



Green Historical Society

Landmark No. 4—Conrad Dillman Home

Historical Significance -

Conrad Dillman was a wealthy farmer from Center County, Pennsylvania. He and his family migrated to Green Township around 1813. He and his family first lived in a log cabin and farmed several hundred acres. In 1832 Mr. Dillman built this new brick home. There were only a few dozen families in Green Township during this time and life on the Ohio "frontier" was very lonely. Circuit Riders began routes through the Canton area that included Green Township and the Dillman home was a welcoming stop for Methodist and Evangelical preachers.

From *The Evangelical Church in Ohio* by Roy B. Leedy, page 326-27, "Conrad Dillman was the forerunner of the Greensburg work. He was converted in the time of

Jacob Albright and his home had been a preaching place in Center County, Pennsylvania, where he and his wife Christine both became members about 1810. In 1813 they migrated to Ohio and settled one and one-half miles northwest of the present village of Greensburg. Other Evangelical families from Pennsylvania, whose names are unknown, joined this frontier settlement. Dillman was deeply concerned lest his fellow settlers, deprived as they were of religious worship, depart from their faith. So with Bible in hand he went from cabin to cabin, teaching, exhorting, and praying with the people in their new and primitive surroundings. Eager for gospel preaching they gladly joined the Methodist organizers who were the first to proclaim the Word of God among them." For many years circuit riders used the Dillman home as a shelter and place of worship.

Architectural Significance -

The Dillman Home is a brick colonial with a 5-bay facade. A double chimney with a window in between each chimney at the third floor can be found at each gable end of the home. This architectural feature resembles the pent chimney home styles of Colonial Maryland and Virginia.



The Evangelical Church in Ohio
Roy B. Leedy
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5. PREACHING PLACES AND CLASSES

Rev. Henney said that he began to organize classes in the fall of 1816, but he did not indicate their whereabouts. Orwig named the following ten heads of families who were the first to receive our preachers and unite with our Church: "M. Reidinger, P. Strayer, Adam Shilling, Peter Oberlin, Henry Rauch, Conrad Dillman, Daniel Williams, Peter Stroh, J. Schwartz, Peter Hennig, some of whom had been members before emigrating to Ohio."¹⁵

Peter Henney and Daniel Williams, Adam Henney's brother and brother-in-law, lived in the region of West Salem. P. Strayer also lived in this locality. Henry Rauch was living at this time near Jefferson, Wayne County. Conrad Dillman and J. Schwartz were in the vicinity of Greensburg. Adam Shilling and Peter Oberlin lived in Tuscarawas Township, Stark County, and Peter Stroh near Navarre. M. Reidinger seems also to have lived in this community.

**St. John/
Dillman
Home**
**1480
Greensburg
Road**

