

Upper Octoraro Presbyterian Church
Session House
Southeast corner of State Route 10 (Octoraro
Trail Road) and Octoraro Road, .5 mile
north of Parkesburg
Parkesburg Vicinity (Sadsbury Township)
Chester County
Pennsylvania

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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Washington, D.C. 20243

STATE Pennsylvania		COUNTY Chester	TOWN OR VICINITY Parkesburg Vicinity (Sadsbury Township)
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Upper Octoraro Presbyterian Church Session House			HABS NO. PA-201
SECONOARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Southeast corner of State Route 10 (Octoraro Trail Road) and Octoraro Road, .5 mile north of Parkesburg			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) circa 1740-45		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Rare survival of a once common type of building used by Presbyterian Church officials for business meetings.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Stuccoed stone			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 20' - 8" (two-bay front) x 15' - 2", one story			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) One room; corner fireplace; walls are plastered; flooring, doors, trim, and hardware are old but probably not original.			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Seldom used except to display church relics; good condition.			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Stone fence has date 1740 scratched on a stone.			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) J. Smith Futhey, <u>Historical Discourse...of the Upper Octoraro Presbyterian Church</u> , Philadelphia, 1870 (includes old views). Chester County Historical Society, West Chester, Pennsylvania, clippings file.			
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