Report of the

HISTORICAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE
of the DeTurk House Council
Oley, Pa.

The Historical Research Committee was organized on October 19, 1966 as one of the special committees established by Mrs. Lloyd W. Hopkins, Jr., Chairman of the DeTurk House Council of Oley, Pa.

The Committee was set up to find and study historical and architectural data pertaining to the little DeTurk House in Oley having the 1767 lintel date. Research was needed for restoration planning and to clarify the historical and architectural significance of the House.

The following were appointed to the Historical Research Committee:

Mrs. E. Robert Hottenstein, Chairman
Old State Road, R. D. 1, Oley
Mrs. James Bower, Oley
Mrs. Richard R. DeTurck, 809 N. 26; Pennside, Reading
Mr. Lawrence A. DeTurk, 475 Highland Ave., Kutztown
(Mr. DeTurk died December 27, 1968)
Mrs. Stephen DeTurk, "Trail's End", Oley
Mrs. Lloyd W. Hopkins, Jr., R. D. 1, Oley
Mr. George Meiser, R. D. 3, Reading
Mr. Gerald Yoder, 24 Water St., Box 24, R. D. 1 Oley

Significant work of the Committee consisted of the following:

Studied DeTurk wills and deeds at Berks County Court House.
Visited libraries, historical societies, and the Moravian Archives to study historical writings and photographs of the 1767 DeTurk House.
Obtained and studied architectural surveys made of the 1767 DeTurk House.
Recorded Architect's opinions regarding construction of DeTurk Houses at the property site.
Conducted interviews and corresponded with persons having special knowledge of DeTurk property.
Located shutters and a door missing from the 1767 House.

The final report of the Committee includes the following:

I. Summary of Findings Regarding the 1767 DeTurk House
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Submitted by:
Betty Hottenstein
Mrs. E. Robert Hottenstein, Chairman
Historical Research Committee
Covering the period from
October 19, 1966 through February
13, 1970

I. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS REGARDING THE 1767 DETURK HOUSE

A. Date of Construction

The date on the lintel of the house - 1767 - with the names "Iohan DeTirck" and "Debora DeTircken" remains the only original evidence we can submit regarding the date of construction of the house.

"Washhouse" Described in 1815 Will

At the Berks County Court House, Reading, early wills, deeds and other documents of the DeTurk family were checked in an effort to find a date of construction and other pertinent information. Although we found no mention of a building date for any house on the property, the earliest document containing descriptions of houses is the will of Philip Deturck dated July 5, 1815. The "washhouse" appears to be the 1767 house. The following is a quote from this will:

"I also give unto my said wife, during her natural life, the following privileges and yearly provisions, to wit. The free and whole use of the backroom, below stairs in my present dwelling house, with liberty to use the cellar, kitchen, kitchen fireplace, and oven, belonging to the said dwellinghouse; also, the pump, milkhouse, and other outhouses, as much as she may have occasion for, as long as she and my son John can agree to live peaceably together. But, when it shall so happen (if ever it should) that she and my said son John and his family, cannot agree to live peaceably together in the aforesaid dwelling house; then, she must remove to the room over the washhouse, and shall thence forward have the whole use thereof, and the garret over the same, and the stove standing in the said room and liberty to use the kitchen, fireplace, and oven belonging thereto, and every other part thereof, as much as she may have occasion for, as long as she liveth. She shall also have liberty to use, the pump, milkhouse, cellar, and other outhouses, as aforesaid; and to pass and repass any way, through, round and about the premises....She shall also, have the whole use of one fourth part of my garden, to be taken at the northerly corner thereof, next to the pump...."

Architect's Opinion Regarding Date of Construction

Mr. John Heyl, Architect, at the invitation of Mr. Richard Shaner, Chairman of the Architecture Committee, examined this house, the large house, and the springhouse on March 18, 1967. In his opinion the lintel with its inscription is original, and he accepts the 1767 date as appropriate.

