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NW/4 WEST CHESTER 15' QUADRANGLE

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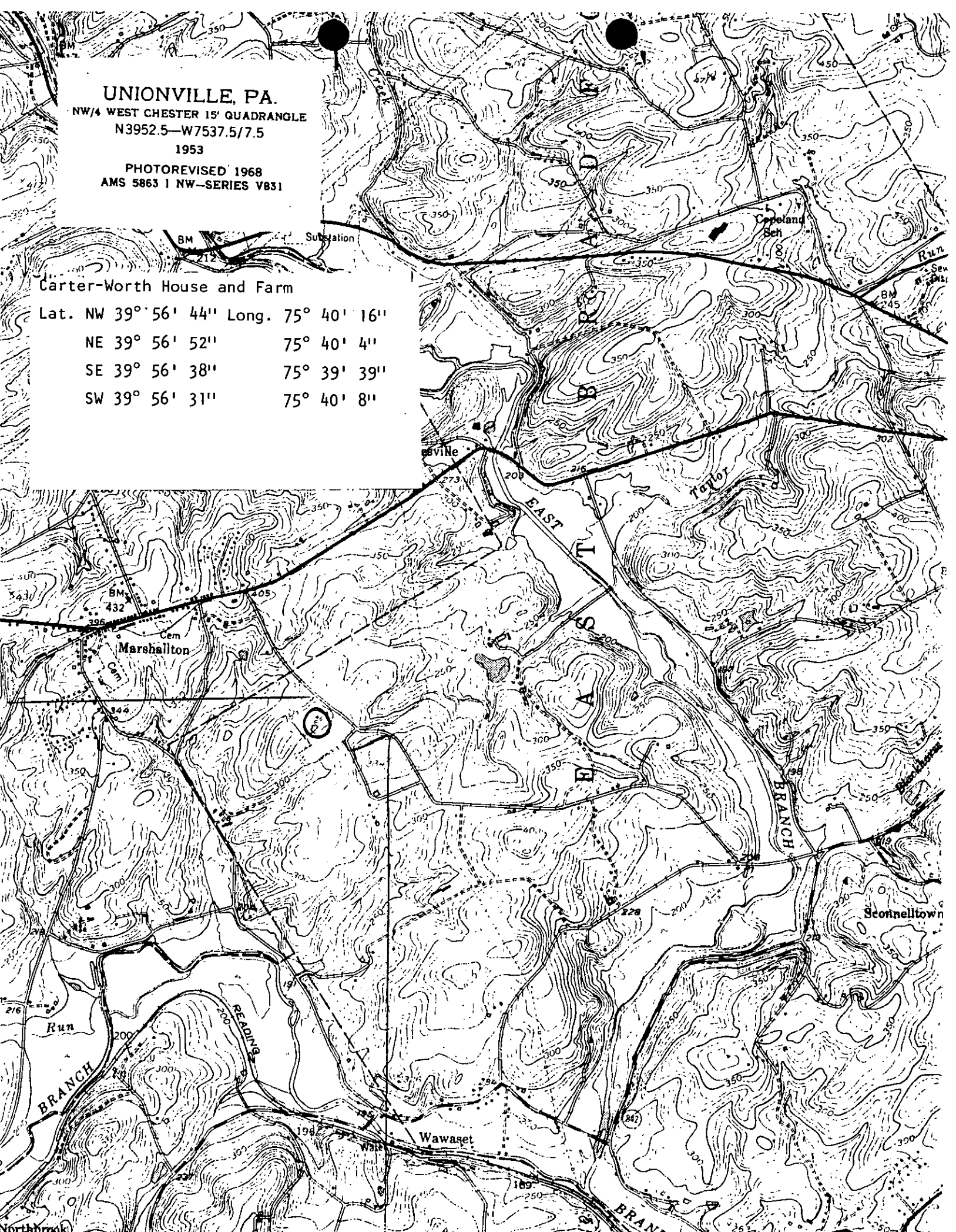
Carter-Worth House and Farm

Lat. NW 39° 56' 44" Long. 75° 40' 16"

NE 39° 56' 52" 75° 40' 4"

SE 39° 56' 38" 75° 39' 39"

SW 39° 56' 31" 75° 40' 8"



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

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC CARTER-WORTH HOUSE and FARM

AND/OR COMMON
Armstrong Farm; Upper Plantation; Francis Worth Farm; Tall Pine Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
450 Lucky Hill Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
5th

