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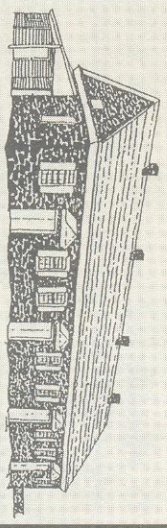
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Old Caln Meeting House

In 1716 the Caln Preparative Meeting was set up, and a log Meeting House was built. Tradition indicates that it was located in the valley on John Mendenhall's land in today's Village of Thornedale, and was known at that time as the Calne Meeting.

A new site on "top of *ye mountain*" was selected and approved by a committee for building in 1726 on land owned by Richard Pike. The Meeting House was situated in a grove of trees along the North side of the King's Provincial Road, or Lancaster Road, which today is called the King's Highway. This two room building was further enlarged in 1801 to accommodate the new Quarterly Meeting of Caln.

Purpose

- To bring together all residents and friends interested in the history of Caln Township and the surrounding area.
- To stimulate and maintain interest in the history of the area and its historical structures.
- To educate with regard to our history and, therefore, promote the social welfare of the community.
- To collect and preserve historical information including printed materials, documents and various other artifacts related to the history of the area.
- To disseminate historical information for the educational betterment and enlightenment of the residents and friends of the area.

Formation

(Of The Old Caln Historical Society)

Shortly after a fire in the mid 1970's damaged the Old Caln Meeting House located on King's Highway in Caln Township, a group concerned with bringing together all those interested in the history of the Caln area decided to form the *Old Caln Historical Society*.

While interest in the Old Caln Meeting House prompted the beginning of the Old Caln Historical Society, many other points of historical interest in the area have come to our attention and continue to be researched. Replicas of twelve historical properties in Caln Township have been completed and offered to the public.

The Old Caln Historical Society meets monthly and includes programs of historical and current interest to the public. A picnic is held on the grounds of the Old Caln Meeting house in August of each year.

One third of the Old Caln Meeting House is used as a museum to house the archives, artifacts and other historical memorabilia which has been collected by our Society during these recent years. This museum is open to the public on the first Sunday afternoon of each month, April through and including October.

Our strength is in our Leadership and in our membership. We look forward to having you join and participate in the Old Caln Historical Society

Membership Application

Name _____
 Street _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

- Single, \$7.50 Family, \$15.00
 Business, \$25.00 Life, \$100.00 / person

- I am enclosing this card and check payable to the Old Caln Historical Society
 Please bill me

Officers

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Members at Large (3)