

## Mike Colley

Use this link to view Mike's interview [https://youtu.be/VaRsX86\\_mW0](https://youtu.be/VaRsX86_mW0)

Mike Colley is a lifelong resident of East Bradford. His father, Art Colley, was the Resident Director of Paradise Farm Camps and spent his first summer there in 1933. Mike grew up in this home at Paradise Farm Camps (operated by Children's Country Week Association), which is in the Paradise Valley Historic District.

*"Enoch Pearson/Colley Farmhouse", 895 Ravine Road. Historic Resource #7, photograph from East Bradford Township Historical Commission files.*



Mike is very knowledgeable about West Chester and the history of East Bradford Township. For example, Mike lists the following properties that were once active dairy farms in the Township:

- Mrs. Winthrop's old estate at 1210 Valley Creek Road

*"William Mercer Farm". Historic Resource #5, photograph from East Bradford Township Historical Commission files*



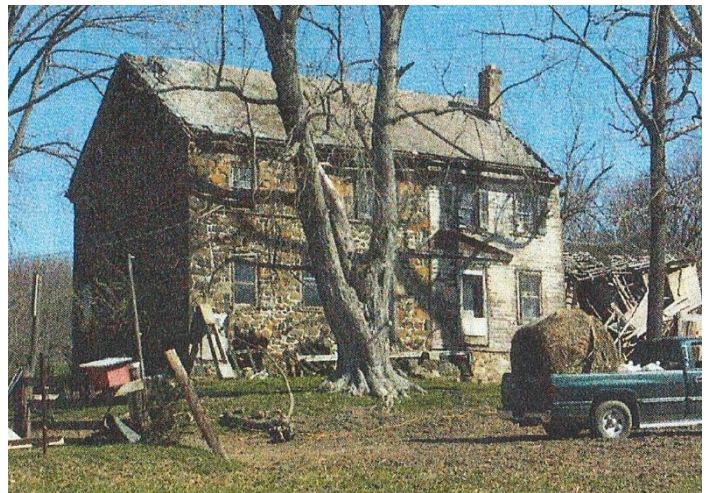
- The Frank's dairy farm, where the barn has been converted into a residence (886 Frank Road)

*"Frank Barn". Historic Resource #56, photograph from East Bradford Township Historical Commission files*



- What was Harvey Giorgiani's dairy farm at 815 Shenton Road

*"Joshua Hoopes Farmstead". Historic Resource #58, photograph from East Bradford Township Historical Commission files*



In the interview, Mike discusses various Paradise Farm Camp projects. Mike also talks about a significant land acquisition by the Camp from the infamous Bergdoll family who owned the estate just off Hogs Hollow Trail at Paradise Farm.

*Excerpt from East Bradford Township map of Hogs Hollow Trail at Paradise Farm, showing location of Bergdoll Estate Ruins.*

