

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.: 108 / 66 00 06166 00 5 Block-Unit #019B-001

County: Montgomery

Municipality: Whitpain Township

Address: 440 Skippack Pike

Historic Name/Other Name: _____

SITE PLAN

PHOTO INFORMATION



Number	Description of View	Direction of Camera
1	House	
2	Barn	
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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: 108 Tax Parcel/Other No.: 66 00 06166 00 5 Block Unit #019B-001

County: 1. Montgomery 091 2.

Municipality: 1. Whitpain Township 2.

Address: 440 Skippack Pike Historic Name: Farview Farm

Other Name:

Owner Name/Address: Allan B. Jr. & Anne G. Kime 440 Skippack Pike Blue 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. Residence 1740 2,903 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 stucco _____ Walls _____

Other _____ Other _____

Structural System: 1. _____ 2. _____

Width 25 feet Depth 18 feet Stories/Height 2.5

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built: ca. 1740 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 house is Class II due to alterations.

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:

This house, c. 1740, consists of a Colonial style house with a large frame barn. (Most of the features of the house are hidden by thick vegetation.) The house is a three part additive building with a rear shed roofed porch. With the rear addition, it forms an irregular T-shape. The core, measuring approximately 25' x 18', is 2.5 stories high and three bays wide. The roof is an end gabled, asphalt roof with a stucco covered chimney on the north end. The walls are stucco over stone. First floor windows are original, 1x1. The third floor contains a frieze band of windows, yet the center window has either been filled in or was never included in the original design.

There is a framed, two-story addition extending from the south end of the core. Slightly lower than the core, the unit is clad in German siding. The addition measures 18' x 18'. There is also a small, 1-story addition on the rear core, near the southwest corner. The porch occupies the rear section of the core near the northwest corner. Combined, the house measures approximately 43' x 22'.

Associated Resources: (1) Barn: Located west of the house is a large, frame barn with an enclosed rear bay addition. The barn is constructed on an 8' high stone foundation. The core has an end gabled, asphalt shingle roof; the walls are board and batten. Attached to the rear of the barn, where the earth ramp was located, is a full-length shed extension. Together, the structure measures approximately 60' x 45'.

(2) Retaining Wall: One notable feature of the property is the stone retaining wall running along Skippack Pike.

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HISTORIC NARRATIVE

“Farview Farm”

By Dorothy S. Conard

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Anne Kime related that a restoration architect inspected the house and, judging from the width of the base of a hearth in the basement, dated the original construction as a two-story house built about 1740 with modernizations about the year 1840. The fireplace hearth in the living room is of English construction. There is a set of stairs in the basement leading to a second basement. This is an area about six feet round that is high enough to walk in, and it is believed to have been the spring room or springhouse.

