

**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.: 087 / 66 00 05311 00 5 Block-Unit #019-031 County: Montgomery

Municipality: Whippain Township Address: 1224 Penllyn Blue Bell Pike

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

**SITE PLAN**

**PHOTO INFORMATION**



Number	Description of View	Direction of Camera
1	House - facade	
2	Barn	
3		
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: 087 Tax Parcel/Other No.: 66.00.05311.00.5 Block Unit #019-031

County: 1. Montgomery 091 2.

Municipality: 1. Whitpain Township 2.

Address: 1224 Penllyn Blue Bell Pike Historic Name:

Other Name:

Owner Name/Address: Beach Realty Associates 1298 Penllyn Blue Bell Pike 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 1772 2,957 SF Land 3.86 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. Georgian \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_ C. \_\_\_\_\_

D. \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior Materials: Foundation \_\_\_\_\_ Roof wood shingles \_\_\_\_\_

Walls stone \_\_\_\_\_ Walls \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Structural System: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Width 3 bay / 40 feet \_\_\_\_\_ Depth 18 feet \_\_\_\_\_ Stories/Height 2 \_\_\_\_\_

## HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built: ca. 1772 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:** Together, these buildings are in excellent condition and exemplify the Georgian vernacular tradition. Alterations make it 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

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NARRATIVE SHEET 89C

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**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

This Georgian vernacular house has an associated stone barn. The house, built c. 1772, is a three bay, two story, 18 x 40 foot building with end gables. It has interior end chimneys and a wooden shingle roof and is composed of uncoursed stone. The windows are new six over six double hung with shutters. There is a porch on the rear of the house.

**Associated Resource:** Associated with this house is a fine stone barn, two story with wood shingles. It has a L-shaped floor plan.

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## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

# Carpenter Property

By Dorothy S. Conard

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In 1766, Harmon Hendricks bought the property at Sheriff sale and remained there until his death in 1785 when it was willed to his seven children. Leonard, the eldest, handled the transaction when it was sold to Joseph and Abigail Hallowell in 1786. Their stay was short, since in 1788, Joseph Hallowell sold the home and one hundred and eleven acres to Frederick Fetzter for £ 500.

When James McDowell bought the farm from Federick Fetzter in 1798, the acreage had dropped to eighty-five acres. Two years later James McDowell was deceased and Elisha Evans purchased the property and remained there for two years when it was sold to William and Mary McDowell.

The acreage of the property was twenty-three acres when, in 1812, William McDowell sold to Samuel Lukens who remained there over forty years. After his death in 1853, Sam Johnson and wife were owners and occupants for two years when it was sold to Jacob Craft. One year later, John Jones was owner and in 1869 Charles Jones, who was executor of the estate of John Jones, sold to William H. Slingluff.

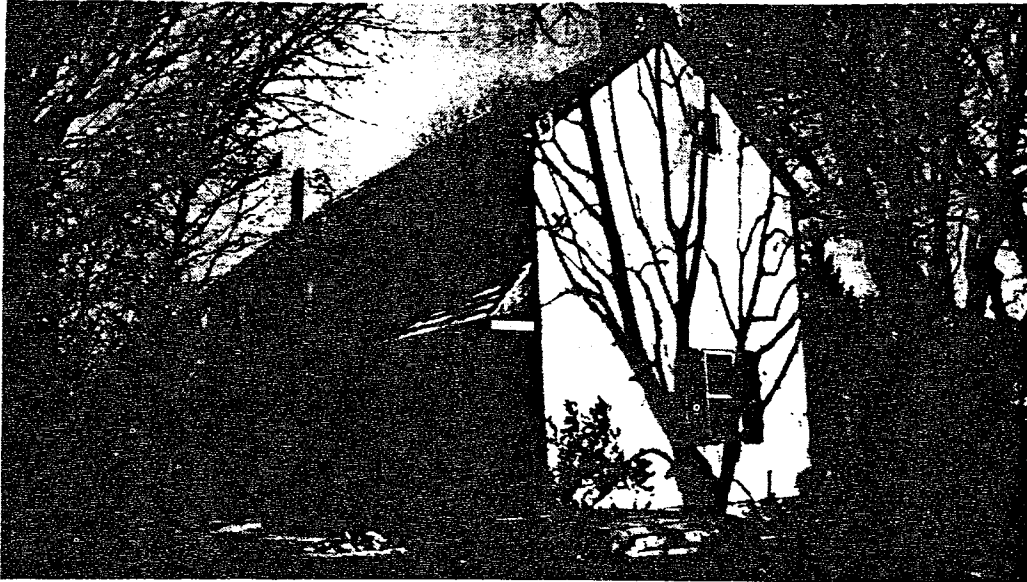
Four generations of the Slingluff family lived in this home. William Slingluffs son, Henry Geiger Slingluff, came into possession in the spring of 1903 and greatly improved the buildings and surroundings. Lyle Krewson Slingluff, Henry's son, was the last owner in the Slingluff family. Belle Slingluff, wife of Lyle, came there as a bride in 1911 and their three children were born in this home: Dorothy, wife of L. Stetson Rowles, who resides in Blue Bell; Lyle, Jr.; and Albert, who lost his life in an airplane crash in World War II.

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*Original Home of Benjamin Conard*

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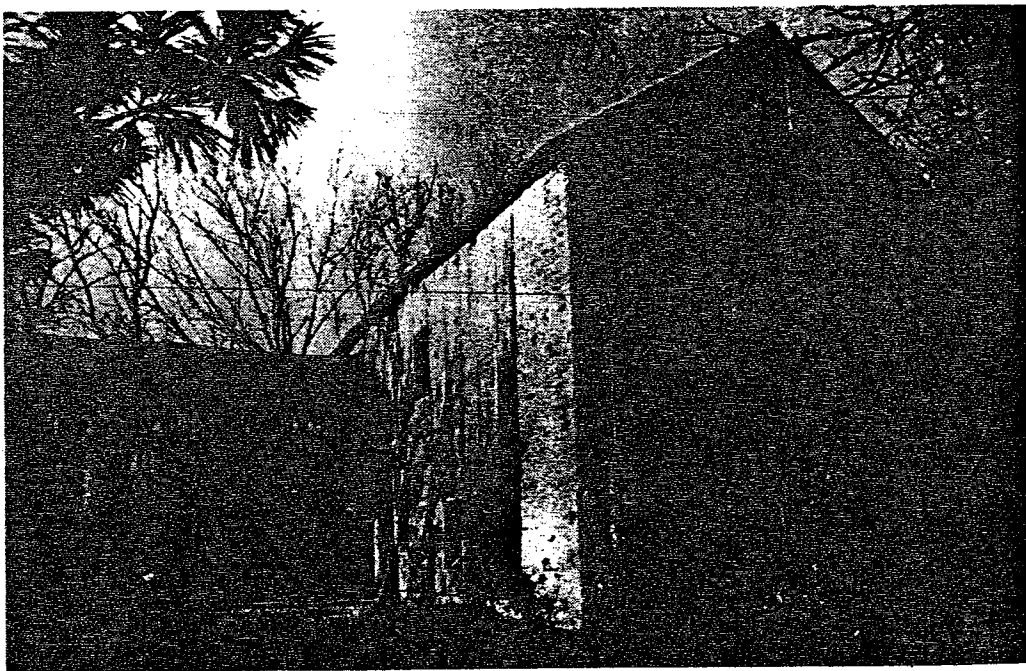
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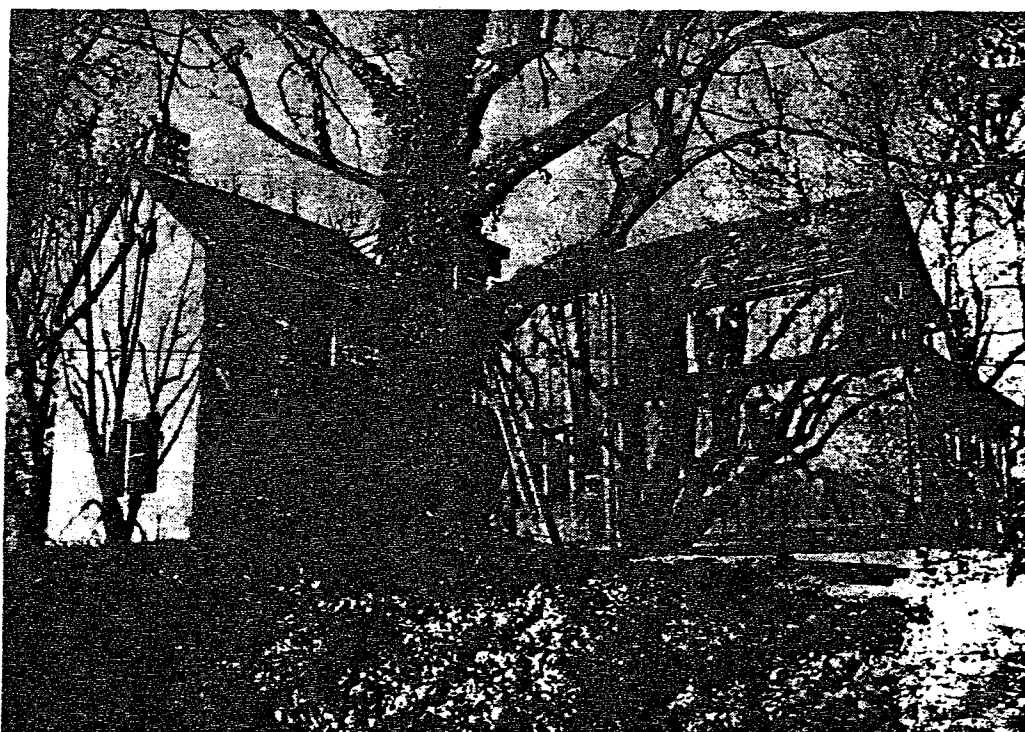
*Stone and Frame Barn*



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*Original House With Addition*