

**PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM**  
 OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION Box 1026  
 PA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION Harrisburg, PA 17120

7. Local survey organization  
 West Whiteland Historical Commission

8. property owners name and address  
 Robert J. and Susan W. Shenkin  
 1358 Glen Echo Road  
 West Chester, PA 19380

9. tax parcel number / other number  
 41-8D-4

10. U.T.M. zone 18 easting 447860  
 Map# 23 northing 44281910  
 usgs sheet: Malvern 2.5A

11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)  
 CCHSS

12. classification  
 site ( ) structure ( ) object ( )  
 building (X)  
 in N.R. district yes ( ) no ( )

13. date(s) (how determined)  
 c.1815

14. period  
 1800-1819

15. style, design or folk type  
 2/3 Georgian  
 Vernacular

19. original use  
 Residence-farm

20. present use  
 Residence-non-farm

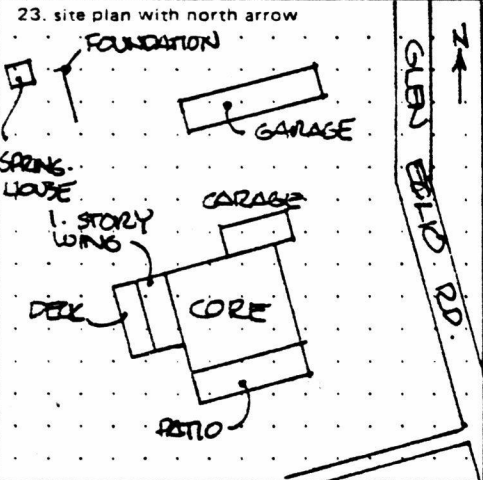
16. architect or engineer

17. contractor or builder

18. primary building mat./construction  
 Stone/stucco

21. condition  
 Above average

22. integrity  
 Above average



24. photo notation  
 PG: Diane Snyder  
 PV: South elevation  
 PD: 4/21/1981

25. file/location  
 CCHS, WWHC #09-68, #21

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28. sources of information

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29. prepared by:

M.L. Wolf, Brandywine Cons.

30. date 12/1981 revision(s)

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1. County Chester  
 2. municipality West Whiteland Twp.  
 3. street address or specific location 1358 Glen Echo Road  
 4. survey code 029-09-41-061  
 5. present name Daniel Meredith House  
 6. other name (historic name if any) Daniel Meredith House

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EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)

West Whiteland Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania  
Multiple Resource Nomination

Survey Code 029-09-41-061      Page 3  
Daniel Meredith House          Map #23

Summary Statement of Significance:

The Meredith House is eligible for listing under criterion C as an example of the maintenance of traditional housing types. Built around 1815, the Meredith House is a fully developed Georgian building. It incorporates all of the eighteenth century building grammar including the symmetrical facade, window treatment and arrangement of interior space but was built during the 19th century. In addition to the main house, there is also a modern garage, a nineteenth century spring house and a barn ruins on the site.

Witneseth. That in consideration of \_\_\_\_\_ West Whiteland Township,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Fifty Thousand (\$50,000. Chester County, PA  
in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said Grantor Multiple Resource Nomination  
Grantee S, their heirs \_\_\_\_\_ and assigns. a Survey Code 029-09-41-061  
Daniel Meredith House Map#23

ALL THAT CERTAIN lot or piece of  
and appurtenances, thereon, Situate in  
land, County of Chester and State of  
described according to a Map of Property of Louise K. Heller, made  
by James J. Spinelli, Registered Professional Civil Engineer, Wayne,  
Pa., dated January 20, 1960 revised March 4, 1960 and recorded  
September 10, 1960 in Plan Book #11 page 7 as follows, to wit:-

BEGINNING at a point on the Westerly side of Glen Echo Road  
(Forty feet wide), which point is at the arc distance of Thirty-  
six and twenty-six one-hundredths feet, measured on a line curving  
to the right, having a radius of Twenty-five feet, from a point  
of curve on the Southerly side of Twin Oaks Lane, (Forty feet  
wide); thence extending from said beginning point, along the  
Westerly and Southwesterly of Glen Echo Road the two following  
courses and distances: (1) South Seven degrees, twenty-four  
minutes, thirty seconds East, One hundred seventy-one and twenty-  
nine one-hundredths feet to a point and (2) South Forty-nine  
degrees, forty-six minutes, fifty seconds East, Two hundred seven-  
teen and eighty one-hundredths feet to a point; thence extending  
South Forty degrees, thirteen minutes, ten seconds West, Two  
hundred fifty-four and thirteen one-hundredths feet to a point  
in line of land, now or late of Samuel Wittenmeyer; thence  
extending along same the three following courses and distances:  
(1) North Fifty-seven degrees, fifty-six minutes, forty seconds  
West, Eighty feet and sixty one-hundredths of a foot to a point;  
(2) North Fifty-seven degrees, forty-six minutes, ten seconds  
West, Two hundred twenty-nine and sixty one-hundredths feet to  
a point and (3) North Thirty-seven degrees, fifty-three minutes,  
ten seconds West, Three hundred feet to a point; thence extending  
North Fifty-two degrees, six minutes, fifty seconds East, Two  
hundred feet to a point on the Southerly side of Twin Oaks Lane,  
aforesaid; thence extending along same North Eighty-nine degrees,  
twenty-five minutes, twenty-four seconds East, Two hundred forty  
feet and sixty-nine one-hundredths of a foot to a point of curve;  
thence extending on a line curving to the right, having a radius  
of twenty-five feet, the arc distance of Thirty-six and twenty-  
six one-hundredths feet to the first mentioned point and place of  
beginning.