Because the exterior stonework is not uniformly matched, the question was raised about the possibility of the roof having been altered or raised, indicating that

1767 might have been a date of alteration, rather than of original construction. In reply he said it would not have been practical to change the angle of the roof much. Sometimes a top wooden frame was put on a building originally, then filled in with stone later when cold weather came, but this would have been just a seasonal period of time involved.

Mr. Heyl mentioned possible reasons for construction could have been for an office, storage and/or kitchen service tasks.

Other Research Re Construction Date

At the Philosophical Library in Philadelphia on August 19 and 20, 1968, Mr. Gerald Yoder learned that Carpenter's Hall records begin about 1771, and he could not find any information on Oley architecture.

B. ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES

1. Roof

The following items of information indicate that the original roof was of tile:

a. Quotes from a letter by Lawrence DeTurk dated December 2, 1966 (See Letter No. 1 attached): "Re the tiles - The owner of the property at that time, Martin DeTurk (?) told me that owing to the condition of the rafters the tiles were taken off. I don't remember what material was then used to re-roof the building. This was about 1905-07. Any remembrance I have of the house is at about this period."
"Regarding the tile roof--After seeing the pile of tile in the cellar of the DeTurk House I hunted the then owner and got permission to take several tiles along. I think the owner was Dr. Martin DeTurk. William R. DeTurk, a cousin, without any suggestion from me said he remembers having been told that the original roof was tile."

b. A statement is made on a taped interview conducted by Stephen DeTurk with his Mother, Mrs. Ella H. DeTurk Mengel, and his Grandmother, Mrs. Cecilia M. DeTurk, about tiles from this house having been sold. Both these ladies lived on the property.

c. A picture of "Tiles Taken from DeTurk Buildings" is included in a newspaper article printed in the Reading Eagle June 20, 1915 p. 10 - "Farm in Oley on Which "Last of Mohicans" was Baptized". The article does state that tile was on the roof of the 1767 house. Some of the statements made in the article regarding sequence of construction of houses are open to question, because the information does not agree with that in the"DeTurk Family" book.

2. Front Door

Mr. Donald D. Donohue, 6245 Cheryl Drive, Falls Church, Va. stated in a letter of August 1, 1969, "I purchased this door from the owner direct and the sale included ALL of the original hardware which is still in tack with the door itself."(See Letter No. 2 attached) The name of the present owner or the address was not revealed. Then in a further letter of February 13, 1970, Mr. Donohue said the present owners are not interested in parting with the door. (See Letter No. 3 attached) (Milford)

A former owner of the DeTurk property, Mrs. Ruth Mast, Rt. 1, Elverson, Pa., confirmed the door was sold. We are not sure if it was sold by Jacob Mast, the owner 1951-52 or Mr. and Mrs. Milford Mast who owned it 1952-1956. We do know the door was gone by September, 1953,

because in an article appearing in "Pennsylvania Dutchman" on that date, Volume V. No. 5 p. 16, Olive Zehner stated, "...I was grieved to learn what has happened to the Little DeTurck House built in 1767 and once the most charming building in the Valley. The "Dutch-door" and the shutters with their nice hardware and faint tracings of once beautifully painted tulips and hearts are gone- sold to some one outside of the state. It is sadly in need of repair - its triplet forbays are hanging by rotted beams to the still sturdy stone walls. Puerto Rican farm laborers live in it and have tossed their garbage just outside the doors and windows so that it is offensive to stand near it..."

3. Shutters

Location Summary of the Three Original Sets or Pairs

One set (pair) on display at Berks County Historical Society, Reading, Pa.

Single shutter in holdings of William Penn Memorial Museum, Harrisburg, Pa.

Missing - Mate to one at Museum in Harrisburg and one other set (pair).

Information Re Set at Berks Co. Historical Society

The following information was copied from the file card at the Society:

"Shutters, wooden and iron with frame

Each shutter is 41" x 15". There are 2 panels in each shutter 15" x 7 3/4". The hinges are metal and are 13½" long and taper to the one end. The other end has a loop that fits over a metal peg. The latch to the shutter looks like the hinges and is 12" long. The one end fits into a hole in the shutter.

