

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.: 039 / 66 00 03280 00 2 Block-Unit #018-008

County: Montgomery

Municipality: Whitpain Township

Address: 485 Lewis Lane

Historic Name/Other Name: _____

SITE PLAN

PHOTO INFORMATION



Number

Description of View

**Direction of
Camera**

1

House – façade

2

House – rear

3

Garage

4

Stone Outbuilding

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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

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM - DATA SHEET

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IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

Survey Code: 039 Tax Parcel/Other No.: 66 00 03280 00 2 Block Unit #018-008

County: 1. Montgomery 091 2. _____

Municipality: 1. Whitpain Township 2. _____

Address: 485 Lewis Lane Historic Name: _____

Other Name: _____

Owner Name/Address: Francis J. & Emily A. Carey 485 Lewis Lane 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: 4

USGS Quad: 1. Lansdale 2. _____

UTM A. _____ C. _____

References: B. _____ D. _____

HISTORIC AND CURRENT FUNCTIONS

Historic Function Category: _____ Subcategory: _____ Code: _____

A. Residence_1890 5,129 SF Dwelling _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

Particular Type: A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

Current Function Category: _____ Subcategory: _____ Code: _____

A. Multi Family Residence Apartment Dwelling _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Architectural Classification:

B. _____

D. _____

A. Colonial Revival _____

C. _____

Other: _____

Exterior Materials: Foundation _____

Walls stone _____

Other _____

Roof _____

Walls _____

Other _____

Structural System: 1. _____ 2. _____

Width 5 bays / 60 feet Depth _____ Stories/Height 2.5

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built: ca. 1890 Additions/Alterations Dates: ca. ca.
Basis for Dating: x 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: x Yes No Context(s):
Contributes to Potential District Yes No District Name/Status:

Classification: This house is in excellent condition and is a Class I resource. Its other resources, particularly the stone outbuilding, are also important.

THREATS

Threats: x 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 house is a fine example of the Colonial Revival construction. The core is a 2½ story, five bay house with exterior end chimneys which break through the gable ends of the house. There is a strong cornice framing the roof. The 30 x 60 core was constructed of semi-coursed stone c. 1920. Each of the windows has a jack arch and shutters (except some round headed windows in the gable ends which have no shutters and a rounded stone arch). A pent roof separates the first and second floors, and a small gabled entry hood breaks through the pent roof on the façade. Three gabled roof dormers adorn the façade as well. The rear of the house is quite unexpected. Two 2-story wings that seem to be additions from the front appear original on the rear. The center of the rear is marked by a projecting 2½ story gable with a round headed window on the third floor, a tripartite window on the second, and a nice entry porch on the first floor. The entry porch has two round unfluted columns supporting an entablature and a flying eagle sculpture. The dormers and windows on the rear follow the pattern of the façade. The pent roof rounds the corner on one end of the rear and becomes part of a small porch with a hipped roof resting on three square columns. This porch is partially enclosed with a privacy fence.

Associated Resources

- (1) **Garage/Carriage House.** This one story building is a recent example of the Colonial Revival manner of construction. The gable-front façade consists of a large pedimented gable resting on a strong entablature. Two fluted Doric columns on the corners of the façade support the gable, and a large fanlight in the gable hints at the eighteenth century. Behind this façade is a one story building with a hipped roof oriented ninety degrees off the axis of the façade. (C)
- (2) **Stone Outbuilding.** This building was constructed of uncoursed stone. It has a narrow door under a large stone arch. A scar on the side of the building leaves evidence of a former gabled addition now removed. The upper portion of the building is frame. A rear portion of the building is a one story frame addition. Key elements are the medieval arch above the arched wooded door and the small buttress where the former addition was once located (C)

This resource is associated with Dawesfield NR properties (525 & 555 Lewis Lane).

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