

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.: 66-00-01849-00-2 Block Unit #010-043

County: Montgomery

Municipality: Whitpain Township

Address: 340 Morris Road

Historic Name/Other Name: _____

SITE PLAN

PHOTO INFORMATION



Number	Description of View	Direction of Camera
1	Façade	
2	Additions	
3		
4		
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6		
Photographer Name: Robert Wise		Date: 1999
Negative Location: Robert Wise Consulting, Station Square 1, Suite 104, 37 N. Valley Road, Paoli PA 19301		

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM - DATA SHEET

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IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

Survey Code: 013 Tax Parcel/Other No.: 66-00-01849-00-2 Block Unit #010-043

County: 1. Montgomery 091 2.

Municipality: 1. Whitpain Township 2.

Address: 340 Morris Road Historic Name:

Other Name:

Owner Name/Address: MCCC – Montg County Ct House Airy & Swede Sts. Norristown PA 19404

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:

Subcategory:

Code:

A. Residence Dwelling _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

Particular Type:

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

Current Function Category:

Subcategory:

Code:

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Architectural Classification:

A. Vernacular _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

Other: _____

Exterior Materials: Foundation _____

Roof asphalt shingles _____

Walls stucco _____

Walls _____

Other _____

Other _____

Structural System: 1. _____

2. _____

Width 3 bays / 30 feet _____ Depth 18 feet _____ Stories/Height 2.5 _____

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built: _____ ca. _____ 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): _____
Contributes to Potential District Yes No District Name/Status: _____

Classification: This is a nice vernacular house. Its large additions make it a Class II resource.

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

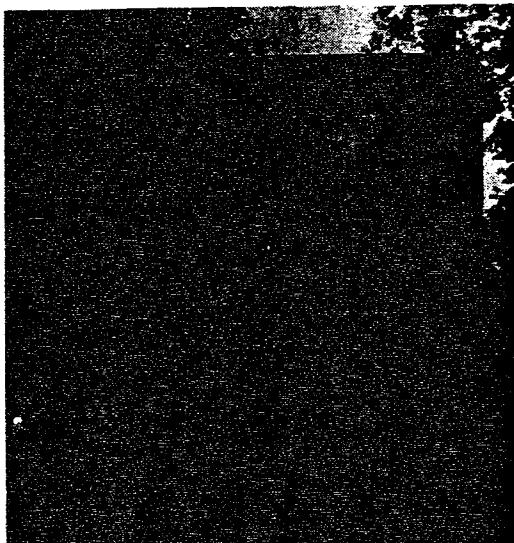
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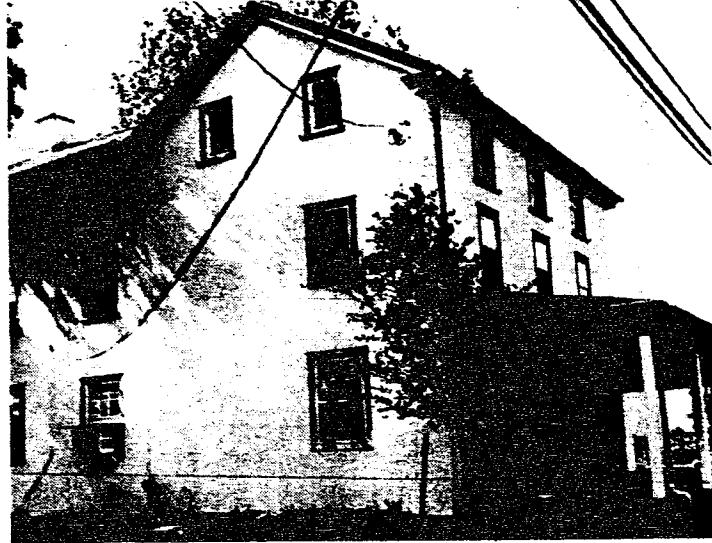
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

This is a vernacular house with a significant rear addition. The core is an 18 x 30 three bay house with two stories and an attic. There are stucco clad stone interior end chimneys at each gable end; in one of the gables is a 4 light attic window. The house is clad with stucco. A one-story porch on the façade has a gabled roof supported by two square columns. One of the basement windows is located below a blind arch. The one and a half story addition is a gabled structure sitting on a perpendicular axis. It has one gabled roof dormer facing the side street. An enclosed porch stands attached to the addition, and part of this porch has been enclosed and clad with stucco.

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Home of James and Anne Bernhard, c. 1899



Bernhard House in 1977



Former Jacob Walker House — Original Portion c. 1760

Bernhard — Walker — Greenawalt Farms (Now Montgomery County College)

By Agnes Baker Jefferson
Photography by George S. Peck

On the Montgomery County College Campus, there are three houses which date to before the Revolution. From *Edward Mathews Scrapbook* No. 92 p. 42, it is difficult to determine whether they are Bernhard, Walker, or Greenawalt houses when comparing them with the different maps, and the knowledge of how all three families were interrelated. Besides this, there are several branches of the Bernhard clan and it is a puzzle to put them in their proper places. Marriage within and among the three families further complicate the quest for whose house belonged to whom.

It began in this particular area in 1685, with the Penn grant to Richard Whitpain. In a series of transfers, not necessary to recite here, Rees Thomas and Anthony Morris came into possession of 300 acres in 1713 which covered this northeast section of the township.

William and Richard Thomas, sons of Rees, sold to Jacob Kurr in 1746. This same Jacob Kurr, the farmer, but more importantly a builder, also bought land south and east from John Phillip Boehm. Jacob Kurr had a house-plan which he used for other people. Unfortunately, he never put a date-stone on any that he is reputed to have erected. The pattern and appearance of many early dwellings which were researched, when viewed through pictures, are clues that say he can be credited with designing and building many that are still in existence.

The next owners are not on record, but before the Revolution, Jacob Ulrich became the owner and then the property changed hands many times:

- 1777 — George Wright bought from Ulrick
- 1777 — Paul Bower bought from Wright (Bower was the trustee of St. John's Lutheran Church when the land was received from George and Elizabeth Kastner)
- 1778 — Edward Laskey
- 1783 — Henry Dawson (At this date it was a messuage plantation — paid 1,000 pounds in Continental currency)
- 1786 — Zebulon Potts (Went bankrupt and property was seized and sold to Abraham Knitzing)
- 1797 — Mordecai Jones invested in it
- 1798 — Henry Greenawalt bought

Henry was the son of a Jonathan Greenawalt who lived "½ mile south of Franklinville" and is listed as a soldier in the Revolution Army.