-years or older) are represented in yellow.

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PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM – PHOTO/SITE PLAN SHEET
 Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Bureau of Historic Preservation
 Commonwealth Keystone Building, 2nd Floor, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1026

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| Survey Code: 019 | Historic / Other Name: Font General Store |
| Tax Parcel: 32-1-6 | Address: 635 Font Road |
| County: Chester 029 | Municipality: Upper Uwchlan Township |

Font General Store

Photographs

Photo 1:

Photographer: _____
 Was Preservation Planning _____
 Date: _____
 Negative Location: _____

Location Map

Downingtown USGS Quad _____
 (See Site Plan in Additional Documentation)

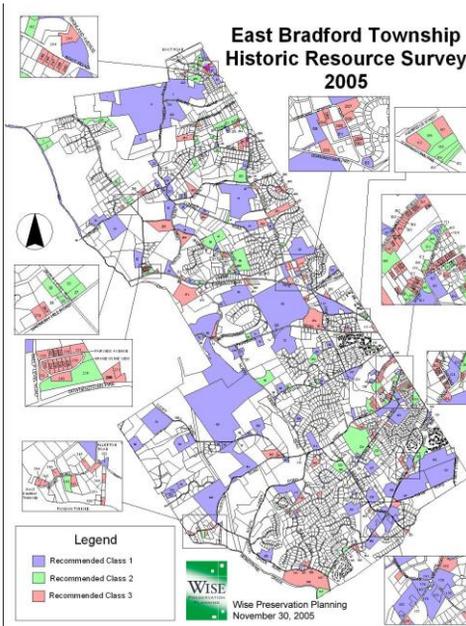
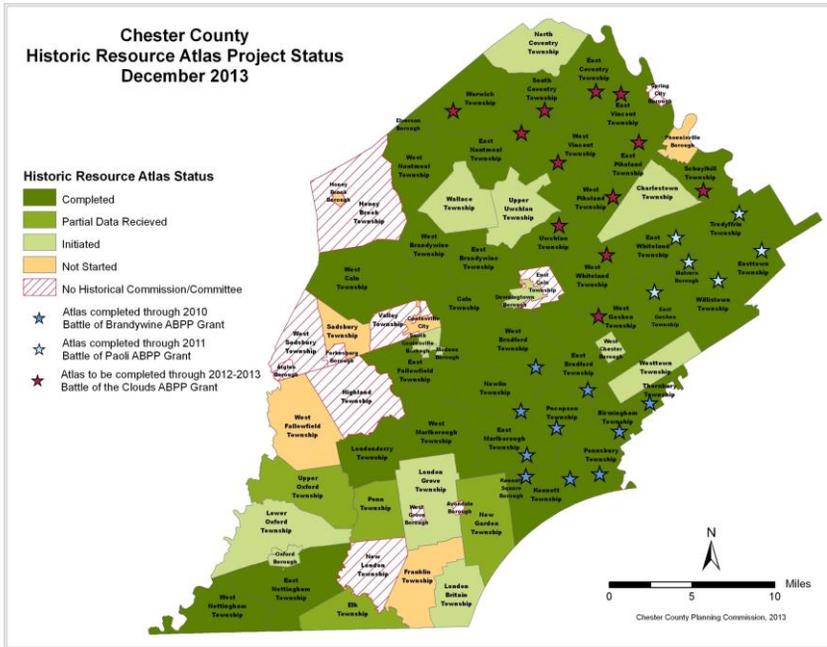
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PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM – DATA SHEET
 Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Bureau of Historic Preservation

| IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION | | | |
|---|--|---|---|
| Survey Code | 019 | Tax Parcel No. | 32-1-6 |
| County | 1. Chester 029 | | 2. |
| Municipality | 1. Upper Uwchlan Township | | 2. |
| Address | 635 Font Road | | |
| Historic Name | Font General Store | | |
| Other Name | | | |
| Owner Name / Address | Ronald A. & Carol L. Styer, 1016 Nautical Road, Elverson 19520 | | |
| Owner Category | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private | <input type="checkbox"/> Public - local | <input type="checkbox"/> Public - state |
| Resource Category | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building | <input type="checkbox"/> District | <input type="checkbox"/> Site |
| Number/Approximate Number of Resources Covered by This Form | 1 | Structure | Object |
| USGS Quad | 1. Downingtown | | 2. |
| UTM References | A. | B. | C. |

