

## 2021 Historical Preservation Awards

The West Whiteland Board of Supervisors and Historical Commission Members are pleased to announce the recipients of the 2021 Historic Preservation Awards. The following historic resources were presented preservation awards:

**Arrandale** is a magnificent house from the late Federal period located within the Oaklands Corporate Center. Arrandale was built in 1810 by Hunt Downing, a direct descendent of Thomas Downing, for whom Downingtown was named. Arrandale is representative of the kind of large farm complex for which Chester County was noted for throughout the 19th century.

Hunt Downing spent most of his life in Downingtown where he ran the Washington Inn and served as postmaster. He left Downingtown in 1816 and built a farm in West Whiteland. After his death in 1834, the farm descended in the Downing family. Arrandale stood vacant until 1940, at which time it was acquired and restored by Charles Young, Vice President of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Current owners continue to maintain the historic character of the house as a local business.



**David Ashbridge Log House** is located on the north side of King Road. This modest log house has maintained a high level of architectural integrity and is one of three known habitable log dwellings which still survive in a township where log houses were once very common.

David Ashbridge was a Quaker farmer who was disowned by the Friends in 1776 for joining the military. When the war was over, he purchased 96 acres of land and quickly built a log home for his two motherless children. Following Ashbridge's death in 1788 the property was inherited and continued to be worked as a farm by his son-in-law, George Vernon.

The house was located near the Glen Loch Station and for approximately 100 years between 1865-1970 most of the owners of the house were employed by the PA  
ric character of the house.



**Evan Lewis House** was constructed circa 1717. The Evan Lewis House located along Ship Road (just north of the Chester Valley Trail) holds the distinction of being one of the Township's last surviving structures from West Whiteland's first period of settlement. The Lewis Family continued to occupy the site for six generations.

Under the hand of Griffith Lewis, a farmer and carpenter, the plantation prospered, and additional land was acquired. The Lewis Family left their trademark as journeymen carpenters for the next one hundred years. They either made changes that were vogue for their particular lifetime or expanded the structure with additions, with components from the Federal, Georgian and Greek Revival styles. After the property left the Lewis Family in 1834 the major changes made by descending owners were less noticeable. Current owners continue to maintain the historic character of the house.