BEING part of the same premises which The Chester County  
Land Company, a Pennsylvania Corporation, by Indenture bearing  
date the 30th day of August, A.D. 1940, and duly recorded at West  
Chester, in the Office for the Recording of Deeds, in and for the  
County of Chester, in Deed Book N-20 page 82 &c., granted and con-  
veyed unto Louise K. Heller, in fee.

BEING part of the same premises Harry F. Taylor and Mabel G.,  
his wife, by Indenture bearing date the 21st day of March, A.D.  
1945, and duly recorded at West Chester, in the Office for the  
Recording of Deeds, in and for the County of Chester, in Deed  
Book A-22 page 184 &c., granted and conveyed unto Louise K.  
Heller, in fee.

TOGETHER with all and singular the rights, liberties, privileges,  
hereditaments, and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any  
wise appertaining and the reversions and remainders, rents, issues, and  
profits thereof; and also, all the estate, right, title, interest, proper  
claim, and demand whatsoever of the said Grantor in Law or equity.

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Meredith, Daniel, House (West Whiteland  
Township MRA)  
Chester County  
PENNSYLVANIA

Substantive Review

Working No. SEP 29 1983

Fed. Reg. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Due: 10/28/83 - 11/13/83

Action: ACCEPT

RETURN 11/10/83

REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*No explicit statement of contributing  
and non contributing  
elements and the features,*

Recom./Criteria Revised Review

Reviewer Alan Thompson

Discipline F.H.

Date 11/10/83

\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for:  technical corrections cited below *though mentioned, are not described.*  
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	
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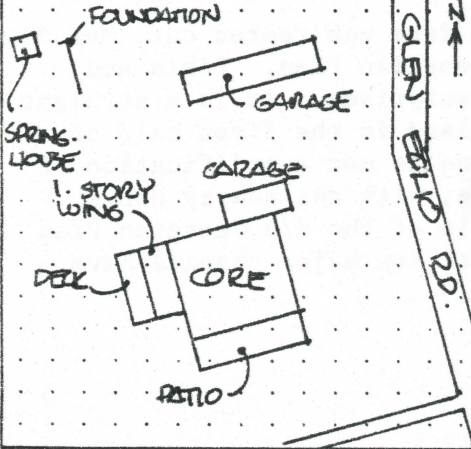
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**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

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

West Whiteland Township, Chester County, PA MRA

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Daniel Meredith House

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Map #23

The nominated acreage consists of all land currently associated with the resource. Located on the property are a contributing 1 ½ story, rectangular, rubble fieldstone springhouse and a non-contributing 2 story, modern rectangular cinderblock garage. The barn ruins consist of one partial stone wall and do not contribute to the significance of the property.

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name West Whiteland Township Multiple Resource Area  
State Chester County, PENNSYLVANIA

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
21. Kirkland Station <b>Substantive Review</b> Keeper	<u>[Signature]</u> 11/10/83
	Attest _____
22. <del>Konnagee, Joseph, House</del> <b>Substantive Review</b> Keeper	<u>[Signature]</u> 9/6/84
<b>DOE/OWNER OBJECTION</b>	Attest _____
23. Lewis, Evan, House <b>Substantive Review</b> Keeper	<u>[Signature]</u> 8/2/84
	Attest _____
24. Lochiel Farm <b>Substantive Review</b> Keeper	<u>[Signature]</u> 9/6/84
	Attest _____
25. Meredith, Daniel, House <b>Substantive Review</b> Keeper	<u>[Signature]</u> 8/2/84
	Attest _____
26. Morstein <b>Substantive Review</b> Keeper	<u>[Signature]</u> RS
	Attest _____
27. Newlin Miller's House <b>Substantive Review</b> Keeper	<u>[Signature]</u> 9/6/84
	Attest _____
28. Pennypacker, Benjamin, House <b>Substantive Review</b> Keeper	<u>[Signature]</u> 8/2/84
	Attest _____
29. Price, Joseph, House <b>Substantive Review</b> Keeper	<u>[Signature]</u> 9/6/84
	Attest _____
30. Rush, Benjamin, House <b>Substantive Review</b> Keeper	<u>[Signature]</u> 8/2/84
	Attest _____

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Fed. Reg. Date: 2-5-85  
Date Due: 8-2-84  
Action: ACCEPT 8-2-84  
RETURN  
REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

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Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria Accept  
Reviewer [Signature]  
Discipline [Signature]  
Date 8-2-84  
see continuation sheet

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\_\_\_\_\_ substantive reasons discussed below

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
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**8. Significance**

Period      Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates                      Builder/Architect  
Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_  
UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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**12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification**

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_ national      \_\_\_\_ state      \_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title                      date

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**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

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