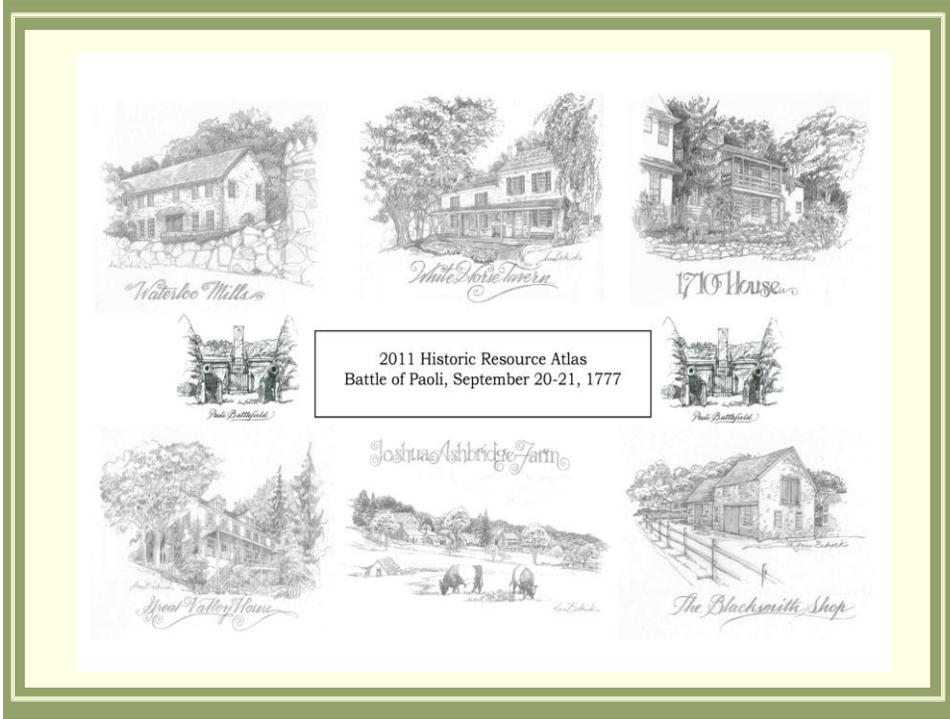
| HISTORIC AND CURRENT FUNCTIONS | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|------|
| Historic Function Category | Subcategory | Code |
| A. DOMESTIC | Multiple dwelling | 01B |
| B. | | |
| C. | | |
| D. | | |
| Particular Type | A. House | |
| | B. | |
| | C. | |
| | D. | |
| Current Function Category | Subcategory | Code |
| A. DOMESTIC | Multiple dwelling | 01B |
| B. | | |
| C. | | |
| D. | | |

| PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|----|
| Architectural Classification | A. Federal 21 | B. | C. |
| | D. | Other | |
| Exterior Materials | Foundation: Stone 20 | Roof: Asphalt 63 | |
| | Walls: Stucco 61 | Walls: Stone 20 | |
| | Other: Weatherboard 21 | Other: | |
| Structural System | 1. Masonry 22 | 2. Timber - light frame 14 | |
| Width 10 bay - 60 feet | Depth 2 rooms B | Stories / Height 2 B | |

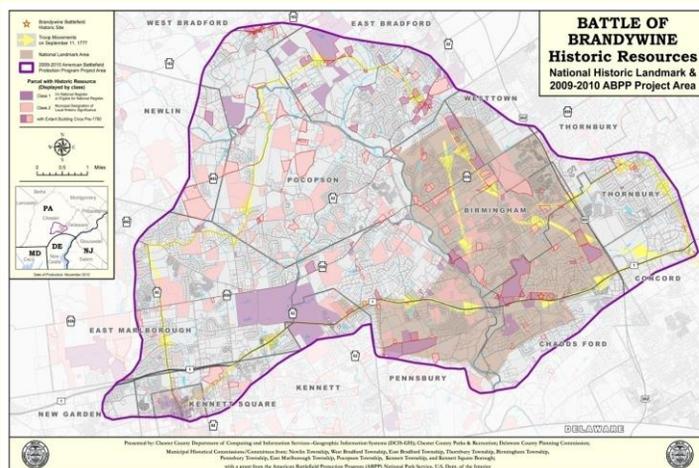


Comprehensive Surveys & Ordinances

- Historic Preservation Ordinances are developed after a Comprehensive Survey of Historic Resources is made in a municipality.
- Roll and responsibility of the Historical Commission under the ordinance is defined as are historic resources
- Provisions for historic preservation are outlined in the ordinance.
- Currently 64 of the 73 municipalities in Chester County have historic preservation provisions in their municipal code. 55 have preservation ordinances.



