

**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		
5		
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. \_\_\_\_\_

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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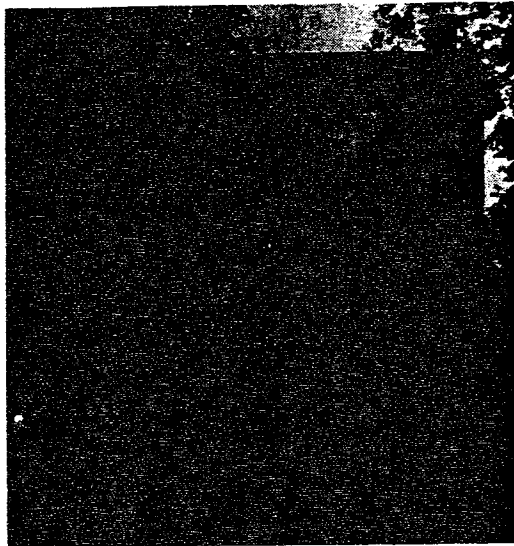
This is a vernacular house with a significant rear addition. The core is an 18 x 30 three bay house with two stories and an attic. There are stucco clad stone interior end chimneys at each gable end; in one of the gables is a 4 light attic window. The house is clad with stucco. A one-story porch on the 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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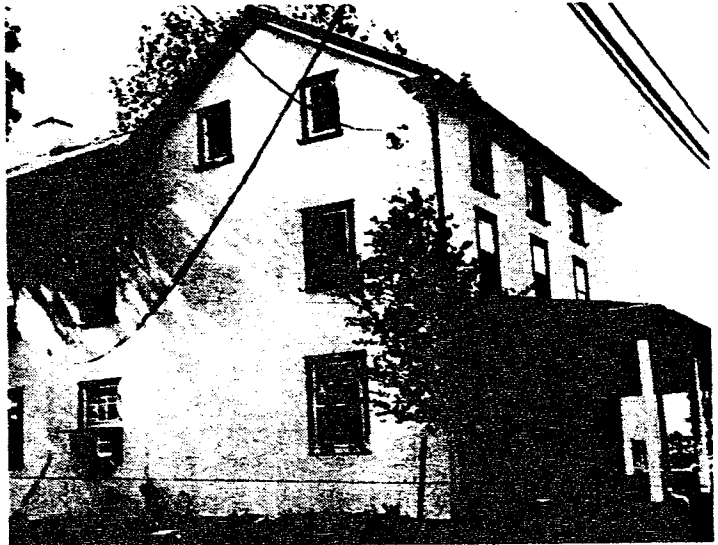
Morris Road

340  
DeKalb

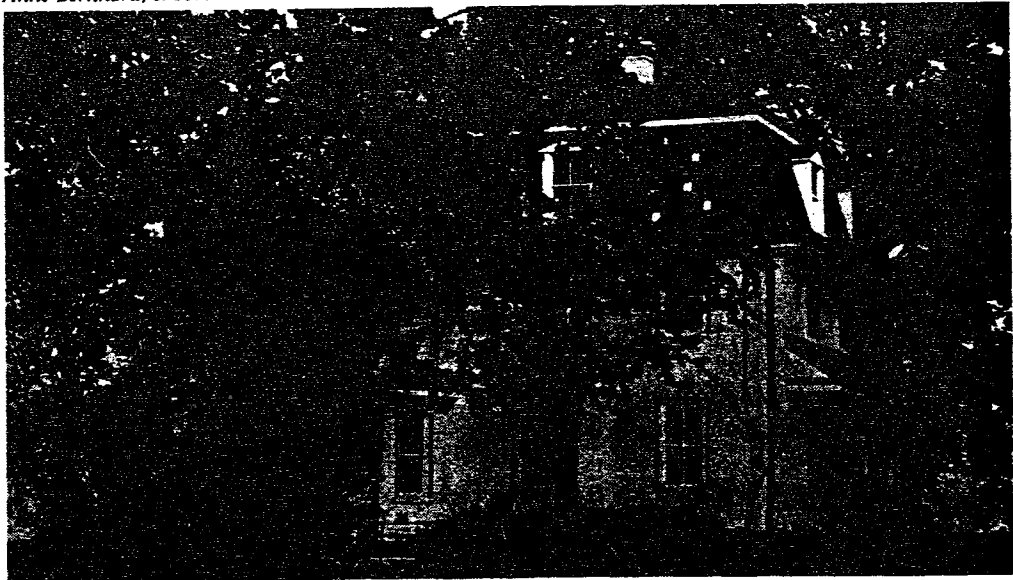
Jonathan Greenawalt Home



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 message 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.