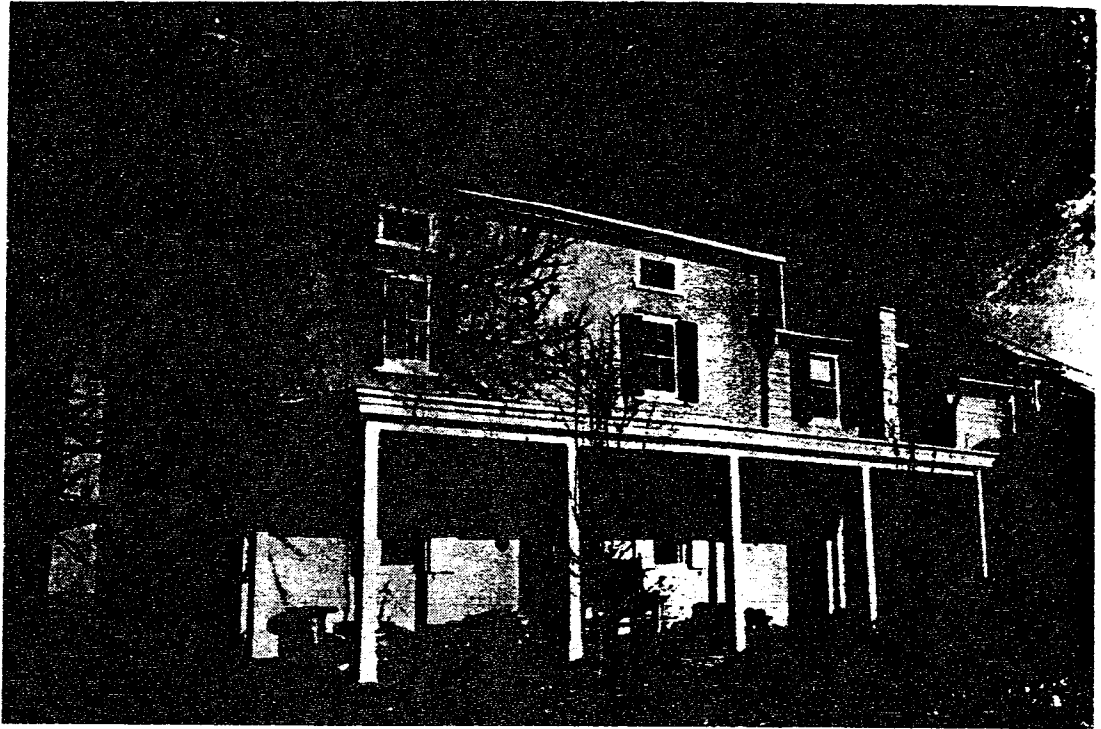
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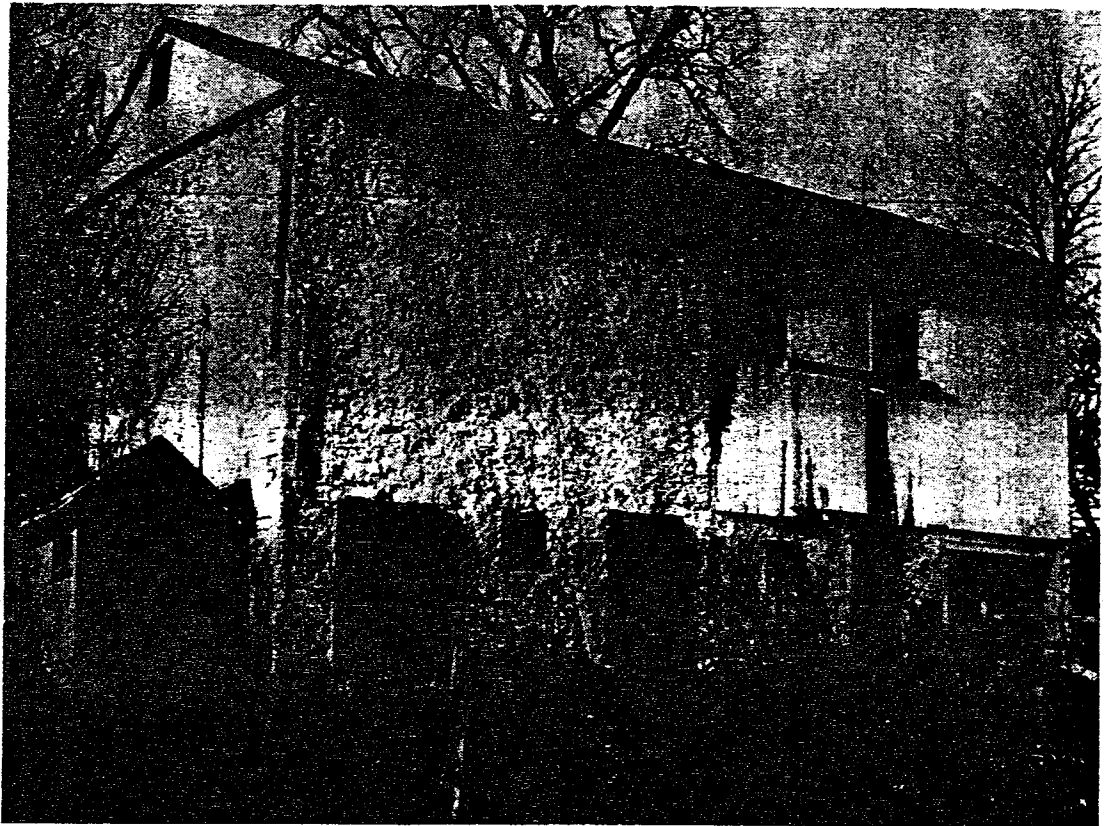
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Garden View of Farview Farm



Barn

