

**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.: 007 / 66 00 00565 00 8 Block-Unit #021-009

County: Montgomery

Municipality: Whitpain Township

Address: 1351 Butler Pike

Historic Name/Other Name:

**SITE PLAN**

**PHOTO INFORMATION**



Number	Description of View	Direction of Camera
1	Garage	
2	House – side view	
3	House – façade	
4		
5		
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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

## **“Quarterpeck Farm”**

By Dorothy S. Conard  
Photography by George S. Peck

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In 1798, Aquilla Tool sold a little more than four acres to David Trexler and retained seventeen acres of ground. By 1810, Aquilla Tool had died and Aquilla Tool, Jr., and John Keyser were appointed by Orphans Court to sell the property. It was sold in 1811 to Jacob Weber who sold the same year to Jonathan Deavs for 450 dollars. This deed states the location of the property as “to the corner of William Greacy’s land by land of John Rex, etc.” Aaron Keyser was the Administrator of Deavs’ will when it was sold to Charles Williams in 1850. The land was divided about this time since Sylvester Jones bought the house and three acres in 1854 for 1,050 dollars. Adjoining properties were those of Zorn, Dutill and Rex. The estate of Sylvester Jones sold the property to Katharine Burke in 1900 and, in 1917, Katharine Burke sold it to Joseph Fretz who sold it the same year to George W. Boice. The next transfer, in 1927, was to Thomas Downing who operated a dairy farm there. He had sixteen cows and sold milk and vegetables from a stand located in front of the house.

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## IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

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County: 1. Montgomery 091 2.

Municipality: 1. Whitpain Township 2.

Address: 1351 Butler Pike Historic Name: Quarterpeck Farm

Other Name:

Owner Name/Address: William C. & Barbara Jack Pfingst 1351 Butler 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 1750 2,352 SF Land 1.71 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

Exterior Materials: Foundation \_\_\_\_\_

Roof \_\_\_\_\_

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

Walls \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

Width 6 bay \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_ Stories/Height 2.5 \_\_\_\_\_

## HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built: ca. 1750 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 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

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NARRATIVE SHEET 89C

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**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

This 6-bay, Federal style house consists of the main core with a rear cross-gabled addition. All of the house is clad with stucco. The house has a large exterior end chimney on the left gable end and an interior end gable on the right gable end. The roof is composed of wood shingles and has a molded cornice. The windows are six over six double hung with shutters and have a delicate molding profile. There are two roof dormers with gabled roofs which are frame. The rear addition is a two story addition with a similar window treatment as the core. Off the rear of this addition is a small one-story frame addition.

Associated resource: Barn (C)

