

**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.: 128 / 66-00-06262-00-8 Block Unit #012-071 County: Montgomery

Municipality: Whitpain Township Address: 1030 Skippack Pike

Historic Name/Other Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**SITE PLAN**

**PHOTO INFORMATION**



Number	Description of View	Direction of Camera
1	House – façade	
2	House – additions	
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: 128 Tax Parcel/Other No.: 66-00-06262-00-8 Block Unit #012-071  
 County: 1. Montgomery 091 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Municipality: 1. Whitpain Township 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: 1030 Skippack Pike Historic Name: Gingerbread House  
 Other Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner Name/Address: Robert & Patricia Florig 670 Lantern Ln 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 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Walls stucco \_\_\_\_\_ Walls \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Structural System: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Width 3 Depth \_\_\_\_\_ Stories/Height 2.5

## HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built: ca. 1850 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:** Class II. The house has several additions.

## 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 property consists of a c. 1850 Federal style house with large rear addition, and a frame barn. The core is a 2.5 story unit with stucco-over-stone walls, and an end gabled, wood shingled roof. The core is 3-bays wide with two gabled wall dormers. Although largely obscured by vegetation, only one chimney, a small, exposed brick unit on the north end of the house, was visible. Windows are 6x6 double hung sash windows. Each window has an exaggerated sill. Windows on both the core and the addition are flanked with shutters. The door is located on the left side of the main façade and protected by a pedimented hood. The hood, which is supported by decorative wood brackets, has a large plaster cover over the door. The core measures 25' x 18'.

Like the core, the addition also has two stories with stucco over masonry walls. The gabled end of its roof butts up against the rear of the core. A chimney is located on its east end. Overall, building measures 25' x 45'.

**Associated Building: (Barn)** The barn, located east of the building, is a frame building located on a stucco covered stone foundation. The barn consists of an end-gabled, asphalt shingled roof and a clad in vertical board cladding. A full-length shed addition is attached to the west end of the building; the east side of the building has an enclosed fore bay. The barn measures 40' x 50'.

**Classification:** Class II. The house has several alterations.

## **HISTORIC NARRATIVE**

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By Dorothy S. Conard

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## The "Gingerbread House"

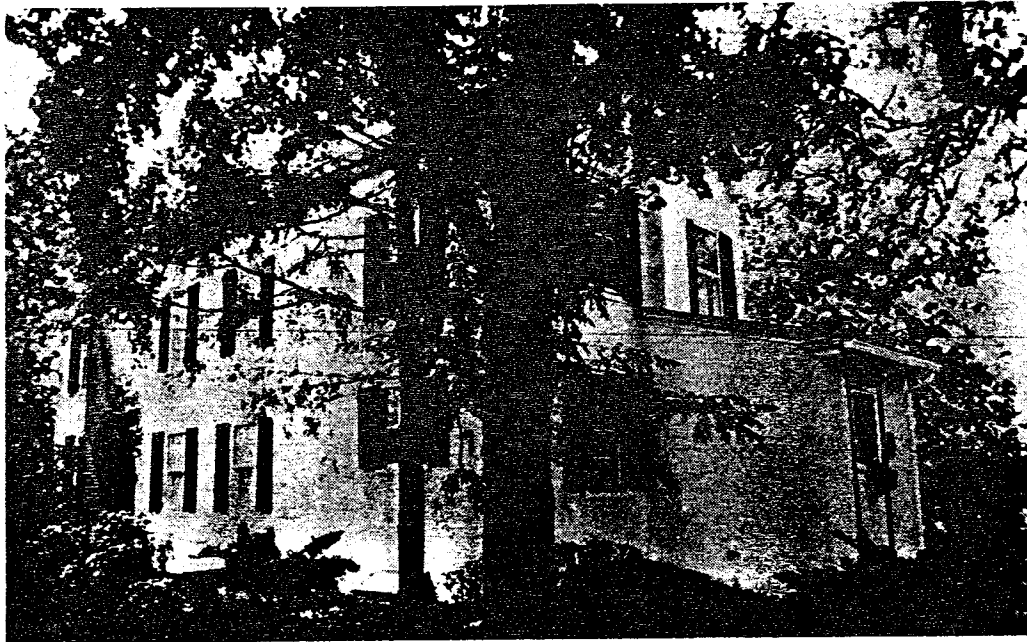
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*Home of Robert and Patricia Florig*

