

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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received NOV 15 1979  
date entered FEB 1 1980

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic HAREWOOD/<sup>and</sup>BEECHWOOD  
and/or common Woods Schools

**2. Location**

E of Langhorne off PA 213  
street & number Rt. 213 & S. Flowers Mill Road/E. Maple Ave. — not for publication  
city, town Langhorne Mc Middletown Township — vicinity of — congressional district 8  
state Pennsylvania code 42 county Bucks code 017

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other:Storage

**4. Owner of Property**

name Woods School, Inc.  
street & number \_\_\_\_\_  
city, town Langhorne — vicinity of 19047 state Pennsylvania

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Bucks County Courthouse  
street & number Main and Court Streets  
city, town Doylestown state Pennsylvania

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no  
date 7-25-79  federal  state  county  local  
depository for survey records Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission  
city, town Harrisburg state Pennsylvania

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

**HAREWOOD:** Harewood is a multi-level, irregularly shaped structure which began as a small two story farmhouse in the early 19th century. This original house was part of an early farmstead of 130 acres and continued to function as such until 1906. The farmhouse is now a rear wing used for kitchen, parlor and secretary's office behind a larger 5 story structure. Built in 1906, the 5 story structure has a large broken-hipped roof covered with cedar shingles. Numerous single and sets of dormers break through the roof. Windows within these dormers and throughout this section are 12 over 12. Second story windows have louvered shutters. A large center chimney serves 16 fireplaces. Two palladian windows open into a central ballroom.

The interior of the 5 story section has a grand staircase extending from the first to fifth floors. Perhaps the most significant feature of this structure is the numerous mercer tiles located throughout the building surrounding fireplaces and cornices.

A breakdown of the development of this structure and the location and description of the Henry Mercer tiles can be seen on the enclosed continuation sheets for Harewood.

Also associated with Harewood are formal gardens, brick terraces, concrete ballastrades, a tiled gazebo with mercer tiles inserted into the walls, a reflecting pool and a coach house. This coach house, known as Ridgewood was rebuilt and enlarged in 1924 by the Hares for student use.

**BEECHWOOD:** Beechwood is a large two and one-half story painted fieldstone structure, 5 bays wide. The gable roof has 2 interior brick chimneys, boxed cornices and 2 semi-circular fan-light-type dormers. Windows throughout the house are 4 over 4 with first story panelled shutters and second story louvered shutters. A one story verondon-type porch is located on the front and side elevations. To the rear, a 2 story stuccoed stone addition was added.

The interior has a center foyer with open stairway to the third floor. Fireplaces and much original woodwork remains.

A complete breakdown of the buildings development can be seen on the enclosed continuation sheet for Beechwood.

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates**

**Builder/Architect**

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

Date: Harewood: c.1788, 1911  
Beechwood: 1853

During the late 18th and 19th centuries numerous large estates with mansion-houses, tenant residences and numerous outbuildings were built in the Langhorne and Middletown Township area. In the early 20th century many of these structures were vacated and slowly began to deteriorate because their upkeep and size made them impractical. Slowly many of these old structures were purchased for use as a residential treatment centers for handicapped children. Harewood was acquired for use as a boys unit in 1924. Beechwood was acquired by the Woods School in 1944. Because these structures were not extensively altered, they have now become obsolete as treatment centers and are threatened by demolition.

Both structures are interesting architectural examples of large mansion structures. Beechwood is a fine example of an early Bucks County mansion with many federal features. Harewood has an interesting history of development, climaxed with its Chateausque elements and important mercer tile work. It is felt by some historians that the five story structure may have been actually built by Henry Mercer, but extensive research must be made before this can be verified.

Beechwood was the former residence of Senator Clarence J. Buckman. During his term he was instrumental in changing all the toll bridges between New Jersey and Pennsylvania to free bridges. He also obtained funds to build a superhighway, now U.S. 1 bypass to Scudder's Falls Bridge, creating the term Buckman's Folly since the road went as far as his home, Beechwood was not completed until 20 years later.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Davis, William W.H., History of Bucks County, Pa. Second Edition, Vol. III,  
The Lewis Publishing Company, New York 1905  
Buckman, J. Hibbs, nephew of the former Senator Clarence J. Buckman  
Norman, Elizabeth, Past and Present

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 2.45

Quadrangle name Langhorne, Pa.

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### UMT References

Beechwood

Hæwood

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation sheet and site maps

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Barbara A. Russell

organization Middletown Historic Preservation Commission

street & number 700 New Rodgers Road

telephone 215-943-0300

city or town Levittown

state Pennsylvania 19056

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

ED WEINTRAUB, Director

title Office of Historic Preservation

date 10-9-79

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

date 2/1/80

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: Jan J. Beebe

date Jan 21, 1980

Chief of Registration

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

Harewood/Beechwood  
Bucks County

CONTINUATION SHEET

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### Verbal Boundary Descriptions:

Harewood: 2.25 acres

Starting at northside of unpaved lane moving northwest for 248 ft, then northeast for 455 ft, then southeast for 180 ft to northside of unpaved road, then southwest along northside of unpaved road for 396 ft to starting point.

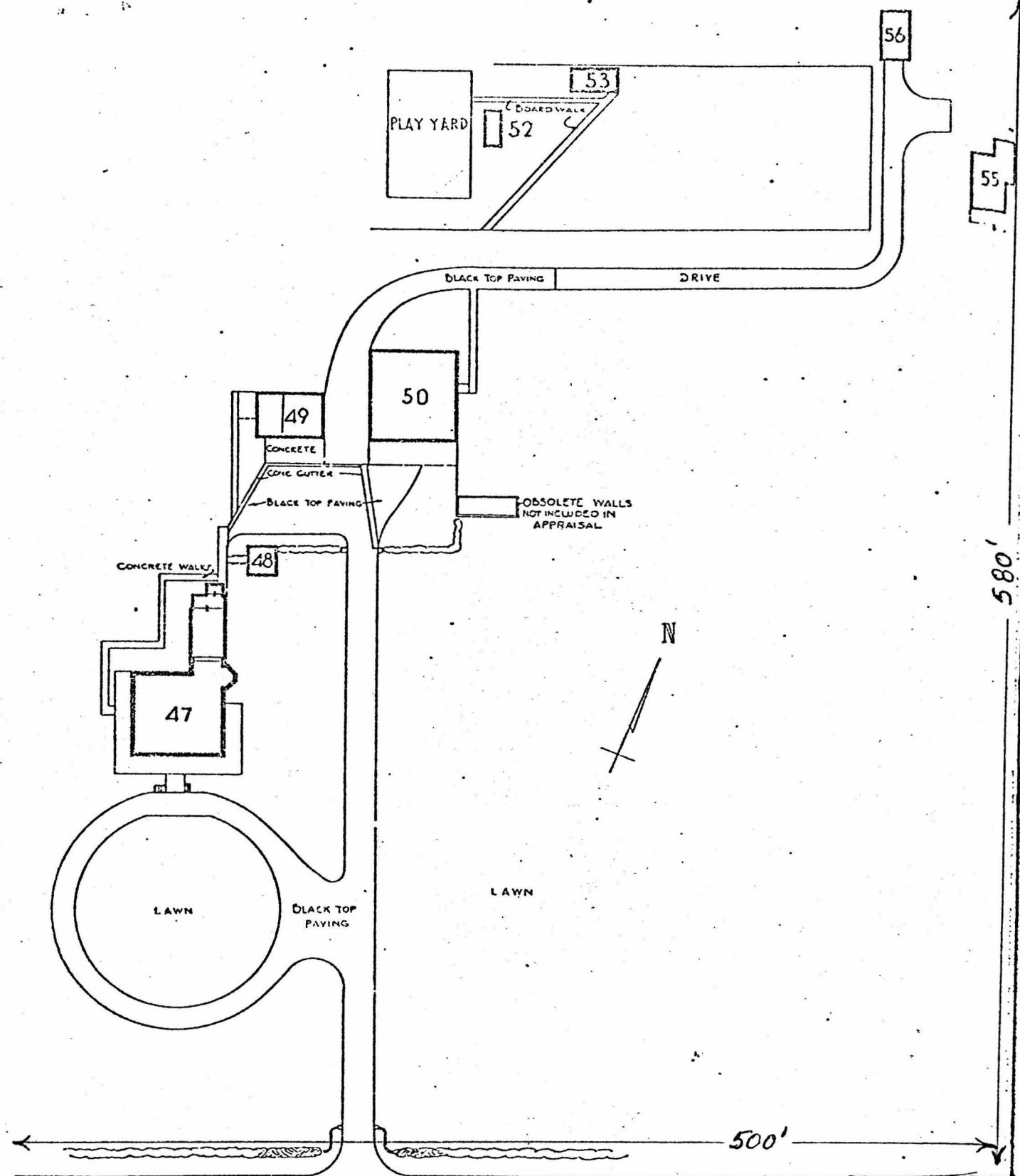
See attached site plan

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Beechwood: .2 acres (includes only main house)

Main house structure has a total gross area square feet of 8,583.

See attached site plan, building #47



E. MAPLE ST.

Beechwood

PLAT  
THE WOODS SCHOOLS, INC.