Collected April 20, 1934 by Mrs. Edw. Rhoads
Attributed to Friend's Meeting House (DeTurck House)

Painted 2 shades of grey"

The reference to Friend's Meeting House is believed inaccurate. Mrs. LeRoy Sanders at the Society said Mr. John Eshelman, authority on Quakers, stated that these shutters could not be from the Friend's Meeting House. Mr. Edward Rhoads did own the DeTurk property, and the date 1934 is appropriate. A letter was received from Mrs. Shirley E. Kane, daughter of Mrs. Edward Rhoads, dated March 15, 1967, who wrote that her Mother, then approaching 87 years of age, did remember donating a pair of hinges she found lying on the floor of the 1767 DeTurk House; however, Mrs. Rhoads could not remember about the shutters. (See Letter No. 4 attached)

See also Letter No. 5 attached by Mr. Harold E. Yoder, Jr., Director of the Society,

dated February 13, 1970, in which he states the shutters are DeTurk.

Information Regarding Single Shutter at William Penn Memorial Museum, Harrisburg

Mr. Eric de Jonge, Chief Curator at the William Penn Memorial Museum, wrote in a letter April 17, 1969-- (See letter No. 6 attached)-- that the shutter was "acquired about three years ago" but gave no source. In a follow-up letter of May 5, 1969 (letter was removed from these files for use in the scrapbook on the DeTurk House prepared for the Oley Woman's Club) Mr. de Jonge gave the following information on color and design:

"Assume following colors used on DeTurck House shutters:
Entire framework: Barn Red
Panels both sides: Off white or buff (?)
Interior side of panels: 3/8" wide black or dark blue stripe, measured from edges of all four sides
Exterior (raised) panels: Same color as above on the molding of frame
The colors of Tulip and Rose cannot be established as a previous owner picked them out in black for better recognition."

Mr. de Jonge also sent three photos with measurements - one a close-up of the rose design, one showing both tulip and rose designs, and a third showing other side of shutter, with hinges. The first two photos are included in the scrapbook before mentioned, and the third is with this report.

Mr. Lawrence DeTurk in his remembrance of the house said he thought the shutter design may have been red and blue.

Mrs. Hottenstein visited both the Museum at Harrisburg and the Historical Society in Reading, noted traces of red on all shutters, examined designs, hardware, panels, etc. and in her opinion believes the shutters do match.

Mr. de Jonge stated in conversation that he thought the shutters would have been added around 1800, rather than having been put on originally in 1767.

Architect John Heyl said the shutters may have been on the house when built and the design added around 1800, that it would have been unusual to have a design as early as 1767. It is not certain whether he has examined the shutters or just the photographs.

Writings on the Shutters

1. In Architectural Record June, 1921, page 535, Mr. A. Lawrence Kocher wrote the following: "The shuttered window of the DeTurck House is unique with its two panels and decoration consisting of painted tulips and bell-flowers. It recalls the Pa. Dutch painted chest and the local slip-pottery and peasant furniture." A photo of the window appears on page 524.

2. Dr. G. Edwin Brumbaugh in an article in Penna. German Society Proceedings Vol. 41, published by the Society in 1933, page 42 states, "The other important, and, so far as the writer knows, unique feature of the DeTurk house, is the presence of painted tulip and rose decoration on the panels of outside shutters and upon a small interior

wall cupboard." Plate 34 pictures "Painted shutter panels, John DeTurk house, Oley Valley. The painting is almost obliterated by weathering; but traces of the rose on the upper panel, and the tulip on the lower, as well as the border pattern may be seen."

3. In the article in "Pennsylvania Dutchman" September 1953 quoted at the top of page 6 in this report.

4. Interior

Other than the description of the "washhouse" in the 1815 will quoted on page 3 of this report believed to be the 1767 house, and mention of the small interior wall cupboard having a decoration similar to the shutters on pages 7 (bottom) and 8 (top) of this report, no further description of the interior of the house was located. The aforementioned wall cupboard decoration is missing.

