

Plate XI is a view of an old East Goshen dwelling, built in 1821 by Joseph Ashbridge, a grandson of George Ashbridge, the member of the Assembly, and is situated upon the farm which at one time belonged to the latter.

The initials J. M. A. on the date-stone in one of the gables refer probably to Joseph and Mary (Baker) Ashbridge.

Mr. Edward B. Ashbridge, of West Chester, was born and lived in this house until recently, and it is now occupied by Doctor Thomas, who has greatly improved and repaired it. It is said, however, to be substantially the same with the addition of a kitchen at one end.

There is a difference of opinion among the old residents as to whether the house built in 1732 by George Ashbridge is still standing. Some claim it to be the old house near the old grist mill said to have been built at the same time, and occupied in turn by George, Joshua, and Daniel, but others say that the original dwelling is in a different situation.

In either case, it seems to be taken for granted that the old mill was erected and used by members of the Ashbridge family, and it is said to have done a great business during the Revolutionary War, supplying the American troops at Valley Forge with flour. It is situated on the Ridley Creek, near the Willistown line, and it is said the British could not find it for the surrounding woods.

Plate B is a reproduction of a recent view photographed for this book. I wonder who knows the real history of this mill?

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To Miss Ann P. Sharples, of West Chester, Pa., I am indebted for an old written card of invitation, which is printed below:—

(329) Sarah Ware & Aron Ashbridge  
respectfully request the Com-  
pany of Thomas J. & Ann P.  
Paskel to dine at David Ware's  
on Fifth day the 10th of Fourth  
mo next 3 mo 1817.—

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The autographs on Plate xxxvi are engraved from original signatures or photographs of same, and represent a connected series. The changed spelling of the name of the first George Ashbridge is worth noticing.