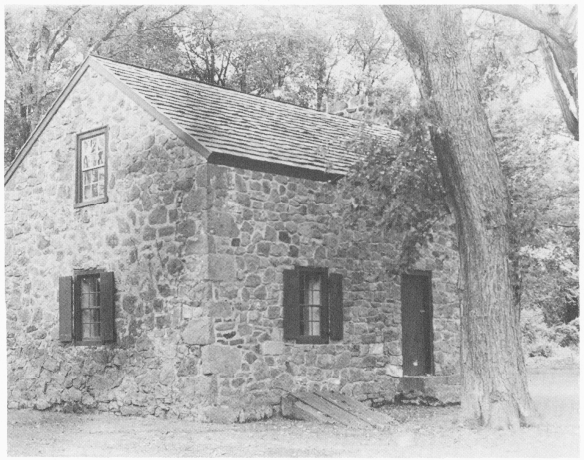
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THE WHITE HORSE TAVERN, pictured at top left, was built by George Douglass in 1765. The tavern, which has hosted many famous people, has seen service as a lodge hall, cobbler's shop, boarding house, dance hall and a rest stop for the twice weekly stage which traveled from Reading to Philadelphia.

THE BRIDGE HOUSE (bottom left) was built in 1780, supposedly by a grandson of Mouns Jones. This house later became the residence of the custodian of the covered bridge built here in 1832. It was occupied until 1957, but then went into a period of decay. Both structures have been acquired by the Historical Preservation Trust of Berks County, an organization founded in 1964 for the sole purpose of preserving local buildings and sites for historic preservation. The Bridge House has been restored to its 1780 appearance and is open to the public from May until October on Sundays or by appointment. The White Horse Tavern's renovation will be completed by 1976, restoring "Historic Morlatton" to its 18th Century appearance.

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THE MOUNS JONES HOUSE, colloquially known as the "Old Swede's House," was built in 1716. In October 1701 its owner, Mouns Jones, arrived with a group of Swedish settlers in the area now known as Amity Township. Originally Jones built a log cabin on his 500 acres. This structure sufficed until the completion of the present two and one half story stone house, the oldest documented home in Berks County.

Over the past two and one half centuries, the Mouns Jones House has been used as a Ferry House for people crossing the Schuylkill River, a small inn known as "The Lamb Inn," a summer picnic club and a chicken coop. Donated to the Historic Preservation Trust of Berks County in 1964, it has been restored to its 1716 appearance and is open to the public from May to October on Sundays or by appointment.

Photographed in front of the Mouns Jones House is Mrs. John A. Beard, president of the Historic Preservation Trust of Berks County.

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