

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.:

087 / 66 00 05311 00 5 Block-Unit #019-031

County: Montgomery

Municipality:

Whitpain Township

Address: 1224 Penllyn Blue Bell Pike

Historic Name/Other Name:

SITE PLAN

PHOTO INFORMATION



Number	Description of View	Direction of Camera
1	House – facade	

2	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

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County: 1. Montgomery 091 2.

Municipality: 1. Whitpain Township 2.

Address: 1224 Penllyn Blue Bell Pike Historic Name:

Other Name:

Owner Name/Address: Beach Realty Associates 1298 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/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 1772 2,957 SF Land 3.86 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. _____

D. _____

C. _____

Other: _____

Exterior Materials: Foundation _____

Roof wood shingles _____

Walls stone _____

Walls _____

Other _____

Other _____

Structural System: 1. _____

2. _____

Width 3 bay / 40 feet _____ Depth 18 feet _____ Stories/Height 2 _____

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built: ca. 1772 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: Together, these buildings are in excellent condition and exemplify the Georgian vernacular tradition. Alterations make it a Class II resource.

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 Georgian vernacular house has an associated stone barn. The house, built c. 1772, is a three bay, two story, 18 x 40 foot building with end gables. It has interior end chimneys and a wooden shingle roof and is composed of uncoursed stone. The windows are new six over six double hung with shutters. There is a porch on the rear of the house.

Associated Resource: Associated with this house is a fine stone barn, two story with wood shingles. It has a L-shaped floor plan.

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HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Carpenter Property

By Dorothy S. Conard

This property at 1224 Blue Bell Road, is part of the Henry Conard tract of two hundred and twenty acres that was divided by his will of 1758 between his sons, Benjamin and Joseph; each was to receive one hundred and ten acres. Benjamin died one year later in 1759, and the messuage and land were willed to his wife, Margaret, who later married Thomas White. There is a deed which states that Thomas White inherited the estate in 1761.

In 1766, Harmon Hendricks bought the property at Sheriff sale and remained there until his death in 1785 when it was willed to his seven children. Leonard, the eldest, handled the transaction when it was sold to Joseph and Abigail Hallowell in 1786. Their stay was short, since in 1788, Joseph Hallowell sold the home and one hundred and eleven acres to Frederick Fetzer for £ 500.

When James McDowell bought the farm from Frederick Fetzer in 1798, the acreage had dropped to eighty-five acres. Two years later James McDowell was deceased and Elisha Evans purchased the property and remained there for two years when it was sold to William and Mary McDowell.

The acreage of the property was twenty-three acres when, in 1812, William McDowell sold to Samuel Lukens who remained there over forty years. After his death in 1853, Sam Johnson and wife were owners and occupants for two years when it was sold to Jacob Craft. One year later, John Jones was owner and in 1869 Charles Jones, who was executor of the estate of John Jones, sold to William H. Slingluff.

Four generations of the Slingluff family lived in this home. William Slingluff's son, Henry Geiger Slingluff, came into possession in the spring of 1903 and greatly improved the buildings and surroundings. Lyle Krewson Slingluff, Henry's son, was the last owner in the Slingluff family. Belle Slingluff, wife of Lyle, came there as a bride in 1911 and their three children were born in this home: Dorothy, wife of L. Stetson Rowles, who resides in Blue Bell; Lyle, Jr.; and Albert, who lost his life in an airplane crash in World War II.

Belle related how the family fed hobos who came to their door and gave them lodging in the barn with the provision that they relinquish any matches in their possession. She also spoke about the Gypsies who camped each year at Five Points and how the Slingluffs "tied things down" because of possible thievery; daily walks to the post office for mail (which was then located at the intersection of Blue Bell Road and Skippack Pike); hitching up the horses to go to Penllyn to pick up the boys to pick strawberries on the farm, for which the boys were reimbursed one cent a box. The produce from the farm was taken to the Girard Avenue Farmers' Market in Philadelphia each Tuesday, using a wagon with a double team of horses.

Belle Slingluff has always been active in community affairs. She finished a term for a member of the Board of Education who had died and, without campaigning, continued to serve as a member for four six-year terms. When the Women's Suffrage Act was passed, she was the first woman to vote in Whitpain Township, holding ballot number one.

After Lyle's retirement, he and Belle built a smaller home on Blue Bell Road a short distance from the old homestead. Lyle died in 1959. She is a "grand" lady and at age eighty-seven drives her own car. She was a grand marshal in our Bi-Centennial Parade.

Maxwell and Elsye Carpenter purchased the home and four acres of ground in 1949. Maxwell died in 1953 and Elsye then taught at the Blue Bell School for a period of eighteen years until her retirement in 1971. Today, Mrs. Carpenter and her son, Walter, are owners of the home, barn and four acres of land and have recently made a lovely addition to the home.



