



Historic Architecture in East Berlin, PA

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Introduction

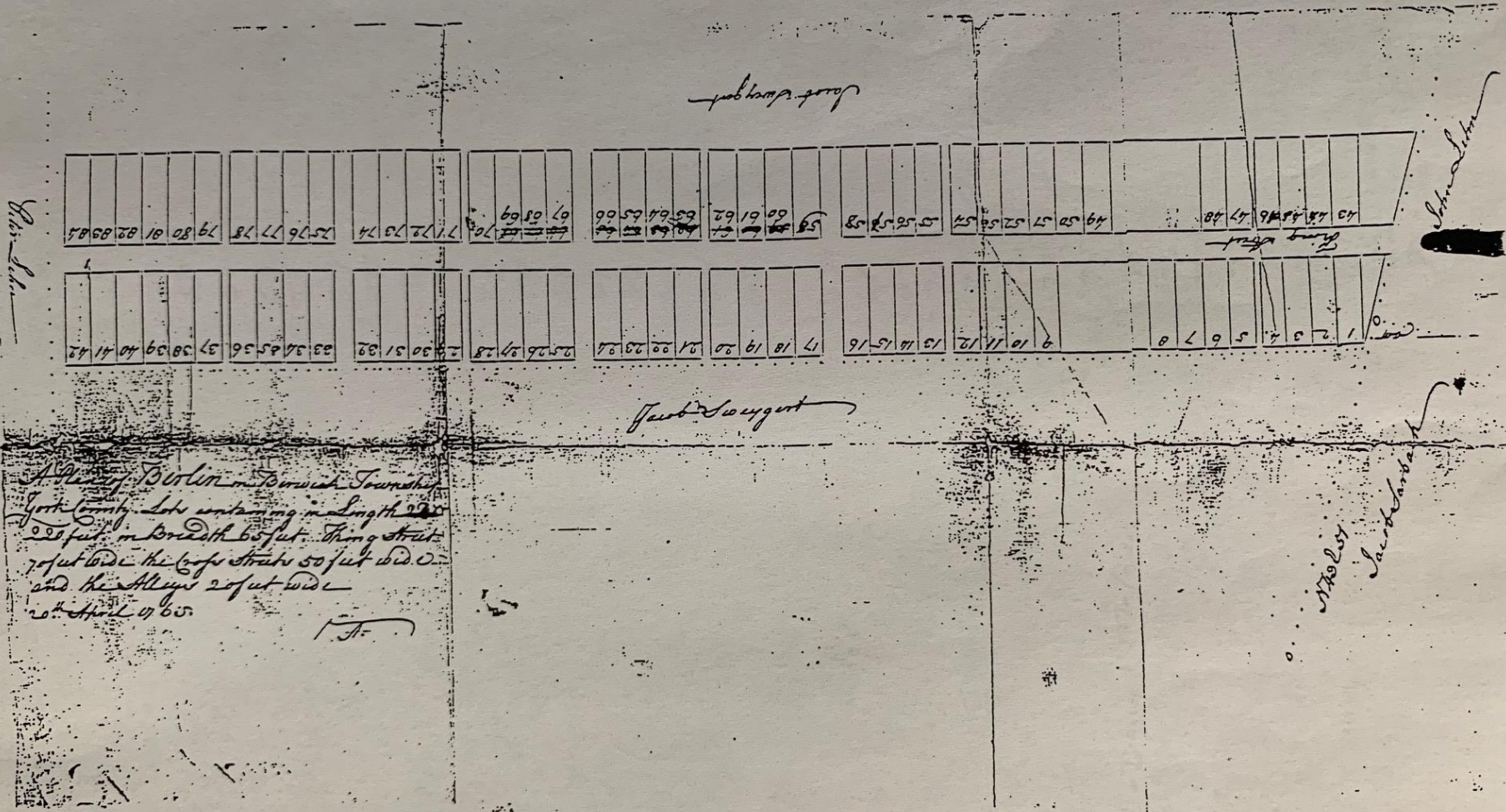


Baker-Jacobs House,
1797

The Borough of **East Berlin, Pennsylvania** is located at a **historic crossroads** and is bordered by **Conewago and Beaver Creeks**.

