

Introduction to the 1803 House

Imagine you are standing at the 1803 House at the turn of the 18th century. Think about life without electricity or without railroads and modern transportation. What would you have seen looking around?



To the **West**
cleared fields...



To the **South**
a forest
[South Mountain]...



To the **North**
a stream...



To the **East** you would
have seen a
"Gemeinhaus"...
a building for worship
and lodging for students
and village visitors....

To the right is a painting of Jacob's farm as it looked in 1847 when owned by Israel Tool.



Rodale Press had purchased the property in the mid-1960's. Robert Rodale did some



research first before deciding what to do with the house. As a result, he and Mayor Pierce Randall agreed that Rodale would donate the house to the borough, along with \$10,000 in "seed money". Plus a committee would be established to research the history of the house, and raise an additional \$10,000 from the community. Robert and Ardath Rodale [left] then donated the house and property to the borough in 1974. Restoration began after the 1976 Bicentennial celebration, managed by the new committee called "**The Friends of the 1803 House**".



Step inside and go back in time to the early 1800's after the Moravians had settled in Emmaus. The house preserves the architecture of Moravian culture of Colonial Pennsylvania and illustrates the lifestyle of Colonial America. This beautiful renovated "time capsule" of the past is a vital link to our heritage and one of the oldest structures in the borough of Emmaus.