C. LIST OF OWNERS AND BUILDING DATA

Refer to large poster prepared by Mrs. Raymond LeVan from material gathered by the Committee.

Note: Mr. + Mrs. Moyer have sold their interest I will look up the date at the Courthouse when I can get there.

also, I will type up the entire information to insert in this report, allowing two pages.

will add item about 1767 house & removal.

Betty Hottenstein

Mr. Amos Theodore Croce, title Examiner for Berks Title gave us the following two sheets of "Proprietaries" which was very helpful in tracking down owners to 1935.

B.H.

Search

Sec.

Premises

Oley twp

PROPRIETARIES

Pat 1712 — Pat Book A 5 page 196 Phila.

ISAAC DETIURCK(DETRUCK)

Will 1727 — E W 28 (Phila)

JOHN DETURK(DETRUCK)

Will 1781 — B W 16
3 W 17

PHILIP DETURK(DETRUCK)

Will 1815 — D W 133
5 W 316

JOHN DETURK (DETRUCK)

Will 1868 — 12 W 97

* Jdgt sat in full 10/31/1916.
239 mtg 444(1911)sat in fill 10/31/1916

NATHAN K. DETRUCK(DETURK)

Int 1909 — 48 Adm 306
O/S/D 1910 — 42 RE 776

AMOS DETURK

Will 1893 — 17 W 750

ISAAC D. DETURK(DETURCK) Ad

Deed 1911 — 378 D 568

CHARLES S. DETURK(DETURCK)

Deed 1911 — 392 D 310

ISAAC D. DETURK(DETURCK)

JD 1916 — 200 Mar T 1916
ED 1916 — 3 May T 1916
SD 1916 — 445 D 62

MARTIN D. DETURK(DETURCK)

See Sh: 2

DESC. O. K.

11/3/1930

Searcher

SEE Sh: 1

Sec.

MARTIN D. DETURK(DETURCK)

Premises
Oley twp

Deed 1926 | 635 D 392 ✓ X

Adjacent to Friedensburg

JOHN BUNISKI (h)
AGNES BUNISKI (w)

Deed 1927 | 658 D 410 ✓ X

ANTHONY J. BUNISKI

Deed 1932 | 747 D 135 ✓ X

WILLIAM B. RHOADS

Deed 1933 1934 | ✓ 758 D 80 X

EDWARD E. RHOADS

Int 1934 | ✓ 69 Adm 13 X

Private O/S/O 1935 | 55 RE ✓ 688 ✓

Leon Minker Trust Dept

BERKS COUNTY TRUST CO (Admr)

Deed 1935 | 780 D 85 Ent 11/27/1935 ✓

IRA K. LEAMAN (h)
KATE LEAMAN (w)

Finis

DESC. O. K.

11/13 1935

Searcher

Sheet 2

D. PHOTOGRAPHS

The following photographs have been located and can be seen in holdings of the DeTurk House Council:

Earliest (Undated) 1. Undated photograph used in "The Historical Review of Berks County" Spring 1966 issue, page 56, in the article by Phoebe Bertolet Hopkins entitled "The DeTurk House of Oley." This is believed to be the earliest photograph located of the 1767 house because it includes the stone addition. Reprint of the article is included in this report.

Published 1909 2. Photograph included in the Reading Eagle of Sunday, November 28, 1909, page 12 - article entitled "Early History of the Fertile Oley Valley." This is the earliest article found to show a photograph of the 1767 house. One of the two men seated in front of the house has been identified as the late Rev. Isaac Stahr by his daughter, Mary Stahr. The same photograph appears again in the Reading Eagle of Sunday, December 31, 1916 page 20 article entitled "Great Religious Revival Which Occurred in Oley Valley 175 Years Ago." Also included with this article is a photograph of the Moravian Meeting House.

Published 1915 3. Photograph in Reading Eagle of Sunday, June 20, 1915 page 10 - article entitled "Farm in Oley on Which "Last of the Mohicans" was Baptized."