It is bisected by State Routes 234 (**King Street**) and 194 (**Abbottstown and Harrisburg Streets**).

These main streets, and **Locust Street**, are lined with an impressive number of **18th and 19th century buildings**.



A Plan of Berlin in Dutch Townships
 York County. Lots containing in length 200
 20 feet in breadth 65 feet. Third street
 70 feet wide the cross streets 50 feet wide
 and the Alleys 20 feet wide
 20th April 1765.

Original lot layout.

The **East Berlin Historic District** was listed on the **National Register of Historic Places** in 1985. It included 117 contributing buildings. Examples shown today are among those in excellent to good condition, with minimal alterations, mainly along West and East King Street.



Berlin
In Adams County, p. a.

"Visit to Berlin from
Lewis Miller, Sketches & Chronicles

Periods:

Colonial	1640-1800
Early Republic	1780-1830
Mid 19 th Century	1830-1860
Late Victorian	1850-1910

Styles:

Log Buildings	1638-1880
Pennsylvania German Traditional	1700-1870
Georgian	1780-1800
Federal	1780-1820
Second Empire/Mansard	1860-1900
Queen Anne	1880-1910

West King Street, heading west from the square.





Studebaker House,
1790



George Jacobs House,
1804



Running Bond Brick Pattern









Dolly Menges House,
ca 1770



George Spangler House,
1892





“East Berlin” Trim

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American Bond
Brick Pattern

Bechtel Mansion,
1897





Queen Anne details



Welcome to
EAST BERLIN

"Founded"
May 8th 1764
DANNERS
INSURANCE

John & Catharine Fox House, 1790



BUILT BY JOHN
& CATHARINE
FOX A.D
1790
D.M.



Smith-Hollenbaugh House, ca 1775

Thaddeus Stevens House
(owner from 1832-1848)







George Laurentz House,
1802



Flemish Bond Brick Pattern



Andrew Brunner House,
1817





West King Street, heading east toward the square.





Bullseye detail on window lintel



King House, ca 1750













East King Street, heading east from the square.











Jacob Fahnstock Farm, 1750



Flemish Bond Brick Pattern &
Segmented Brick Arch





XIX XIX

212



East King Street, heading west toward the square.



