

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.: 140 / 66 00 06692 00 1 Block-Unit #009-063 County: Montgomery

Municipality: Whitpain Township Address: 1499 Skippack Pike

Historic Name/Other Name: _____

SITE PLAN

PHOTO INFORMATION



Number	Description of View	Direction of Camera
1	House – façade	
2	House	
3	Barn	
4		
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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: 140 Tax Parcel/Other No.: 66 00 06692 00 1 Block Unit #009-063
 County: 1. Montgomery 091 2. _____
 Municipality: 1. Whitpain Township 2. _____
 Address: 1499 Skippack Pike Historic Name: _____
 Other Name: _____
 Owner Name/Address: Thomas McKeown 1499 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 1880 2,070 SF Land 0.61 Acre Dwelling _____
 B. _____
 C. _____
 D. _____

Particular Type: A. _____
 B. _____
 C. _____
 D. _____

Current Function Category: _____ Subcategory: _____ Code: _____
 A. Multi-Family Residence 5 Apartment Dwelling _____
 B. _____
 C. _____
 D. _____

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Architectural Classification: _____ A. Second Empire _____
 B. _____ C. _____
 D. _____ Other: _____

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

Structural System: 1. _____ 2. _____
 Width 3 bay / 30 feet Depth 35 feet Stories/Height 2.5

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NARRATIVE SHEET 89C

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

This eclectic Second Empire-style, Mansard roofed house (c. 1880) is a unique example of the Township's Second Empire influence. In addition to several details popularized by the style (concave roof, curved molded dormers, exaggerated cornice above and below roof, decorative cornice brackets, quoins, 2x2 windows), the most visible detail on the house is the onion-domed turret on the southeast corner. The silver dome sits on top of a three-story rounded turret that incorporates the roofline and corner wall. A wrap-around porch curves around the turret on the southeast corner. Bracketed columns support the porch. The house consists of a core and rear addition near the northeast corner. The house measures 30' across (three bay) and, with the addition, 50' deep. Barrel topped, molded dormers are located across the front and side facades. Fenestration consists of 2x2 sash windows and a French doors as a main entrance. A transom is located over the door. Doors (first floor) and windows (first and second floors) are topped with curved pedimented lintels. Louvered shutters flank the windows on the second floor; paneled shutters flank some first floor windows. A 2-story bay window extension is located on the east end of the house; a 1-story extension is located in the west end. The house is stucco covered however its roof is clad in asphalt shingles. The addition is a two-story, stucco-covered extension with a flat roof and similar windows to that of the core. A second-story sleeping porch is located on the northwest corner of the addition.

Associated Resource: The property also includes a 1.5-story, frame carriage shed or barn located in the rear of the lot. It consists of a hipped on end, asphalt shingled roof, decorative scroll sawn bargeboard, beveled siding, and hipped roof cupola. There is a shed-roofed addition on the rear of the structure and large sliding doors on the addition and the main façade. It is a contributing resource.

Classification: The house is in fair shape and characteristic of the Mansard tradition in the Township. It maintains original details, such as the rear-sleeping porch. It is also unique due to the turret. It is a Class II resource.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built: ca. 1880 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:

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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