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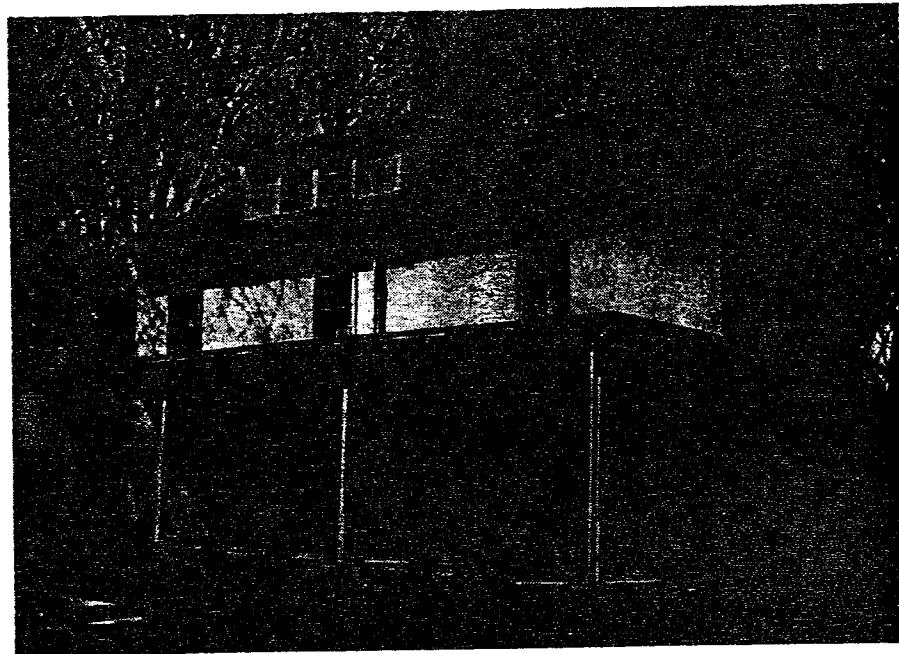
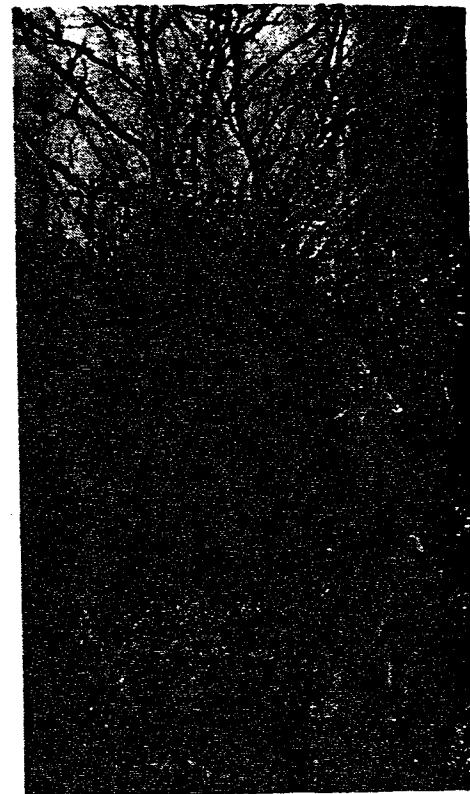
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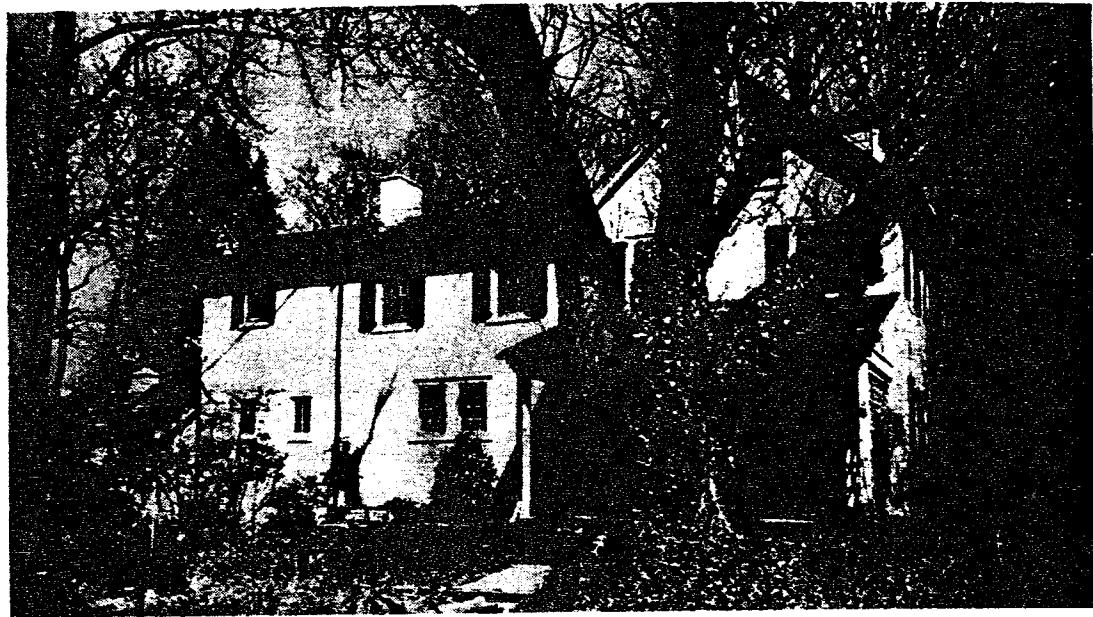
*Mrs. Stratton in Front of Boxwood*



*300 Year Old White Oak Tree*



*Home of Fred and Edna Stratton*



*Garden View of Schaefer Home*



*Lovely Old Springhouse Adjacent to Home*

