

Baird Lodge.

OWNERSHIP OF LEE LODGE

The house which was the scene of the celebrated capture of Gen. Chas. Lee Dec. 13, 1776 was kept as a tavern in revolutionary days by a Mrs. White and went by the name of "Whites Tavern". In this house, in 1820 a Dr. Boyle was shot at through a window by some would-be-assassin. He afterward moved from it to a brick house standing then in a locust grove near the present home of Mr. John Baird. After the war the Whites Tavern property passed through many hands; a Mr. Charles De Loney, a Frenchman first renting it. It was finally sold to Wm. Lewis, uncle of Dr. John Dayton.

Mr. Lewis added to the house, leaving the room in which Gen. Lee was taken prisoner, intact. Stephen Bennett followed Wm. Lewis as owner. Then a Mr. Morris, then Mr. Jas. H. Thompson who remodeled the old frame to the present form. In the olden time a high picket fence enclosed the yard and house on the roadside; afterward a stone wall with a thick row of Lombardy Poplars took its place. Now all the poplars have been cut down and the place has lost all trace of its former appearance.

Mr. Jas. Thompson sold this place to Col. Cox. for \$40,000. It subsequently passed into the hands of the President of the Bank of Bethlehem Pa. who sold it to Mr. Malcolm Thompson. When bought by Mr. Malcolm Thompson a stone wall still stood along the roadside in front of the house but set with a thick row of arbor vitae trees. A few poplars still remained on the place.

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