BEechwood GROUP

LANGHORNE PA

747308

JRO AMERICAN APPRAISAL COMPANY

SCALE 1" = 30'

1947



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## SCHEDULE OF BUILDINGS

## BEECHWOOD GROUP

			Year Built	Gross Area Sq. Ft.
Building #47 - Beechwood				
	2 Story, Basement and Attic, Stone Joist	27'0" x 45'3" 17'9" x 22'0"		
	2 Story, Stone Joist	9'6" x 11'0"		
	2 Story and Basement, Frame	17'9" x 24'4" 6'8" x 17'0"		
	2 Story, Frame	11'0" x 5'3"		
	1 Story and Basement, Frame	5'0" x 5'0"		
	1 Story, Frame	8'0" x 17'3"		
		14'0" x 8'6" 4'6" x 11'0"		
	2 Story, Frame	8'0" x 9'6"		8,583
48 - Vegetable Storage	1 Story, Stone and Frame	15'3" x 15'3"		233
49 - Paint and Repair Shop	1 Story and Attic, Frame	20'4" x 22'0"		
	1 Story, Frame	12'4" x 22'0"		
	1 Story, Frame	8'0" x 13'0"	1946	1,269
50 - Class Room, Dentist Office and Shop	1 Story and Attic, Frame	22'0" x 42'6" 22'6" x 42'6"		
	1 Story and Attic, Frame	11'3" x 42'6"		
	1 Story, Frame	2'6" x 7'0"		4,756
52 - Former Pump House	1 Story and Basement, Stone and Frame	9'4" x 18'4"		342

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		Year Built	Gross Area Sq. Ft.
Building #53 - Bicycle House			
1 Story, Frame	12'0" x 24'0"		288
55 - Dwelling			
2 Story and Basement, Frame	20'4" x 28'4"		
	6'2" x 13'4"		
1 Story, Frame	8'0" x 14'3"		2,058
56 - Garage			
1 Story, Metal Clad, Wood Frame	16'0" x 26'0"		<u>416</u>
		Total -	17,975



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**HAREWOOD**

Woods Schools

#22-021-084

Description by progression of building (see floor plan)

#1 Circa 1750

Basement - large stone arch support under the diningroom fireplace with narrow support to the left for possibly a bake oven

First floor - large fireplace with Bible stories and four wedding scenes of Mercer tiles from floor to ceiling and old Durham iron plates (colored pictures)

Paneling below chair-railing

#2 Circa 1800 - 1820

Basement - stone summer beam, 2 stone supports under fireplaces

First floor - foyer, fluted columns at stairwell, into rooms, and at main entrance. Stairwell to third floor, original, pencil thin banisters, matching chair-railing with paneling to midstairway then chair-railing with plastering remainder.

Dentil cornice and federal trim throughout first floor and second floor

Fireplaces - first floor symmetrical molding  
second floor federal mantles

#3 Circa 1830

Tiny circular stairwell from basement to attic, stairwell removed between first and second floor after addition of #8 circa 1921 - 1930 (one story plastered over frame shed roof) to enlarge the kitchen.

#4 Circa 1830's

Originally a 2 story open porch with large pilasters on first and second floors

First floor all paneled with a large colorful Mercer tiled paneled section (picture) on the outside wall of the old farmhouse

#5 Circa 1911

A. Ballroom

Mercer tiles under cornice throughout large ballroom of the complete collection of the travels of Columbus (each tile numbered), Mercer concrete brackets, French windows leading to brick terrace, windows with tiled window jambs and paneled sides, and Mercer tiled floor.

Paladium window with classical thin ionic columns semi-supporting the arch, dentil work cornice line, and the traditional fan ellipse effect

Open beamed deiling

Paneling - single panels approx 4 ft X 6 ft with added trim

Large entrance into music room

HAREWOOD  
#22-021-084

Imported white marble fireplace with freestanding ionic columns, althemion under mantle, plain narrow tile interior

B. Music Room

Large paneling, 3 long arched windows with paneled sides and jambs. Three built in bookshelves (2 closing doorways onto the porch #4), flanked, flat pilasters with ionic capitols at entrances to ballroom, foyer, and porch. Open beamed ceiling

Imported white marble fireplace with 2 supporting terms (picture) and single oval panel above. Mercer tiled floor.

C. Foyer

Large grand stairwell to fourth floor (picture), paladium window as in ballroom with supporting ionic columns (picture), paneled stairwell (picture), upper levels with closets with small windows into the stairwell. Enclosed stairway 4th to 5th floor entered off porch.

Wainscoting, 5 ft narrow paneled in foyer

Butler's pantry - all cabinets with outside entrance (low narrow door) Colonial revival trim hallway and upper level.

D. Second, Third Floor

Mercer tiled fireplaces (pictures), Decorative candle cabinets with each fireplace, Porch now enclosed off large bedrooms with Mercer tiled floors.

Fourth Floor, rooms smaller, numerous closets with a small window in each one.

E. Brick Terraces

Large terrace off sections #1, #2, #3 with formal garden, unusual trees and shrubs

Brick terrace off #5 section with concrete balustrades, leading down brick steps into a formal garden with Mercer constructed and tiled gazebo, Mercer tiles inserted into the concrete walls, reflecting pool (picture)

#6 Circa 1920

Two story solarium

#7 Circa 1920's

Glassed entrance into main entrance of section #2

#8 Circa 1921 - 1930

Described with section #3

#9 Circa ?

Ridgewood - Large 2 1/2 story yellow plastered stone (formerly carriage house) structure (picture) which was rebuilt and enlarged

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#22-021-084

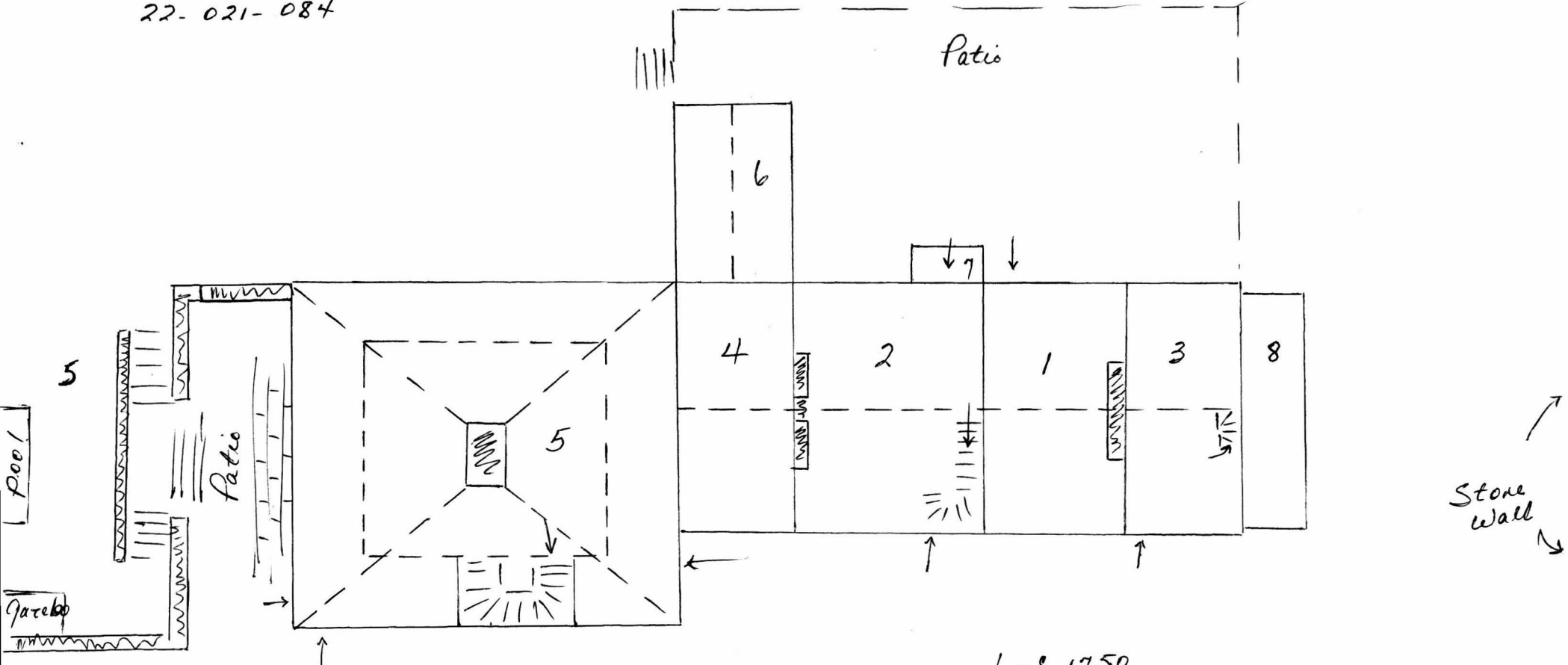
in 1924 by the Hares as the student population increased.  
Structure has a dormitory appearance.

High stone wall with supports separating Harewood from the  
main Woods Schools campus.

Please refer to section #7 of the Pennsylvania Historical and  
Museum Commission Inventory of Historic Places dated June 20, 1979  
for additional information of the description of the exterior.

