

**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.: 144 / 66 00 06712 00 8 Block-Unit #009-015

County: Montgomery

Municipality: Whitpain Township

Address: 1673 Skippack Pike

Historic Name/Other Name:

**SITE PLAN****PHOTO INFORMATION**

Number	Description of View	Direction of Camera
1	House – façade	
2	House – façade	
3		
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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: 144 Tax Parcel/Other No.: 66 00 06712 00 8 Block Unit #009-015

County: 1. Montgomery 091 2.

Municipality: 1. Whitpain Township 2.

Address: 1673 Skippack Pike Historic Name: Centerville School House

Other Name:

Owner Name/Address: Edward R. & Teresa B. Strong 1673 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: 3

USGS Quad: 1. Lansdale 2.

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

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

## HISTORIC AND CURRENT FUNCTIONS

Historic Function Category: Subcategory: Code:

A. School house 1825 2,186 SF Land 0.53 Acre Education \_\_\_\_\_

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. Greek Revival \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Exterior Materials: Foundation \_\_\_\_\_ Roof standing seam tin roof \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Width 3 bay / 25 feet Depth 40 feet Stories/Height 2 \_\_\_\_\_

## HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built: ca. 1825 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:** The schoolhouse is in poor shape and includes several changes that have altered its appearance. Because it is probably one of the first real public schools in the Township, it is Class II.

## 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 is house is a two story, Greek Revival-influenced house constructed c. 1830. It consists of a front-end gabled, standing seam tin roof, two stories, stucco over stone walls. The main façade (the front end facing Skippack Pike) is three bays (25') wide with a full-length shed roofed porch. The porch is supported by rounded columns and rests on a stone and concrete base. Windows are 2x2 sash with protruding sills. A tin chimney runs up the east side of the building. A semi-circular, 4-bay attic window is located under the gable end. The schoolhouse is rectangular and 40' deep.

**Associated Resources:** There are two contributing resources on the property, a 1-story frame garage (18x20) and a small playhouse southeast of the house.

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