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ORIGINAL

This building in past years was renovated at least once. Originally the house had window sashes with small lights and a small porch at the front entrance. Tradition says that the stairway was located between the front two rooms and later removed to its present location within the back wing. The original house had six rooms with four being added at a later date.

PRESENT

This farmhouse, typical of those designed by the early settlers of Chester County, is a two and a half story stone structure with the exterior wall covered with stucco. original house with six rooms has a central door in the front flanked by two windows on the first floor and two windows on the upper level. A large screened-in porch covers the windows and door on the first floor. An extension to the back wing was added in later years. The axis of this wing is perpendicular to that of the front and a large chimney is centered over the extension. Two doors on the east side have heavy gabled roofs over them. windows are Victorian two over two sashes.

The interior of the front section has two rooms with fireplaces on the first floor. The stairway is located in the rear wing.

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"at right angles," perhaps?

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The David Havard house was used as quarters by Major General Charles Lee and Colonel William Bradford during the winter encampment of the American army at Valley Forge in 1777-1778. Bradford later was to become the second Attorney General of the United States in 1794 after serving in the same capacity in Pennsylvania for eleven years.

Havard built this farmhouse in the late 1760s on a tract of land acquired from his father. The original house with six rooms was typical of those built in the Chester County area. A later extension to the north side added four rooms.

In the 1880's Andrew J. Cassett, President of the Pennsylvania Railroad, purchased several farms, including the Havard farm, for a country estate to raise horses. This house served as a home for the manager of the Chesterbrook Farm for several years. Today the deserted farmhouse awaits possible inclusion in a housing development.

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