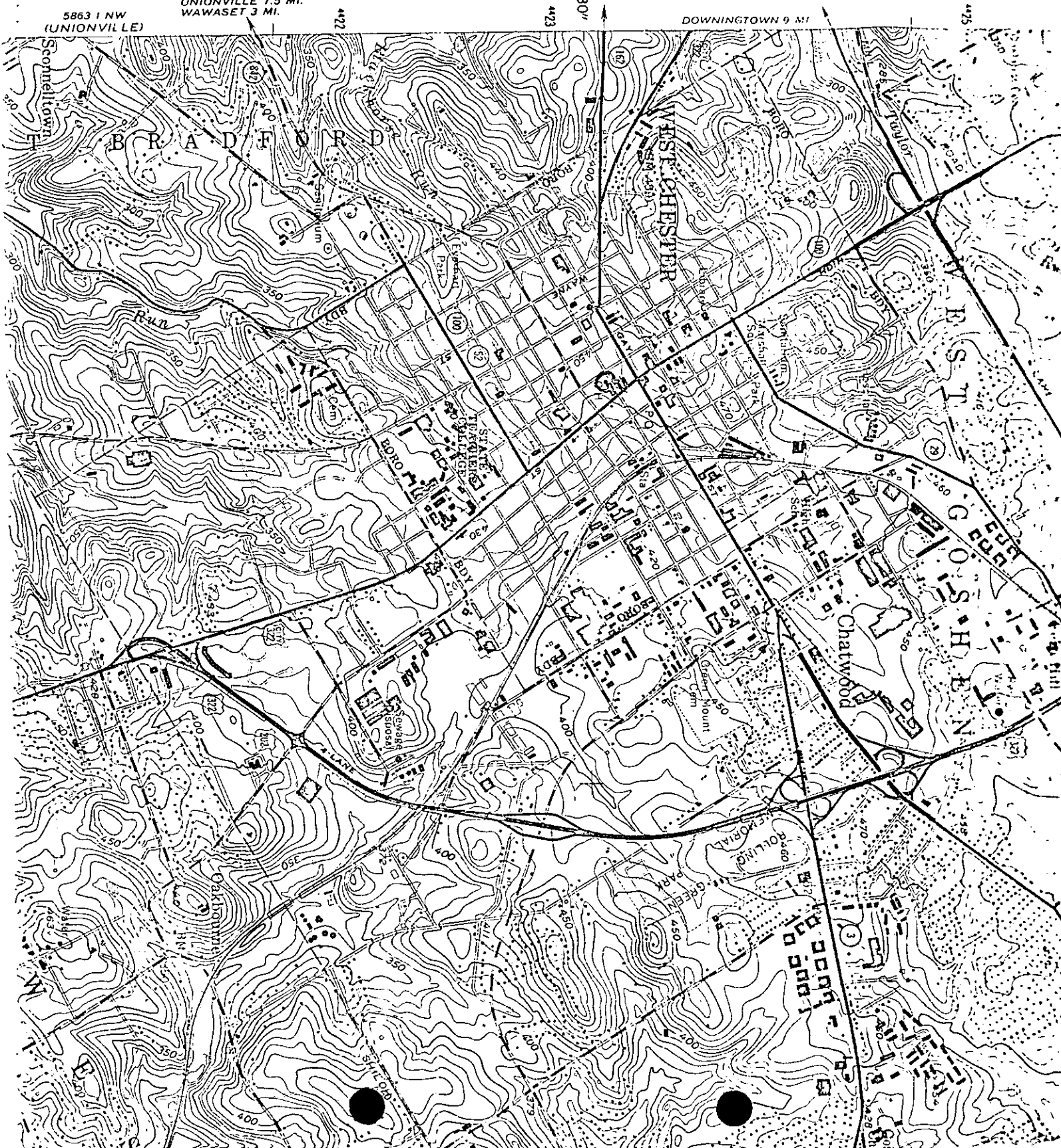


William Everhart Building
Chester County
Zone 18 E448260 N4423180

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(UNIONVILLE)



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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

WILLIAM EVERHART BUILDING

AND/OR COMMON

*EVERHART-LINCOLN BUILDING***2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

28 West Market Street

-- NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

West Chester

-- VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

5

STATE

Pennsylvania

CODE

4

COUNTY

Chester

CODE

*029***3 CLASSIFICATION**

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

David W. Kirby

STREET & NUMBER

Line Road

CITY, TOWN

Malvern

-- VICINITY OF

STATE

*Pennsylvania***5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. *Chester County Courthouse*

STREET & NUMBER

Market and High Streets

CITY, TOWN

West Chester

STATE

*Pennsylvania***6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

2-14-79-- FEDERAL STATE -- COUNTY -- LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS*Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission*

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

EXCELLENT DETERIORATED
 GOOD RUINS
 FAIR UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This structure is a 3 story, 3 bay wide, Federal in architectural style, which was constructed for William Everhart, circa 1833, as a commercial building. Mr. Everhart had purchased land to the west of this plot in 1829 and built upon it in 1832. After he purchased this parcel in 1833, he simply added to the previous structure. A partial section of the west wall was never an exterior wall until the 20th century.

