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Preservation of Historic Winchester's 38th Annual

# Holiday House Tour Potato Hill Promenade

## Preview Party

Saturday, December 6 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. **Daylight Tour** 

Sunday, December 7 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

## Bough & Dough Shop

Winchester Little Theatre, 315 W. Boscawen St. December 6: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. December 7: Noon to 5 p.m.



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- 1. 219 South Kent Street Martha Shickle
- 2. 221 South Cameron Street Eugene and Sarah Smith
- **3. 510-512 South Loudoun Street**—Joseph and Sharon Collette *Preview Party House*
- 4. 602 South Loudoun Street David and Margery Wingenbach
- 5. 610 & 612 South Loudoun Street Dr. John Chesson
- 6. 17 East Monmouth Street Tommy and Sarah Beavers
- B: Bough & Dough Shop, 315 West Boscawen Street Open Saturday, Dec. 6: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 7: noon–5p.m.

*Free parking is available at the Bough & Dough Shop, City-operated surface lots, and on-street along the tour. City Autoparks are \$0.50 per hour. Please be mindful of residents when utilizing on-street parking.* 



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# Potato Hill Promenade

We elcome to Potato Hill, one of the oldest neighborhoods in Old Town Winchester. The area encompasses the gentle hill on South Loudoun and South Cameron Streets and the adjoining side streets.

The origin of Potato Hill is lost in the mists of time and subject to fanciful speculation. By the 1850s, the name had moved from local oral tradition to written history, leaving a tantalizing mystery of a bygone era.

Many of the buildings in this area are log, in whole or in part, and many of those likely contain remnants of Fort Loudoun. The fort, constructed by George Washington during the French and Indian War, never saw combat and was abandoned in the 1760s. Since the fort's wood was in good repair, local builders repurposed it for their new construction on Potato Hill.

Potato Hill had fallen on hard times 200 years later. Several homes were saved by Preservation of Historic Winchester's Jennings Revolving Fund. Others were "spin off" restorations enabled by PHW's neighborhood stabilization efforts. All of these buildings remain because of owners who were willing to peel back the layers of inappropriate changes and reveal the early American history waiting beneath.

There is no better time to see these success stories than during PHW's 50th anniversary year. Join us for the Potato Hill Promenade!





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## Bough & Dough Shop Winchester Little Theatre 315 West Boscawen Street



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#### *Open: Saturday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, noon-5 p.m.*

#### Musicians: Celtic Heir Duo, Sunday 1:30-3:30 p.m.

The Winchester Little Theatre occupies a former Pennsylvania Railroad freight station built circa 1890. The hipped roof over the brick exterior provides cover for the freight loading dock. The interior was modified to accommodate live theatre performances by the Winchester Little Theatre. The Theatre moved into its railway home in 1974 and has provided critically acclaimed professionalquality live theatre to the community ever since.

Since 2011, the Theatre has been the home of PHW's Bough and Dough Shop during the Holiday House Tour weekend. Turn the page to learn more about the Shop!

# Bough & Dough Shop

Start your Winchester Holiday House Tour weekend with a visit to the Bough and Dough Shop in the Winchester Little Theatre for fresh greenery and unique handmade items from local artisans.

This year's proceeds from the Shop will benefit the **Winchester Little Theatre Restoration Campaign**. The Pennsylvania Freight Station is in need of substantial structural work to the masonry walls and roof, with the final goal being to restore the building's original appearance with a slate roof. PHW is committed to seeing this local landmark restored and remain a vital arts hub for the Winchester-Frederick County community with a pledge of \$25,000 and additional donations based on membership support like the Bough & Dough Shop.

When you purchase artisan goods or greenery from the Shop this year, you will be helping Winchester Little Theatre realize their dream of restoring the Pennsylvania Freight Station to its exterior appearance circa 1890.



Proposed northern elevation of the Winchester Little Theatre with slate roof and restored eyebrow dormers. Image provided by Tim Machado, DESIGN CONCEPTS

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#### 219 South Kent Street The Home of Martha Shickle



This charming log cottage is one of the oldest extant structures on South Kent Street. It was likely built shortly after 1823 when part of Lot 142 was sold for \$20 to Elizabeth Conrad. The cozy one and a half story cabin still retains many of its hallmarks as an early vernacular structure, such as a wood shingle roof, a solid vertical batten wood door, and a one story shed wing that formerly served as the milk and wash house. The home also incorporates Victorian-era gingerbread additions with delicate, stylized tulip sawn balusters on the porches.

This cottage, as well as several other nearby homes, was owned by the Hodgson family from 1899 until 1979, when the Hodgson Estate properties were purchased through PHW's Jennings Revolving Fund and rehabilitated by the new owners.



