

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: PENNSYLVANIA	
COUNTY: CHESTER	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	JUN 20 1974

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
WHELEN HOUSE

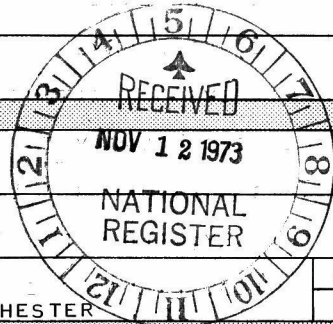
AND/OR HISTORIC:  
FELLOWSHIP FARM

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: NE of Downingtown on  
FELLOWSHIP ROAD

CITY OR TOWN: Downingtown Vic  
UPPER UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP

STATE: PENNSYLVANIA CODE: 42 COUNTY: CHESTER CODE: 029



**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: CHARLES T. AND BARBARA P. SPACKMAN

STREET AND NUMBER: R. D. #2

CITY OR TOWN: CHESTER SPRINGS STATE: PENNSYLVANIA CODE: 42

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: CHESTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE

STREET AND NUMBER: HIGH AND MARKET STREETS

CITY OR TOWN: WEST CHESTER STATE: PENNSYLVANIA CODE: 42

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: NATURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCE ASSOCIATES OF THE FRENCH AND PICKERING CREEKS

DATE OF SURVEY: JUNE, 1972  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION

STREET AND NUMBER: Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN: HARRISBURG STATE: PENNSYLVANIA CODE: 42

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One) :			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

THE WHEELLEN HOUSE WAS BUILT IN THE MID-18TH CENTURY, BUT HAS UNDERGONE EXTENSIVE RESTORATION. THE HOUSE IS A 2½ STORY STRUCTURE, FOUR BAYS ACROSS, 2 BAYS DEEP, WITH GABLED ROOF AND END CHIMNEYS. A KITCHEN WING BUILT OF RANDOM FIELDSTONE IS SITUATED PERPENDICULARLY TO THE NORTH ELEVATION OF THE MAIN SECTION. THIS PORTION IS A 1½ STORY STRUCTURE WITH GABLE ROOF, BRICK CHIMNEY, AND A DORMER, WHICH IS A LATER ADDITION. A SHED-ROOFED, FIELDSTONE SUMMER KITCHEN, WITH A BRICK COOKING STOVE CHIMNEY, WAS ADDED TO THE WEST WALL OF THE KITCHEN IN THE 19TH CENTURY.

THE SOUTH AND EAST WALLS OF THE MAIN SECTION ARE CONSTRUCTED OF COURSED FIELDSTONE AND THE NORTH AND WEST WALLS ARE OF RANDOM FIELDSTONE WITH MASSIVE CORNER QUINS. A DEEP PENT EAVE, SEPARATION THE FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS, EXTENDS ACROSS THE SOUTH, EAST AND WEST ELEVATIONS. A HEAVY CORNICE EXTENDS AROUND ALL SIDES OF THE BUILDING AND IS CONTINUOUS WITH A SHALLOW PENT EAVE THAT SEPARATES THE SECOND FLOOR AND THE ATTIC ON THE EAST AND WEST ELEVATIONS. THE FRONT DOOR (SOUTH ELEVATION) IS TOPPED BY A RECTANGULAR TRANSOM AND IS FRAMED BY A SIMPLE ARCHITRAVE. WINDOWS ON THE FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS ARE SIX OVER SIX SASH WITH THE FIRST FLOOR WINDOWS HAVING PANELLED SHUTTERS AND SECOND FLOOR WINDOWS, ON THE WEST ELEVATION, HAVING LOUVERED SHUTTERS. THERE ARE TWO, FOUR OVER TWO LIGHT WINDOWS AT THE ATTIC LEVEL OF EACH GABLE END.

THE HOUSE WAS RESTORED DURING THE LATE 1940'S AND EARLY 1950'S BY ARCHITECT, EDGAR F. OTTO, AND, IN THE 1960'S, THE PRESENT OWNERS ENCLOSED THE SUMMER KITCHEN,

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

THE HOUSE WAS BUILT IN THE MID-18TH CENTURY BY JAMES WHEELEN, A PROSPEROUS CHESTER COUNTY FARMER. THERE IS LITTLE RECORD OF THE FAMILY'S ACTIVITIES EXCEPT FOR THE SUBSTANTIAL HOUSE BUILT ON THE PROPERTY. THE HOUSE ITSELF IS SIGNIFICANT AS A LOCAL INTERPRETATION OF THE GEORGIAN PERIOD IN ARCHITECTURE. TRADITIONAL FEATURES INCLUDE ITS CONSTRUCTION OF FIELDSTONE, ITS HEIGHT OF 2½ STORIES, AND GABLE ROOF WITH END CHIMNEYS. OTHER CHARACTERISTICS OF THE GEORGIAN STYLE COMMON TO PENNSYLVANIA ARE THE USE OF THE PENT EAVES, SIX OVER SIX SASH WINDOWS WITH SHUTTERS, AND THE DESIGN OF THE FRONT DOOR.