Battle of Brandywine National Historic Landmark Atlas & Planning Map



THE UNIFYING FACTOR



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Mailing Address
 CCHPN
 P.O. Box 174

Welcome!

The preservation of the historic character of Chester County is a well-appreciated and widely supported effort. For old and new residents alike, the charm and beauty of our historic landscapes and streetscapes is a source of pride. But, the preservation of our resources, above and below ground, is an everyday effort across the county. Of the tens of thousands of historic resources countywide, few are not at risk. Risks, of course, vary from the potential loss of the historic context of a resource, to the loss of a resource's integrity, and to the loss of the resource itself—demolition being an irrevocable proposition.

The CCHPN works to bring people together and give them the information they need to preserve their neighborhoods and communities of Chester County. Please consider [joining](#) the effort.

News Highlights
[more...](#)

Upcoming CCHPN Activities
Spring 2007 Workshop
 Historic Resource Impact Studies
[more...](#)

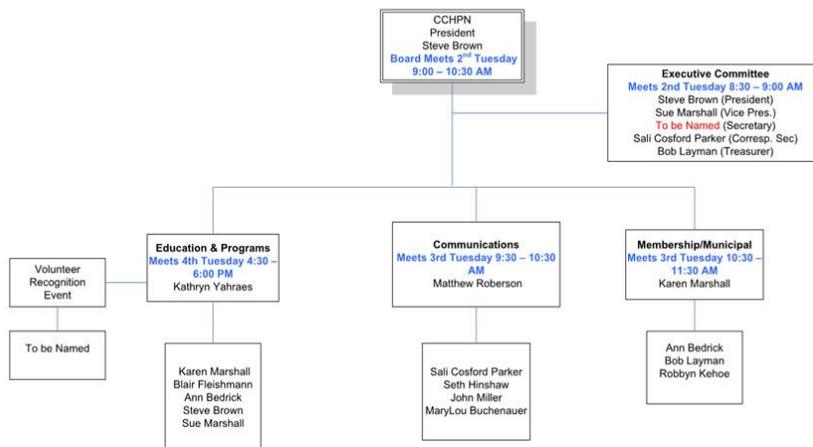
Local

Network History and Mission

- The Chester County Historic Preservation Network was incorporated in 2003 as a 501c(3) to represent the coalition of dedicated professionals and volunteers which Karen referred to in her talk.
- They had been affectionately named “Jane’s Army” by State Senator Andy Dinniman in the early 1990’s and had been working together since before the passage of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.
- Jane Davidson founded the organization in the early 1990’s. She was a visionary leader in the field of preservation in Chester County from the 1970’s until her death in 2012.
- **Mission: The Chester County Historic Preservation Network (CCHPN) is an affiliation of local organizations and individuals dedicated to protecting and preserving Chester County’s historic resources and landscapes through education, facilitation, and public and private advocacy.**

Organizational Chart

Chester County Historical Preservation Network
Committees
05-22-2014



LEDGER NEWSLETTER

- Published 3x per year
- Registration and Description of Network Sponsored Events
- Calendar of Special Events including the Town Tours Program
- 900 member mailing list
- Community Highlight Section
- Preservation News



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Volume 17, Number 2
May 2014

Chester County Ledger
The Newsletter of the Chester County Historic Preservation Network

West Nottingham Historical Commission Invites You to Join Us for CCHPN's Annual Volunteer Recognition Celebration

Please Note
Event information and the Registration Form for the 2014 Volunteer Recognition Celebration are on the last two pages of this issue.

