



# ChicoryLane

## Before Us: 1775 - 1974

1600s – Iroquois Confederacy (Susquehannock, Delaware, Seneca, Cayuga, Munsee)

1681 – ‘Penns Woods’ grant to William Penn by England

1766 – ‘Hopewell’ tract surveyed for Penn family by Samuel Maclay

1768 – Treaty of Stanwix transfers control from Iroquois to Pennsylvania/Penn family

1775? – Daniel (or son Michael) Long, blacksmith, 200 acres, 10 improved

1794 – Adam Reed, blacksmith

1796 – Andreas Hausman, 101.5 acres

1880 – Coalman, wagon maker, 31 acres

1809 – Jacob Hering, tanner, 116 acres

1829 – Jacob Hering heirs 23 acres  
and Peter Pauly, shoemaker, 47 acres

1836 – J. Swartz

1846 – J. Rockey, 2 acres

1850 – J. Shadow, and Philip Ertle, miller and Catharine Ertle heirs

1866 – J. Dunmoyer, 80 acres

1875 – Michael Ream, weaver, farmer, 75 acres

1875 – Adam Ertle, 72 acres

1925 – S. Bickle, 3+ acres

1926 – D. Ertle, 72 acres

1942 – Theodore Sweeley, farmer, 72 acres

1961 – Jake McCool, farmer, 72 acres

1969 – Clyde Glick, truck driver, farmer and Verna Glick, 72 acres

1974 – John Smith and Catherine Smith, educators, 69.5 acres

*NOTE: Some dates & acreage are approximate*

## Smiths: 1974-2025

1974+: Rent acreage to neighbor farmers (Mills, Hosterman, Corman)

1975: Build farm pond (Leroy Stover). Raise 2 pigs, 2 goats (Nibbles and Gibbles), 2 horses (Penobscot and Duchess)

1976+: Preserve log house with friends’ help

1977: Ian raises chickens and sells eggs

1995: Design vernal pools, plant wildlife habitats (with US Fish & Wildlife, Adam Smith’s help)

1998: Begin conservation (James Lesher’s management)

2005: Reforest released farm fields, plant grasslands, build vernal pools (with US-NRCS, PA-DCNR and PVCA’s help)

2011: Centre County Historical Society gives award for historic preservation

2017: Preserve for the future (with conservation easement held by ClearWater Conservancy)

2019-21: Demolish 1840s barn (Dave King’s crew)  
Build timber frame barn (Henry Speicher’s crew)

2023: Extend conservation (with James Lesher’s help)

2024: Establish ChicoryLane Foundation

2025: Discover house logs were felled winter 1817/18