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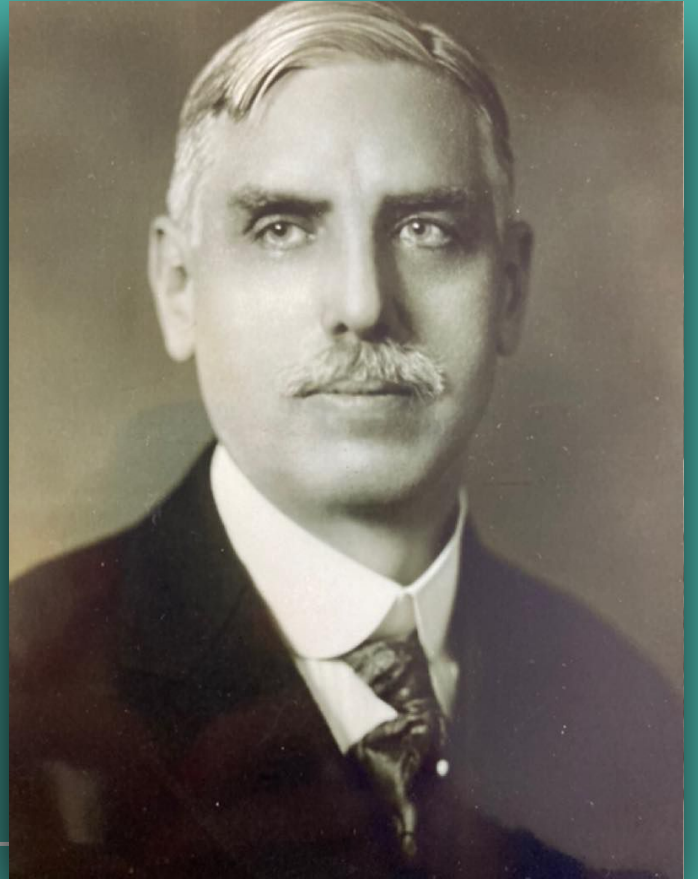
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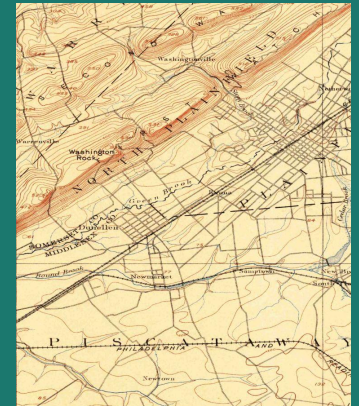
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- Repaired interior/exterior termite damage in the dining room wall, floor and beam
- Replaced broken windows throughout, including the Conservatory

## Second Floor

- Gutting of all 4 bedrooms, stairs, hallways, bathroom, and ceilings
- Joist hangers added throughout the rooms
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## Porch

- Repaired railings
- Installed additional electrical outlets
- Repaired wood and concrete pillars
- Masonry repairs on the lion monuments, porch, and driveway entryway
- Replaced headers of the front porch steps
- Replaced broken gutters, leader pipe and siding
- Repaired roof over the Conservatory

## Basement

- Installed HVAC system and ductwork servicing the 1st floor
- Replaced the electrical service from the street
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## Garage

- Replaced 2 garage doors
- Replaced the roof
- Repaired the flooring on the 2nd floor
- Repaired leaks in 2 dormers

## Property

- Removed infected and dying trees
- Installed a fence to separate the neighboring property

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## Reservable Space

### First Floor

This space will be open for the public to reserve with a donation to the Maurer House Restoration Committee. Donation will offset the cost of holding events.

- Birthday Parties
- Game Day Events
- Team Dinners
- Committee Meetings

## Historical Society

### Second Floor

The second floor will be home to the Dunellen Historical Preservation Society.

- Office Space
- Oral History Project
- Photo History Project

## Flex Storage Space

### Third Floor

This flexible space will be used for storage and secondary event space.

- Event Storage
- Holiday Storage

# Property

## Passive Use Open Space

Already approved by Council

### Key Features

- Native Species
- Pollinator Meadow
- Walking Path
- Gazebo
- Parking
- Event Space
- Community Engagement Projects

