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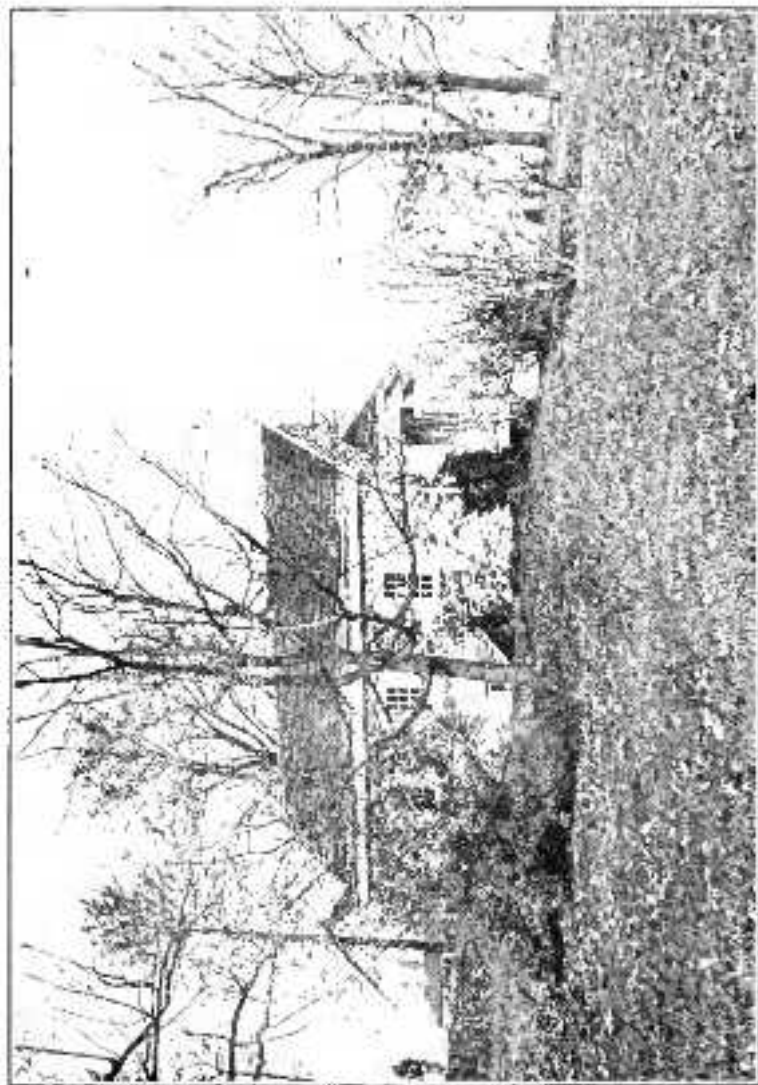
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"Non tibi eheu  
Sed caræ memoriæ tuæ."





## Prefatory.

The Old Eagle School in Tredyffrin Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, is, after Old St. David's Church, Radnor, one of the most interesting historical landmarks of rural Pennsylvania. Its situation on a hillside near Strafford Station on the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad is very picturesque, and the interest it claims is enhanced by its proximity to the last of the sentinel trees from which during the encampment at Valley Forge direct communication was maintained with the American Army, and by the fact that the little burial ground enclosed on part of the property contains the graves of many Revolutionary soldiers.

Little was known of the history of the place until within recent years; but enough has now been gathered from traditionary and many other sources to warrant its presentation to the public in its present form whereby its long historical association with Old St. David's Church, Radnor, is emphasized.

Although the Secretary of the Board of Trustees is named as the responsible author of this history, the number of his assistants was very large, as was also the service they rendered very essential.

Without attempting to present a complete list of these assistants, the following persons are entitled to special mention, viz—B. F. Owen, Esq., of Reading,

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