William Ellis, land agent and surveyor for Samuel Wallis built his first home of logs by Wolf Run on the Genesee Road east of Pennsdale. Before his bride, Mercy Cox Ellis arrived to join him, it was burned by Indians and his young orchard was destroyed. It didn't take him long to rebuild, this time in stone, and replant the orchard. In 1792 the Ellis family moved into the beautiful stone house, still known as Wolf Run House. Later in the yard near the bank of Wolf Run, he built a grist mill, and across the run a miller's house, known as the Cottage in 1810. In later years it was enlarged by frame additions now known as Mount Equity. From this house mail was distributed to the surrounding countryside. The postmark "Wolf Run", in a large blue oval, was used long after the post office was moved to the Pennsdale Country Store.

# HOUSE OF MANY STAIRS

The home was built in 1790 into a hill, and has served numerous functions over the years. In the 1860's it was the Bulls Head Tavern, and in the early 1900's it was a tea room. After it sat unoccupied for about 10 years, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Brant bought the home and have occupied the 206-year-old home for 56 years. It once was used to hide run-away slaves for the underground railroad. It has a secret room where about 12 to 15 people could stay. It got its name because not a single room is on the same level as any other, you have to go up or down steps to go from room to room.

### BRICK HOUSE

In 1831 John Willits married Elizabeth Wilson. They had one child named Matilda who was born in 1834. In 1852 Elizabeth Willits built the "brick house" as a wedding present for her daughter. Matilda married Thomas A. Warner on December 1, 1852. The house is of Georgian style and features a center hallway with all rooms opening to it. The winding staircase goes to the third floor. The house is heated by eight fireplaces. The house was occupied for many years by the Warner family. In 1910 Charlie Moyer purchased the house which had been covered by stucco. In April of 1978 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Clegg purchased the property and took on the restoration changes and moved on September 15th 1978. Today the house is owned by Mr. & Mrs. Weiskopf and it is restored and preserved for future historians.

## QUAKER MEETING HOUSE

In 1797, Joseph and Sarah Lundy Carpenter deeded three acres of land as a site for a substantial Meeting House and burial ground. The original meeting house was a log frame, and in 1799, the stone house was built on its site. It is the oldest place of worship in Lycoming County. The stone, with many interesting fossils, was quarried from an adjacent field. The interior is divided into two sections by wooden shutters and when the monthly business meeting was held the men and women met separately. The elders and ministers would have sat on benches that faced the meeting and were elevated a step or two. This Meeting House, cemetery and grove still form the center of Pennsdale.

This old store was built in 1839 and has served the Quaker settlement continuously as a meeting and shopping place. It currently specializes in old-fashion cured and smoked meats and is set in an authentic country atmosphere.

# PENNSDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

In 1866 Evangelical preaching began at Oak Run Schoolhouse, 2 miles North of Pennsdale. Evangelistic services held in Pennsdale's Community Hall, erected by the local chapter of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. In 1901 land was donated to build the permanent building, with the cornerstone being laid on oct. 7th. In 1927 extensive remolding added the basement, balcony and choir loft. The charge was known then as the Montoursville-Pennsdale Charge. In 1946 the evangelical and the United Brethren Churches merged and became known as Trinity Evangelical United Brethren Church. In 1939 expansion plans began and a seven-room annex was added to the Sanctuary. The church became self-supporting in 1954. In 1968 it was joined with the Methodist Church, and became known as Trinity United Methodist Church. Pennsdale became a two-point Charge with Huntersville United Methodist Church in

# PENNSDALE SCHOOL

This two room school house was built in 1905. The first teacher was Leo R. Guillaume. Many people that attended this school are still in this area. An expansion added a cafeteria and a few more class rooms. Children from first grade through eight grade attended school here. The school closed around the early 1970's. It is the New Life Temple now.

#### ELLIS-ADLUM HOUSE

Circa 1769, Thomas Ellis, a Quaker who was a land speculator from Philadelphia and brother of William Ellis, owner of Wolf Run, built his stone home in a style befitting a Philadelphia gentleman and it is the most original example of high-style Philadelphia in northcentral Pennsylvania. It features twelve over twelve double hung windows, four fireplaces with a central chimney, the finest example of original 18th Century woodwork north of Harrisburg. The house is furnished throughout in period. About 1783 or 1784, Thomas Ellis died and his home was purchased by Major John Adlum, a surveyor and land speculator. Adlum resided on and off in this area until about 1810 and while here, perfected the growing of the Catawba grape on this property. He was keenly interested in science and botany and moved to Maryland where he built "The Vineyards" and being an expert in the art of wine manufacturing, wrote the first book on the art of growing grapes in 1797.

Records indicate that Joseph Webster and his wife Elizabeth purchased 211 acres in Pennsdale where they built a log cabin for their family. Edgend was built on the site where the Webster children were kidnapped by Indians in 1778. Built by Samuel Wallis, the house was first occupied by Dr. William Kent Lathy, who married Mary, one of the Wallis daughters. Dr. Lathy was the first doctor in Lycoming County. Following the Wallis-Lathy ownership, the property was owned by the Eckroyds who named the house after a family estate in England. This limestone and frame house has been wonderfully restored.