

When a family is making a major purchase buying a farm there are many important factors to consider. To name a few: the history of an older property, the location of the property to area attractions, roads, schools, recreational venues and access to necessities, and lastly the attributes of the property that meet the needs of the family members.

This property has been a lifestyle for our family since 1978. My husband is the seventh generation Wallace to occupy this farm. It was purchased by Michael Wallace in approximately 1805 from the Spruce Creek Manor of the Issetts who derived their ownership from the descendants of William Penn. The history of Huntingdon County by Africa refers to Michael Wallace as a pioneer in the area. He established several businesses at Union Furnace, PA. The current house is not the original house, but was built in 1879 as evidenced by the signed plaster pictured. The property has, however, been occupied and farmed by the family throughout the years.

There are arrowheads that have been discovered at several locations along the property from the migrating Indians. There are fence rows made of stone and wood that are assumed to be original. The riverfront along the Juniata River extends approximately 1500 feet. The river in the 1800's was navigable to Birmingham, PA. Now the Juniata River is considered one of the best bass and trout fishing rivers in the eastern United States. This property provides direct river access for any water activities.

Continuing on describing this unique property and its attributes and location, it is located twenty five minutes from downtown State College, PA – the beloved home of PSU; twenty five minutes from Altoona, PA with its shopping mecca of the center region; a forty five minute trip will bring one to the Blue Knob Ski Complex, reported to be the best vertical ski slopes of the east; to the south lays Lake Raystown, the largest man made recreational lake totally in PA, with the launch ramp a mere thirty five minutes. Educationally, the property lies in the award winning Tyrone Area School District. Also, in Birmingham, PA (three miles away) lies

the Grier School for Girls, a world renowned college preparatory school for girls with many opportunities. PSU is again twenty- five minutes away and Juniata College is thirty minutes to the south in Huntingdon, PA. Beautiful Sinking Valley to the south has seen a recent influx of Amish and Mennonite families.

Lastly the property is located six miles from Interstate I-99, which provides access to the south and Washington, the west and Pittsburgh, and the east to Philadelphia.

This home has been restored with care to try to maintain as many original attributes as possible. The original windows are still there with storm windows covering them. The hardware on the windows are original as well as the doors and woodwork. The foundation is original, although the basement has been dug out and cemented to allow modern functionality. A minimal amount of woodwork has been painted with the rest with original finish. The walls are wallpapered or painted, but the original horsehair plaster wall still remains. The staircase to the second floor is original as are the interior doors. In the stairs to the attic, the old stains from the curing of the meats remain. The intent was to blend the old with a minimum of new. The exterior finish on the house is German Lap Siding. It has been painted several times and is in need of painting at this time. If we were staying at the property we would again paint. However, a new owner might choose to side the property and cover the siding. That will be at the discretion of the buyer.

Living at this property has been a lifestyle for our family. Over the years we had animals and crops. We were all involved in the physical work of the farm. It created an atmosphere of our working together and playing together that was unique to rural living. The wildlife of the farm is always present and seeing deer, rabbits, squirrels, turkey etc. has added to provide an outstanding quality to life.