HARWOOD  
 Woods Schools  
 22-021-084

Progression of Building



- 1 - c 1750
- 2 - c 1800-1820
- 3 - c 1830
- 4 - c 1830's
- 5 - c 1911
- 6 - c 1900's-1920's
- 7 - c 1920's
- 8 - c 1921-1930

9  
 Ridgewood

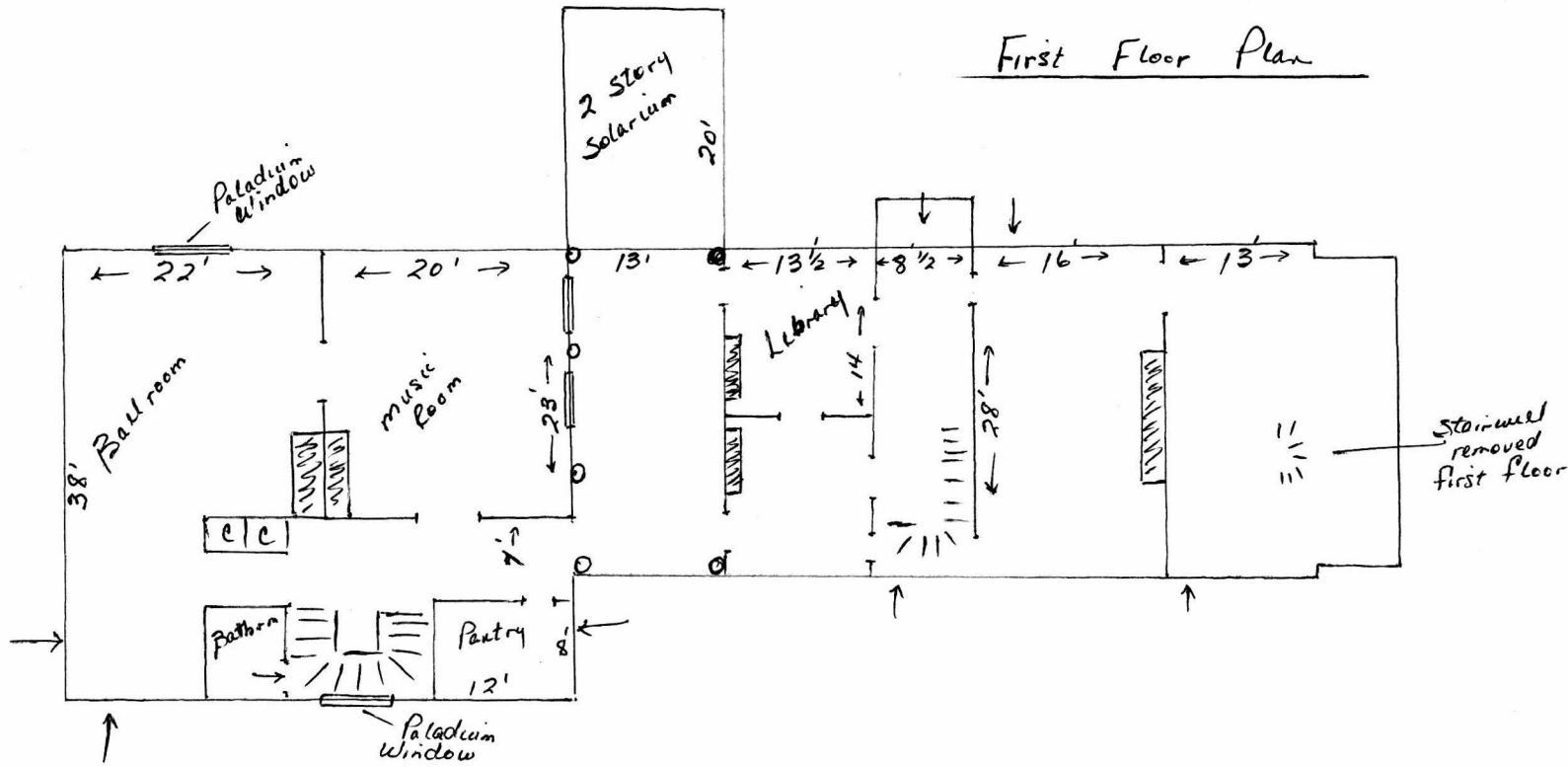


HAREWOOD

WOODS SCHOOLS

22-021-084

First Floor Plan

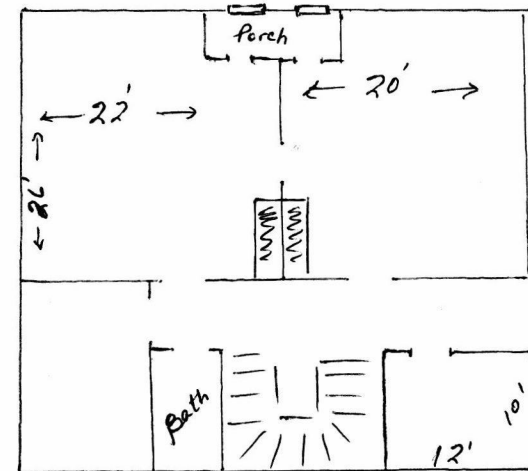


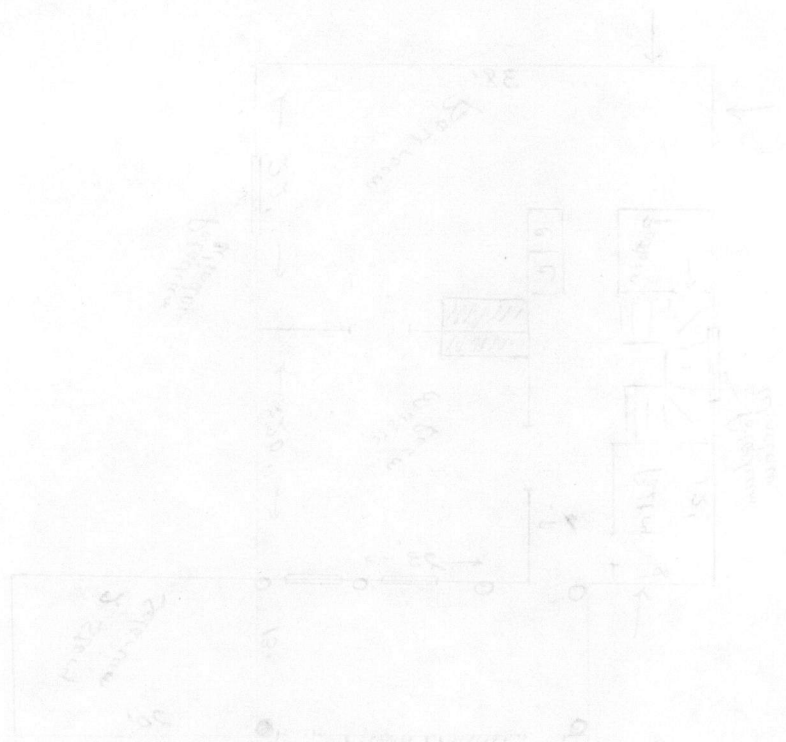
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Second Floor  
Plan of

Section # 5

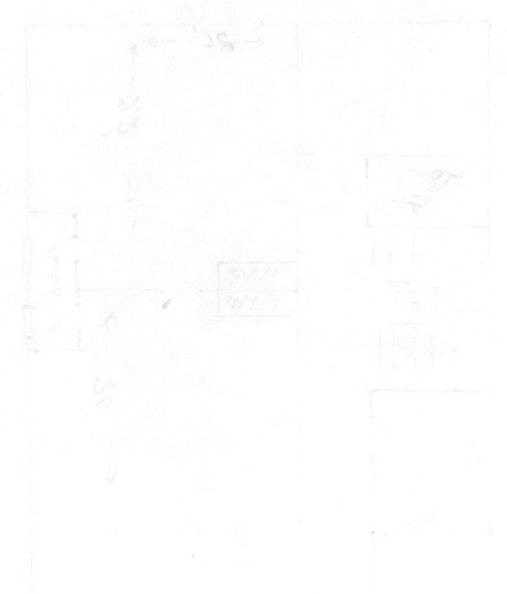
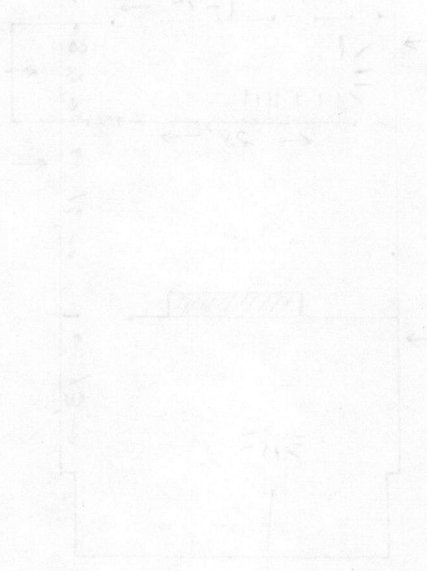




