

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.: 093 / 66 00 05089 00 2 Block-Unit #014-035

County: Montgomery

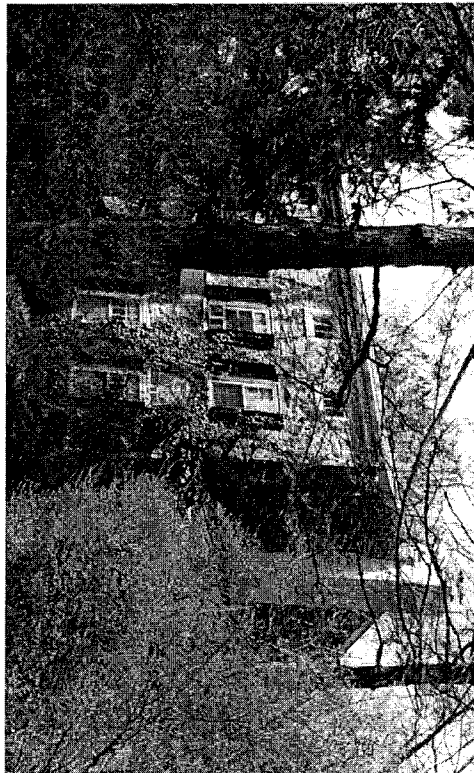
Municipality: Whippain Township

Address: 1799 Penllyn Blue Bell Pike

Historic Name/Other Name: _____

SITE PLAN

PHOTO INFORMATION



Number	Description of View	Direction of Camera
1	House -- facade	
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Photographer Name: Robert Wise Date: 1999

Negative Location: Robert Wise Consulting, Station Square 1, Suite 104,
37 N. Valley Road, Paoi, PA 19301

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM - DATA SHEET

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IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

Survey Code: 093 Tax Parcel/Other No.: 66 00 05089 00 2 Block Unit #014-035
 County: 1. Montgomery 091 2. _____
 Municipality: 1. Whitpain Township 2. _____
 Address: 1799 Penllyn Blue Bell Pike Historic Name: _____
 Other Name: _____
 Owner Name/Address: Robert C. & Edna G. Harris 1799 Penllyn Blue Bell Pike P.O. Box 247 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: 1
 USGS Quad: 1. Lansdale 2. _____
 UTM A. _____ C. _____
 References: B. _____ D. _____

HISTORIC AND CURRENT FUNCTIONS

Historic Function Category: **Subcategory:** **Code:**
 A. Residence 1820 5,478 SF Land 2.00 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. Federal _____
 B. _____ C. _____
 D. _____ Other: _____

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

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

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built: ___ ca. ___ 1820 ___ 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: This house is in good condition and includes period detailing, but its alterations classify it as a Class II resource.

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

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL RESOURCE SURVEY FORM
NARRATIVE SHEET 89C

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

This Federal style house was built c. 1820 and has two additions. The core of the house is a five bay, three story end-gable unit constructed with uncoursed stones. Other details of the core include exterior end chimneys, dentil molding under the eaves, and hopper windows on the third floor. Windows are six over six double hung on the first two floors with frieze band windows on the third floor; shutters appear on the lower two floors. There is a porch on one end and a large one-story stone addition on the rear.

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Robert C. Allen House

Joseph and Rebecca White purchased a twenty acre lot bordering on the Plymouth line from George M. Potts in 1807. In 1812 he sold ten acres of this property to Patrick and Catherine Mullin. They built the house that is standing here today. It now belongs to Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Allen of 1799 Penllyn-Blue Bell Pike.

The house is very similar to the original house on the Bogar property. Constructed of plastered fieldstone the original house has a center hall, sometimes known as a welcome hall, flanked by a room on either side of equal proportion. Upstairs there were two bedrooms, and fireplaces were in each room. According to deeds the house was located on Pigeontown Road leading to Pigeontown. Pigeontown became Blue Bell in 1840. This road was only a short span starting at the Plymouth line, now known as Township Line Road, and ending where Stenton Avenue and Penllyn-Blue Bell Pike meet. For many years it was not much more than a cow path. The main road led from the Plymouth Meeting House to the North Wales and Gwynedd Meeting Houses.

Patrick Mullin died intestate and Catherine continued to live here with their children: Daniel, John, Peter, William, Charles, Elizabeth, Hannah and Mary Anne. Catherine Mullin sold the property in 1850 to Henry Schlater.

The Schlater's were a very early American family. Their descendants were continuously active in the service of Boehm's Reformed Church. Henry Schlater died January 1, 1892, and his wife, Elizabeth, died in July of the same year. Their children sold the homestead to Morton and Louise J. K. Streeper in 1893.

Morton Streeper died in February 1902; his wife and their daughter, Miriam, lived here until 1908. Robert O. Steiger paid \$2,800.00 for the property but sold it in 1912 to Henry and Amanda Biddle for a token fee of one dollar. The next three owners did the same.

Frank and Pauline Pierce sold it in 1919 to George Amberg, a widower, for \$2,000.00. In 1924, Simone De Biase paid \$9,000.00. The next owners Levi Broadhead and his sister, Sara, bought the property in 1927 for \$9,500.00. In 1929, Edwin S. Renshaw became the owner for a token fee. It was during this time that eight acres were sold. The house and two acres were sold for a token fee to Mr. and Mrs. Cyril G. Woley in 1939. The present owners Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Allen bought the property in 1964.

A wing has been added to the house. The original kitchen is now the dining room and the new kitchen is in the wing. Above the kitchen are bedrooms. The wing was added to the house many years ago but the exact date is not known.



Robert C. Allen House



John White House As It Could Have Appeared in 1780