

**Pioneers West Historical Society
Update to Friends**

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The Pioneers West Historical Society, a non-profit organization, owners of the historic c. 1762 Walker-Ewing Log House at 1355 Noblestown Road in Collier Township, Allegheny County are pleased to announce, with a mixture of regret and pleasure the following:

Pioneers West Historical Society was founded in 1997 with a primary mission of preserving the Walker-Ewing Log House due to its historical significance in the settling of the Western Pennsylvania frontier. Due to a dwindling number of active members, who over the years, contributed a mixture of love, labor and money for the Log House, the organization came to a crossroad as to its continuation.

On August 13, 2020, ownership of the Log House was transferred to the Allegheny Land Trust, a non-profit conservation organization which owns or holds conservation easements on more than 2,700 acres of land in Allegheny and Washington counties. In addition, and at the same time, the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy became a holder of a Building Preservation and Conservation Easement on the Log House.

This Easement, granted by the Trust, in perpetuity, is to help ensure that the architectural, historic and cultural features of the property and building will be retained substantially in their current or better condition for conservation and preservation purposes and to prevent any use or change of the property and building that will impair or interfere with the property and building.

This transfer was a joint effort, over more than twelve months, of many parties, including representatives of Allegheny-Collier, LLC (owners of adjacent property) and the board and staff members of the Pioneers West Historical Society, Allegheny Land Trust and the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy.

Mission accomplished!