

**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.:

Whitman Townships 415

County: Montgomery

Historic Name/Other Name:

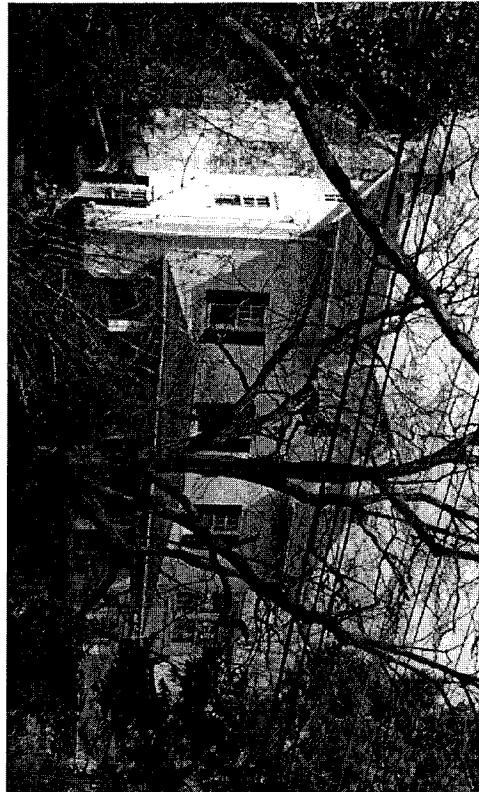
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Whitpain Township \_\_\_\_\_ Address: 515

Address: 515 Penllyn Blue Bell Pike

## SITE PLAN

## PHOTO INFORMATION



Number	Description of View	Direction of Camera
1	House – façade (left)	
2	House – 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	

# PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM - DATA SHEET

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Bureau for Historic Preservation

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## IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

Survey Code: 079 Tax Parcel/Other No.: 66 00 05191 00 8 Block Unit #015-024

County: 1. Montgomery 091 2.

Municipality: 1. Whitpain Township 2.

Address: 515 Penllyn Blue Bell Pike Historic Name:

Other Name:

Owner Name/Address: Christine A. Krum 515 Penllyn Blue Bell Pike Blue Bell PA 19422

Owner Category:  Private  Public-local  Public-state  Public-federal

Resource Category:  Building  District  Site  Structure  Object

Number/Aproximate Number of Resources Covered by This Form: 2

USGS Quad: 1. Lansdale 2.

UTM A. \_\_\_\_\_ C. \_\_\_\_\_

References: B. \_\_\_\_\_ D. \_\_\_\_\_

## HISTORIC AND CURRENT FUNCTIONS

Historic Function Category: **Subcategory:** **Code:**

A. Residence 1860 2,385 SF Land 0.62 Acre Dwelling \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

D. \_\_\_\_\_

Particular Type: A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

D. \_\_\_\_\_

Current Function Category: **Subcategory:** **Code:**

A. Single Family Residence Dwelling \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

D. \_\_\_\_\_

## PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Architectural Classification: A. Victorian Gothic \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

D. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior Materials: Foundation \_\_\_\_\_ Roof asphalt shingles \_\_\_\_\_

Walls stucco \_\_\_\_\_ Walls \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Structural System: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Width 3 bay / 35 feet \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_ Stories/Height 2.5 \_\_\_\_\_

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NARRATIVE SHEET 89C

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**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

This house is a good example of Victorian Gothic style architecture. It consists of a two and a half story core with a two story addition. The core is a three bay structure with a centered gable and end gabled roof (asphalt shingles). Built c. 1860, the house has end chimneys and is clad with stucco. The windows are six over six double hung with shutters. A smaller window appears in the centered gable. A large porch shades the first story façade and rests on unfluted square columns. The two-story addition on the right side is an enclosed sleeping porch.

**Classification:** This is a good early example of Victorian Gothic architecture and warrants a Class II resource classification.

## HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built: \_\_\_ ca. 1860 \_\_\_ 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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



*Home of the Robert Krum's*

## Former Boehm's Church Parsonage

By Elizabeth M. DeVincent  
Photography by George S. Peck

Adjacent to the cemetery of the Boehm's Reformed Church on Blue Bell Pike, is the home of the Robert Krum's. This white stuccoed house, built in 1859, is situated on sixty-one perches of land. It was used as the parsonage for the church from 1859 to 1890.

The following paragraph is from the "History of Boehm's Evangelical and Reformed Church 1740 to 1890."

"On January 13, 1859, the congregation agreed to build a parsonage along the Penllyn turnpike and appointed John Jones, George Geatrell, John Fitzgerald Sr., Joseph W. Shearer and Jacob Hoover a committee. The building was done by contract at a cost of \$2,039.55. Carpenter work was done by George F. Sheaff. Mason work by John F. Rumer. The congregation raised by subscription \$603.50; the balance being taken the funds of the church."

It was decided at a meeting of the congregation held on March 3, 1890 to sell the house. The parsonage was sold at public sale to Donald Miller for \$1,500.00. The congregation then proceeded to build a new manse on ground bought from Charles Deprefontaine. This house is now the offices of Eichler and Moffly Co. on Skippack Pike in Blue Bell.

During the ensuing years the property changed hands a number of times. The Krum Family has lived there since 1967.



