

**PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM PHOTO/SITE PLAN SHEET**

Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission  
 Bureau of Historic Preservation  
 Box 1026, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1026

Survey Code/Tax Parcel/Other No.: 169 / 66 00 04378 00 2 Block-Unit #024-012 County: Montgomery

Municipality: Whitpain Township Address: 276 W. Mount Pleasant Avenue

Historic Name/Other Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**SITE PLAN**

**PHOTO INFORMATION**



Number	Description of View	Direction of Camera
1	Façade (right)	
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Photographer Name: Robert Wise		Date: 1999
Negative Location: Robert Wise Consulting, Station Square 1, Suite 104, 37 N. Valley Road, Paoli PA 19301		

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## IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

Survey Code: 169 Tax Parcel/Other No.: 66.00.04378.00.2 Block Unit #024-012  
County: 1. Montgomery 091 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Municipality: 1. Whitpain Township 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: 276 West Mount Pleasant Avenue Historic Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner Name/Address: Jeffery M. & Barbara B. Smith 276 W. Mount Pleasant Avenue Ambler PA 19002  
Owner Category:  Private \_\_\_\_\_ Public-local \_\_\_\_\_ Public-state \_\_\_\_\_ Public-federal \_\_\_\_\_  
Resource Category:  Building \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Site \_\_\_\_\_ Structure \_\_\_\_\_ Object \_\_\_\_\_  
Number/Approximate Number of Resources Covered by This Form: 1  
USGS Quad: 1. Lansdale 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
UTM A. \_\_\_\_\_ C. \_\_\_\_\_  
References: B. \_\_\_\_\_ D. \_\_\_\_\_

## HISTORIC AND CURRENT FUNCTIONS

Historic Function **Category:** DOMESTIC 1885 2,544 SF Land 1.46 Acre **Subcategory:** Single dwelling **Code:** 01A  
B. \_\_\_\_\_  
C. \_\_\_\_\_  
D. \_\_\_\_\_

Particular Type: A. DOMESTIC / house  
B. \_\_\_\_\_  
C. \_\_\_\_\_  
D. \_\_\_\_\_

Current Function **Category:** Single Family Residence **Subcategory:** Single dwelling **Code:** 01A  
B. \_\_\_\_\_  
C. \_\_\_\_\_  
D. \_\_\_\_\_

## PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Architectural Classification: A. Italianate 42  
B. \_\_\_\_\_ C. \_\_\_\_\_  
D. \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Exterior Materials: Foundation \_\_\_\_\_ Roof \_\_\_\_\_  
Walls stone 40 Walls \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Structural System: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Width 5 bays E / 40 feet Depth \_\_\_\_\_ Stories/Height 2

## HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built: ca. 1885 Additions/Alterations Dates: ca. ca.  
Basis for Dating:  Documentary  Physical  
Explain: Tax records

Cultural/Ethnic Affiliation: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Associated Individuals: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Associated Events: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Architects/Engineers: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Builders: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

## MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## PREVIOUS SURVEY, DETERMINATIONS

## EVALUATION (Survey Director/Consultants Only)

Individual NR Potential:  Yes  No Context(s): Architecture  
Contributes to Potential District  Yes  No District Name/Status:

**Classification:** This excellent example of an Italian style house warrants a Class I resource classification.

## THREATS

Threats:  1. None 2. Public Development 3. Private Development 4. Neglect 5. Other

Explain:

## SURVEYOR INFORMATION

Surveyor Name/Title: Robert Wise Date: 6/16/2000  
Project Name: Whitpain Township Historic Resource Survey  
Organization: Robert Wise Consulting/Whitpain Township Telephone: (610) 722-5818  
Street and No.: Station Square 1, Suite 104, 37 North Valley Road  
City, State: Paoli, Pa Zip Code: 19301  
Additional Survey Documentation: n/a  
Associated Survey Codes: n/a

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NARRATIVE SHEET 89C

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**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** This property is located on West Mount Pleasant Road. The primary architectural resource on the property is the large Italian house; the carriage house has been subdivided (HRP #194).

The primary resource on the property is the large Italian style house consisting of a main block with small cross gables and a side addition. There is also an addition off the side addition. (The Italian style is one of the less common styles of the latter decades of the nineteenth century; this house is an excellent example of the Italian style in Whitpain Township.)

The core of the house consists of a two story, five bay 40' by 40' house built c. 1885 with a hipped roof. It is built of uncoursed stone and has four interior slope chimneys constructed of decorative stone. There is a large gabled eyebrow dormer in the center of the façade with a circular window. On the sides of the building are two smaller gabled eyebrow dormers with circular windows. The windows on the house are four over four double hung sash with shutters. Over each window is a stone arch, and the top rail of each shutter imitates the arch. A nice Italianate cornice frames the roof and is copied on the wrap-around porch. The porch consists of a one-story flat roof with a dentil molding resting upon spindle-like columns.

To the left of the front façade is a two story stone addition constructed on the same axis as the core. This addition copies many details from the core: the hipped roof, gabled eyebrow dormers with the circular window, the four over four double hung sash windows with shutters, and the cornice. Windows on the first floor are crowned with a brick arch and have arched shutters. A single chimney composed of decorative stone is an interior end chimney. An entry stoop has a small porch with the Italianate cornice and nice arched brackets. There are three of the small dormers on the façade and none on the ends.

The second addition is a two-story frame structure off the first addition. It has a flat roof and four over four double hung sash windows with shutters. A door on the end of this addition has a gabled roof supported on braces and a diamond-shaped window on the second floor.

**Associated Resource: Carriage House:** HRP #194

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