



## Historical House

This Fairmount Avenue home in Washington Township, circa mid-18th century, is one of the attractions on the Historical Society's House Tour to be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 11.

# Historical society schedules tours of vintage area homes

WASHINGTON TWP. — The township Historical Society's house tour, scheduled from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 11, will highlight six unique homes in the township's Fairmount section.

Fairmount is on Fox Hill between Schooley's Mountain and Hell Mountain in the township. It was named for John Peter Fuch (Fox), a German Palatine, who settled in the area in 1710 with other farmers to grow a special species of wheat. The area was called Foxenburg, then Fox Hill until it became known as Fairmount in 1850.

Amongst the list of homes to be featured is an early 1800s stone house, furnished with antiques, and another

home that still retains its original tree-trunk support beams and a restored carriage house with a great room and vaulted ceiling.

A 14-room home, built in 1742, will showcase a family heirloom dollhouse and a mid-18th century house on Fairmount Road, which has been restored to historic preservation standards.

The tour also includes a farmhouse, situated near a pond, which incorporates modern design elements with views of the pond and gardens.

The house tour is the historical society's major fundraiser. Proceeds are

used to preserve and maintain the museum building, the old stone church ruins, the church cemetery and the society's collection of historical artifacts. The society also supports the restoration of the La Tourette Mill.

The tour is open to the public, and tickets may be purchased the day of the tour at the museum located at 6 Fairview Avenue in Long Valley. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$6 for seniors. A luncheon by the Fairmount Firehouse Ladies Auxiliary will be available.

For information, call (908) 876-9696.