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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

FUTHEY, J. SMITH AND GILBERT COPE. HISTORY OF CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA. PHILADELPHIA: L. H. EVERTS, 1881.

HEATHCOTE, CHARLES W. (ED.) HISTORY OF CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA. HARRISBURG: NATIONAL HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, 1932.

THOMSON, W. W. CHESTER COUNTY AND ITS PEOPLE. CHICAGO: UNION HISTORY COMPANY, 1948.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

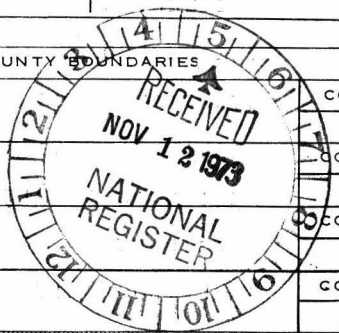
LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
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NE	40° 06' 58"	75° 40' 59"		75	40	35
SE	40° 08' 27"	75° 40' 59"				
SW	40° 08' 27"	75° 40' 59"				

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: ~~7.575~~ two

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
ELEANOR WINSOR/NATURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCE ASSOC. - GARY WILBERT PHMC

ORGANIZATION: PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION DATE: AUGUST, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER: Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN: HARRISBURG STATE: PENNSYLVANIA CODE: 42

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**      **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: William J. Wewer  
WILLIAM J. WEWER

Title: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION

Date: 11/8/73

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Eunet A. Connolly  
Chief, ~~Section of Archeology and Historic Preservation~~  
Professional Services

Date: JUN 20 1974

ATTEST:

Charles Abney  
acting Keeper of The National Register

Date: 6/18/74

PROPERTY Wheeler House STATE Pa.

74001768  
Chester  
Co.

WORKING NUMBER 11.12.73.3929

TECH REVIEW  
PHOTOS 2  
MAPS 1

CONTROL REVIEW Not correct. Long can't be checked.

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11.13.  
73

OK

HISTORIAN Why not 95.3 acres?

Accept  
12-14-73  
C. Shull

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF good photos. Very nice house, huge average though let's find out why since it's going back anyway.

Accept

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Accept  
for Shull  
6/18/74

National Register Write-up 8/5/74

Send-back 1.28.74

Federal Register entry August 6, 1974

Re-submit 6.17.74

Entered JUN 20 1974

NAME OF PROPERTY Wheeler House, Pa.

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below.

1. Name. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Classification. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Owner of Property. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Location of Legal Description. \_\_\_\_\_

6. Representation in Existing Surveys. \_\_\_\_\_

7. Description. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Statement of Significance. \_\_\_\_\_

9. Bibliography. \_\_\_\_\_

10. Geographical Data. \_\_\_\_\_

a. Longitude and Latitude Coordinates. Longitude (or Latitude) appears to be off by about \_\_\_\_\_ Please check.

b. ~~Acres~~. Longitude coordinates can't be checked. Map must have 3 reference points for double checking longitude and latitude coordinates.

b. Acres: Why are 95.3 acres included?

11. Form Prepared By. Corrected - DMB, approximate acreage should correctly read two (2). DMB 6-11-74

12. Certification. \_\_\_\_\_

Photographic Coverage. Lovely photographs!

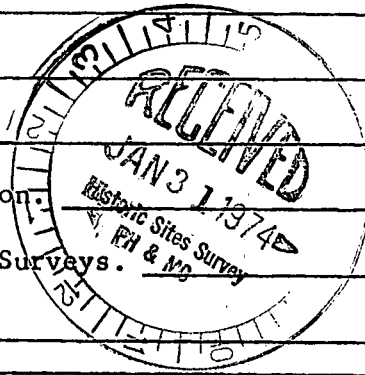
Map Coverage. \_\_\_\_\_

Other. \_\_\_\_\_

Clarification or correction of the above items must be made prior to the initiation of our professional review. Correction of these technical errors does not necessarily insure that the nomination will then satisfy the National Register criteria in full.