Steve Brown, President
CCHPN

This year's Annual CCHPN Volunteer Recognition Celebration may bring back parent/child memories of a summer vacation. Those traveling from the northern part of the county might be asking, "Are we controlled burns and the chain saw to control these yet?" after reaching West Chester, too! unwanted vegetation such as Virginia And the same question would probably pitch pine, post oak and multiflorous rose, come to mind when by-passing Kennett Trail hiking through the barrens is encountered and colorful. But oh what reward aged and challenging, but that will require when arriving at the Nottingham County another trip to the 630 acre Nottingham Park bordering the Mason-Dixon Line and Serpentine Barrens.

The County Park is part of the State Line Serpentine Barrens, one of the most unique ecosystems in the world. Serpentine, a geological outcropping of rare green rock, is found in only three small areas of North America. The rock is covered by a thin layer of top soil, supporting grasslands with plants found only on a few places in the world. Serpentine was prized as an unusual building material throughout Chester County's development and the park holds a number of old fieldtop and serpentine quarries. Examples of serpentine buildings are found throughout the county.

In 2008, the park was recognized as a National Natural Landmark by the United States Department of the Interior. This program identifies and recognizes the best ex-

amples of biological and geological features in both public and private ownership. There are fewer than 600 sites that have passed the rigorous evaluation process to be designated.

To preserve the ecosystem and character of the nature preserve, faithful volunteers use controlled burns and the chain saw to control these yet? unwanted vegetation such as Virginia And the same question would probably pitch pine, post oak and multiflorous rose, come to mind when by-passing Kennett Trail hiking through the barrens is encountered and colorful. But oh what reward aged and challenging, but that will require when arriving at the Nottingham County another trip to the 630 acre Nottingham Park bordering the Mason-Dixon Line and Serpentine Barrens.

2014 Preservation Award Winners

James I. S. Davidson Preservationist of the Year Award
Dr. Walter J. Hippie

Historic Preservation Municipality Award
Birmingham Township

Historic Resource Awards
Schuykill, South County, Warwick, West Reading, & West Chester Townships

George Lincoln Fine Award
Eastern Historical Commission

ANNUAL TRAINING PROGRAMS



RECENT TOPICS:

Making Your Community's History Come Alive

Cultural Resource Notice:

DEP's Powerful Preservation Tool

Introduction to the Section 106 Process

Green Preservation

Grants, Grant-Writing and Fundraising

Battlefield Archaeology

Historic Bridges of Chester County

A Sears House in My Backyard?

Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner



- Jane L.S. Davidson Historic Preservationist of the Year
- Municipal Historic Preservation Award
- Roll Call of members and most proud moments
- Historic Resource Atlas Awards
- Grace Under Fire Awards
- CCHPN Lifetime Achievement Award



The Annual
Celebration is
held at a
historic site



...and includes
dinner and a
tour.

CCHPN also encourages local special events and recognition programs to encourage local support of preservation efforts and recognize volunteers and stewards of historic properties. The Annual Town Tours and Village Walks Program is one example.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

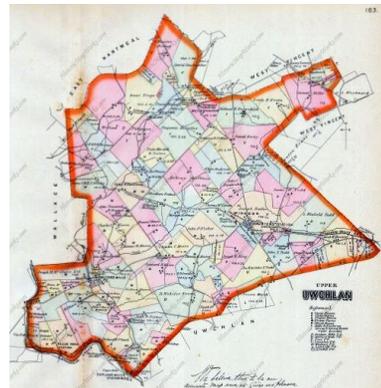
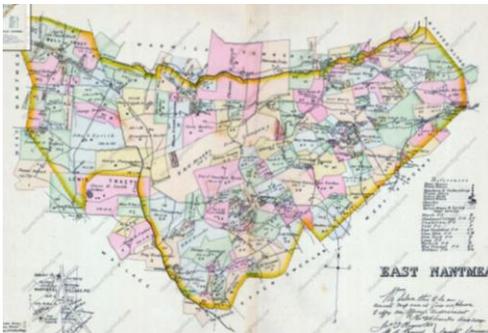


Role of Consultant on Board

- Technical assistance
 - HC-completed projects
 - Consultant projects
 - Processes
 - Challenges
- Insider information
 - When to ask to be recused
 - Additional information
- Historic assistance
 - Assessing significance
 - Dating historic fabric



Role of Consultant on Board



- Experience
- Prioritization
- Relationships

HOW COULD YOUR
COMMUNITY
BENEFIT FROM A
REGIONAL
NETWORK LIKE
CHESTER
COUNTY'S?