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2015 Watch List of Threatened Properties Released

The 2015 Watch List of the most threatened historic properties in Lancaster County has been released by the Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County. Three properties from the 2014 Watch List have been replaced - the David Mayer Farmstead (c. 1870-1874) at 1580 Fruitville Pike in Manheim Township, former Long Funeral Home (1895) at 855 Chestnut St. in Columbia and the log house & root cellar (c. 1800-1825) at 522 Norwood Rd. in Columbia.

"Two of the three properties taken off the list - the David Mayer Farmstead and the former Long Funeral Home - are being restored for new uses," said Lisa Horst, president of the Historic Preservation Trust Board of Directors. "The log house in Columbia, unfortunately, was in no condition to be restored or moved by its new owners."

Horst went on to say that the Preservation Trust is especially pleased to be working with the developers of the David Mayer Farmstead because it demonstrates the positive results of what can happen when the Preservation Trust and private enterprise collaborate. "Ideally, it would have been best to keep the large barn and adjacent smaller farm buildings where they are. That was not an option so they are being moved, saved and rebuilt nearby at the Ironstone Ranch in Elizabethtown," she added. "The Italiante-style mansion will be restored by developer Phil Frey. We are fortunate that he and others at Manbel Devco respect the farmstead's history and unique environment."

The three sites added to the list are the Musselman/Christian Herr II House (1734) at 421 Penn Grant Rd. in West Lampeter Township, the James Anderson II House (1721-1790) in East Donegal Township and the Armstrong footbridge (1922) in the City of Lancaster.

"Being on the Watch List is not a negative because each of the 10 properties represents an opportunity to save a significant structure that helps define our Lancaster County history," said Shirlie O'Leary, chair of the Preservation Trust committee that prepares the Watch List. "Everyone loves historic restoration after it occurs, but it takes vision, leadership and resources to make it happen. The Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County works to bring together individuals and organizations to make it happen."

Properties on the Historic Preservation Trust's 2015 Watch List are:

James Anderson II House (1721-1790) - North Waterford Avenue, East Donegal Township

James Anderson II, who built the center section of this house in the mid 1780's. He started Anderson's Ferry in 1742. In his will, he bequeathed the house to his grandson, James Anderson IV who, in 1812, laid out Waterford that became the western end of Marietta. In 1803 the house was sold out of the family. Later additions date from c.1810 (east) to 1835 (west). The original section is Georgian. Today, the house is in significant disrepair.



James Anderson II House

Armstrong Pedestrian Bridge (1922) - rear of the 700 block of Harrisburg Pike and on the north side of Harrisburg Pike, City of Lancaster

Tens of thousands of Lancastrians have used this 280-foot-long, steel bridge to cross the Dillerville Road Rail Yard, most recently owned by Norfolk Southern. These rail lines have recently been removed. For some 70 years, this footbridge made access for Armstrong employees easier and safer to their work. It has continued to be used by Franklin & Marshall students walking or running to athletic fields and by area residents accessing nearby neighborhoods. Current plans are to dismantle and relocate this iconic bridge



Armstrong Pedestrian Bridge

Circle Creek Farmhouse/Guy's Distillery (1826) - 1467 Long Lane, East Donegal Township

The Circle Creek Farmhouse was built by John Guy in 1826. The original use was as a commercial distillery (Guy's Distillery), and was converted into a farmhouse in 1834 by Christian Haldeman. Located in the Chickies Historic District, this building has been designated as being important to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania when it was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2005. Since 1988, it has been unoccupied and not been maintained responsibly.



*Circle Creek Farmhouse/
Guy's Distillery*

Dorsey Station (1876) - near Peach Bottom village on the Susquehanna River, Fulton Township

Built for the Peach Bottom Railway, this is the last of the original stations to have survived on the railway's 28 miles of narrow-gauge track between Dorsey and Oxford. In Oxford travelers could catch a train to Philadelphia or they could take a stage coach to York, crossing the Susquehanna River by pole and oar powered ferry boat. On Oct. 13, 1919, the last train chugged from Dorsey Station, ending a 41-year run. The railroad's tracks were pulled up and sold for scrap, and the two-story station was left. The station is in disrepair. Friends of Dorsey Station are trying to save it as an educational center.



