

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.: 045 / 66 00 03299 09 1 Block-Unit #009D-015

County: Montgomery

Municipality: Whitpain Township

Address: 860 Longfield Drive

Historic Name/Other Name: _____

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 | |

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IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

Survey Code: 045 Tax Parcel/Other No.: 66 00 03299 09 1 Block Unit #009D-015

County: 1. Montgomery 091 2.

Municipality: 1. Whitpain Township 2.

Address: 860 Longfield Drive Historic Name:

Other Name:

Owner Name/Address: Arthur E. & Catherine M. Rush 860 Longfield Drive Center Square 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: 1

USGS Quad: 1. Lansdale 2.

UTM A. _____ C. _____

References: B. _____ D. _____

HISTORIC AND CURRENT FUNCTIONS

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

A. Residence 1801 3,422 SF Land 1.64 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. Georgian _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

Other: _____

Exterior Materials: Foundation _____

Roof _____ asphalt shingles _____

Walls stucco _____

Walls _____

Other _____

Other _____

Structural System: 1. _____ 2. _____

Width 4 bay / 40 feet _____ Depth 50 feet _____ Stories/Height 2 _____

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built: ca. 1801 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: Yes x No Context(s): _____
Contributes to Potential District Yes No District Name/Status: _____

Classification: Class II. The house is in excellent shape. Although now part of a development, there is adequate land to maintain its historic setting.

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 three part, two story, Georgian style farmhouse. The original section is a rectangular shaped, four bay, white stucco over stone structure with a full length, shed roofed front porch. An early addition, attached to the rear of the structure, is also a two story, stucco over stone structure. The resulting cross-axial roof has asphalt shingles. Three stucco-clad, flush chimneys are found at both ends of the core building, and on the north end of the addition. Windows are 1x1 and are not original; larger frames are found on the first floor. In typical Georgian style fashion, a fanlight is located over the main door. Sidelights flank the door, which is paneled. Wooden shutters flank the windows on the front facade.

The house also contains a two story, stucco clad addition that occupies the former void of the ell. The house also contains a vinyl clad, one story, shed roof, addition on the rear (northeast) corner of the house. The overall length of the house is approximately 40' x 50'.

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Arthur and Kay Rush House — owned by Peter Strassburger

This has undoubtedly been a most popular house and location. Many families have lived in it and owned it, and many more would like to buy it! One reason for its popularity would be that it is the first real farm house west of the village. Secondly, it is ideally located back from the road and has a stream nearby. Thirdly, it is well-designed and built and has weathered some adversity.

In late 1975, after having been vandalized and then completely gutted by fire, the Arthur Rush's, Jr. and Sr., with the permission of Mr. Strassburger undertook to restore the dwelling. Today the Rush's are enjoying the spaciousness of the large farm kitchen and the atmosphere of the main part of the house with its old woodwork and refinished floors. It has been decorated in a colonial motif. The crowning feature is the unusual masonry of the entrance surrounding the front door. But best of all, the workmen found the date-stone while renovating — 1801!

The record of deeds is herewith presented-going backwards:

- 1939 — Strassburger purchase — Several tenant farmers and their families occupied it
- 1927 — Dr. John Nevergole
- 1926 — Charles and Elizabeth MacMullan
- 1920 — Paul Zenone
- 1920 — George and Helen Woodward
- 1920 — Joseph Termine (agent)
- 1916 — Richard Roynan
- 1905 — William Knoll sold to Charles Heimsbaugh (last of the Yost farm managers)
- 1903 — John Knoll, the father willed a great area of land to William (Log-cabin dweller on Yost Rd.), George and Thomas



Rush Home

