

Former Tenant House
of "Wister's Big House"
5262 Germantown Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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The records do not say just when this little house was built. It dates, however, from early times and is said to be almost contemporaneous with the Big House.

The southeast end is the earliest portion. From old drawings it appears to have been originally one story high. Early in the 19th Century, it was changed to two and one-half stories and an addition was built to the northwest.

Aside from its association with the Big House no particular historic interest pertains to it, but as an example of the small dwelling of our Colonial era it is worthy of record.

It is still the property of the Wister family.

The above account was obtained from Dr. James W. Wister, 5430 Germantown Avenue.

E. Paul Bissell

District Officer.

Reviewed 1936 by H.C.F.

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