Thank you for your attention to the above items checked. Thanks,

SIGNED: Charles A. [Signature]



2' 24"



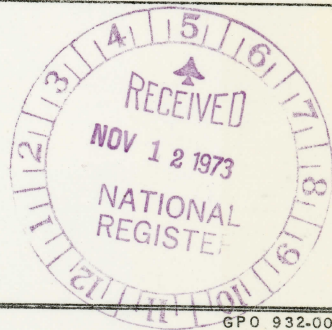
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

1. NAME		
COMMON	AND/OR HISTORIC	NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)
Wheelen House	Fellowship Farm	JUN 20 1974
2. LOCATION		
STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
Pennsylvania	Chester	Upper Uwchlan Township
STREET AND NUMBER		
Fellowship Road		
3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT
Natural & Historic Resource Assoc.	March, 1973	Pa. Historical & Museum Commission
4. IDENTIFICATION		
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.		

South and east elevations of the Wheelen House



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Photograph #1  
Wheelen House  
Upper Uwchlan Township  
Chester County  
South and East Elevations



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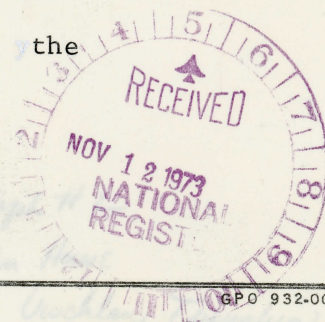
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Pennsylvania	Chester	Upper Uwchlan Township
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North and West elevations of the Wheelen House showing the Kitchen wing and shed-roofed addition.



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*Chester County  
North + West Elevations*

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

*(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)*

**1. NAME**

COMMON

Wheelen House

AND/OR HISTORIC

NUMERIC CODE *(Assigned by NPS)*

JUN 20 1974

**2. LOCATION**

STATE

Pennsylvania

COUNTY

Chester

TOWN

Upper Uwchlan Township

STREET AND NUMBER

Fellowship Road

**3. MAP REFERENCE**

SOURCE

U.S.C.&G. Survey 7.5'  
Series of Downingtown

DATE

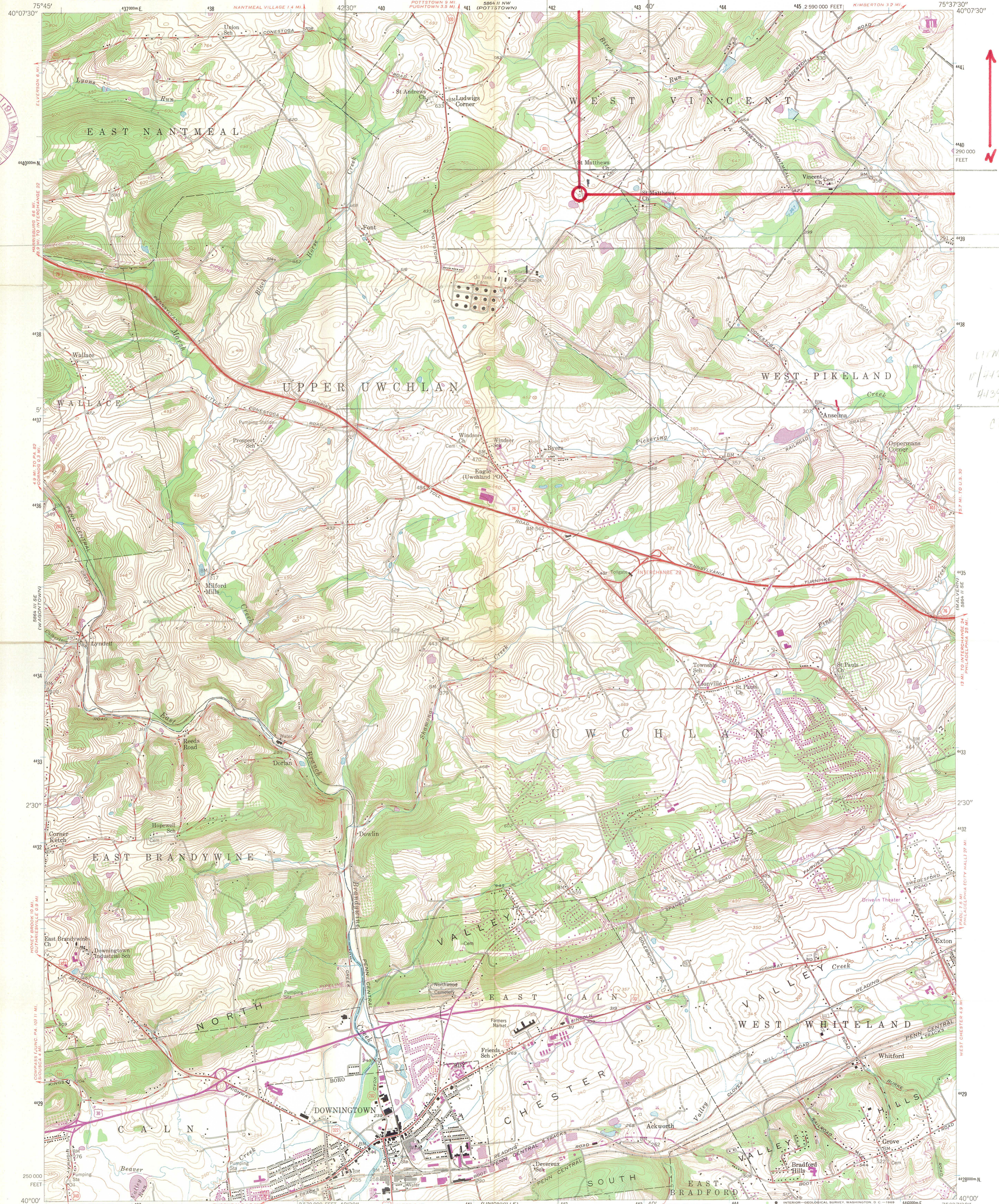
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SCALE

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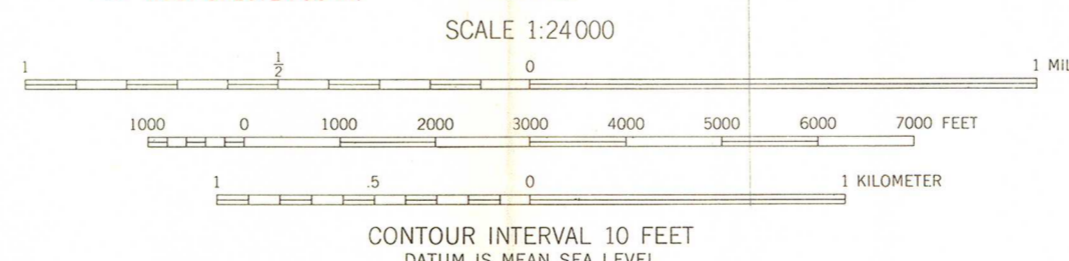
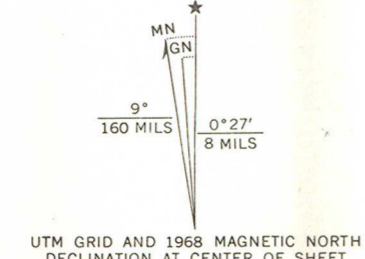




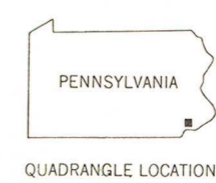
WHEELER HOUSE  
Latitude 40° 06' 21"  
Longitude 75° 40' 35"

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Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey  
Control by USGS and USC&GS  
Topography from aerial photographs by Wild A-8  
Aerial photographs taken 1951. Field check 1956  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Pennsylvania coordinate system,  
south zone. 1000 meter Universal Transverse Mercator  
grid ticks, zone 18, shown in blue  
Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with  
State of Pennsylvania agencies, from aerial photographs  
taken 1968. This information not field checked



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
Interstate Route	U.S. Route
	State Route

DOWNTOWNS, PA.  
N4000—W7537.5/7.5  
1956

PHOTOREVISED 1968  
AMS 5864 II SW—SERIES V851

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION  
WILLIAM PENN MEMORIAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES BUILDING  
BOX 1026 HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17108

November 8, 1973

Dr. William J. Murtagh  
Keeper of the National Register  
National Park Service  
Department of the Interior  
18th and C Streets, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20240



Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Enclosed for your review and consideration are nominations to the National Register of Historic Places for the following properties:

Chain or Change Bridge  
Franklin County Courthouse  
Keith House  
Kennedy Bridge  
Major-General Lord Stirling's Quarters  
Nyce Log House  
Old Kennett Meeting  
Wheelen House

Should you have any questions regarding these nominations, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William J. Wewer".

WILLIAM J. WEWER  
Executive Director  
State Historic Preservation  
Officer

Enclosures

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE **PENNSYLVANIA**

Date Entered **JUN 20 1974**

Name

Location

**Lafayette's Quarters**

**Tredyffrin Township  
Chester County**

**Wheelen House**

*Downingtown vicinity*  
**Upper Uwchlan Township  
Chester County**

Also Notified

**Hon. Hugh Scott  
Hon. Richard S. Schweiker  
Hon. Lawrence Coughlin  
Regional Director, Mid  
Atlantic Region**

**State Historic Preservation Officer  
Mr. William J. Wewer  
Executive Director  
Pennsylvania Historical and  
Museum Commission  
Box 1026  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120**

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6/21/74