Published 1934 4. Photograph in DeTurk Family book opposite page 193.

Undated Probably '30's 5. Undated photograph (probably 1930's because it is similar to No. 4) reproduced in "This Month in Reading" April 1969.

1961 6. Photographs included with Historic American Building Survey. (in Scrapbook) which appeared

1967 7. Photograph taken for Eagle article/April 30, Sun. 1967 page 39 - article 'A Day in the Oley Valley - 1967'

Other Photo Collections of the 1767 House

1. The Historical Society of Berks County has a file. One photo has a particularly good early front view angle.
2. Edith DeTurk Hafer has loaned (given?) Council her collection, which includes an early colored post card. (in Scrapbook)
3. Philadelphia Museum of Art has undated colored slides - probably taken in the 1930's.

Shutters - Refer to page 7 of this report.
Stove plate - from The Bible in Iron by Henry Mercer, 1st edition 1914, p. 156

Large House Photos

Published 1915 1. Earliest available published 1915 - See No. 3 above.

1933	2. Mrs. Kenneth Kane donated two small photos dated 1933.
Published 1934	3. Photo in DeTurk Family book opposite page 33. Also shows 1767 house.

E. HOUSE IN WHICH THE THIRD MORAVIAN SYNOD OF 1742 WAS HELD

The Committee searched for an original document which would give a clue or description of the DeTurk house in which the Synod met, hoping to prove if it was in the "western end of the present main stone dwelling," as stated in the DeTurk Family book on page 43, or if it could have been held in another structure. Regarding a date stone for the large house, the book further states on page 43, "John D. DeTurk, of Kutztown, Penna., who was born and raised on the original homestead, remembers that his father, Nathan K. DeTurk, told him that in 1844, his father, John DeTurk, in making the addition (21 x 32 feet) to the original dwelling, the eastern gable end of the main house was taken down, and that a date stone was found in it which was accidentally incorporated in the foundation of this new part." The Synod of 1742 could not have met in the small stone house by the creek if the construction date was 1767 as the lintel states.

A research trip was made to the Archives of the Moravian Church, Bethlehem, Pa. on January 31, 1967 for the purpose of examining Authenische Nachricht February 1742, the original report of the 3rd Moravian Synod (in German). (See "Notice of Third Conference" in DeTurk Family book opposite page 65). Translator Mr. John Helwig of Oley, Pa. read the entire report and said there was no mention of a house at all apart from the title page.

Examination of other manuscipts at the Moravian Archives was interesting, but nothing early was found regarding DeTurk houses. At that time reorganization of files was being done, so there may be information not available during that visit.

A list of items related to Count von Zinzendorf was sent from the Library of Congress April 24, 1967. Mrs. Thornbrough phoned Mrs. Hottenstein to say these could not be borrowed because there was only one copy. It is unlikely anyone from this Committee will be going to the Library of Congress for research; anyhow, it would have to be someone who could read German. Further, there is no assurance anything on DeTurk houses could be located in the Zinzendorf papers.

A number of articles have appeared since 1900 concerning Moravians in Oley, and sometimes the little house is pictured in such a way as to give the impression that the conference took place in this house, but with no explanation given of the 1767 date. Notable examples are the caption under Plate 32 in Pennsylvania German Society Proceedings Vol. 41 published in 1933 ..."In this house the famous "Oley Conference" is said to have been held," and Annals of the Oley Valley by Rev. P. C. Croll published in 1926, which pictures the little house as "where early Moravians held service" on page 44.

When Architect John Heyl examined the western end of

the large house on March 18, 1967, he noted interior features of rounded window treatment, wide boards and hand made nails in the attic, which led him to accept a 1740 construction date. As stated before, he believes the 1767 date is appropriate for the little house by the creek.

In the absence of further evidence, the conclusion is that the Synod of 1742 met in the western end of the large stone house.

