

**WEST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP
Historical Commission
Agenda
Monday, August 10, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

This Meeting will be held by teleconference via Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENT

OLD BUSINESS

1. Applicant: Lochiel Farm – Historical interruptive sign review.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 13, 2020

HISTORICAL COMMISSION CONCERNS

TOWNSHIP UPDATE

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: **September 14, 2020**

Directions to access the Zoom Meeting

Option 1:

Click on this link to register: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwocu-hqzsjGdLTntxNMtPUGUndlJKrdxpv>

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Use your phone and call +1-646-558-8656. When asked, enter the Meeting and Password.

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LOCHIEL

Early records of the land of Lochiel Farm show the following chain of ownership.

1704-1798 – Richard Thomas Jr. and Samuel Lewis, both from prominent Welsh Quaker families, each own portions of the property, totaling an excess 2,000 acres. The first mention of a dwelling on the property occurs in 1796 and is listed as a 30 x 20 stone and log structure. (Below Photograph: Lochiel Harness Shop)



1799-1839 – Griffith Lewis takes ownership of the land and begins building a main house in 1814, originally located on Ship Road in Exton, West Whiteland Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania. Lewis's son retains ownership until 1839. (Below Photograph: Lochiel Main House Prior to 202 Restoration)



HISTORICAL TIMELINE

MAKING CONNECTIONS TO THE CHESTER VALLEY TRAIL

A long trough connected the original barns of Lochiel Farm with the Chester Valley Railroad (now the Chester Valley Trail) for the transportation of farm goods.

Lochiel Farms was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984.



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FARM

1840-1910 – The property is used for tenant farming, with the farmers and their families residing in the main house and outbuildings. (Below Photograph: Lochiel Tenant House Prior to 2020 Restoration)



1911-1932 – The farm becomes the summer residence of the Master of the Whitelands Hunt, Max Livingston, who uses the land to raise hunting dogs. (Below Photograph: Memories of the West Whiteland Hunt)



1939-2001 – The property becomes a dormitory for students of Church Farm School.