Luke Miller/John Hildebrand House,
1770





Baker-Jacobs House,
1797



Abbottstown Street



Harrisburg Street



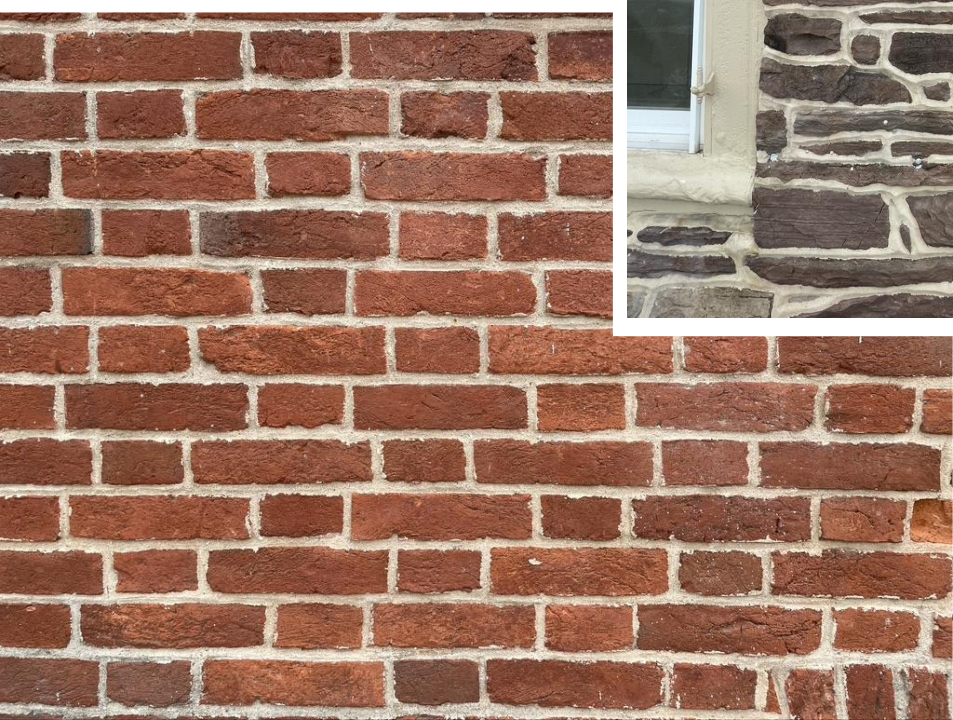
Locust Street



Wiest Farm, 1849

JOHN WILSON
& HIS WIFE
REBECCA
1849







Andrew Brunner House









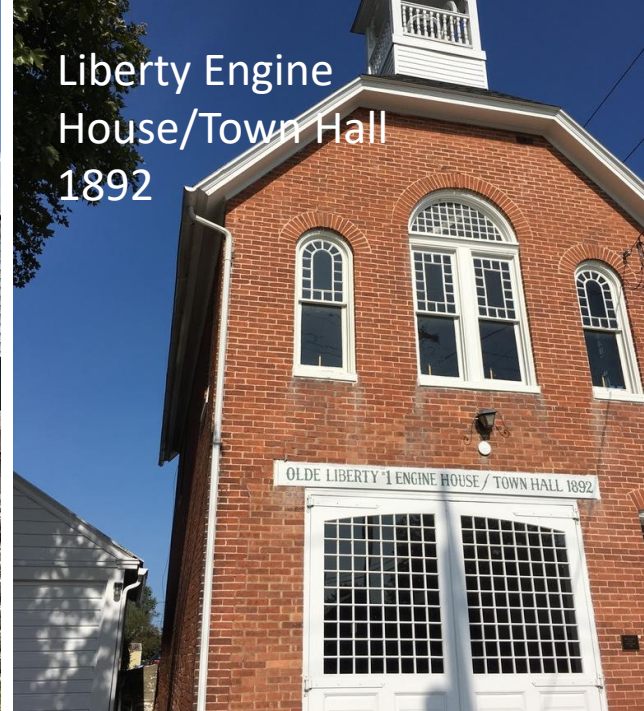
Red Men's Hall
Home of the East Berlin Historical Preservation Society



