

TREDYFFRIN HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST

FALL 2010 LECTURE SERIES

“The History of Chester County Barns”

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Wednesday, November 3, 2010

Refreshments 7:00 PM - Lecture 7:30 PM

Cost: \$15

DuPortail House, 297 Adams Drive, Chesterbrook, PA 19087

The lecture covers the history of common historic barn types in Chester County, beginning with Old World precedents and continuing through mid-20th century. It will include examples of barns in Tredyffrin Township and the surrounding area to illustrate this history. The lecture examines how agricultural developments in England and on the Continent led to rethinking of barn design. The earliest colonial barns are based on their Old World antecedents. Changes in agriculture in the 1790s, including the introduction of new types of harvesting tools and higher-yield crops, led to a period of barn experimentation. Two new barn types emerged at this time, both apparently introduced in Chester County and spreading to other regions. The increasing size of livestock, agricultural implements, and harvests in the 19th century led to more experimentation. In the early 20th century, the advent of large-scale dairying brought about a new stage in Chester County barn history, as a barn type introduced in Wisconsin was adapted to our county's agricultural taste.

Bob Wise is President of Wise Preservation Planning LLC. He has 18 years of experience in historic preservation, first with Brandywine Conservancy and then with his own business. He has a MS in Historic Preservation from University of Pennsylvania, MBA from Penn State Great Valley, and BA in History from Dickinson College. He has served on many boards, including Chester County Historic Preservation Network, Tredyffrin Historic Preservation Trust, Tredyffrin Historical and Architectural Review Board, Brandywine Battlefield Task Force, Open Land Conservancy, Eagles Mere Conservancy, and Betsy Ross House Center. Wise Preservation Planning is one of the leading historic preservation firms in southeastern Pennsylvania, having completed 21 successful National Register nominations, multiple municipal historic resource surveys and historic structure reports.

Seth Hinshaw is Senior Planner at Wise Preservation Planning LLC. He has an MS from University of Pennsylvania in Historic Preservation. He serves on the Downingtown Historical and Parks Commission and currently serves as its secretary. He specializes in historic property research necessary to document the significance of historic properties. The winter 2009 issue of the Tredyffrin Easttown Historical Society *Quarterly* featured his article on colonial religious architecture in the New World, establishing the tie with European antecedents. He is currently completing the text for an upcoming book documenting the history of Quaker meetinghouse architecture in N. America from 1670 to the present.

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