

Village of Hogestown

What started as timberland is now a small community of people who want to preserve the Village's history. There are a few residents who still remember when Hogestown only had a two-lane road. They recall having to give up front yards when the highway came through. Today, they witness the heavy traffic that travels through their Village. Many of the homes once built from logs from local trees are now encased with aluminum siding. The Village of Hogestown and the architecture are worth preserving.

The Village of Hogestown dates back to the early 18th century when John Hoge and his wife Guintheleum Bowen Davis settled near what today is known as Hoge Run. Hoge and Davis's son, David, in 1780, built a log cabin on what is today known as "Shillelagh Farm."

Jonathan Hoge, another son of Hoge and Davis, built the large limestone structure that sits east of the Village. From the late 18th century, travel journals describe the building as a tavern and an inn and the first visible light moving west after leaving the Susquehanna River.

The third Hoge property is known as "Shadow Oaks," built by John Hoge, Jr. Hoge started building the estate but passed away before its completion. His daughter, Sarah, finished building the complex. In 1937, a fire destroyed the barn. The owner at the time, Senator George Wade, brought together family and friends and rebuilt the barn. Dr. George Wade, Jr, a local veterinarian, and the Senator's son, eventually took ownership of the property. Large White Oak Trees that once populated the grounds gave the estate its name.

The photos depict the Village of Hogestown in 1872, the 1960s, and the 1970s. Today the goal of the Hogestown Heritage Committee is to make sure the historic Village does not get lost in all the traffic.







Hogestown 1906. Carlisle Pike

