

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.: 051 / 66 00 04333 00 2 Block-Unit #023-024

County: Montgomery

Municipality: Whitpain Township

Address: 146 Morris Road

Historic Name/Other Name: _____

SITE PLAN

PHOTO INFORMATION



Number	Description of View	Direction of Camera
1	House	
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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: 051 Tax Parcel/Other No.: 66 00 04333 00 2 Block Unit #023-024

County: 1. Montgomery 091 2. _____

Municipality: 1. Whitpain Township 2. _____

Address: 146 Morris Road Historic Name: Bremier Home

Other Name: _____

Owner Name/Address: Robert D. & Myrtle L. Malehorn 146 Morris Road Ambler PA 19002

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 1790 2,336 SF Land 0.85 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 slate _____

Walls stucco _____ Walls _____

Other _____ Other _____

Structural System: 1. _____ 2. _____

Width 3 bay _____ Depth _____ Stories/Height 3 _____

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built: ca. 1790 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: The many alterations on this house warrant 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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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Secluded from the road, this large Federal period house has a large rear addition. The core of the house is a three story house with three bays built c. 1790. It has end gables and interior end chimneys. The house is clad in stucco. The house has asymmetrical fenestration; there are two hopper windows on the third floor and three windows on the second floor. All windows have shutters. On the side, there are two windows on the third floor and only one on the second floor. A three story addition on the rear of this house maintains the roof and window profiles. It also has an end chimney. A one story porch on the side of the house rests upon columns. The house has some twentieth century additions as well.

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HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

The Bremier Home

By Dorothy S. Conard

Jonathan Taylor owned 186 acres of land in Whitpain Township and when he made his will in 1776, he willed eighty-six acres to his son, Jonathan the second. Six months later, in 1776, Jonathan the second executed his will, requesting that the executors sell the property four years after his decease in order to enable the payment of several legacies and to provide for his child which was then unborn. Jonathan the third was the only heir and he and his wife, Ellen, sold to Miles Abbett in 1801 for £1,050. The sale is described as for a messuage or tenement and two tracts of land containing sixty acres and twenty-six acres.

On June 2, 1808, Miles Abbett sold to Leonard Weidner for £1,284 and six shillings. The twenty-six acres had been sold previously and this deed covers sixty acres with a messuage and "twelve acres being part of a lot supposed to contain fifteen acres and sixty-six perches, which Henry Harner and his wife, Margaret, had sold to Miles Abbett on September 3, 1805."

The ancestors of Leonard Weidner were Germans from Wurtemberg who left their native land because of religious persecution. Leonard Weidner made his will on February 3, 1829 and the entire property was released to Samuel Weidner, son of Leonard, and his wife, Elizabeth, for \$1,200. Samuel was eighteen years old when he came to Whitpain where his father had purchased the farm. He farmed here until March 31, 1855, when he sold the sixty acres with messuage and twelve acres of land to Saunders Lewis, Esq., for \$8,000. On the same day, Saunders Lewis released the messuage and lot containing four acres and one hundred and sixteen perches back to Samuel Weidner for \$567. Samuel Weidner had two sons, Uriah and Ethan, and a daughter, Lavinia. Uriah resided at the homestead until he was twenty-two years old and taught school for twelve years at the Mount Pleasant School which he had attended in his boyhood. Later, in 1875, he was ordained as a Reformed Minister.

On October 22, 1884, Ethan J. Weidner and his wife, Anna, sold the messuage and four plus acres to Ann Jane Mercer. Payment of \$69.99 was to be paid annually on the first day of April of each and every year to Mary Weidner, widow of Samuel, for her lifetime and immediately after her death, the sum of \$1,166.66 was to be paid to the heirs of Samuel Weidner.

Less than two years later, in April 1886, Ann Jane Mercer died. She bequeathed her estate called "The Mount" to her brother, John Hamilton, Jr., in trust to procure a charter of incorporation for an institution to be called "The John C. Mercer Home for Disabled Clergymen of The Presbyterian Faith" to be established on the property and directed all the estate and property called "The Mount" to be conveyed to the Mercer Home for Disabled Clergymen. The Home was chartered on June 21, 1886, by a decree of the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County.

Sophia M. Winship purchased the property on April 16, 1904, for \$3,500. There was some question regarding the legality of this purchase, since Ann Mercer had not cleared her debts with the Weidner family. The Weidners released their legacy and Sophia Winship gained a clear title to the property at 146 Morris Road.

Gladys W. Meade bought the property on June 2, 1920 for \$5,500 and when she sold to Edward Haines, Jr., and his wife, Evelyn, on October 11, 1962, some of the four acres had been sold. David E. Graham and Caroline M. Graham purchased the property in 1967 and they sold to Gerhard O. Angermann, Jr., and his wife, Marguerite G., on June 11, 1971, who sold to Robert F. Young and Lois on May 15, 1973. Geraldine D. Bremier (Sally) bought the property on September 22, 1975, and resides there today.

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