#### **221 South Cameron Street** The Home of Eugene and Sarah Smith



This house sits on part of Lot 202, which was granted to (Johann) Adam Haymaker, an immigrant from Hachenburg, Germany, in 1759 from Lord Fairfax. The Haymakers were primarily gunsmiths and blacksmiths, but also boasted skilled mechanics and carpenters in the extended family. In Adam Haymaker's will of 1808, Lot 202 was subdivided and the portion along Clifford Street was given to his grandson, also named Adam, to be held in trust until his twenty-first birthday by Christiana Haymaker. It is presumed the house at 221 South Cameron was built by this Adam Haymaker circa 1820. Later, the log structure was imbued with Italianate style through the addition of brackets and a porch with turned posts and sawn balustrades.

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We look forward to continuing representation and assisting clients in our office located in the historic district.

Happy Holidays to our clients, friends and members of PHW!

#### 510-512 South Loudoun Street The Home of Joseph and Sharon Collette

Site of the Preview Party on Saturday, Dec. 6



The Grim-Moore House consists of two separate buildings, now joined into one residence by a modern kitchen addition. The circa 1760 log house at 512 South Loudoun was built for the Grim family, while the larger brick structure at 510 was built circa 1796 for Henry and Kate Moore. Henry operated a granary on the property, while Kate was renowned for her dress shop and ladies' merchandise. The home was purchased from PHW in 1977 by Bill and Virginia Miller, and they undertook the task to save these two structures.

During the initial renovations, traces of the shelves which once lined the living room indicated its use as Kate Moore's shop. The dining room mantel of yellow pine features acorns, a motif seen on several other early Winchester mantels. Extensive corrective work was required to level the log house, which can still be seen in the slant of the mantel in the log house.



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#### 602 South Loudoun Street The Home of David and Margery Wingenbach



The house at the corner of South Loudoun Street and East Monmouth Street is an impressive example of early Federal-style limestone construction in Winchester. The façade features dressed, coursed stones, while subsequent elevations consist of loosely coursed rubble. The interior framing is hand-hewn post-and-beam construction. The rafters in the attic are marked with saw-cut Roman numerals so they could be assembled from the beams measured and cut at ground level. The original floors are retained on the second story and in the attic. Six of the original seven fireplaces are functional, the seventh having been converted to a furnace flue in the cellar.

The house stands on land granted to Charles Grim by Lord Fairfax in 1759. Charles Grim was a member of Daniel Morgan's Riflemen during the American Revolution. The property passed to his son Jacob Grim, then Jacob Anderson, before being purchased by Conrad Crebs in 1786. Accounts vary as to whether the Grim family or Conrad Crebs built the existing stone house; one theory suggests Crebs enhanced a structure built by the Grims.

By 1908, the Charles Grim House was altered for commercial use, later a tourist home, and subsequently modified into three apartments. Traces of this modification can be seen in the stone patchwork above the entrance and the first floor windows where there had been two doors and a porch.

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#### 610-612 South Loudoun Street Owned by Dr. John Chesson



These two buildings were originally owned by Conrad Crebs, a Hessian soldier from Hesse Cassel. Crebs came to America as a soldier under British General John Burgoyne during the Revolutionary War. He was later captured and brought to Winchester as a prisoner of war. He remained here after his release, married, and built several houses on Potato Hill.

612 South Loudoun was Conrad Crebs' residence. The two-and-a-halfstory Federal-style log dwelling is clad in beaded weatherboard siding, capped by a copper roof with dormers. The interior features four huge limestone fireplaces, while the living room includes an exposed log wall. The narrow, winding stairs to the second story lead to a seven-sided hall. A small study has a trap door and pulley used to haul large items from the living room to the second story.

610 South Loudoun was used as Conrad Crebs' wagon-making shop. There are two large, forge-like limestone fireplaces and intriguing round holes in the interior exposed log wall, presumed to be relics of the shop. Both properties were purchased by the PHW Jennings Revolving Fund in 1979. Renovations will begin soon at 612 South Loudoun.



#### **17 Cast Monmouth Street** The Home of Tommy and Sarah Beavers



Conrad Crebs bought the land that this house sits on from James Marshall on March 4, 1799. This clapboard-sided log house likely was built for one of the eleven Crebs children. Some portion of this house was standing by 1823 when the property, including "lot and improvements," was transferred to John Crebs, a grandson of Conrad Crebs.

It is one of the oldest structures on Monmouth Street, and as such it has seen many alterations over the years to keep up with fashions. The last was a twentieth-century addition of pebbledash siding and a Craftsman-style porch. The current owners removed the stucco and replaced the porch, as well as adding solid paneled wood shutters. This façade improvement earned them an Award of Merit from Preservation of Historic Winchester in 2013.

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Pianist: Linda Beavers

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