

**PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM PHOTO/SITE PLAN SHEET**

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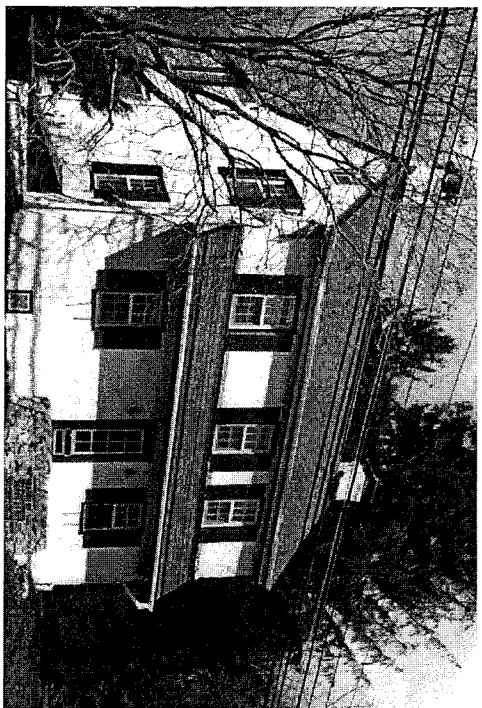
Survey Code/Tax Parcel/Other No.: 088 / 66 00 05140 00 5 Block-Unit #014-019 County: Montgomery

Municipality: Whippain Township Address: 1233 Penllyn Blue Bell Pike

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

**SITE PLAN**

**PHOTO INFORMATION**



Number	Description of View	Direction of Camera
1	House - façade (left)	
2	House - façade (right)	
3	Barn / Carriage House	
4		
5		
6		
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: 088 Tax Parcel/Other No.: 66.00 05140.00 5 Block Unit #014-019
County: 1. Montgomery 091 2.
Municipality: 1. Whitpain Township 2.
Address: 1235 Penllyn Blue Bell Pike Historic Name:
Other Name:
Owner Name/Address: Stephen J. & Theresa Klarich 1235 Penllyn Blue Bell Pike Blue Bell PA 19422
Owner Category: x Private Public-local Public-state Public-federal
Resource Category: x 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 1800 1,904 SF Land 0.70 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. Colonial Vernacular
B. C.
D. Other:

Exterior Materials: Foundation Roof asphalt shingles
Walls stucco Walls
Other Other

Structural System: 1. 2.
Width 3 bay Depth Stories/Height 2

## HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built: \_\_\_ ca. \_\_\_ 1800 \_\_\_\_\_ 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:** Although this house is in good condition, its vernacular style warrants a Class II resource classification.

## 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

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NARRATIVE SHEET 89C

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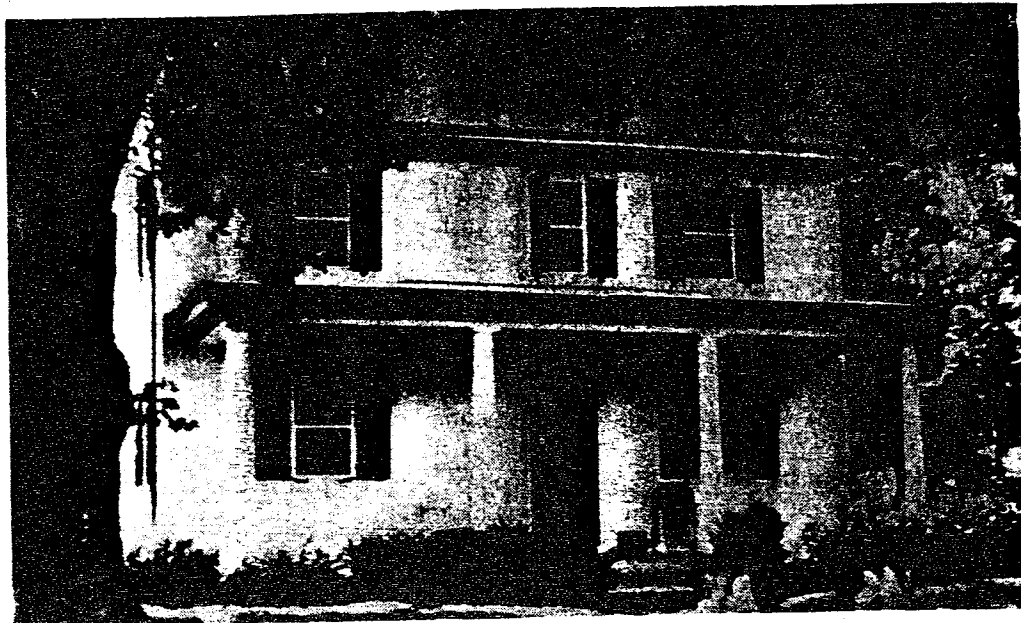
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County: \_\_\_\_\_Montgomery\_\_\_\_\_091\_\_\_\_\_ Municipality: \_\_\_\_\_Whitpain Township  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_1235 Penllyn Blue Bell Pike  
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**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

This house is a nice colonial vernacular building. The core was constructed c. 1800; a rear addition was added later. A large frame barn/carriage house is associated with this house. The core is a two-story, three bay, gable-end house with a prominent pent roof on the façade. It has two interior end chimneys and a wooden-shingle roof. The windows are six over six double hung with shutters. The façade is slightly asymmetrical; the door and the window above it are installed off-center. The house is clad in stucco. The rear addition is cross-gabled, and its windows follow the pattern of those on the core. The rear addition is not stucco-clad.

**Associated Resource:** There is a large two and a half story frame barn/carriage house associated with this house. The building has several additions and vinyl siding.

**Classification:** Although this house is in good condition, its vernacular style warrants a Class II resource classification.



## **Cavanaugh Property Blue Bell Road, Blue Bell**

By Dorothy S. Conard  
Photography by George S. Peck

May Cavanaugh, daughter of Bernard and Anna, has lived in this house all of her life. She has a vivid memory of neighbors and events of the area and has researched her property and provided copies of all previous deeds on the property.

On February 4, 1754, Robert Porter purchased one hundred and forty-two acres of land with appurtenances from the heirs of Anthony Morris and Richard Whitpain, which was willed to Robert Porter's sons, Charles and Stephen, in 1770. This transfer mentions a messuage or tenement and one hundred and forty-two acres of ground. May Cavanaugh relates that there is a date-stone that is covered up with plaster that probably has the date 1763 on it. She would like to uncover it sometime.

In 1774 the entire property was sold to Leonard Metz and his wife, who were owners until 1793 when it was sold to Valentine Bush for eight hundred and fifty pounds in gold and silver money. Tax records for 1798 show Valentine Bush as having an unusually large barn for this time, 46 X 34. By the year 1807 the land was being sold off. In 1811 John Nungesser, who owned the house and thirty acres at that time, sold to Isaac Dettwiler for twelve hundred dollars. He sold the thirty acres and messuage or tenement to Henry Beideman in 1849 for one thousand forty-six dollars and fifty cents. The next owner was George McNeill and the property was transferred to Morris D. McNeill in 1902.

Bernard and Anna Cavanaugh purchased the residence and ten acres in 1903 from Morris McNeill, raised a family and lived there the remainder of their lives. The house still is owned and occupied by the Cavanaugh family.