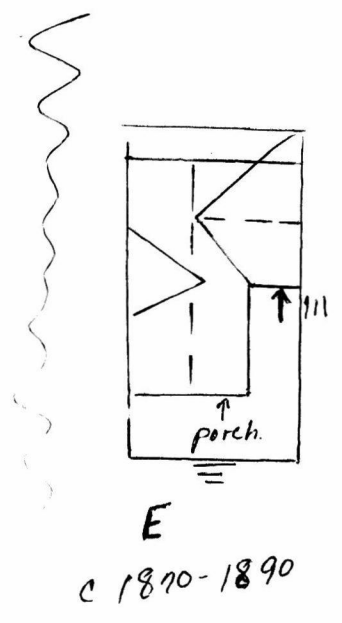
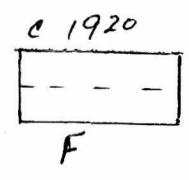
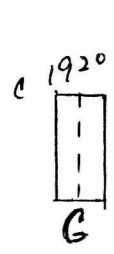
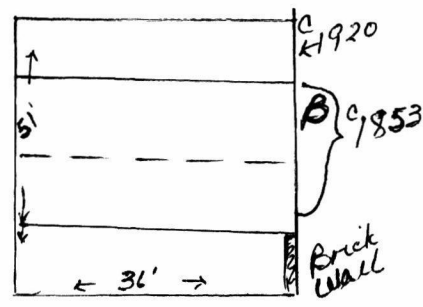
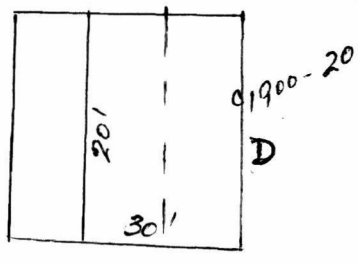
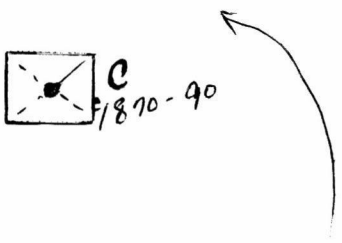
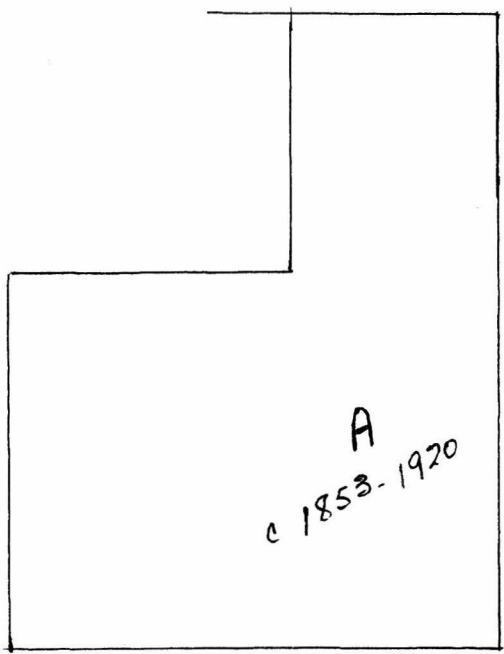
First Floor Plan

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Section A 2  
 1st of 2  
 Second Floor



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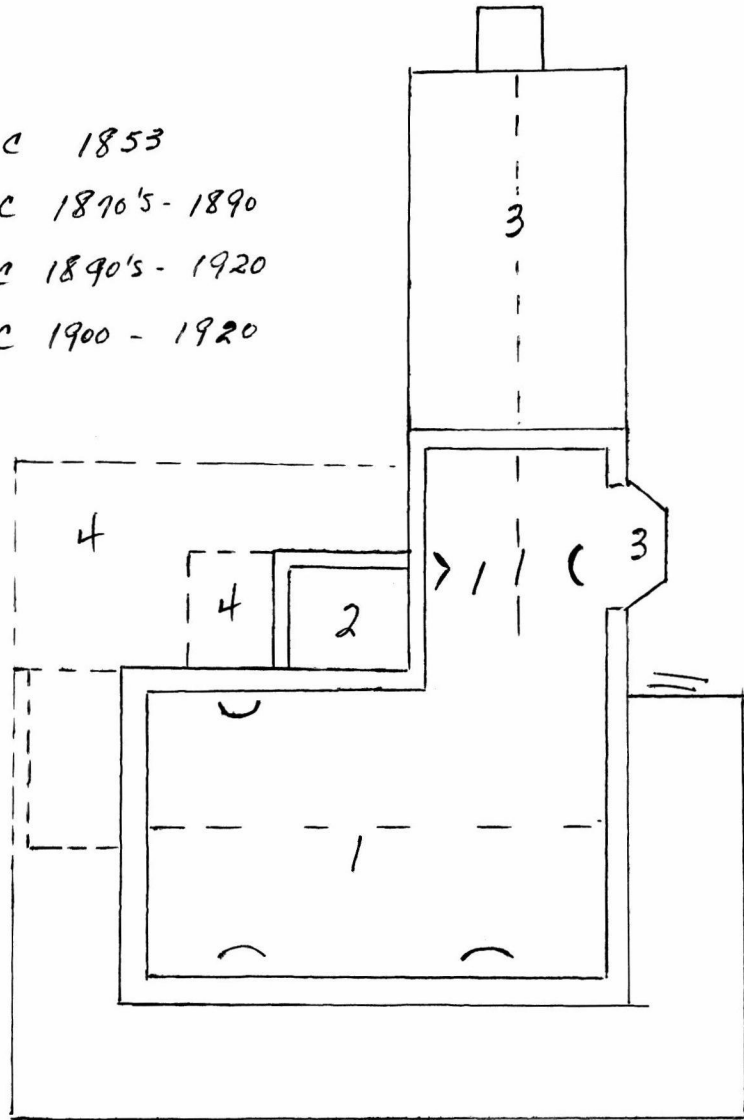


Beechwood #22-021-055  
 Woods Schools  
 Langhorne, Pa.



Beechwood #22-021-055  
Woods Schools, Langhorne, Pa.

- # 1 + (3) - c 1853
- # 2 - c 1870's - 1890
- # 3 - c 1890's - 1920
- # 4 - c 1900 - 1920

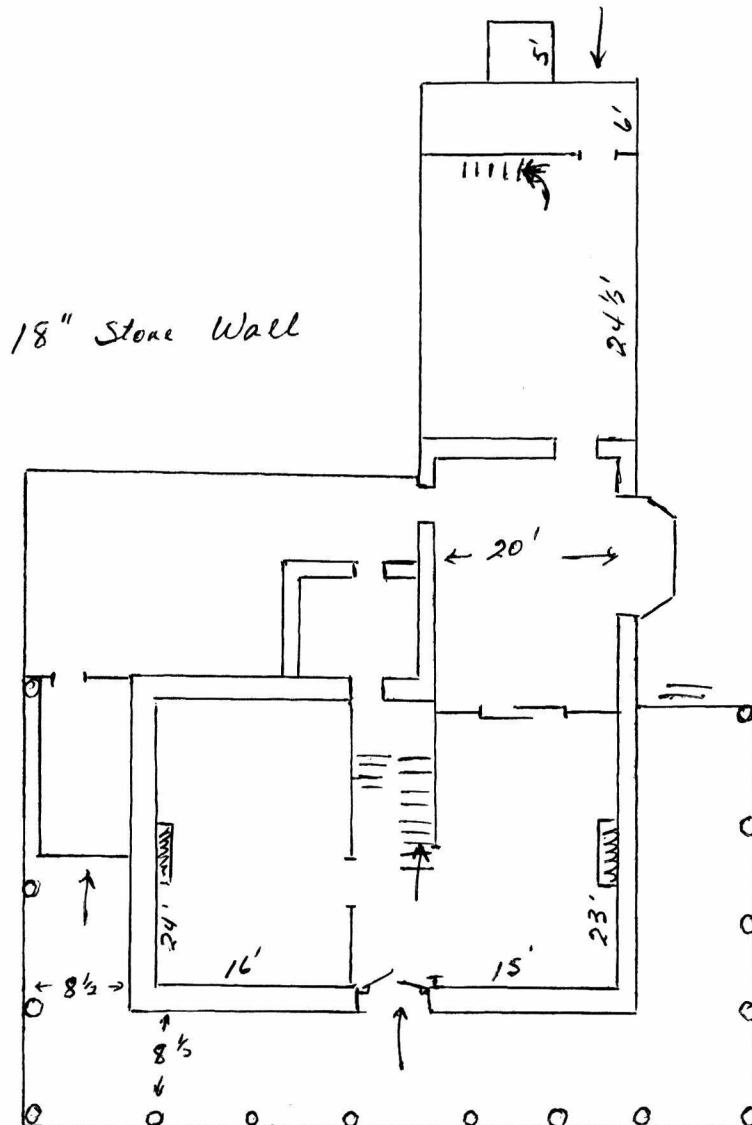


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Progression of Building



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Woods Schools, Langhorne, Pa.



Floor Plan

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**THE WOODS SCHOOLS  
and Residential Treatment Center  
Langhorne, Pennsylvania 19047**



**Since 1913  
Serving  
Exceptional Persons**

**THE WOODS SCHOOLS  
and Residential Treatment Center**

"... to help each student reach his highest level of achievement, whatever it may be"

- Private, non-profit, co-educational residential and day school programs
- Founded by educator, Mollie Woods
- Special education, habilitation, vocational training
- Individualized therapeutic treatment programs

**RESIDENTS ARE . . .**

- 500 children and adults: preschool age through adulthood, with developmental disabilities or multihandicaps
- Intellectual function from normal to profoundly retarded
- From 35 states and 10 foreign countries

**FACILITIES INCLUDE . . .**

- 300-acre campus of rolling hills, woods, gardens
- 70 facilities, including 18 attractive and functional living units
- The Child Study Treatment and Research Center for observation, diagnoses, evaluation therapy

- Gardner Education Center - academic programs: primary through secondary levels. Indoor swimming pools, auditorium-gymnasium
- Holland Vocational Training Center - personal and work adjustment training, work-related academics, vocational training, job placement, sheltered employment and prime manufacturing
- Shannon Medical Pavilion - 20-bed facility for short-term infirmary care, study, diagnosis and emergency treatment

**PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

**EDUCATION** - Individualized program planning to provide personal, social and academic growth.

- Early Childhood & Primary
- Intermediate & Prevocational
- Multihandicapped CP and Deaf Program
- Therapeutic Education Program
- Industrial Arts, Physical Education
- Chorus, Dramatics, Swimming, Music, Art

**VOCATIONAL** - To develop maximum vocational potential, independence and self-sufficiency-occupational skill training in:

- Food Services
- Floriculture
- Child Care
- Office Procedures
- Building and Grounds Maintenance
- Woods Enterprise (Work Activity Center)

**THE WOODS SCHOOLS  
and Residential Treatment Center**

**PRESIDENT**  
Harold S. Barbour, Ed.D.

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Administrative Services

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Residential Services

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**RESIDENTIAL** - Environment for continuing growth fostered by security, care and understanding

- Small Group Living
- Personal Self-Help Skills
- Socialization
- Individualized Behavior Modification
- Structured Recreational Programs
- Extensive care where required
- Religious Services, Community Experiences

**CLINICAL** - Promote positive personality growth and development

- Evaluation, Diagnosis and Therapy
- Speech and Hearing Lab
- Medical Consultation
- Psychiatric Evaluation and Treatment
- Psychological Testing and Evaluation
- Individualized planning through clinical teams
- Social Services
- Research
- Outpatient Evaluation
- Parent Counseling
- Art Therapy

**MEDICAL** - General health care instruction in proper health practices

- Electroencephalography
- Clinical Laboratory
- Genetic Counseling
- Ophthalmology
- Physiotherapy
- Oral Surgery
- Orthopedics
- Nursing Care
- Dental Care
- Pediatrics
- Gynecology
- Podiatry
- Neurology

**LARCHWOOD DAY PROGRAM**

School year academic day program; eight-week summer program for neurologically based disabilities.

