

ANTES HOUSE
Colonial Road
Upper Frederick vicinity
Montgomery County
Pennsylvania

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STATE Pennsylvania	COUNTY Montgomery	TOWN OR VICINITY Upper Frederick vicinity, Frederick Township
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Antes House		HABS NO. PA-5623
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE N/A		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Colonial Road Frederick Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) circa 1734 (Goschenhoppen Historians)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Heinrich Antes (Goschenhoppen Historians)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The Antes House is an excellent example of a German three-room plan house. The house is unusual because so much of its original interior finish, including ceilings and board partition walls, have survived.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) vernacular German (classic three-room plan house)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Uncoursed rubble stone walling. Hewn timber framed double attic built with a principal and common rafter roof.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Two story gable-roofed stone structure, measuring 30'-9" by 37'-0".		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The house retains its original <u>seelenfenster</u> or "spirit window" on the northeast elevation.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Although the kitchen fireplace jambs have been altered, the original three-room first floor plan consisting of <u>küche</u> , <u>stube</u> , and <u>kammer</u> is intact. Other significant features include an original splined board partition wall, splined floorboards, ceilings consisting of grooved joists fitted with riven mud- and straw-wrapped staves, built-in wall cupboards, and a double (continued)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES The original central chimney and interior fireplaces have been removed and a 20th-century concrete block stove chimney has been added on the southeast elevation. A layer of 19th-century stucco conceals much of the original stonework.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Now owned by the Goschenhoppen Historians, the house is currently vacant. The Goschenhoppen Historians plan to restore the house and eventually open it as a museum.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) oral interviews with Philip Gehret of the Goschenhoppen Historians, Inc.		
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INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (continued):

attic. Grooved attic rafters indicate that the lower attic was originally a finished space. The original stone corbeling, built to support the jamb stove in the stube, survives on the northwest wall of the cellar.