

4.12 - Background on the House at Goshenhoppen

In 1741, Theodore Schneider, S.J., immigrated to Pennsylvania and established the Goshenhoppen residence in Churchville, Berks County, Pennsylvania, where Catholic and Mennonite settlers lived peacefully. Once a rector of the Jesuit House of Studies in Heidelberg, Germany, his missionary activities in Pennsylvania among fellow German Catholics took him to areas north of the Schuylkill and Neshaminy rivers.

Jesuit missionaries also established a plantation at Goshenhoppen. In 1747, Henry Neale, S.J., purchased 121 acres from the proprietor of Pennsylvania. In 1752, Joseph Greateon, S.J., purchased 375 acres from the proprietor. In 1889, the Jesuits relinquished ownership of the Goshenhoppen House.

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