

**John Aitken House
ca 1839**

THIS EXCITING NINETEENTH CENTURY FEDERAL MANOR COMES TO A SELECT MARKET WITH DOCUMENTED TIES TO MOUNT VERNON AND THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!

In 1797, just prior to leaving office at the end of his second term, President George Washington commissioned a young John Aitken, at his shop on Sixth and Chestnut Streets in Philadelphia, to craft a magnificent inlaid mahogany Hepplewhite Tambour Secretary-Bookcase for the Presidential Study at Mount Vernon, together with two equally magnificent mahogany Hepplewhite Sideboards and twenty-four elegant Sheraton Side Chairs to be placed in President Washington's newest and most public room, the two-story dining room at Mount Vernon. To this day, these fine creations of John Aitken remain on display in their assigned places at Mount Vernon.

This stately center hall Federal Manor of Flemish Bond architecture was built by "George Washington's favorite cabinet maker", John Aitken, in Upper Oxford Township, Chester County, in 1839. The authentic brick plantation home, boasting four chimneys, eight fireplaces (each with its own hand-crafted period mantel), high ceilings, plaster walls, original mortise/tenon woodwork and doors, gleaming chestnut, heartwood pine and limestone floors, original blacksmithy hardware, and cast iron bake oven, is one of the last vestiges of historically significant American properties located in bucolic Southern Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Surviving the test and trials of time for one hundred and seventy years, this pristine dwelling is presented via a portico through a front entry surrounded by a fan light above and flanking sidelights into a wide center hallway. The formal main level embraces a living room, parlor, dining room and eat-in kitchen, and is further complimented by a den/office, powder room and laundry. Upon ascending the terraced stairway, the second level reveals a foyer flanked by four generous bedrooms, each with a large lighted closet, two full bathrooms, and a second powder room.

The walk-up third floor attic, which originally functioned as servants quarters, is divided into two sections, and also contains a smoke room for seasoning the beef and bird consumed by the residents of the day. The signature handprint of the plaster craftsman is clearly visible above the smoke room door.

To the rear of the residence, in its own tranquil country setting, is a wonderful tri-level nineteenth century stone and frame bank barn, a truly fine example of similar notable structures which adorn the rural Southern Chester County countryside. The barn offers electric and water service, and together with its upper-level haymow and lower level stalls, also provides six deep covered bays suitable for garage parking. The well is conveniently located in the milkhouse, and this fine edifice is protected by six lightning rods duly decorated with blue glass globes.

Adjacent to the barn reside a majestic pair of "Wallace Nutting" apple trees which, through their annual prolific harvest, provide the root source of many delightful home-baked apple pies in late summer and early fall.

This property is presented on 1-2 level acres with old shade and flowering specimen plantings, slate terraces, and private stone driveway, and is situate in the vicinity of Elk Creek in Upper Oxford Township. It represents a truly exciting opportunity for the discerning buyer to embrace a unique entity with direct ties through its builder, John Aitken, to the first President of the United States of America.

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