

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Pennsylvania
COUNTY: Montgomery
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ENTRY DATE

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Samuel M. and Kathryn Stoler

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Alan W. Corson Homestead

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
5130 Butler Pike

CITY OR TOWN:  
Plymouth Meeting, Whitemarsh Twp.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
13th

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42 COUNTY: Montgomery CODE: 091

**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 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) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Samuel M. and Kathryn Stoler

STREET AND NUMBER:  
5130 Butler Pike

CITY OR TOWN:  
Plymouth Meeting, Whitemarsh Twp.

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Airy and Swede Sts.

CITY OR TOWN:  
Norristown

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Joint State Government Commission Study on Historical Sites

DATE OF SURVEY: 1965  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Montgomery County Historical Society Records

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1654 DeKalb St.

CITY OR TOWN:  
Norristown

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" 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 Alan W. Corson Homestead is first recorded in a 1734 deed of transfer. It is a 2½ story stone gable roof house that has been covered with stucco. It measures six bays across by two rooms deep. Its entrance is through a paneled door 39" by 76" that is set in the third bay from the right side of the house.

The house was probably built in three sections. The original section was the three bays of the left front exterior, this was built prior to 1734. The three bays of the right front exterior were built in 1820. The ell section located to the rear of the original section may be part of the original but probably is a later addition. At a right angle to the extreme left two bays, the ell section is a 2½ story stone structure.

A single dormer appears in the rear over the third bay from the left. Two chimneys are present, one near the right gable end and the other over the third bay from the left gable end. The original section contains 6 over 6 sash and the addition has 6 over 9 sash. All windows contain their original frames. A boxed cornice runs around the house and panel shutters are present on the first floor windows.

Most of the walls of the house are eighteen inches thick. There are raised panel doors and closets in the house. Window woodwork and moulding is present and the beams have been covered over with a plaster ceiling. Several simple fireplaces complete with mantels are in the house. A one story stone gable roof smoke house in sound condition still stands on the property.

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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 type="checkbox"/> 19th Century            |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1734-1820

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |   |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 primary significance of this property rests in its long association with Alan Corson and its use by him as one of Pennsylvania's early nurseries ( the apple orchard contained some 2,000 varieties ). It was also a boarding school called the Alan Corson Seminary of Learning. Alan Corson was a devout Quaker who was active in many local meetings, especially in Plymouth Meeting and North Wales. Alan Corson was also known to correspond regularly with John Bartram.

Architecturally, the house is of merit. It is in extremely fine condition both interiorly and exteriorly. It is a relatively unaltered example of a large stone house of the mid-eighteenth century in southeastern Pennsylvania. Much of the original interior woodwork is still present or has been restored. Also on the site is a sound smoke house. Together, these two structures accurately portray the way of life in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Alan Corson's Diary 1824-1830 (in possession of Bolton Corson at Corson Co., Stenton Ave, Whitmarsh Pa.)

The Corson Family by Hiram Corson M.D. Privately published and printed by Henry Lawrence Everett in 1896.

Ambler Gazette Ambler, Pa. Column: 50 Years Ago Sept. 5, 1904 as found in Sept. 9, 1954

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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0 . "	0 . "		40 <sup>00</sup> 07' 00"	75° 15' 56"	
NE	0 . "	0 . "				
SE	0 . "	0 . "				
SW	0 . "	0 . "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 3 3/8

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Kathryn Stoler**

ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 10/22/72

STREET AND NUMBER:  
5130 Butler Pike

CITY OR TOWN: Plymouth Meeting STATE Pennsylvania CODE 12

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 Deputy Executive Director

Date 4/19/73

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Keeper of The National Register*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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NORRISTOWN QUADRANGLE  
PENNSYLVANIA  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
SE/4 NORRISTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE

5864 II NW  
(LAMBLER)

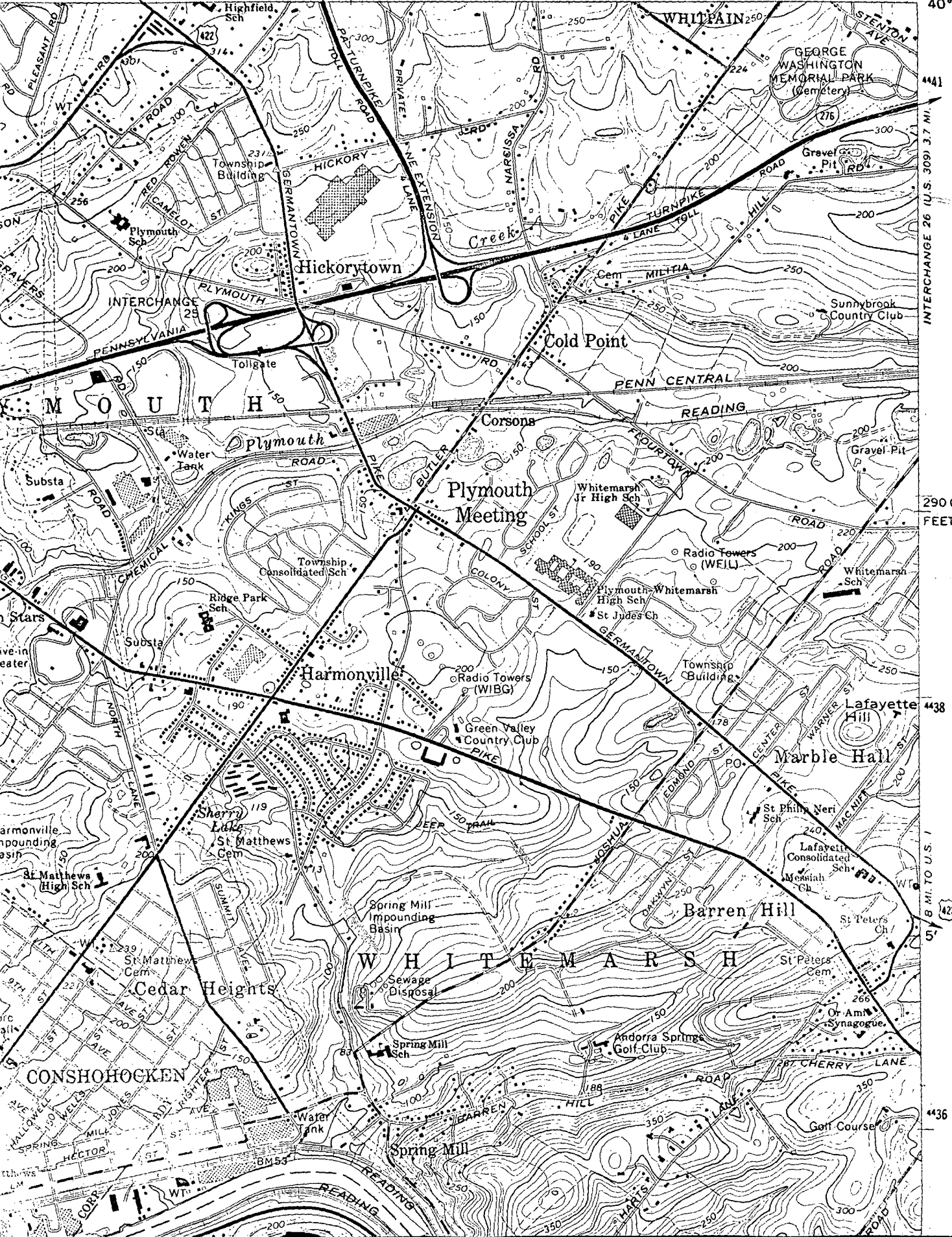
POTTSTOWN 22 MI.  
NN SQUARE 1.9 MI.

ALLENTOWN 37 MI.  
INTERCHANGE 31 (PA. 63) 10 MI.  
2 690 000 FEET

477 1966

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75° 15'  
40° 07' 30"



Corson Homestead



INTERCHANGE 26 (U.S. 309) 3.7 MI.

290 000  
FEET

4438

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4436