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Historic Berks sites focus of tour

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The Historic Preservation Trust of Berks County on Saturday held a tour of seven historical properties called "Fall into Berks History," also known as the Mouns Jones Country Fair.

Matt Barnhart, trust president, said he was surprised by the large turnout. More than 200 people attended, he said.

"We held the event to make folks aware of us and our buildings," Barnhart said. "We preserve these structures for the benefit of our neighbors, and I think we did a good job."

The properties on the tour were the Mouns Jones House, George Douglass Mansion and White Horse Inn, all in Amity Township; the Michael Fulp (formerly Bridge Keeper's) House and Johan DeTurk House, both in Oley Township; the Hottenstein House in Maxatawny Township; and the Jacob Keim Farmstead in Pike Township.

It was the first time all the trust properties were open on a single day, Barnhart said.

"Everyone seemed really pleased with what they got to see and the work that we've been doing," he said.



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Visitors inspect the bridge-keeper's house adjacent to the Mouns Jones House in Amity Township on Saturday during a tour of historic sites owned by the Historic Preservation Trust of Berks County.