

Dear Mrs. Shenk,

I am not able to tell positively the year of the erection of Wheatland house but from some concurrent events and comparing dates I think it was about the year 1823. I remember Uncle Jenkins having strong attachment to his birthplace "Windsor." My brother sent up from there all the forest-trees which were planted on the lawn and elsewhere that they might be a memory of his early life. This dates at about that time. I will however ask Mrs. Fordney (altho' [sic] they are not apt to take note of family events), still she may know; should she give me the accurate date I will let you know of it.

I know of no incidents in the history of Wheatland of any particular interest. When Langdon Cheves, Esq. expected Pennsylvania to take him up in political life he removed to Lancaster, purchased a place near Wheatland and improved the house and named it Abbeville. There was great intimacy between the families of Mr. Cheves and Uncle and the Cheves; being visited by many southern families of distinction, they were always entertained with great elegance at Wheatland. I remember seeing there Mr. and Mrs. Hayne of South Carolina.

As to the history of its change of owners, Uncle sold it to Mr. Potter, from him it passed into the hands of Mr. Merideth [sic] of Phil. from whom Mr. Buchanan bought it.

With friendly regards to Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, I am very truly yrs,

M. I. Nevin

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