II DIARY OF ACTIVITIES of the HISTORICAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE

1966

October 19 - Official formation of the Historical Research Committee of the DeTurk House Council - Meeting held in large DeTurk House, Oley

November 1 - Interview with Dr. John Joseph Stoudt, Route 1, Fleetwood
Mrs. Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Hottenstein

November 3 - Trip to Berks County Historical Society - Consultation with Mrs. LeRoy Sanders
Mrs. Bower, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Hottenstein

November 10- Trip to Berks County Courthouse
Consultation with Mr. Amos Theodore Cross
Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Bower, Mrs. Richard DeTurck, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Hottenstein

November 13 - Interview with Lester Breininger, 4 S. Church, Robesonia
Mr. and Mrs. Hottenstein

November 16- Phone conversation with Mrs. John Leinbach -
Mrs. Hottenstein

November 18 - Trip to Philadelphia Museum of Art, Education Slide Department
Mrs. Hottenstein

November 21 - Archeology lecture by Mr. Omar Green for Mr. Richard Shaner's High School class, followed by visit to little DeTurk House
Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Hottenstein

November 22 - Interview with Misses Mary and Camilla Stahr, Oley
Mrs. Bower, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Hottenstein

November 24 - Taped interview made by Stephen DeTurk with his Mother, Mrs. Ella H. DeTurk Mengel, and his Grandmother, Mrs. Cecilia M. DeTurk* at Stephen's home, "Trail's End", Oley
Assisted by Mrs. Stephen DeTurk

November 29 - Meeting at Stephen DeTurk's home to study tape of Nov. 24 and other documents
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen DeTurk, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Hottenstein

December 12 - Interview with Edwin Deysher at the residence of Herbert J. Dalton, Jr., Oley
Mr. and Mrs. Bower, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Hottenstein

December 29 - Trip to Bucks County Historical Society, Doylestown, Pa.
Mr. and Mrs. Hottenstein

*Mrs. Cecilia M. DeTurk died December 19, 1968 at age 94.

II DIARY OF ACTIVITIES Continued

1967

January 3 - Trip to Carpenters Hall, Philadelphia
Mr. and Mrs. Hottenstein

January 7 - Trip to Reading Public Library -
Mrs. Hottenstein

January 23 - Phone report made by Mrs. Richard DeTurck on special reading at Albright College, Bennett Nolan collection, to Mrs. Hottenstein

January 27 - Phone conversation with James Waldron, Reading Museum
Mrs. Hottenstein

January 31 - Trip to Moravian Archives, Bethlehem, Pa.
Consultation with Vernon Nelson, Archivist
Mrs. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Bower, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen DeTurk, Mrs. Richard DeTurck, Mrs. Hottenstein - also special German translators, John Helwig and Fred Stauffer, both of Oley

February 26 - Visits with Lester Breininger, Robesonia, and Dr.* and Mrs. Arthur Graeff, Robesonia
Mrs. Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Hottenstein

February 28 - Mrs. Bower reported to Mrs. Hottenstein on conversation with Florence Deemer

March 13 - Interview with Mrs. Barry Whitman, 500 Carsonia Ave., Pennside
Mrs. Richard DeTurck, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Hottenstein

March 18 - Interview with Architect John Heyl to examine DeTurk houses, arranged by Richard Shaner, Chairman of the Architectural Committee
Mr. Heyl, Mr. Shaner, Mrs. Raymond Levan, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Hottenstein

March 20 - Interview with Newton Geiss
Mrs. Hopkins

March 22 - Examining research collection at George Meiser's home
Mr. Meiser, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Hottenstein

April 20 - Historical Research Committee meeting at Mrs. Hottenstein's home
Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Hopkins, Mr. Yoder, Mrs. Hottenstein
Also Mr. Stephen DeTurk, Mrs. Fred Klein, Mr. Richard Shaner

May 13 - Oley Valley tour sponsored by Oley Woman's Club in commemoration of 200th anniversary of little DeTurk House. "A Day in the Oley Valley 1967".
General Chairman - Mrs. Hopkins
A special tour booklet was prepared which included a historical summary of the House written by Mrs. Hopkins.
A large poster was prepared by Mrs. Raymond Levan giving dates of owners and historical facts; information was supplied by the Historical Research Committee.

