

# Tour Historic Oley Valley

Friday, September 11, 2009

Join us on a narrated guided tour designed to help you learn about your Pennsylvania German ancestors – their beliefs, their land, the houses and barns they built and the things they made that distinctly identified them.

Located in the southeastern part of Berks County, the Oley Valley was settled in the 18<sup>th</sup> century by German, Swiss, French, English and Swedish immigrants who brought with them their agricultural traditions, architectural styles and religious beliefs. The Oley Valley abounds in well-preserved architectural sites, many on the National Register of historic Places.

Our tour guide, James Lewars, is a man well-versed in the historic architecture of the Oley Valley. We will meet him at the Daniel Boone homestead where he is Administrative Director. Here you will be introduced to the typical 18<sup>th</sup> century Pennsylvania German log architecture of the Bertolet House, and, in contrast, to an authentically-furnished English home, that of the Boone family.

Our driving tour then takes us through this rich agricultural valley to view the homesteads of such early settlers as the Bertolets, DeTurks, Levans, Hunters, Fishers and Leshers, among others. Among the highlights of the tour are opportunities to experience the quietude and simplicity of the Exeter Meeting House where Quakers still worship, and to explore the 1750's stone house of the Jacob Keim family.

**Please note:** The tour is only open to persons who attend the Genealogy Conference. You will receive a confirmation for your bus tour reservation. Directions to the center will be enclosed with the confirmation. Seating is limited.



## Schedule

- 8:00** Depart promptly from the Cultural Heritage Center. Parking is available at the Center.
- 9:45** Arrive at Boone Homestead and meet our tour guide, James Lewars, Administrative Director of the homestead.
- Narrated Driving Tour
- 12:00** A Bag Lunch\* at Oley Salem UCC Church  
A talk about the church by Don Yoder
- 1:30** Continue driving tour
- 5:00** Time approximate  
Return to Heritage Center

\*The bagged lunch includes a sandwich of your choice, a side salad (potato or pasta), a freshly baked cookie, and a can of soda or bottled water

Lunch is included with fee.



## Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Choice of Sandwich:

Beef  Turkey  Vegetarian

Note: Due to limited seating and a possible need for a refund if the bus is filled when we receive your registration, please send a separate check for the tour.

Registration Fee per Person:

Member PGCHC \$45.00  
Non-member \$50.00

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Detach this form and send with check to:  
Heritage Center Library  
22 Luckenbill Rd.  
Kutztown, PA 19530  
Attn: Lucy Kern

**Registration Reservation requested by  
September 1, 2009**