- Small classes, individualized instructions
- Behavioral and academic assessment
- Parent participation and counseling
- Therapeutic milieu
- Tutorial services

**CAMP WILLOWOOD**

Summer residential and day camps for retarded educable and emotionally disturbed, co-ed

- Accredited by American Camping Association
- Dining and recreational lodge
- Eighty wooded acres
- Rustic cabins
- Twin lakes
- Swimming, Water Safety and Boating
- Nature and Arts Lodges
- Pioneering
- Music and Dramatics
- Horseback Riding
- Arts & Crafts

**CAMP ARROWHEAD**

Summer day program for multihandicapped and cerebral palsied students

- Wheelchair activities
- Nature trails
- Special programs



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BEECHWOOD  
Woods Schools  
#22-021-055

Description by progression of building (see floor plan)

Building A Circa 1853 - 1920

#1 Circa 1853

Exterior - Carriage steps

Front entrance - Double doors with large panes, recessed 2 feet, 3 pane transom, sidelights, pilaster columns with thin recessed panels, molding turned reed effect. Storm door and windows flush.

Lentils over all windows on stone section

Overhang on gables and eaves molded boxed cornice supported by decorative brackets with triglyphs on a blank frieze beneath.

L shaped with fan shaped dormers. Entire section pointed & quarried stone.

Interior

Southwestern parlor - Ceiling approx 11 ft high, windows starting 2 ft from floor to ceiling, federal trim with ears, fireplace with black marble veneer over wood. Decorative leaf plaster center of ceiling, thin plastered band on ceiling 1 1/2 ft in from wall, double cornice, 9 ft double doors into foyer.

Foyer - Stairwell open to third floor. Left newel post original (picture), right newel post circular and newer. Ceiling with heavy, round Victorian double cornice molding, and decorative leaf pattern center. Flat paneled 4 1/2 ft wainscoting.

Southeastern Parlor - Paneling below chair-railing with plastering above, double cornice as described, large archway into foyer, fireplace modernized.

All woodwork in section #1 of colonial revival trim.

Diningroom - #1 and #3 (#3 Circa 1890- 1920)

Large, sliding, double glass doors from parlor, linenfold paneling approx 4 ft 10 inch high, 3 window bay window (picture) with narrow glass cabinets on either side, cornice.

Second floor of section #1 mainly 1853 trim, small closets in one corner of each room, paneling below window wells, full length windows beginning 2 ft above floor, paneling around windows. Closets in hallway.

#2 Circa 1870 - 1890

2 story pointed stone, overhang molding continued.

Interior presently used as bathrooms, molding and trim colonial revival.

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#3 Circa 1890 - 1920  
2 story bay window, 3 windows 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ /2 $\frac{1}{2}$   
2 1/2 story frame with pink scalloped wooden siding (shakes)  
covered with pink asbestos  
Interior - large kitchen with stairs to second floor,  
separate laundry room and powder room.

#4 Circa 1900 - 1920  
2 story frame with pink asbestos siding over scalloped shakes  
1 story frame, possibly closing in an original porch.

Building B

Circa 1853 and 1920  
1 3/4 story red frame with white trim building with stone  
foundation under center section (a), south east corner brick wall,  
molding gables, barge board (picture)  
Black Smith shop?

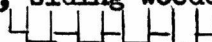
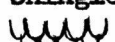
Building C

Circa 1870 - 1890  
Ice house, Victorian design with ventilator top, pink  
scalloped shingles, ground banked 1/2 way up structure, red tin  
hip roof, eyebrow windows.

Building D

Circa 1900 - 1920  
Smaller frame structure similiar to building B (picture)

Building E

Circa 1870 - 1890  
Victorian framed, 2 1/2 story cottage (pictures) with rustic  
appearance, siding wooden shingles alternately lined and  
scalloped  , foundation quarried.  
Porch on 2 sides entering into small foyer with molding on  
banister similiar to main entrance on Beechwood, red tin roof.  
Single small brick chimney. Unoccupied.

Buildings F and G

Circa 1920  
Framed, 1 story gabled roof outbuildings, approx 8 X 10 and  
4 X 8

Please refer to section #7 of the Pennsylvania Historical and  
Museum Commission Inventory of Historic Places dated June 20, 1979  
for additional information of the description of the exterior.



Property

Harewood and Beechwood

80003436

State

PA (Bucks)

Working Number

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**TECHNICAL**

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**CONTROL**

these are 2 maniaions owned by a school - Harewood is a rambling multi-level bldg. begun in 1788 as a farmhouse, it was built on over the years until 1911 when a five story section was built - this last section sets the architectural style of the building which is basically chateau-like. Harewood's interior is covered in many places with exquisite tile work. Beechwood is a large 2 1/2 story painted fieldstone building which is basically Federal in design - built in 1853 there have

**HISTORIAN**

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Patrick Andrus  
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been small additions added on into the 20th century. the front roofline is dominated by two beautiful fan-shaped dormers. nominated for architecture. 3.45 acres. both are threatened with destruction.

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_

Review \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of significance could be considerably better. On basis of photos + descriptive material both structures (related features) are eligible. Historical documentation is thin. Because of need to clarify eligibility promptly (owing to imminent decisions re disposal of properties) and because photos do establish eligibility →

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

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**BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

National Register Write-up

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Bucks County  
HAREWOOD  
PD: 1979  
PC: B. Russell  
PV: front of farmhouse section

NOV 15 1979

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Front of "Old Pennsylvania Farmhouse, 5 story structure to left.  
"Harewood" - Woods Schools, Langhorne, Pa. 22-021-84



Harewood/Beechwood  
Bucks County  
HAREWOOD  
PD: 1979  
PC: B. Russell  
PV: front elevation

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Front view

"Harewood" - Woods Schools, Langhorne, Pa.

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Harewood/Beechwood  
Bucks County  
HAREWOOD

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PV: front of section #9

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Section #9

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Top



Harewood/Beechwood  
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HAREWOOD  
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PV: staircase

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Section #5

Grand Staircase - Looking from first to third fl.

John Spencer 8/22/79



Harewood/Beechwood  
Bucks County

HAREWOOD

PD: 1979

PC: J. Spencer

PV: grand staircase

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Section #5 - Grand Staircase

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PC: B. Russell  
PV: gazebo

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Merger tiles inserted into walls - Pagoda overlooking reflecting pool  
Tiled pagoda below ground level, entered by a series of formal  
brick steps from a formal brick terrace, rear of 5 story structure  
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Harewood/Beechwood  
Bucks County  
BEECHWOOD  
PD: 1979  
PC: B. Russell  
PV: view of front yard & elevation

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Harewood/Beechwood

Bucks County

BEECHWOOD

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PD: 1979

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PC: J. Spencer

PV: front & side elevations

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Bldg. A

South East side

John Spencer 8/22/79



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Bucks County  
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PC: ~~M~~ J. Spencer  
PV: staircase

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Bldg. A Staircase in foyer

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Harewood/Beechwood

Bucks County

BEECHWOOD

PD: 1979

PC: J.Spencer

PV: dormer window

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Bldg. A - Dormer window in attic

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PV

Bldg. E - Tenant House

PC

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PV

#1 Rear entrance  
into the foyer  
of the "Pa. Farmhouse"

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Spring <sup>Tee</sup> House

PC

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Bldg. D

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#2 tiled fireplace of Bible stories  
& a wedding scene, iron plates

Right side

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M. Moore

PD:  
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Bldg. B

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# 2 tiled fireplace

Left side

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Section # 5 Mercer tiles

~~ma~~ fireplace 2<sup>nd</sup> floor bedroom

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# 5 - <sup>Mercer</sup> tiles of Columbus' travels -

paladium window

below Corneli grand ballroom

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#5 <sup>mercer</sup> tiled fireplace 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

