

POMEROY-ACADEMIA COVERED BRIDGE

70 Mill Road, Port Royal, PA 17082

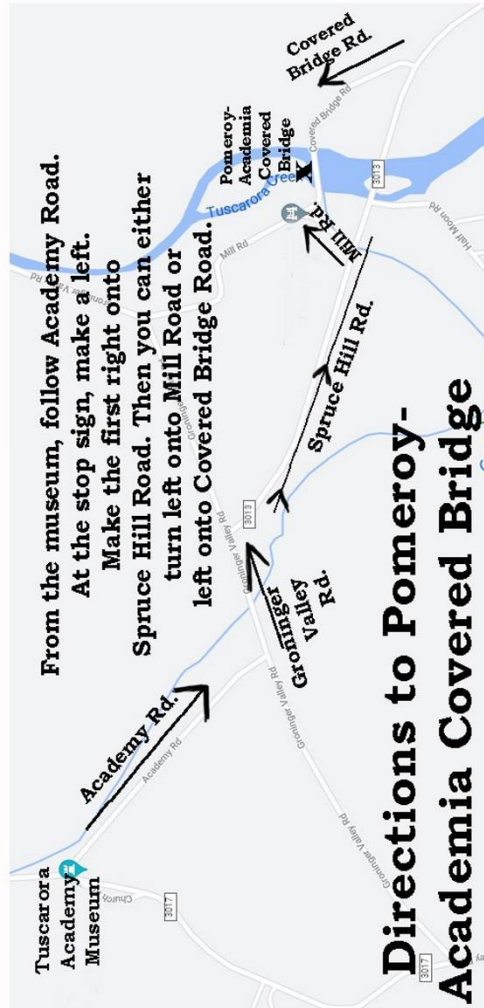


Preservation of historic sites is part of our mission, and we are proud to own the Pomeroy-Academia Covered Bridge, which, at 278.4 feet, is the longest remaining covered bridge in Pennsylvania. It crosses the Tuscarora Creek near Academia.

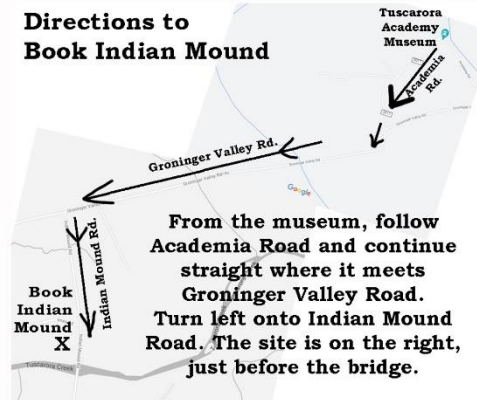
In 1979, it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Built in 1902 by James N. Groninger for \$6,484, it features a double span Burr Arch Truss design. In June 2009, the Society completed an eight-year, \$1.4 million restoration. As you walk through, keep your eye out for the visitor guestbook. We enjoy reading everyone's entries!



Parking is limited at these sites, so please be respectful of adjoining properties.



Directions to Book Indian Mound



JUNIATA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY & SITES

Founded in 1931, the year of the county's centennial celebration, the Juniata County Historical Society's mission is the discovery, preservation, and publication of Juniata County's history.

We welcome you to visit:

TUSCARORA ACADEMY MUSEUM



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Look inside for more information!

TUSCARORA ACADEMY MUSEUM

472 Academy Road, Mifflin, PA 17058



Owned and maintained by the Society, the Tuscarora Academy Museum is the site of the first secondary school in Juniata County.

Built in 1816 as a church, it was also used for classes after the Academy was established in 1836.

In 1850, the church sold the building to Academy trustees, a second floor was added, and education continued inside for 80 years.

Tuscarora Academy became a premier boarding school with students attending from across America. It became coeducational in 1873. Although other campus buildings were erected around it, this is the only one remaining.

In 1970, a museum was established inside, and for more than 50 years, has displayed relics of Juniata County's past. Exhibits contain items from many businesses and industries including: general stores, post offices, banks, hotels, doctors, schools, churches, military, carpenters, farmers, blacksmiths, creameries, and everyday family life. There are also two rooms depicting Academy boarding rooms for a young man and young woman.



The Tuscarora Academy was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1972. The museum is open during the summer, Sundays 1:30 - 4 p.m. beginning in June. Other times can be arranged by appointment, pending volunteer availability.

Another site of interest is located nearby.

BOOK INDIAN MOUND

1547 Indian Mound Road, Mifflin, PA 17058
It is located on private property, so please be respectful when visiting.

The Book Indian Mound historic site was excavated in 1929 by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Unfortunately, by then, much of its characteristics had already been destroyed. For decades prior to the excavation, the site was a victim of mistreatment and looting. Thanks to the ownership of the Book family, the area was better protected from vandalism, and they welcomed an excavation. The state's archaeologists uncovered many burial remnants and other relics. The sacred site was found to predate the arrival of Columbus, and is identified as the work of the Clemson Island culture (AD 700-1300). The findings were so significant that, in 1986, the site was added to the National Register of Historic Places in recognition of its archaeological value.

ARCHIVES



Our Archives Room is located in the lower level of the Juniata County Library in Mifflintown. It houses all the Society's resources for historical and genealogical research, and is open to the public on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April through November.

Other conditions can affect hours, such as holidays or weather, so please call ahead to confirm that the Archives Room is open. Other times can be arranged in advance by appointment, pending volunteer availability.

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The Society utilizes an all-volunteer staff. Donations are always welcome and appreciated. In addition to the museum and bridge, the society also owns and maintains the Glebe Cemetery, the Primitive Baptist Church and Cemetery, and monuments commemorating the McAlisterville Academy and Soldiers' Orphan School, Fort Patterson in Mexico, and the Village of Mexico's 250th Anniversary.

When maintaining the level of preservation required for historic properties, there is always something to repair. Grants cover less than 1/4 of the annual budget. Therefore, the Society could not function without the generosity of private donors, membership dues, and research fees.

Information on membership and donations is available on our website.

We are grateful for your support and hope you enjoy your visit!

