

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM - DATA SHEET

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Bureau for Historic Preservation

89B

IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

Survey Code: 139 Tax Parcel/Other No.: 66 00 06688 00 5 Block Unit #009-021
County: 1. Montgomery 091 2. _____
Municipality: 1. Whitpain Township 2. _____
Address: 1487 Skippack Pike Historic Name: _____
Other Name: _____
Owner Name/Address: Patrick A. Kane 1487 Skippack Pike Center Square 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 1870 3,424 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. Second Empire _____
B. _____ C. _____
D. _____ Other: _____
Exterior Materials: Foundation _____ Roof asphalt shingles _____
Walls wood siding _____ Walls _____
Other _____ Other _____
Structural System: 1. _____ 2. _____
Width 3 bays / 30 feet Depth _____ Stories/Height 2.5 _____

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NARRATIVE SHEET 89C

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

This Second Empire-style, Mansard Roofed house (c. 1870) consists of a three-story core clad in German siding. The house is a fine example of the Township's Second Empire influence and consists of several details popularized by the style. Some of these details include its concave Mansard roof, curved molded dormers, exaggerated cornice above and below roof, bracketed cornice, and large 2x2 sash windows. The house measures 30' across (three bay) and 30' deep. Barrel topped, molded dormers are located across the front and side facades. A flat-roofed front porch, supported by decorative brackets and posts, is located on the main facade. Entrance to the house is through two French doors and a single door, all located under the front porch. A transom is located over each door way. Windows and doors are topped with pedimented lintels. Unlike similar houses in the Township, the house has two, two-story bay window extensions on the east and west sides. The roof consists of asphalt shingles. A single brick chimney is located on the east side, interrupting the cornice.

Associated Resource: (Barn). There is a contributing barn to the rear of the house. It is a frame building with a gabled roof. A vergeboard with a wave pattern frames the roof. At some time in its history, some of the windows were closed in and a one-story wrap-around porch was constructed. This porch rests upon columns which resemble large spindles.

Classification: The house is in fair shape but is in need of repainting and associated wood repairs. Although it is clad in German siding and not stucco, it is characteristic of the Mansard tradition in the Township. It is a Class II resource.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built: ca. 1870 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:

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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