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Mercer

# 5

Tiles of Columbus discovery of

America - below cornice in ballroom

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tile

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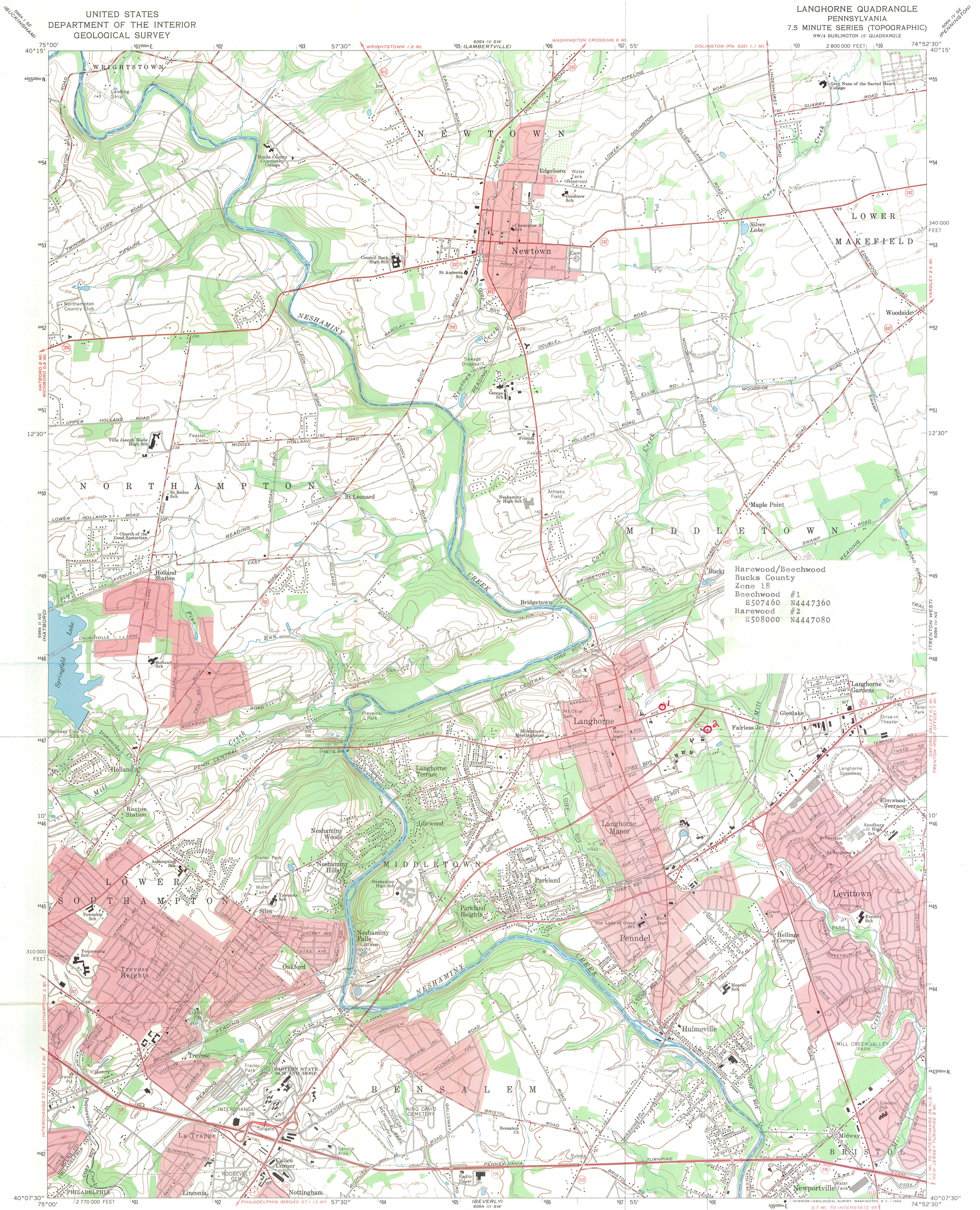
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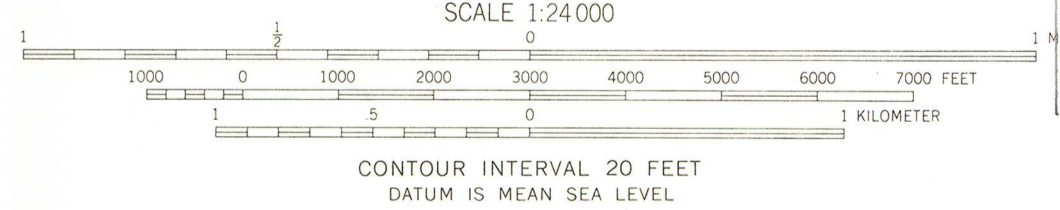
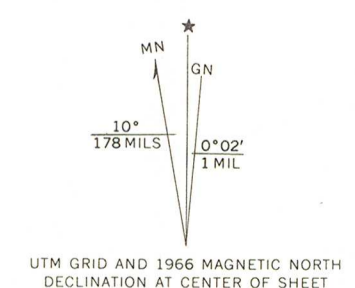
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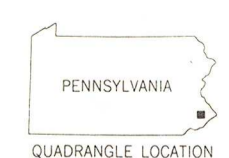


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Bucks County  
Zone 18  
Beechwood #1  
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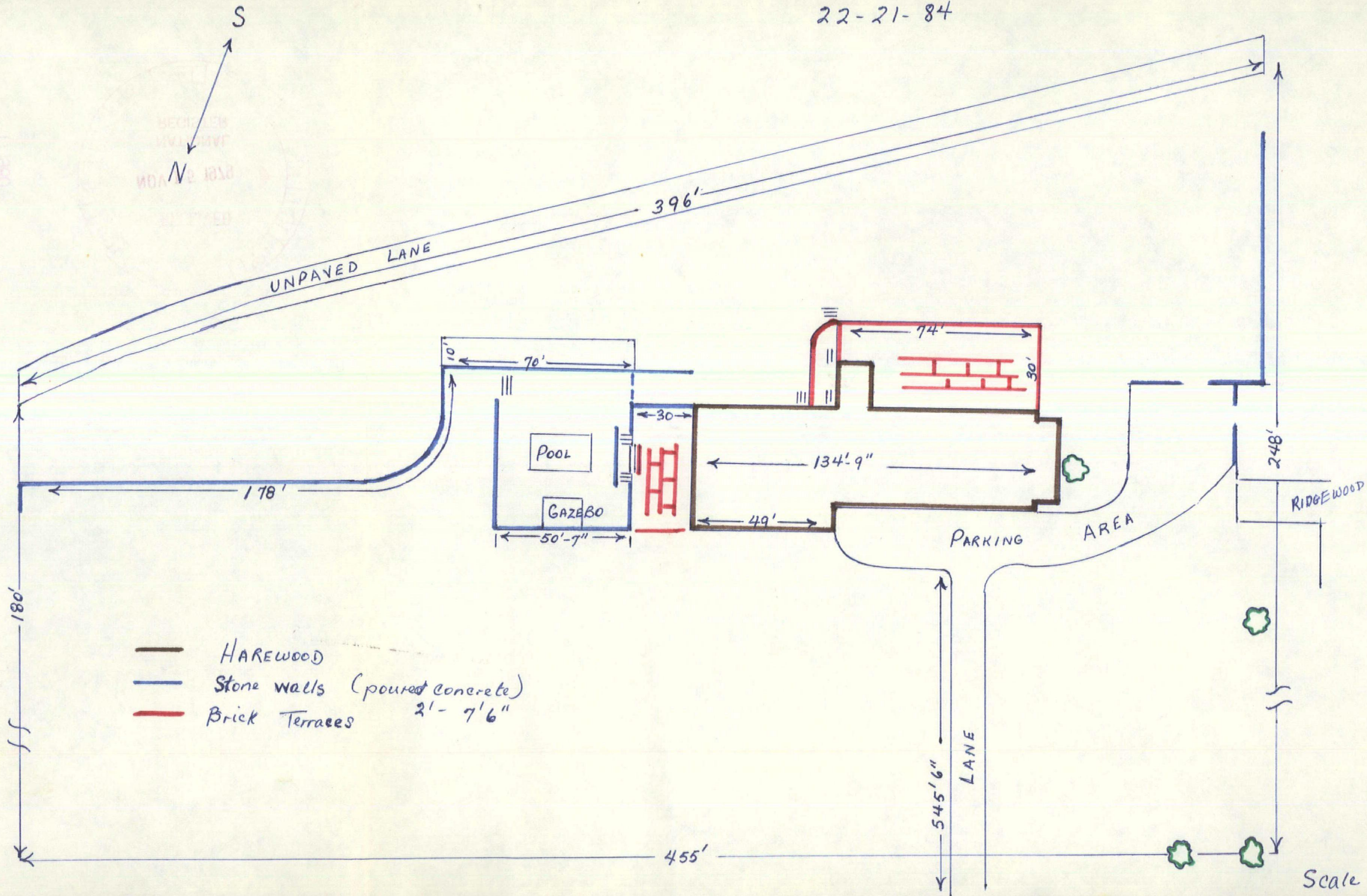
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- HAREWOOD
- Stone walls (poured concrete)
- Brick Terraces 2'-7'6"