CITY, TOWN
East Bradford

VICINITY OF

STATE
Pennsylvania

CODE
42

COUNTY
Chester

CODE
029

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
A. Joseph Armstrong and Ann H. Armstrong

STREET & NUMBER
450 Lucky Hill Road

CITY, TOWN
West Chester

VICINITY OF

STATE
Pennsylvania

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Chester County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
High Street

CITY, TOWN
West Chester

STATE
Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE
11/12/76

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS
Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission
William Penn Memorial Museum, P.O. box 1026

CITY, TOWN
Harrisburg

STATE
Pennsylvania

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE		CHECK ONE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house on 51 acres of the original Carter-Worth farm stands at a high point on Lucky Hill Road, about 200 feet west of Lucky Hill Road. Facing south it overlooks the original farmstead nearby, as well as West Chester, two miles to the east.

The original structure was built soon after 1813. Built of a locally-quarried green stone referred to as serpentine, the house was first a three-bay, two-story and garret, gabled dwelling, its front facade oriented to the south. The fanlight front door had a shaped marble sill. Extant outrigging suggests a porch protecting the entrance. Windows were 6 over 9 on the first floor and 6 over 6 on the second, the panes approximately 9" by 11".

The small house not only had a full cellar area, divided into two spaces and accessible from the exterior west side via a bulkhead, but it also featured a vaulted and ventilated subcellar.

The two major rooms of the first floor area, each with a gable wall fireplace, opened to a side passage and stair hall from which front, rear and side doors led to the outside. German-type iron boxlocks have survived from the gable door.

Open-string dog-leg stairs, featuring interesting scroll work on the stair ends led to the second floor. The gradual rise of the stairway was accentuated by ramped dado moulding which was a continuation of the chairrailing used in passage and parlors alike. A similarly proportioned handrail led to a turned newel. The wall casing of the open-string stairs was paneled in fields shaped to the triangular-space, the paneling similar to that used in the interior doors as well as the doors of an architectural cupboard next to the northeast parlor fireplace.

A strategically placed window, high above the stair landing, lighted the stairway. Unlike the other windows, which feature curved, plastered jambs, the jambs of this landing window were paneled to match the doors.

The second floor had two chambers and a storage room, the gaugework chimneypiece giving that room special importance. A boxed stair, following the gable wall, probably led to the attic.

The house was more than doubled and a third floor added overall sometime prior to the Civil War.

Because the west addition was deeper than the original section, the roof on this side was constructed with a hip at the angle. Stove flues were incorporated in the stone walls.

§ 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 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 ca. 1815

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Carter-Worth farm is still set in a landscape similar to that on which the mid-19th century mansion stood.

The house is a rare example of early 19th century serpentine construction, that "precious" stone being used in all four walls rather than limited to the front facade. Like many of its neighbors, the house was enlarged with time, but serpentine was still used for its walls, rather than fieldstone or frame. Rather than a house which has lost all semblance of its origin with additions, however, this mansion gains a special character by reading clearly as an additive structure which retained the good sense of proportion with which it began.

The "Double-decker" stone barn, with its high ramp and long bridge to the threshing floor, is a well-known local landmark. Two doors enter the granary level, under and east of the bridge.

Once the home of an astute farmer and county commissioner, John Worth, who had many horticultural interests and his farm produced both pedigreed cattle and great crops of potatoes for the Philadelphia market.

The home and farm of noted Friends for over three quarters of a century (such names as Carpenter, Paschall and Armitt married into the Carter and Worth families), the house is about one and a half miles from the Bradford Friends' Meeting which the family attended.

Probably the most colorful owner of the estate was Francis Worth, son of John Worth, Jr. A bachelor, Francis Worth was a good judge of stock, particularly trotting horses. Because of his interest in harness racing, he installed a track on his property, north of the present property line.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 James, Arthur E. History of East Bradford Township. West Chester: Chester County Historical Society, 1971.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

Alice Kent Schooler/Susan M. Zacher

ORGANIZATION

National Heritage Corp./Pa. Hist. & Mus. Comm.

DATE

1-21-77

STREET & NUMBER

309 N. Matlack Street/P.O. Box 1026

TELEPHONE

717-787-4363

CITY OR TOWN

West Chester/Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

William J. Welter

TITLE WILLIAM J. WELTER, Executive Director
 Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

DATE 2-15-77

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER