

**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.: 003 / 66 00 00700 00 8 Block-Unit #023-019 County: Montgomery  
 Municipality: Whitpain Township Address: 543 Butler Pike  
 Historic Name/Other Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**SITE PLAN**

**PHOTO INFORMATION**



Number	Description of View	Direction of Camera
1	House – façade (left)	
2	House – façade (right)	
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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: 003 Tax Parcel/Other No.: 66 00 00700 00 8 Block Unit #023-019

County: 1. Montgomery 091 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Municipality: 1. Whitpain Township 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 543 Butler Pike Historic Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Name/Address: Henry C. & Elizabeth S. Webster 543 Butler Pike 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 1860 2,644 SF Land 0.81 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 stone Roof \_\_\_\_\_

Walls stucco Walls \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Width 4 bay Depth \_\_\_\_\_ Stories/Height 2 \_\_\_\_\_

## HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built: ca. 1860 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 due to changes including the side porch.

## 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 is an example of Georgian architecture with a rear addition. Originally the house was a two story, four bay house with end gables and an asphalt shingled roof. The walls are stuccoed. There are two interior end chimneys at the gable ends of the roof. Windows are double sash and have shutters on the first floor. The door is centered on the façade and has a gabled entry hood covered with slate. A rear two story addition gives the house an ell-shape. This addition and the core share a hipped roof porch running the length of the house.

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## The H. C. Webster Home

By Marjorie H. Gerhart  
Photography by George S. Peck

The home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Webster on Butler Pike, is one of five old homes described by the Honorable Jonas Detwiler in an article in the Ambler Gazette, January 31, 1909. It was mentioned at that time as the Schlater home where the widow Schlater lived with her son-in-law, Charles Biddle. It was a stone house near the highway between the Stackhouse and the Widmayer properties.

Detwiler related that in 1797 the land this house was built upon had been sold by a man by the name of Righter to Samuel McCool who may have built the house. McCool sold to John Slingluff in 1831. John Kibblehouse purchased the property for \$1100 two years later and remained there for twenty years. A better house was built between 1853 and 1865 and sold to Charles Schlater in 1865 for \$3500.

The Websters believe that the house was originally constructed as a "Father, Son and Holy Ghost house" — three rooms, one on top of the other — in the 1700's, as three rooms seem to be much older than other parts of the structure. The Webster's have enclosed porches and made a charming home that has the comforts of today and the charm of long ago.



*Webster Home*