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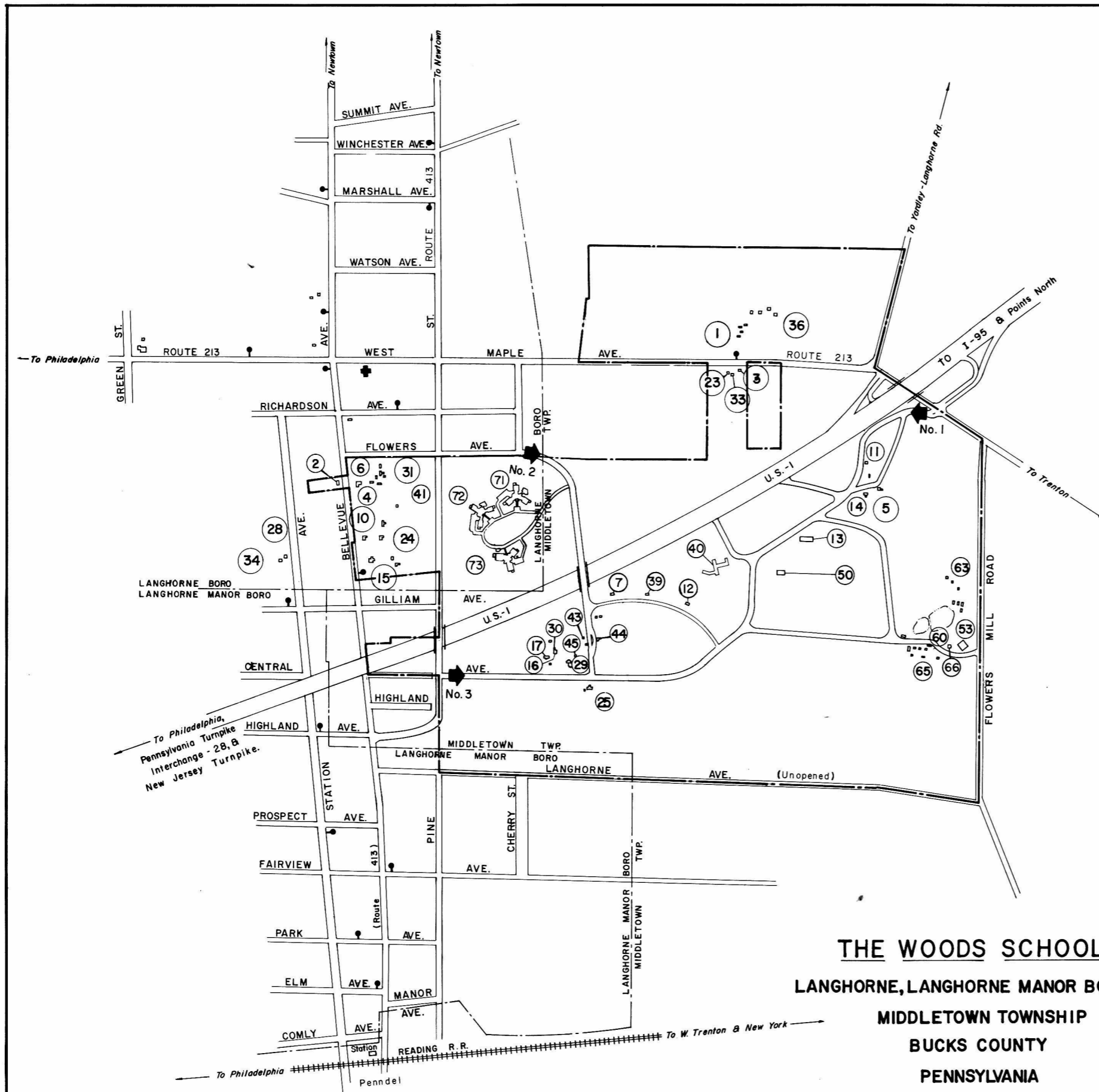
# THE WOODS SCHOOLS

## LOCATION MAP

The Woods Schools provides special education, care and treatment for the exceptional child and adult through both residential and day programs. Sixteen residential units; The Child Study, Treatment and Research Center; The Shannon Medical Pavilion and a fully equipped summer camp are among the more than 70 buildings and facilities located on its 325 acre Bucks County campus. Founded in 1913, Woods is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization.

This folder has been prepared to provide visitors with a brief description of The Woods Schools, a map of the campus and an area map. The map on the inner pages shows entrances marked by numbered arrows and buildings number-coded to the key. The map on the back page shows its geographic location in relation to major travel arteries in the area.

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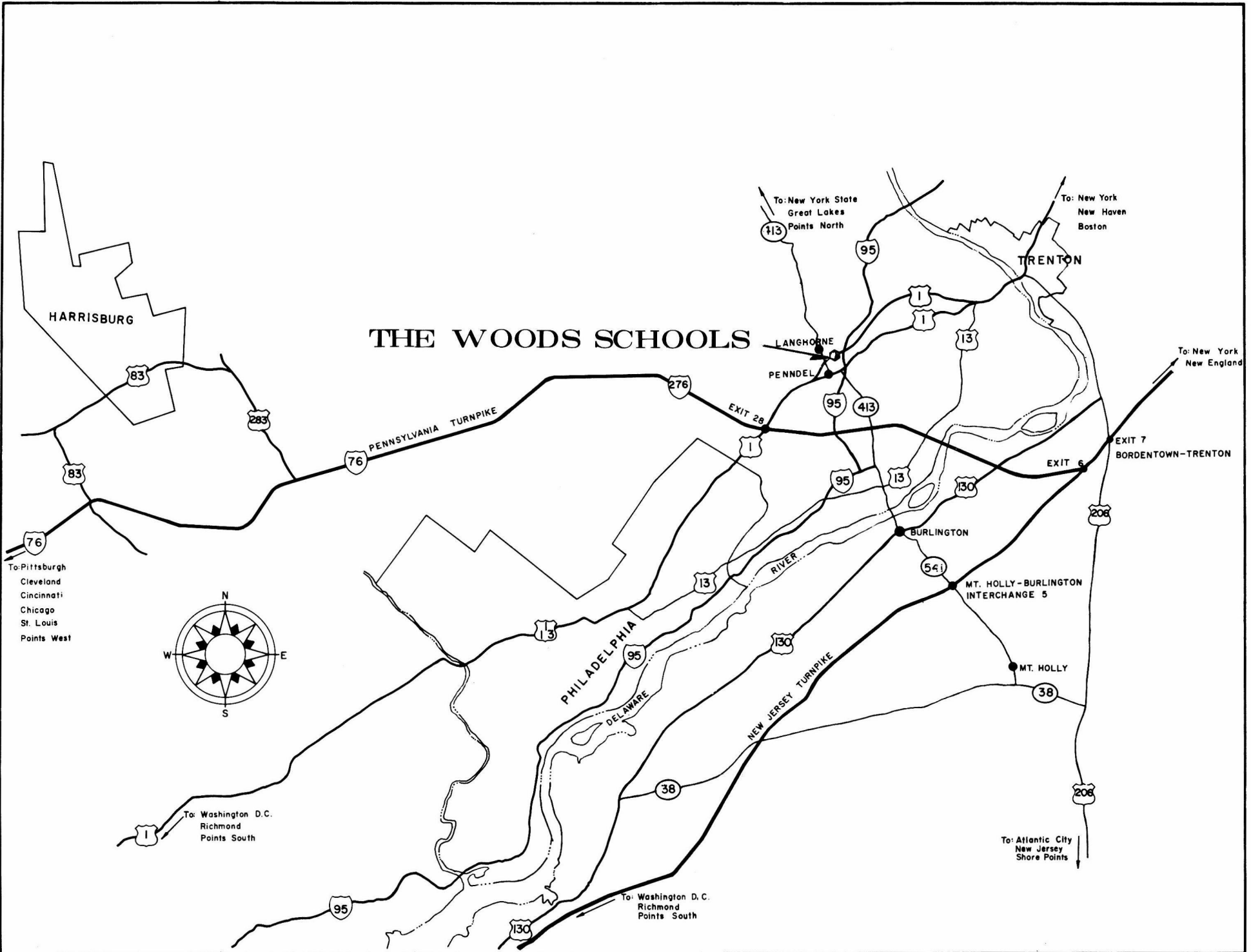
**THE WOODS SCHOOLS**  
**LANGHORNE, LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGHS,**  
**MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP**  
**BUCKS COUNTY**  
**PENNSYLVANIA**



**KEY TO BUILDINGS**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1. BEECHWOOD                                  | 30. LAUNDRY   |
| 2. PRACTICE HOUSE                             | 31. SHERWOOD  |
| 3. GLENWOOD                                   | 33. OAKWOOD LODGE   |
| 4. GREENWOOD                                  | 34. NURSES HOME   |
| 5. HAREWOOD                                   | 36. BEECHWOOD COTTAGE   |
| 6. HOLLYWOOD                                  | 39. BROOKWOOD   |
| 7. KINDERWOOD                                 | 40. CHILD STUDY, TREATMENT & RESEARCH CENTER—SHANNON MEDICAL PAVILION |
| 10. LARCHWOOD                                 | 41. PRESIDENT'S RESIDENCE   |
| 11. VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER (V.R.C.) | 43. CENTRAL STORES  |
| 12. PINWOOD                                   | 44. CARPENTER SHOP & STORAGE  |
| 13. MAPLEWOOD                                 | 45. GARAGE  |
| 14. RIDGEWOOD                                 | 50. COMMISSARY  |
| 15. ROSEWOOD                                  | 53. SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANT   |
| 16. FERNWOOD                                  | 60. WILLOWOOD HALL  |
| 17. WILDWOOD                                  | 63. NORTH CAMP  |
| 23. OAKWOOD                                   | 65. SOUTH CAMP  |
| 24. ELMWOOD                                   | 66. LAKEWOOD LODGE  |
| 25. TRUXTUN HALL                              | 71. FORREST HALL  |
| 28. 366 STATION AVENUE                        | 72. REDWOOD HALL  |
| 29. MALE DORMITORY                            | 73. ANDREW H. BROWN HALL  |

# THE WOODS SCHOOLS





COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION

WILLIAM PENN MEMORIAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES BUILDING  
BOX 1026  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120

October 9, 1979

Ms. Lynn Beebe  
National Register of Historic Places  
Department of the Interior  
440 G Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20243

Dear Ms. Beebe:

Enclosed is a nomination for two mansions which are a part of the Woods School, Inc., a residential treatment center for handicapped children. They are both in threat of demolition, but the local historical commission has gotten a 6 month reprieve. The owner has agreed to hold off to see if the buildings will make it on the National Register. We are also working through our Review and Compliance section on this one. The nomination was approved by our review committee at their September 21, 1979 meeting.

