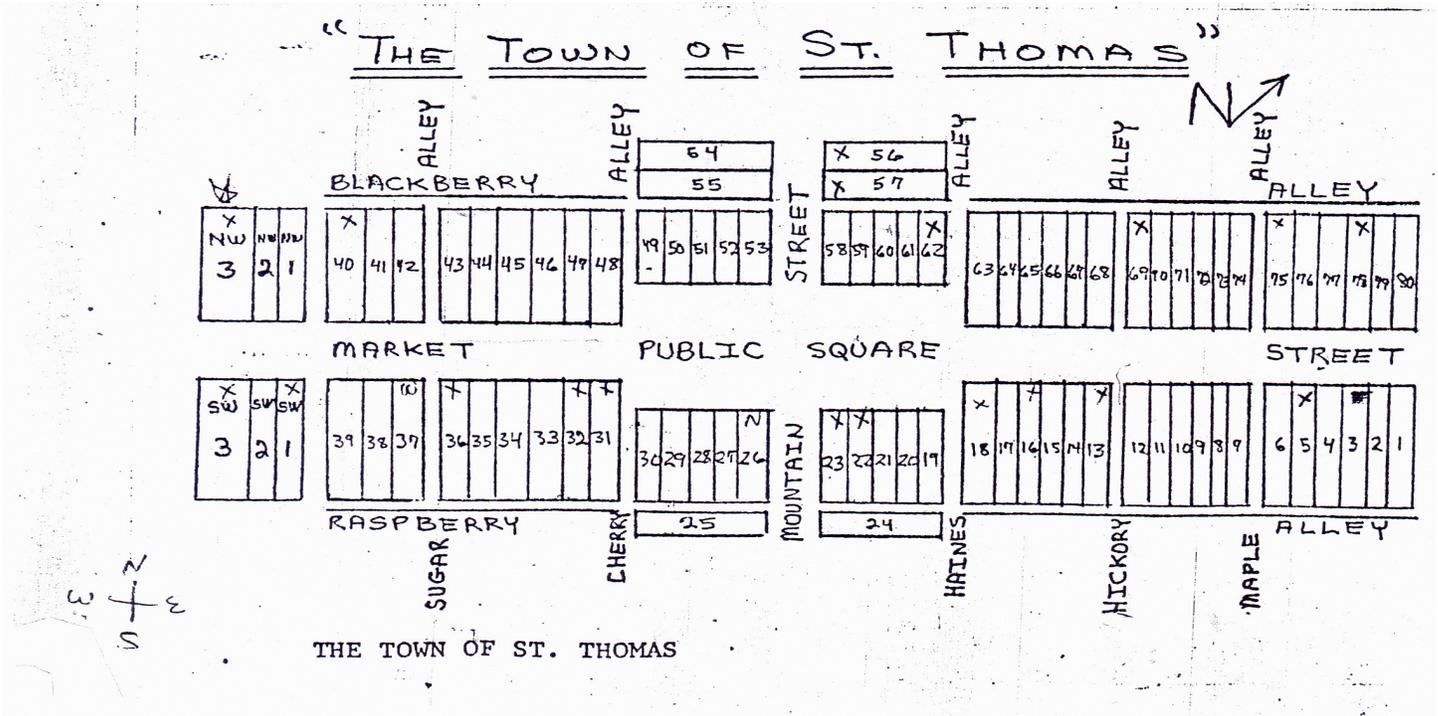


Historical Walking Tour of Linglestown

Linglestown was established in 1765 by Thomas Lingle, he came to this area from Berks County, PA. After purchasing the land and laying out the town, he named it "The Town of St. Thomas." Because it was Mr. Lingle who founded the town, many people began calling it "Lingle's town." After he died in 1811 the former name of the town was dropped and the name was unofficially changed to Linglestown.

Businesses prospered in town during the second half of the 19th century and many buildings that housed them still stand today. This tour shows the buildings that are still standing and the locations of others.

Using the copy of Thomas Lingle's layout below, follow the lot numbers and addresses. The date of when the structure was built is next to the address. If photos were available they are next to the address showing now and then. Your tour will start at the corner of North Mountain Road and Linglestown Road: turn west (left).



Lot 26 N. 1362 North Mountain Road: 1892 - Earlier was the Balthaser Hotel, Strock's Shoe Store. Later sold and turned into a private home. Isiah Lenker bought it in 1915 and made it into Lenker's Restaurant. Sold on July 26, 1927 and turned into a private home again. In the 1950's became the location of Linglestown Barber Shop.



Lot 27-28. 5967 Linglestown Road: 1957 Paul's Amoco, today Murphy's Automotive.

Lot 29 - 5967 & 5959 Linglestown Road: 1902.

Lot 30 - 5955 Linglestown Road: C.A. 1880.

Lot 31 - 5951 Linglestown Road: 1913: a home, snack bar and Wilson Pharmacy. Now St. Thomas Roaster.



Lot 32 – 5947 Linglestown Road: C.A. 1855 - home was originally on lot #31 and moved in 1913.