Original Home of Benjamin Conard

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Photography by George S. Peck

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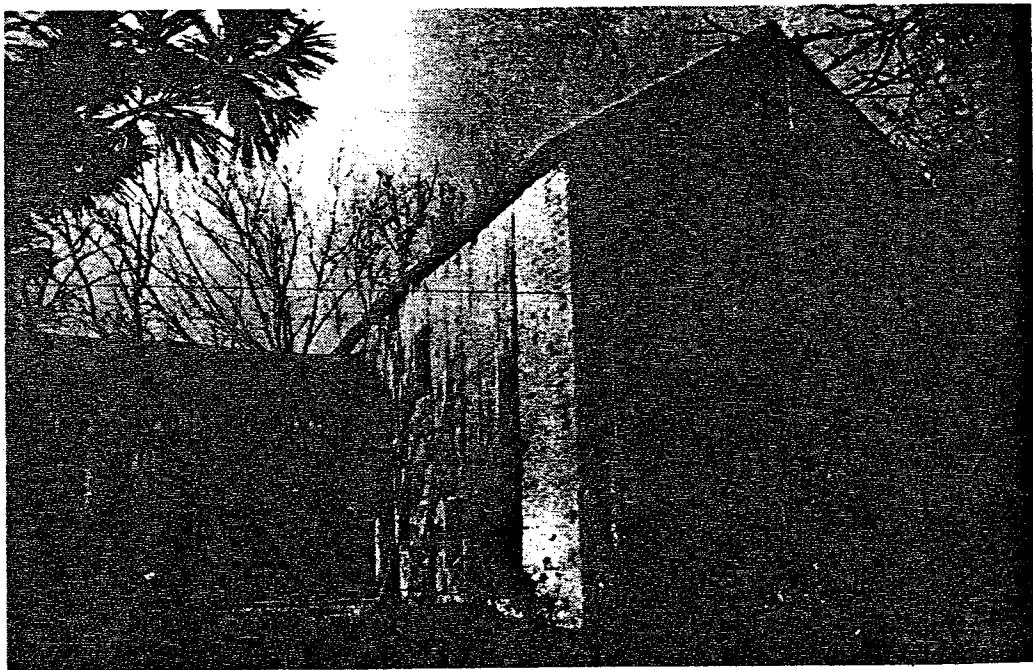
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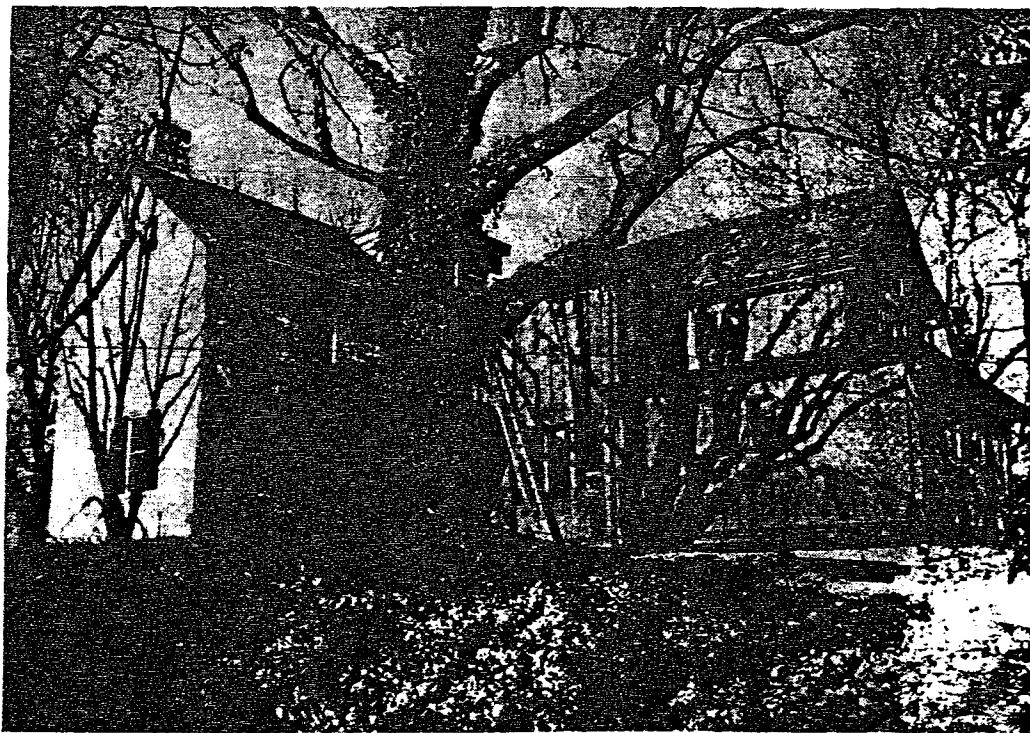


Stone and Frame Barn

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Original House With Addition