Dorsey Station

Eagle Tavern (1815) - 901 Village Road, West Lampeter

This two and one-half story, Federal style stone building was one of the best of all taverns ever built in a small town in Lancaster County. Known as the Eagle Tavern, it was built first as a house for Samuel Miller and his wife, Anna in 1815, as noted in a date stone centered on the western gable end -- one of the earliest uses in Lancaster County of a lozenge shaped date stone. This was one of the best of all federal period taverns ever built in a small town in Lancaster County during the first third of the 19th century.



Eagle Tavern

Herr's Mill Covered Bridge (1875) - 101 South Ronks Road, Paradise

The only double-span covered bridge in Lancaster County crosses the Pequea Creek and the adjacent mill race. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980. Concerned citizens and organizations are working with the Lancaster County Commissioners to save this threatened structure.



Herr's Mill Bridge

Hooper-Eby Barn (c. 1860) - 2797 Lititz Pike, Neffsville

Built by John Eby, this distinctive bank barn with a date stone is a character-defining element of the Lititz Pike streetscape. The barn retains a high degree of integrity and would be National Register eligible. The house and pig barn on this property have already been demolished. An adaptive re-use could be a community center for the residential development for this unique and historically significant Lancaster County barn.



Hooper-Eby Barn

Musselman/Christian Herr II House (1734) - 421 Penn Grant Rd. in West Lampeter Township

Situated on the southern portion of the original 530 acres purchased from William Penn (1644-1718), this house is one of the oldest still standing of those built by the second generation of Lancaster County's earliest settlers. Even though changes have been made to this house over the years, it still reflects the Germanic architectural style of its roots. Unfortunately, demolition of this landmark by its private homeowners has been approved by the West Lampeter Board of Supervisors.



Musselman/Christian Herr II House

Stehman-Rohrer House (1833) - Charlestown Road, Manor Township

This modified Georgian stone house is one of the most unusual stone houses in the township. The structure is 2 ½ stories, eight bay façade with slate roof, three dormers and paired entrances in the 3rd bay from eastern and western ends. The front porch, with its dentils, serrated friezes, and polygonal posts, is one of the finest of its type remaining in Lancaster County. The date stone reads "Built by Henry & Mary Rohrer, A. D., 1833."



Stehman-Rohrer House

Swann Tavern and Carriage House (1824) - East Vine & South Queen Streets, City of Lancaster

This 19th Century building is part of the largest group of federal period buildings extant in Lancaster. This was a combined tavern and hospital...Lancaster Infirmary and House of Recovery. The structure is sufficiently documented to permit a total restoration to the original. It was one of two private hospitals in the city and a longstanding tavern; one of the oldest in the city. To the rear of this structure is a two story brick stable and carriage house, now stuccoed. This is also part of the original property and one of the oldest extant stables in Lancaster City. The stable has a corbelled brick cornice and a platform lift for carriages. The carriage house remains in a highly threatened condition; one wall has been replaced with cement block and plywood due to structural damage caused by a tree growing within the wall.



Swann Tavern

Three New Directors Elected to Preservation Trust Board

Danielle Keperling, Dick Lundgren and Gary Klinger have been elected to the board of directors of the Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County.

Danielle Keperling is chief operating officer of Historic Restorations in Lancaster, executive director of the Central Pennsylvania Preservation Society and a lecturer on maintaining and preserving historic homes. The two books that she has co-authored are on how to maintain the architectural integrity of historic buildings and how to manage projects to meet schedules while controlling costs and achieving client satisfaction. Keperling is a member of the Preservation Trust's education and communications committee.



