

**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.: 130 / 66 00 06634 00 5 Block-Unit #011-005

County: Montgomery

Municipality: Whitpain Township

Address: 1099 Skippack Pike

Historic Name/Other Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**SITE PLAN**

**PHOTO INFORMATION**



Number	Description of View	Direction of Camera
1	House – façade	
2	House – façade and additions	
3	Barn	
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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: 130 Tax Parcel/Other No.: 66 00 06634 00 5 Block Unit #011-005

County: 1. Montgomery 091 2.

Municipality: 1. Whitpain Township 2.

Address: 1099 Skippack Pike Historic Name:

Other Name:

Owner Name/Address: Frederick J. & Anne H. Colvin 1099 Skippack Pike Blue Bell PA 19422

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: 2

USGS Quad: 1. Lansdale 2.

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

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

## HISTORIC AND CURRENT FUNCTIONS

Historic Function Category: Subcategory: Code:

A. Residence 1810 3,247 SF Land 1.27 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. Vernacular \_\_\_\_\_

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

D. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Walls stone \_\_\_\_\_ Walls \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Width 3 Depth \_\_\_\_\_ Stories/Height 2.5

## HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built: ca. 1810 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:** The house is in excellent condition. Its shape and particular use of stone are rare in the township. Class I.

## 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

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL RESOURCE SURVEY FORM  
NARRATIVE SHEET 89C

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission  
Bureau for Historic Preservation

Survey Code: 130 Tax Parcel/Other No.: 66 00 06634 00 5 Block-Unit #011-005  
County: Montgomery 091 Municipality: Whitpain Township  
Address: 453 Skippack Pike  
Historic/Other Name:

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

This Vernacular, 2.5-story stone farmhouse consists of a core facing Skippack Pike, an addition attached to the rear (originally creating an ell-shape), and a newer addition within the void of the ell. The property also has a medium sized stone barn in the rear of the property.

The core, constructed in 1810 (date stone - north end), has two main stories and a third served by a single, three windowed, monitor-style dormer facing Skippack Pike. (The wood shingle roof is new - the house may have had individual dormers at one time.) There are two flush, stucco-covered chimneys at each end. The walls are dark colored un-coursed fieldstone with large quoins. Fenestration consists of three bays of windows containing newer, 2x2 sash windows on the first floor and 6x6 sashes on the second floor. The main entrance is centered between the first floor windows and protected by a wood shingled, hip roof. A transom is located over the door. The core measures  $\approx$  30' x 15'.

The older addition is 2.5 stories, facing the side street. Notable features are its stone fieldstone walls, single hip roofed dormer, and wood shingle roof. There is also a single story, stucco covered addition in the void of the ell. With the additions, the house measures approximately 30' x 40'.

**Associated Building: (Barn)** Like many resources along Skippack Pike, this property includes a barn. However, the barn, unlike most barns in the Township, is stone. The 2-story, partially stucco clad stone barn has an end gabled, asphalt shingle roof. Its main wall, facing the side street, has just one window. A 2-story, centered entrance, located under a small cross gable above, is the building's most heavily altered feature, yet the alteration has not undermined the overall architectural significance of the structure. This entrance is accessed between two stone pillars near the street.

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## **“Christmas House”**

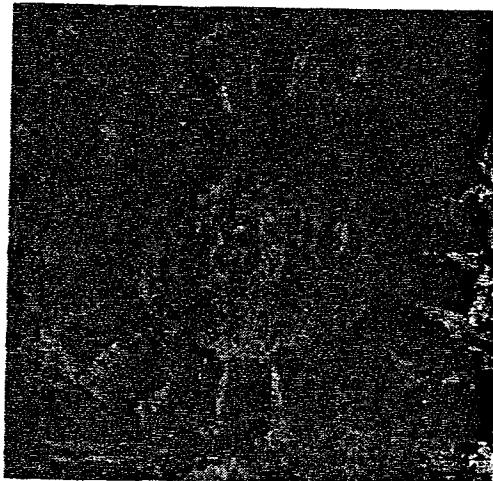
By Dorothy S. Conard  
Photography by George S. Peck

