



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

You see pictured here a photograph of the Abraham Tyson Homestead and farm as it appeared in the 1890's. To help orient you, the foreground is bordering York Road and the land farthest from the camera is Edge Hill Road. The Homestead is partially obscured by evergreen trees and, at that time, there was no Keith Road separating it from the barn. (The barn is no longer standing, but it's date stone "A. Tyson Nov. 1786" is embedded in the building on the Southwest corner of York and Keith Road).

The Tysons had farmed this land for five generations beginning in 1714. Then, at the turn of the last century, the 160 acre family farm was sold and broken up into smaller plots. The Abraham Tyson farm was only one segment of Tyson lands. For almost 100 years, the Tysons were the largest landowners in Abington Township - Roslyn, Glenside, North Hills and Ardsley were also Tyson land holdings. Abraham's brother John owned the limekilns and quarries in Roslyn, which was the first industry in Abington. The lime used for Tyson limekilns was used in the mortar for the construction of Independence Hall.

We are trying to preserve the one remaining acre of Tyson land as a tribute to this fine, time honored family. The price for the two lots is \$44,000. At this date, we have raised 3/4 of that amount. The township has taken an option on these lots which is in effect until January 15, 1982. We would welcome your donation to help put us "over the top" in the remaining 2 months and make the "Tyson Green become a reality - tax deductible contributions may be made to Abington Township, The Tyson Fund, Box 271, Abington, Pa. 19001.

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