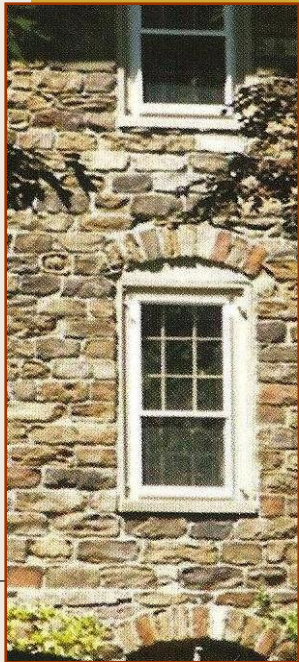


ARCHITECTURAL EAR MARKS

Indications of a former pent roof surrounding the building, along with a pronounced water table incorporated into the masonry along its foundation as well as segmental relieving arches above the windows are consistent with mid 18th century construction at the Stokes House.



HAYCOCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

An online picture album, charting the society's occupation of the Stokes house and progress is viewable on Haycock Historical Society's website:

www.haycockhistoricalsociety.org



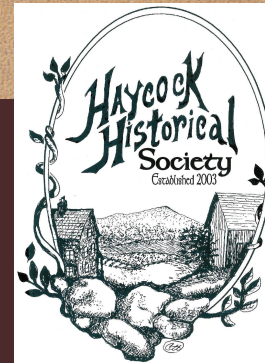
HELP US? PRESERVE HAYCOCK HISTORY

Your tax-deductable donation is welcomed by our preservationist group. Checks in any amount are gratefully accepted. They can be made payable to:

Haycock Historical Society
P. O. Box 715, Quakertown, PA 18951

STOKES HOUSE OF HAYCOCK

2011
BY HAYCOCK
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY



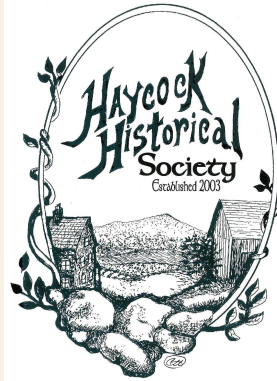
Stokes House Museum Hours:
Friday 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon

STOKES HOUSE TODAY

Nearly a quarter mile down a gravel lane, tucked discreetly behind the village of Applebachville, the Stokes house has sat patiently waiting to be given its rightful historical due. The homestead was once accompanied by many outbuildings, barns, and even included a pottery kiln. It is situated along the northern edge of Bucks County-owned Towhee Park, along Old Bethlehem Road and overlooks man-made Lake Towhee. Throughout Stokes' 270+ year history, the building had been both owned and sublet by various tenants, each having left their imprint, so that returning the building to any one period would be a daunting task.

Jeff Marshall, Vice President of Resource Protection at Heritage Conservancy of Bucks County and noted authority on old homes examined the architecture in 2010 and determined that it was consistent with pre-Revolutionary English style structures of the time. The building would have had two chimneys, one at each end of the main house, with hearths on each floor. Additionally, a chimney and fireplace would have been located on the northern-most wall of the adjoining summer kitchen. By the turn of the twenty-first century all of the fireplaces had been removed and significant work had been done to the basement in order to heighten the headroom by lowering the floor several feet.

Despite the alterations, this is an extremely significant historical building. It pre-dates the history of the surrounding village of Applebachville.



THE EARLY YEARS STOKES HOUSE Pre-dates the Revolutionary War

The 1740's farm house sits upon the land once known as Stokes Meadow. The Stokes family came from England about 1680 and settled in Burlington County, New Jersey. John Stokes, the eldest son, came to Haycock about 1743 but the Stokes may have been in the area before that time, as a description of the route to be taken by the first walking purchase mentions Stokes Meadow. This was around 1737. Direct tax records of 1798 list John Stokes owning 353 acres, a 34 x 24 two story stone house with 18 x 16 stone kitchen, 75 x 30 stone barn and 353 acres. From the evaluations given for taxes in 1798, this was the best farm in Haycock Township at that time. Early historical records indicate the Stoke's family had both horses and cattle. Records tell how Susan Stokes would lead their horses into the woods to hide them from the soldiers during the Revolutionary war. Militias, camping in the region, were ever in search of good horses and most certainly would have confiscated them and enlisted their services for military purposes.

Stoke's lush meadows and easy access to streams made the area ideal for raising cattle and horses. This fact would later lead to cattle trade, a lucrative business which helped form the village of Applebachville.

The Stokes family resided on this land until March of 1837, when the farm was sold to a merchant from New York City, George Dutch. This merchant built a large house upon the property for his son, George F. Dutch and gave the farm to him in 1842. George F. Dutch lived on the farm until 1847 when he sold the property to brothers, Paul & Henry Applebach, cattle drovers, who found the area a convenient stop along the original Lenape Indian path, the Minsi trail, a natural corridor between Philadelphia and Bethlehem where both cattlemen and their animals could rest and feed during their journey between the cities.

Paul and Henry built a hotel and livery stable on the corner of Old Bethlehem Road & Apple Road, at the end of the lane to the Stokes house. This event marked the beginning of the village of Applebachville. Within 10 years of 1850, directly following the purchase of the Stokes house, the brothers built a store, church and nearly a dozen brick two-story homes comprising the village of Applebachville. General Paul Applebach resided on the Stokes farm until his death in March 1872.

ESTABLISHING OUR GOALS

Haycock Historical Society began leasing the Stokes building from the County of Bucks in March, 2011 for the purposes of small meetings, archiving historical information pertinent to the Haycock area and to house a museum of ever-increasing donated artifacts.

It is the stand of this organization to embrace the many owners of the building and their impact on the structure as this itself is a documentation of the historical impact of technology on architecture. The society wishes to both share and preserve the structure and to record the effects technologic advances have had on it throughout history.