* Dr. Arthur Graeff died March 28, 1969.

II. DIARY OF ACTIVITIES Continued

1967

May 13 - Tour (continued)
Mr. Gerald Yoder prepared art sketches, and Mrs. Hottenstein collected art works of the little DeTurk House for exhibit in the House itself. Guides included Mrs. Bower, Mr. Yoder, Mr. Meiser, Mrs. Hopkins and Mrs. Hottenstein

May 24 - Phone call from Mrs. Thornbrough of the Library of Congress
Mrs. Hottenstein

July 13 - Interview with Mrs. Ruth Mast, Route 1, Elverson, Pa.
Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Hottenstein

July 31 - Lawrence DeTurk and friends visited Mrs. Hottenstein

1968

August 19 and 20 - Trip to Philadelphia - Philosophical Library, Carpenter's Hall, and interview with the Architect of Independence Hall whose office is in the Second Bank of Philadelphia
Mr. Yoder

October 28 - Meeting of DeTurk House Council and Oley Woman's Club members to reorganize Council. Mrs. Hopkins and Mrs. Richard DeTurck made Co-Chairmen. Historical Research Committee major work completed and final report to be prepared.

1969

May 21 - Trip to Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Harrisburg
Consultation with Eric de Jonge, Chief Curator
Mrs. Hottenstein

Note: Some research centers in the Reading area were revisited. Repeat visits were not recorded.

Other Research Centers Visited Prior to Official Formation of Historical Research Committee

Schwenkfelder Library in Pennsburg - August 31, 1965
Consultation with Claire Conway Mr. & Mrs. Bower, Mr. Meiser, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Hottenstein

Philadelphia Historical Society - July 7, 1966
Mrs. Bower, Mr. Meiser, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Hottenstein

DIARY OF EVENTS (CON'T.)

April 25, 1970 The Women's Club of Oley held a benefit tea at the home of Dr. & Mrs. David Hottenstein, Rte 222, with proceeds donated to the DeTurk House Council. (Mrs. Hottenstein was the former Mary DeTurk.)

Dec. 21, 1970 The Cultural Heritage Committee of the Woman's Club of Oley decided to hold a flea market at the Oley Fair Grounds as a means of fulfilling the club's 5th year committment to the DeTurk House Council of the Historic Preservation Trust of Berks County.

May 22, 1971 The Oley Valley Flea Market was held by the Women's Club of the Oley Valley with the proceeds of $600 being given to the DeTurk House Council.

July, 1971 Mr. & Mrs. Richard H. Shaner, newly elected chairmen of the DeTurk House Council consulted with Mr. Robert Landis at the DeTurk House, concerning restoration of the roof. He suggested keeping the rafters now in use since the handhewn ones were not of the proper length.

October 27, 1971 At the meeting of the Historic Preservation Trust of Berks County, Mrs. Shaner gave Mr. Landis' recommendation concerning the rafters and it was decided to have him do this.

April 24, 1972 Mr. Robert Landis began working on the roof of the DeTurk House. First the slate roof was removed. This took two days of work(two men). On April 27 The clay tile were placed on the roof. Lumber was obtained by Mr. Landis from Schmoyer's to be used as lathe. Mr. William Angstadt also pushed over a tree on the upper side of the house. Mr. Landis finished putting on the clay tiles on Monday, May 1. Ridge tiles were used from the Blatt donation and also regular tiles from the ones stored at the DeTurk House and at Mrs. Jackson Keller's home. Putting on the roof took three days with Mr. Landis having three men work on the first day and four on each of the remaining days. Joseph Brill cut up the tree on May 2.

March, 1973 Mr. Robert Landis took the doors of the DeTurk House to Walbert's Lumber Mill, Mertztown, R.D. #1, to have them copied.

III. Bibliography

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need to check some references

IV. Correspondence

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need to work through files