Lot 33 - 5943 Linglestown Road: C.A. 2006

Lot 34 - 5939 Linglestown Road : 2006

Lot 35 - Vacant Lot

Lot 36 – 5933 Linglestown Road: 1880– was Homestead Hotel, received liquor license, owner was H.D. Koons, 1902 sold and converted to a home.



Lot 37 - 5929 Linglestown Road: 1865

Lot 37W – 5927 Linglestown Road: C.A. 1845

Lot 38 E. – 5925 Linglestown Road: 1906

Lot 38 W. and 39 E. - 5923 Linglestown Road: C.A. 1840

Lot 39 W.- 5921 Linglestown Road: C.A. 1850

Lot SW 1 – 5917 Linglestown Road C.A.1840

Lot SW 2 – 5913 Linglestown Road: C.A. 1880

Lot SW 3 - 5901 Linglestown Road: 1876, Linglestown High School Building, 1st floor was elementary and second floor was secondary. Date on front juts out. Names of the school directors carved because one man was unhappy about something and cut his name off, space was leveled and names were carved. Now the Linglestown Fire Co.



Lot NW3 –Cemetery belongs to First Church of God dating from 1826. It was founded by Rev. Winebrenner, pastor at Wenrich’s church from 1820-1826. The congregation decided the pastor was preaching ideas that did not agree with the doctrines of the church and they dismissed him. He and 80 members of Wenrick’s Church started their own church.

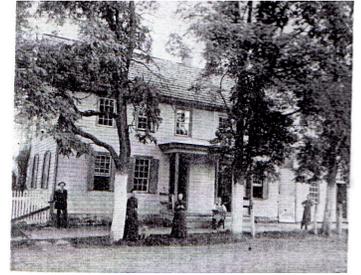


Lot NW2 – 5912 Linglestown Road: Enders Insurance

Lot NW1 – 5916 Linglestown Road: C.A. 1885. Koblack Chiropractic

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Lot 40– 5922 Linglestown Road: C.A. 1840.
Formerly McKey’s Tavern. Now Law Offices of Silliker & Reinhold.



Lot 41-5926 Linglestown Road: 1973.

Lot 42-5930 Linglestown Road: C.A. 1840.

Lot 43- 5932-5934 Linglestown Rd. – Home of Mrs. Charles George-today, barber shop.



Lot 44- 5936 Linglestown Road: C.A. 1855.

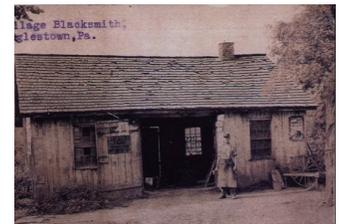
Lot 45- 5940 Linglestown Road: C.A. 1855

Lot 46 & 47W - 5948 Linglestown Road - Third location of The Church of God, built in 1905. Present day - La Piazza of Linglestown Italian Restaurant.



Lot 47E & 48- 5950 Linglestown Road: 1905

Lot 49 - 5956 Linglestown Road: 1931 - At this location, a blacksmith shop was built around 1862. It was operated by blacksmith John Aldinger, Sr. until he rented it to another blacksmith, John Reimert, in 1907. The shop was torn down in the summer of 1926. Present day- private home and Pennsylvania Partnerships Abroad, Ltd.



Lot 50- 5960 Linglestown Road: C.A. 1850.

Lot 51-5964 Linglestown Road: C.A. 1855.

Lot 52W-5968 Linglestown Road: C.A. 1855- originally a wheelright and tin shop, now **Framed!** in St. Thomas.



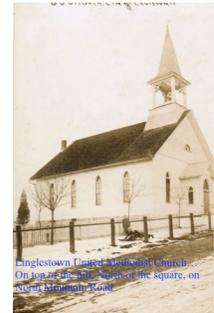
Lot 52 E- 5970 Linglestown Road: C.A. 1865.

Lot 53 W- 5974 Linglestown Road: C.A. 1845 - C.B. Care's Store was in this building around 1885. The first telephone in the town was located in the store. In the fall of 1938 it became Gingrich's Store; then later W.A. Tichenors's Drug Store; Kiselic's Drug Store on March 2, 1949; February, 1962 Moschetti's Cut Rate. Today, St. Thomas Restaurant.



Lot 53 E- 5978 Linglestown Road: C.A. 1845.

Lot 54/55- 1430 North Mountain Road: 1905. In 1843 members of the Evangelical United Brethren Faith erected their church in Linglestown. It lasted until 1903, when it was destroyed by fire. The second one (picture far right) was built and its altered form is now Linglestown Life United Methodist Church.



Lot 56 – North Mountain Road: 1891. Union Chapel- Built as a place of worship to people of all denominations, but it was used mostly by the people of the Methodist faith. The Chapel lasted until 1931, then disband. It was then used as the first home for the Linglestown American Legion. It is no longer standing. The second school in town was located on this site 1843 – 1891. Now, a vacant lot.



Lot 57-1421 North Mountain Road: 1890. Only Victorian house in town, has a playhouse and two seat outhouse.



Lot 58- 6000 Linglestown Road: C.A. 1845. In past used as a restaurant and saloon, dentist office, a home. Now, Awards and Engraving of Linglestown and Access Insurance.

