

Yoder Stone Cabin  
3/4 mile northwest of Lobachsville  
Pike Township  
Berks County  
Pennsylvania

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Address: 3/4 mile northwest of Lobachsville, Pike Township,  
Berks County, Pennsylvania.

Present Owner: George Goetz, Box 293, R.D. #1, Fleetwood, Penna.

Present Occupant: Vacant.

Brief Statement  
of Significance: An example of one type of early stone house built  
by the settlers of the Oley Valley.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

This stone house was probably built in the mid-eighteenth century, perhaps by a member of the Yoder family who later built the larger stone farmhouse which stands close by. The first Yoders in the Oley Valley were Yost and Hans who immigrated in 1714.

Sources of information: P. C. Croll, Annals of the Oley Valley (Reading, Pennsylvania: Reading Eagle Press, 1926), pp. 81-84.

Richard S. Montgomery "Houses of the Oley Valley," The Dutchman, Vol. VI, No. 3 (Winter, 1954-55), pp. 16-26.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The stone cabin of the Yoder farm is a small two-story house which is built into the side of a hill. It is more English in character than most of the more Germanic early buildings in this area, having two end chimneys, rather than a single center chimney, larger windows, and a narrower proportion in plan.

The building is in a good state of repair, being well maintained by the present owner.

The cabin is approximately twenty-five by fifteen feet, and has limestone foundations and walls. A very deep pent or stoop projects from the east wall above the door and is supported on rafters. This may be an extension of a former pent eave.

Two doors are set into the masonry walls, one on the south at the lower level, and one on the north at the second level. On the south there are two windows on the second level, and one window and the door on the first level. These windows have six over six light, double hung sash.

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The gable roof was covered in Oley Valley tile, laid in the traditional fashion with each tile directly above the other and with all vertical joints lined up, rather than being staggered.

The Yoder cabin sits on a slope facing south. The cabin is now incorporated into the landscaped yard of the Yoder house.

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