



The home of George DeBenneville, who was the founder of Universalism in America, was built in 1745. He ran a pay school in his house for the children of Oley's early families. From 1745 to 1755, church services were also held in his home, which is located on Hunter Road. *Courtesy of The Pennsylvania German Society*



The Levans were French Huguenots who left Europe circa 1715. Abraham, one of four brothers, settled in the Oley Valley. The Abraham Levan Homestead, a medieval-style building, was erected in 1757. The massive stone walls and the very high-pitched roof give this house a character unique to the Valley. Note the brick arches over the windows. The house, located at 387 Bertolet Mill Road in Oley Township, is no longer in the Levan family. *Courtesy of Oley Valley Heritage Association*



The Shenkel house is located south of Oley along Route 662. It was built in 1766 by Martin Shenkel and his wife Maria and has a triple underground cellar. In later years it was owned by the DeTurk family. There were numerous outbuildings with clay tile roofs and a blacksmith shop on the property. *Courtesy of Lynn Lorah*



The barn on the Shenkel Farm, built in 1819 by Philip Shenkel DeTurk, was destroyed by fire in 1910. The rebuilt barn is shown in this photograph. There was also a log barn on the property built by the Shenkels with a datestone, 1804. *Courtesy of Lynn Lorah*