



With slightly less than 3 square miles of land within its boundaries, Pleasant Hills is uniquely situated in a growing area of Allegheny County eight miles southeast of Pittsburgh, PA. Surrounded by reminders of a long history in southwestern Pennsylvania, residents share a pride in the vital community we are today and eagerly plan for the future. We have been deliberate in our efforts to preserve our heritage. Within our borders, we have a privately owned, log home dating back to 1774 which is listed on the state's registry of historic buildings. Remains of the outdoor summer kitchen and an apple orchard are still clearly present. Little is known about the owner and builder of the three story log and red brick home. It is believed he was a German immigrant. This helps explain the three story construction of the log section. Despite plenty of room to build his home, large, heavy, hand hewn logs were raised higher and higher into place in the traditional building custom of his homeland. In 1840 the "new addition" was built. The red brick exterior was made on-site using the abundant clay found on the property.

Another beautiful stone house known as the "Torrence House" which dates back to 1797 is still privately owned and occupied on modern day Colson Drive. Additionally, Pleasant Hills Borough is one of the few communities in the United States with its own preserve of virgin woodland. Named in honor of the donor, The A. W. Robertson Arboretum, is a 16 acre tract of land containing trees that have been growing here since the Delaware, Shawnee and Mingo Indians were the only people to call the area home. The state certified several trees within this preserve as being over 200 years old at the time of the America's bicentennial in 1976.

So, just what is the history these beautiful trees have been a silent witness to?



Corner of Rt 51 and Old Clairton Rd - 1941