It is rectangular in shape having east and west elevations, 40 feet in length, 20' north elevation, and 25' south elevation, with rear extension of approximately 9' x 9'. The single off center recessed main entrance has a heavy 8 panel door graced by simple trim and topped with a three light transom. All windows are 6 over 6 lights, double hung sash; with plain surround and extended sash. Panel shutters with rectangular hardware flank windows on the 1st floor while none are evident on the 2nd floor. The second floor wrought iron balcony has a modified tin hip roof and was added in 1868 by William Everhart. It is supported by extended horizontal wrought iron brackets.

The smooth brick facades of the structure contains a variety of courses; the north facade is flemish bond, the east facade is common bond and the west wall has stretcher bond. The dentil cornice has a large return on the east wall and is capped with a tin covered shed roof and galvanized spouts. The tall thin brick exterior chimneys on the east wall flank a round window. The pedimented gable dormer has returns to match the east wall, pilaster trim and elliptical header on top of the window.

The total floor space is 3,800 sq. feet on 4 levels. There is an attic that is floored but unsealed. Wiring is 200 Amp. Heat is supplied by a gas fired hot water system with 4 zones and necessary controls, including 4 circulating pumps and 4 separate thermostats. Each floor contains approximately 950 sq. feet, including the lower level, with the exception of the 1st floor which has two tiled men's and ladies rooms each equipped with basin and water closet. These cover an area of 72.25 sq. feet.

The interior Federal architectural features include: a hall on the west side with all rooms to the east of the said hallway, all existing mantels, window and door trim, and box locks.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1833

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Everhart Building has housed several commercial establishments since its construction c. 1833. This structure and perhaps one hundred others were built by William Everhart, a Revolutionary War soldier and entrepreneur, in West Chester.

In 1824 he purchased a property in Gay Street, West Chester, and moved there. In 1829 he bought the Wollerton farm, which reached from near the Wilmington road to Cedar Hill. This property he divided into lots, extended Market and Church Streets west and south from the Chester County Hotel, now called the Mansion House, which he built, and he named the streets which he laid out after his friends, Isaac Wayne, Gen. Barnard, Charles Miner, and Dr. William Darlington. He realized largely from the purchase of this farm, and this laid the foundation of his subsequent princely fortune. From 1830 to 1862 he erected, perhaps, a 100 brick buildings in the borough.

In 1852 he was elected to the Thirty-third Congress of the United States, running considerably ahead of the rest of the ticket. He declined a unanimous renomination, considering it merely a complimentary approval of his course. He delivered a most able, forcible, and comprehensive speech in Congress on May 19, 1854, on the Kansas and Nebraska bill of Senator Douglas repealing the Missouri Compromise, which speech showed with prophetic eye the dire results that would follow its passage, and that its authors would reap a tornado. In the fall of 1867, Mr. Everhart retired from mercantile business, after an uninterrupted application to it of over 60 years, with a credit unimpaired in the commercial circles.

28 West Market Street was originally 14 East Market Street according to a Directory and Complete History of the Borough of West Chester, published in 1857, where it is clearly explained that Market St. is the dividing line built between 1835 and 1841, and upon a tract of land conveyed by William Wollerton and wife to William Everhart by deed dated May 29, 1833. It remained in the Everhart family until 1905.

The structure was probably part of a row house and today is the only remaining. The building itself is a well preserved federal style townhouse, with the New York type basement level. The structure has been quarters for the following during its history: Joseph J. Lewis, Attorney; Wayne McVeagh, Attorney; The Chester County Times; Norris Smith Printer; Downing and Pinkerton, Editors & Publishers; M.S. Way & Son, Real Estate and Insurance. Wayne McVeagh, later became Attorney - General in President Garfield's Cabinet.

The building is however most known for its newspaper period. Headquarters in the Everhart Building was the newspaper known as the Independent Herald, established January 1st, 1854, became known as the Chester County Times, on April 25, 1857, under the ownership

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of John J. Pinkerton and Samuel R. Downing. After Mr. Pinkerton's retirement on March 26, 1858, Mr. Downing was the editor. He remained the proprietor when Mr. E.W. Capron became the editor on August 1, 1858. The republican newspaper changed from a weekly to a semi-weekly on July 9, 1861, accompanied with a title change, Chester County Semi-Weekly Times.

The first biography of Abraham Lincoln was published in the Everhart building on Market Street on February 11, 1860. The biography appeared as an article in the columns of the Chester County Times. Jesse Fell, an associate of Lincoln's in Illinois, was a native of West Chester and sent the manuscript here to be printed. It was prepared from Lincoln's own notes and served to introduce him to the public as a potential presidential candidate.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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QUADRANGLE NAME _____

QUADRANGLE SCALE _____

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

David W. Kirby / Jane L.S. Davidson

ORGANIZATION

DATE

215-942-3616

STREET & NUMBER

28 W. Market Street / Box 96, RD 2

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

West Chester 19380 / Glen Moore, 19343

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

TITLE Ed Weintraub
State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

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

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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