**Blacksmith Shop**

**2003**

**O**n May 17, 2003, we started to dismantle the shop. By 10a.m. the metal roof had been removed and put into the dumpster. By 4p.m. the building was down and the wood we needed to rebuild was put into storage. All the doors, windows and glass panes were saved for future preservation. It then started to rain.

On June 2, 2003, the Dover Borough Council voted that the Blacksmith Shop would be rebuilt at the Alda Ketterman Park on Butter Road in the Borough.

**2005**

In 2005 the Blacksmith Shop underwent a transformation. The foundation was poured and the cement block wall laid.  During the summer of 2005, the forge was built, a Timber Raising Day saw the building erected and the roof, donated by Larry Toot of Progressive Services, put in place.

**2006**

**O**n April 17, 2006 the floor was leveled off and screenings put down and tamped. On April 29, our volunteer group got together and installed the brick floor.

Between April and June 2006, the brick apron was completed in front of the double doors.

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| Completed Shop as of 6/20/2006 | Inside the shop as of 6/20/2006 |

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| Sign updated 2006 |

**2007**

**Blacksmith Shop Open House - April 29, 2007**

**T**he day dawned bright, sunny and windy.  The volunteers came early to set up for the event which started at 2 p.m.

Ted Ziegler, our blacksmith, was in the shop demonstrating his craft.  His audience sat on wooden benches and/or hay bales.  Ted shared his passion for 'smithing' with everyone.  He answered many questions fielded by Lisa Byerts who also described the blacksmith tools and their uses.  Robert Byerts was in charge of the hand turned blower, making sure that the fire remained hot for Ted and his son, Ted, Jr., who is also a blacksmith.

<http://www.gdhspa.org/BlackSmithShop/Blacksmith%20Home.htm>

**The Tour**

The tour begins at the rebuilt Blacksmith Shop in Alda Ketterman Park on Butter Rd., Dover, PA. The Blacksmith Shop was torn down at its original location on Butter Rd. in 2003, and after a lot of volunteer hours and sore knees, it was rebuilt and completed in 2006 at the Alda Ketterman Park. The final touch for the Blacksmith Shop was the hanging of the sign over the door for the dedication of the shop along with the park on June 2, 2007.

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| The blacksmith was a popular and essential occupation. The blacksmith shoed horses and made equipment for the farmers and utensils for the women. The pictures below are of http://www.gdhspa.org/BlackSmithShop/BS%202008.JPGHarry Neiman’s shop. | http://www.gdhspa.org/Obituaries/Lori%20Kendig/clip_image004.jpg |
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