We realize that there are probably many other eligible buildings on the school property and the school has agreed to pursue the evaluation of them. However due to the immediate threat of these two buildings, we are not waiting until their investigation is through for a multiple resource nomination.

We would appreciate your speeding the review of this nomination.

Sincerely yours,

*Susan M. Zacher*  
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National Register Coordinator  
Office of Historic Preservation

Enclosure

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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Barbara Philpott

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

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3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Harewood and Beechwood - Bucks Co. PA.

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

they forgot to check an area of significance for this nomination.  
They want to nominate the homes for architecture.

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

Patrick Andrews

TITLE

OFFICE

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE PENNSYLVANIA

Date Entered FEB 1 1980

Name

Location

Harewood and Beechwood

Longhorne vicinity  
Bucks County

Also Notified

Honorable H. John Heinz, III

Honorable Richard S. Schweiker  
Honorable Peter H. Kostmayer

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Mr. Ed Weintraub  
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum  
Commission  
P.O. Box 1026  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

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For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.

"However, if we can get the state to recognize Harewood's historic value, maybe the state can come up with a reason for saving it," she said.

Middletown Township has attempted to adopt a historic zoning ordinance to protect properties in the township but the ordinance was rejected in Harrisburg because a contiguous historic district was not provided. The township's historic buildings are spread over a wide area. The ordinance adopted by the township supervisors would have resulted in spot zoning, a practice not permitted with current state legislation. Individual buildings, however, can be recognized by the state and on the National Historic Register.

The Woods Schools early this week had not changed position although Richard Braksatore, chief business officer for the institution said that some alternatives had been conceived.

One individual this week contacting The Advance, expressed an interest in moving Beechwood to another location in Bucks County. A real estate broker revealed that he has had several offers by prospective buyers.

Braksatore said that local residents are not aware of the extent of deterioration of the buildings.

"We are not without love of history," he said, but it is not practical to maintain the buildings any longer. He said that their existence is actually a hazard.

Beechwood is infested with gophers that the schools have been unable to control. The ceiling is falling down, the rugs are moldy and dampness pervades the interior. Restoring either building would be a monumental task, he said, and Woods Schools do not have the money to do it.

The "Mercer tiles" that are supposed to be in Harewood have been judged by at least one staff member as actually imported European tiles. Some experts from the Mercer Tile Works in Doylestown are expected to visit Harewood in the near future to ascertain what kind of tiles they are, Braksatore added.

Braksatore said that the schools have "no clear set use for the land" after the buildings are razed. He said that the demolition will mean simply that there will be two less buildings.

He also noted that concern by Langhorne Borough residents is needless because the schools have no plans to tear down any of the former mansions along Bellevue Avenue on the campus. "We like that street and the buildings on them. We're keeping it up," he said.

For many years the Woods Schools have used the large homes in Langhorne and Middletown for classroom space and living quarters for students and staff. Recent state regulations have made the buildings obsolete for educational facilities for handicapped persons.

# ADVANCE 6-14-79

## Historians want time to save two mansions

By BRIDGET WINGERT

Some local residents are seeking advice from Middletown Township officials, trying to hold off demolition of two buildings on the Woods Schools Campus in the Langhorne area.

Several members of the Middletown Historical Association and the township's historic preservation commission are asking for time to find alternatives to tearing the buildings down.

The Woods Schools have applied for a permit to raze Greenwood and Harewood, two mansions formerly used for programs at the school and treatment center for the handicapped. The applications were filed June 8 with the Township building inspector Max Einkenkel.

"We want a short reprieve," said Ruth LoBue, acting chairman of the township historic preservation commission. "We would also like to meet with the board of Woods Schools to try to get the members to change their minds."

Members of the preservation commission and of the township historic association have been working frantically this week in order to organize information and photographs to send to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in Harrisburg. They planned to have the material delivered personally by Representative James Wright (R-142), a member of the state commission.

Local historians are hoping for speedy recognition of the two buildings, Beechwood and Harewood, on the state's inventory of historic places.

Beechwood, on East Maple Avenue adjacent to the Langhorne Methodist Church dates back to the mid-19th century. It was once the home of Congressman Henry W. Watson and more recently the home of State Senator Clarence Buckman.

Harewood, according to the historians, has an original wing at least 200 years old. An addition made early in this century is believed to be of reinforced concrete, possibly, the work of Dr. Henry Mercer. The interior walls are covered extensively with what are believed to be Mercer tiles. Harewood is located deeper into the campus, with access from route 213.

The historians are hoping that an occupant can be found to rent Beechwood but Harewood is another matter. "Harewood, is bigger than Pennsbury Manor," historic commission member Barbara Russell says. Five stories high, it is a "mammoth place."

Mrs. Russell said she can only see it in the future as some kind of museum because it is too big to rent as a house. But, she believes, Woods Schools are not likely to support the idea.

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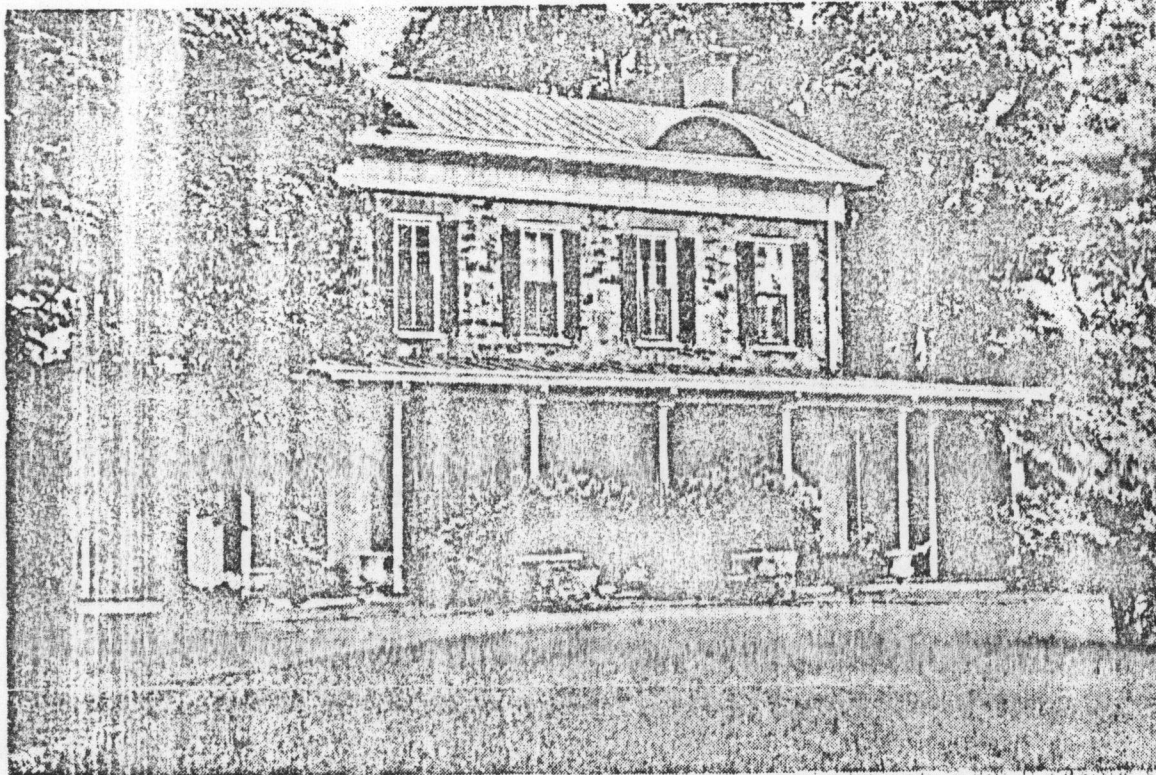
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architectural review board.

The interest by local residents is not only for Beechwood, a building they hope it is not too late to save through compromise, but for Harewood, Ridgewood, Greenwood, Larchwood and Rosewood, more of the buildings valued for their aesthetic appeal.

Harewood, in particular, is one of their concerns. The original building may go back to the 1700s but later additions are also valuable. Conjecture is that the major part of Harewood is built of reinforced concrete possibly by Dr. Henry Mercer. The interior is decorated extensively with Mercer tiles. A tiled gazebo and concrete garden walls are indications of Mercer's influence.

According to township and borough historic association members no application has yet been made for necessary Middletown permission to raze Beechwood. The permit, however, is expected to be issued in the near future.

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The Woods Schools and Residential Treatment Center have extensive land holdings in Langhorne Borough and the township. The properties were acquired during a period of several years by Mollie Woods Hare, founder of the school for children and adults with mental or physical handicaps.

On the properties are many large old buildings originally residences but used by the institution for classrooms and dormitories. State standards have made the buildings obsolete.

The mansions that grace South Bellevue Avenue in Langhorne, it has been known for some time, would probably be doomed to the wrecking ball. A move to include South Bellevue Avenue in Langhorne's historic district a few years ago was unsuccessful, largely because of Woods Schools pressure for exclusion. Historic zoning would have meant that the schools would not be able to make changes in the architecture facing the street without approval by a historical

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