Danielle Keperling



Dick Lundgren

Dick Lundgren, a retired commercial real estate brokerage chief executive officer from Boston, Mass., has served both as a director and as an advisory council member for a variety of non-profit organizations in the fields of historic preservation and land conservation in Massachusetts and New York. His educational and professional background is in city planning and real estate investment. Lundgren is a member of the Preservation Trust's preservation action committee, and he served as a docent during the Preservation Trust's fall Historic Lancaster Walk & Talk Tour.

Gary Klinger manages the customer experience and order engineering departments at Meridian Products. In addition to restoring his historic 1900 home in Ephrata, Pa., he owns a woodshop where he designs, builds, repairs and refinishes furniture. He also is a freelance reporter for the *Ephrata Review* and *Lititz Record Express*. He serves as vice chair of the Ephrata Civil Service Commission and on the publicity committee at the Historical Society of the Cocalico Valley. Klinger is a member of the Preservation Trust's preservation action committee.



Gary Klinger

Officers for Preservation Trust continuing on the Executive Committee are Lisa Horst (The Horst Group), president; Dana Clark (Tippetts/Weavers Architects), vice president and Mike Richardson (Janney Montgomery Scott), treasurer. John Metzger (May, Metzger & Zimmerman, LLP) will serve as the at-large-member on the Executive Committee. Ron Funk will serve as secretary.

Teas Schedule for 2015 Announced



Teas held during 2014 at the Preservation Trust Headquarters at 123 North Prince Street have been so popular Chef Donna Lussier, owner of La Petite Patisserie, has announced a full schedule for 2015:

- February 14th & 15th - Valentine's Day Tea
- March 14th & 15th - Downton Abbey Tea
- April 4th - Easter Tea
- April 18th & 19th - Springtime Tea
- May 9th & 10th - Mother's Day Tea
- June 6th & 7th - Downton Abbey Garden Tea Party



Chef Lussier

Chef Lussier said to check petitedessert.com or call her at 717-424-1631 for information about tea times, menus, seatings, pricing and reservations.

Membership and Annual Fund Drives Underway

Mailings for the 2015 Preserve Our Past annual fund and the 2015 membership drives probably have reached you by now.


Thank you for your support!

See <http://hptrust.org/support/> and <http://hptrust.org/join/> for details and reply forms if you did not get a mailing. Preserve Our Past contributions are tax deductible.

Both annual fund and membership dollars help the Preservation Trust sustain its mission of encouraging and facilitating historic preservation throughout Lancaster County. Specifically, we are able to continue the progress that we have made over the past three years with:


- our outreach to municipal officials
- our surveys of historic properties countywide
- our historic plaque program which is recognizing structures and gathering information on them for our archives
- our initiative to digitize the Historic Preservation Trust library of records on more than 10,000 Lancaster County homes, barns, bridges, mills and other structures that are historically significant
- our on-going efforts to bring individuals and organizations together to identify and protect historically significant structures

Opportunities

- Mark your historic house, barn, bridge, store or other structure with a **historic preservation site marker plaque**. In addition to designating a historic structure, the plaques program encourages historic preservation and gathers information on historic properties for the Preservation Trust's extensive archives -- the largest descriptive archives on historic properties in Lancaster County.
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- Volunteer to help with surveying historic properties countywide or interacting with public officials. This is the work of the **Preservation Action Committee** which meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 5 p. m. at 123 North Prince Street in downtown Lancaster.
 - Reserve the beautiful **courtyard at 123 North Prince Street** for spring and summer functions. Already a popular spot for teas, it is an ideal setting for business or social gatherings. It opens onto the busy North Prince Street arts and dining corridor.
 - Volunteer to help organize, promote and implement the 2015 Gourmet Gala on May 17, the annual preservation awards banquet in November and other special events. Education programs and events are the work of the **Education and Communication Committee** which meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. at 123 North Prince Street in downtown Lancaster.

For information on any of the opportunities listed above, call 717-291-5861 or send an e-mail to joepatterson@hptrust.org.

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