Trinity Lutheran Church
1888



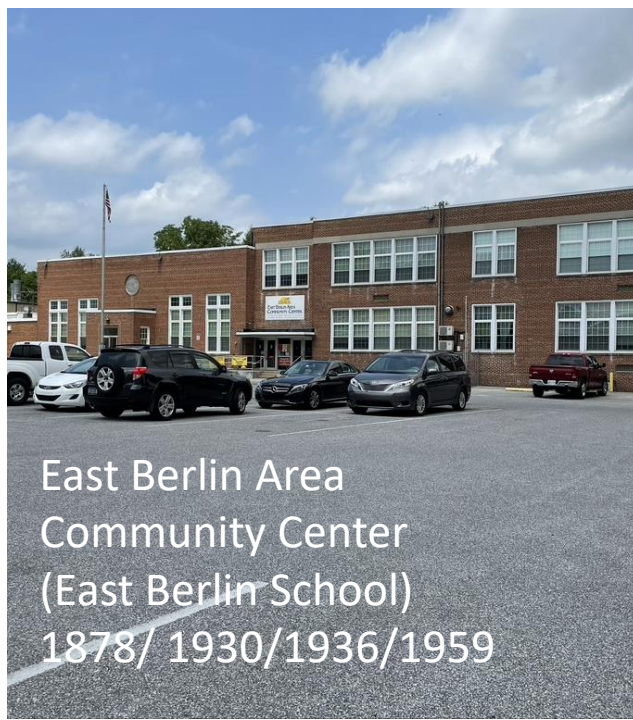
Church Schoolhouse
ca 1770



Liberty Engine
House/Town Hall
1892



Zwingli United
Church of Christ
1891



East Berlin Area
Community Center
(East Berlin School)
1878/ 1930/1936/1959



Trone Memorial Library
1899/2016



EBHPS
Log House
1832



EBHPS
Swigart's Mill
1794



EBHPS
Colonial Day
1975-2017

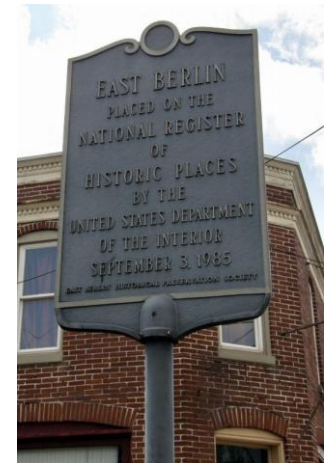
“**The National Register of Historic Places** is the official list of our country's historic buildings, districts, sites, structures, and objects worthy of preservation.

Listing historic properties in the National Register **encourages their preservation** and marks them as **important touchstones of our shared heritage**.

However, simply listing important places on the federal register **isn't enough to prevent demolition**. Most legal power to protect historic places rests chiefly with **local government**.”

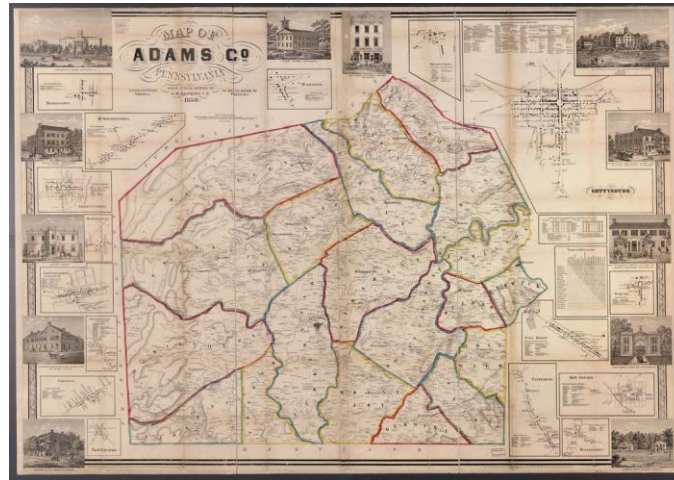
National Register of Historic Places

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/index.htm>



When a municipality wants to **prevent unregulated and insensitive change** in its historic core, including demolition, they will often create a **local historic district** deemed significant to the municipality's cultural fabric, identity and economy.

The main tool is the **preservation ordinance**, a local statute that contains provisions for **designating historic resources**, a **design review board** (also called a preservation or historic district commission) and a **design review process and guidelines.**"



The boroughs of **Gettysburg** and **Fairfield** are the only municipalities in Adams County that have a preservation ordinance. East Berlin is fortunate to have many property owners who sensitively maintain and modernize their historic buildings, but the borough does not have a preservation ordinance to ensure their long-term protection or prevent their demolition.

In **Fairfield**, alterations, renovations or remodeling of historic structures require **review and approval** by the **Fairfield Historical Architectural Review Board**. Upon approval, the HARB recommends that the Borough Council authorize a **Certificate of Appropriateness (COA)**.

<https://fairfieldborough.com/historic-district/>

From their **Design Guidelines-**

“Local historic districts allow a community to celebrate its distinct identity while protecting local assets and allowing for continued change over time.”

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

East Berlin Historical Preservation Society <http://www.ebhpspa.org/>

Historic Gettysburg-Adams County Preservation Society <http://www.hgaconline.org/>

Adams County Historical Society

<https://www.achs-pa.org/>

Historic Architecture of Adams County, Pennsylvania, Book One & Two, by James J. Fritz.

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission “Architectural Field Guide”

<http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/portal/communities/architecture/index.html>

Adams County Library System <https://www.adamslibrary.org/>

Disclaimer:

This program is an introduction to East Berlin’s historic structures. Every effort has been made to be as accurate as possible.



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