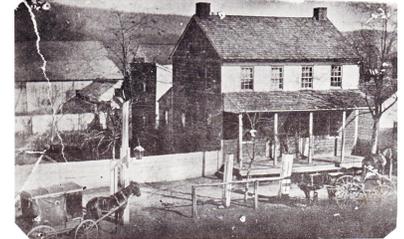
Lot 59- 6004 Linglestown Road: C.A. 1870. In the past occupied as a shoe store, now a home.

Lot 60 - 6008-6010 Linglestown Rd: C.A. 1845. Once the location of Yeager's Store . Also used in the past as a tavern and hotel; now, apartments



Lot 61- Vacant lot. Former site of a blacksmith shop.

Lot 62 –6018 Linglestown Road: C.A. 1845 –
Used at a hotel and post office operated by Jacob Hughes. Around 1855 he sold it to Benjamin Geesy. Geesy started a tavern in the building and called it “Union House”. It was used for several years until it was sold to become a private home. Now a business.



Lot 63 – 6022-6024 Linglestown Road: C.A. 1845
– Leese’s General Store prior to 1800. Present day oldest part is a combined business, Today’s Hair Design, and home; Newest part is Lio’s Pizza and Sub Shop.



Lot 64 W- 6026 Linglestown Road: C.A. 1855. Formerly a cabinet maker’s shop, now a home.

Lot 64 E- 6028 Linglestown Road: C.A. 1850.

Lot 65- 6032 Linglestown Road: C.A. 1840.

Lot 66- 6034 Linglestown Road: C.A. 1855.

Lot 67- Vacant Lot.

Lot 68- 6040 Linglestown Road: 1890

Lot 69- 6044 Linglestown Road: C.A. 1845.

Lot 70- 6048 Linglestown Road: 1880.

Lot 71- 6052 Linglestown Road: 1885.

Lot 72- 6056 Linglestown Road: 1845.

Lot 73 - 6060 Linglestown Road: 1896. In the past used as a weavers shop, now a home.

Lot 74 – 6064 Linglestown Road: C.A. 1845. Formerly used as a store, now a home.

Lot 75- 6068 Linglestown Road: 1875 - Sight of small log structure used by a carpenter from 1835-1875.

Lot 76 –Vacant Lot

Lot 77- 6076 Linglestown Road: C.A. 1845.

Lot 78 E – 6078 Linglestown Road: C.A. 1922.s

Lot 78 W. - 6080 – 6082 Linglestown Road: C.A. 1840. 1840- moved to present location between 1845 & 1855. In the past was a candy shop and bakery. Presently a two-family home.

Lot 79- 6084-6086 Linglestown Road: C.A. 1905.

Lot 80- 6090 Linglestown Road: C.A. 1890

Lot 1- 6091 Linglestown Road: 1907.

Lot 2, 3, 4 – 6085, 6081 Linglestown Road: now medical building.

Lot 5- 6073 Linglestown Road: 1870. Site of the first building in town, the first Church of God in America from 1827-1869. Building there now was St Thomas Institute (school of higher education). Opened in 1856 by Professor John Focht, for a term of six weeks, cost was \$3 a term. Students who attended the college came from surrounding counties. The building is now a home and is in its original form.



Lot 6- 6069 Linglestown Road: 1932. Lot site of blacksmith shop in late 1800's.

Lot 7-6065 Linglestown Road: C.A. 1850

Lot 8- 6061 Linglestown Road: 1911.

Lot 9-6057 Linglestown Road: 1883.

Lot 10- 6051 Linglestown Road: 1907.

Lot 11- 6049 Linglestown Road: 1880.

Lot 12- 6045 Linglestown Road: 1875.

Lot 13-6041 Linglestown Road: 1961. Site of first town school 1815-1843. Linglestown Post Office built 1961. Present day- ADworks-Furniture First.



Lot 14- 6037 Linglestown Road: C.A. 1840.

Lot 15- 6033 Linglestown Road: 1885.

Lot 16 – 6029 Linglestown Road: C.A. 1850. Building housed Thomas Yeager's Saddle Shop in mid-19th century.



Lot 17- C.A. 1850. Wood frame carriage house belonging to lot 16. Lot was site of G. W. Baker's Coach Establishment, produced many wagons, carriages and buggies in the late 1800's. The building was torn down around 1920.



Lot 18- 6021 Linglestown Road: C.A. 1850.

Lot 19- 6019 Linglestown Road: C.A. 1840.

Lot 20 & 21- 6011 Linglestown Road: C.A. 1940
 Shirt Factory-now eastern part of Hoover Funeral Home.



Lot 22 N & 23 N- 1361 N. Mountain Road: 1856.
 Formerly Bull Nose Tavern, was used until about 1858, when the present building, the Eagle Hotel was built on the same site. Eagle is still there today.



Lot 24- 1361 North Mountain Road: 1925– J. W. Ebersole Ford Agency, Gracy's Dress Factory Present time- empty building.



Lot 25 – 1342 North Mountain Road: C.A. 1930.

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