

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Preservation of historic structures, properties, settings, and places afford future generations the opportunity to visit and experience the past. The historic preservation initiatives in the Dover Area include Dover Historic Society which meets periodically at 5 North Main Street in Dover Borough, York County Planning Commission initiatives, Historic York Incorporated initiatives, as well as Pennsylvania Historic Museum Commission (PHMC) initiatives. Oftentimes the groups work collaboratively as there are typically limited funding sources for historic preservation.

The PHMC provided data regarding National Register Listing of historic places for the Dover area as presented in Table 41: National Register Listing of Historic Properties in Dover Township and Dover Borough. The following definitions are applicable to the National Register Listing Status as identified below.

- Eligible/Eligibility – A property that has been evaluated and found to meet the National Register criteria and is eligible for listing on the National Register.
- Listed – A property that has been evaluated and found to have significance at the national level and designated as such by the Secretary of the Interior.
- National Register criteria for evaluation – Established criteria for evaluating the eligibility of properties included in the National Register of Historic Places.

Source: U.S. Department of the Interior, National Register Publications, Nrb 16A Appendix 4, Glossary of National Register Terms.

**Table 41: National Register Listing of Historic Properties
in Dover Township and Dover Borough**

Municipality	KEY Number	ER Number	Property Name	Address	National Register Listing Status	Date
Dover Borough	095692		Melchinger, Englehart House	5 N. Main St.	Listed	8/12/1992
Dover Township	086973		Conewago Hills Historic District	Rohler's Church Rd. area	Eligible	7/2/1982
Dover Township	079217		Davidsburg Distillery	5001 Davidsburg Rd.	Eligible	4/22/1985
Dover Township	140725	2004-1838-133-C	Gerber, William Farmstead	3795 Davidsburg Rd.	Eligible	2/16/2005
Dover Township	105386	1993-3431-133	Lauer Tract Farmstead	Wilmar Rd.	Eligible	1/24/1994
Dover Township	115338	2000-6097-133	Myers, John & Susan Property	North side S.R. 4014 East of Blackberry Rd.	Eligible	5/2/2002
Dover Township	000620		Pettit's Ford	4400 Colonial Rd.	Listed	5/3/1983

Source: Pennsylvania Historic Museum Commission Bureau for Historic Preservation

An inventory of properties in Dover Township and Dover Borough was completed in the late 1980's by Historic York Incorporated. The inventory included collecting data for all structures that were 50 years old or older, and it was determined that Dover Borough had approximately 145 potentially historic properties (structures 50 years old or older), while Dover Township had approximately 1,360 potentially historic properties (structures 50 years old or older). Property's whose historic integrity was good or excellent and whose condition was at least good or better, were further assessed and a historic "card" was completed for the property. The historic "card"

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included further assessment of a property or setting as being eligible for inclusion on the Pennsylvania Historic Museum Commission and or the National Register of historic places. According to the inventory there were (in 1989) 23 properties for Dover Borough and 18 properties in Dover Township whose historic integrity warranted the creation of a historic card. The list of properties is filed with York County Planning Commission, as well as with PHMC.