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Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

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

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

1. Name

historic GOODWIN ACRES
and/or common

2. Location

street & number 600 Reservoir Road not for publication
city, town East Goshen Township vicinity of congressional district 5
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"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 G. Edward and Winifred Zerne
street & number 600 Reservoir Road
city, town West Chester vicinity of state Pennsylvania 19380

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Chester County Courthouse
street & number Market and High Street
city, town West Chester state Pennsylvania

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date 7-11-79 federal state county local
depository for survey records Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission
city, town Harrisburg state Pennsylvania

7. Description

Condition

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

Check one

unaltered

altered

Check one

original site

moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Only 14.85 acres of the original Goodwin Homestead are still associated with the Goodwin family homestead. On this acreage today is the original house with two additions, c. 1749 and c. 1840, a large c. 1900 stone barn and an early stone springhouse.

The house known as the Goodwin Homestead is a 2½ story gable roofed structure of coursed rubble fieldstone, 4 bays wide by 1 bay deep; with 2 stone and frame additions. First floor windows are 6/9 lights; second floor windows are 6/6; smaller windows are located in gable ends. First and second floor windows have panelled shutters. A stone chimney is located in the west gable end. A low one story addition with a tall central chimney and gently pitched gable roof extends perpendicular to the main structure from the west end of the front elevation. Another one story addition is located on the east gable end. The additions are visually unified with the main house by means of a gently sloping porch supported by plain square posts, which traverses the front of the house and connects with the roofs of both added wings. The house is in good repair. In 1941 an enclosed porch and library were added to the structure.

A large typical Pennsylvania style barn is located on the property. It has stone gable ends and rear wall, and a front (south) wall of vertical plank construction. There is no forebay. The ground has been built up at the rear (there is no bank) to provide a wagon entrance into the upper level of the barn. Judging from the sash-hung windows, architrave trim, and absence of forebay, this structure dates from the mid-19th century. A wooden silo with conical roof is attached to the east gable end. The foundations and typical Chester County conical stone forebay supports from an earlier barn are located nearby.

A stone springhouse with brick chimney is built into a hillside. The main entrance is located in the gable end at the lower level with a 9 light window above it. The springhouse has small 3 light windows on the sides, and an entrance to the upper level in the opposite gable end.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<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

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The property which came to be known as Goodwin Acres originally consisted of 230 acres and was first owned by Robert Roberts who built a stone house in c. 1736 and barn. In 1749, Roberts sold his land and structures to Thomas Goodwin of Goshen. This land transaction was approved and filed in London. Thomas Goodwin, was a resident of Llandewy, Merionethshire, Wales before he immigrated to the American colonies. Originally a minister in the Church of England he was defrocked and became a Quaker. Thomas Goodwin made an addition to the Roberts' house c. 1749 and in 1840. The Goodwin homestead and farm remained in the family passing first to his son and then to the daughter, Mary M. Goodwin in the third generation. Mary M. Goodwin was married to Samuel R. Downing in 1861. The Downing family, also a old Chester County family, was responsible for the founding of Downingtown. Samuel, a farmer himself, was a member of the state board of agriculture under two governors.

This early farmstead has changed and grown throughout its over 253 year history. The original house was added to and incorporated into a larger residence as the need for additional room increased. The present barn, the third on the site and its interesting early wooden silo is a fine example of a Chester County stone barn. The growth and development of this site and its association with the Goodwin and Downing families make this property a significant part of the early history of Chester County.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

- Ball, Berenice M., Barns of Chester County, Pa. West Chester, Chester County Hospital, 1974, p. 59. History of Chester County, Pa. pp. 177-178, 240, 570.
- J. Smith, Futhey and Gilbert Cope, History of Chester County, Pa. with Genealogical and Biographical Sketches, Philadelphia: Louis H. Everts 1881

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 14.85

Quadrangle name West Chester, Pa.

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

A

1	8	4	5	2	6	8	0	4	4	2	5	8	8	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

1	8	4	5	2	7	8	0	4	4	2	5	5	6	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

1	8	4	5	2	6	9	0	4	4	2	5	5	2	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

D

1	8	4	5	2	5	1	0	4	4	2	5	7	0	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

E

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

H

Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification Starting at a point on westside of Reservoir Road moving southwest along Reservoir Road for 405.5' then southwest for 396.64' then northwest for 232.31', then northeast for 685.68' to starting point.

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

state	code	county	code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Winifred Zerne

organization 600 Reservoir Road

date

street & number

telephone

city or town West Chester

state Pennsylvania 19380

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

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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