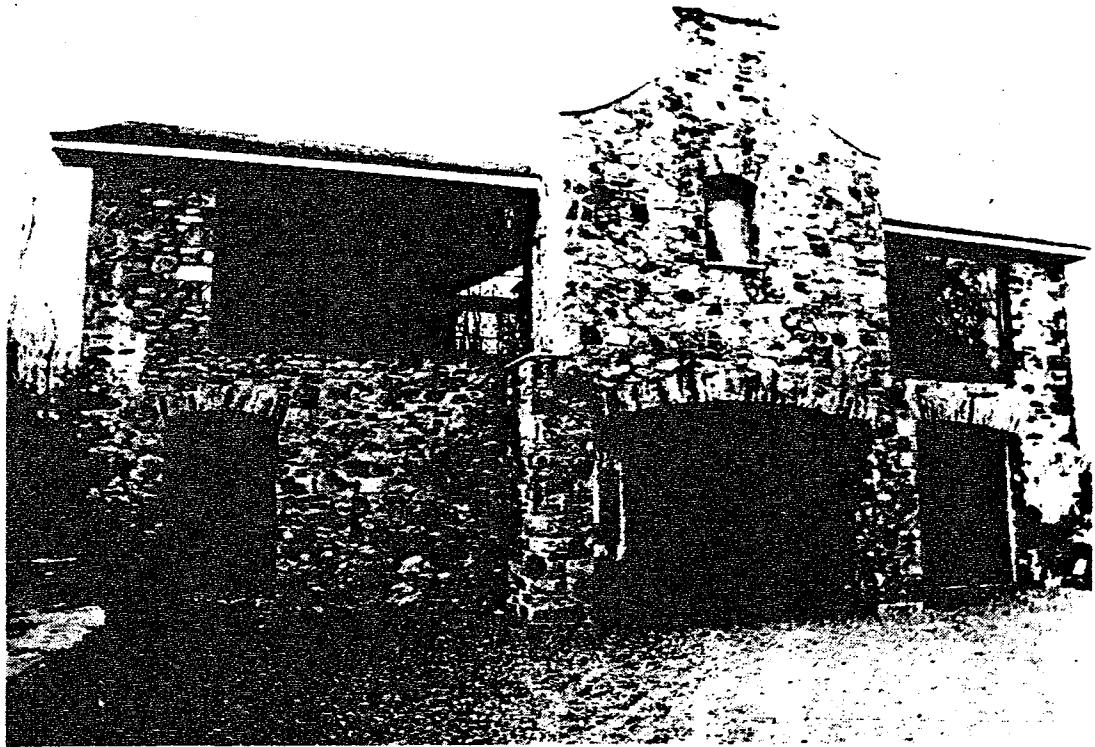
This property, located on the corner of Skippack Pike and Cathcart Road, owned by Peter Cross, was named after Mr. Cross' great, great uncle, Clement C. Moore, who wrote “The Night Before Christmas.”

In the early days Abraham Wentz, who owned and operated the red brick inn across Cathcart Road, also owned this property and used it for the “overflow” of overnight travelers to the inn. In 1871, the executors of the estate of Abraham Wentz, who died in 1870, sold the home and eleven acres to William H. Seeley for \$2,400.

Caroline S. Hangstorfer came here as an eighteen-year-old bride in 1884 and the home remained in the possession of the Hangstorfer family until 1965. Fred Hangstorfer, son of Caroline, was known for disposing of dead animals for the farmers in this area. Cathcart Road was at one time called Hangstorfer Road.

Peter Cross, who purchased the property in 1965, stated that he has seen an original deed of this property dated 1755. Part of this house was a toll house during the time of the Skippack Turnpike Company which was dissolved in 1901. Mr. Cross made additions to the original house and remodeled the barn; old bricks from walkways around the outside have been used in the present kitchen floor and many old window panes remain in the “old part” of the house.





*Barn Restored and Converted to a Studio*



*Christmas House*



