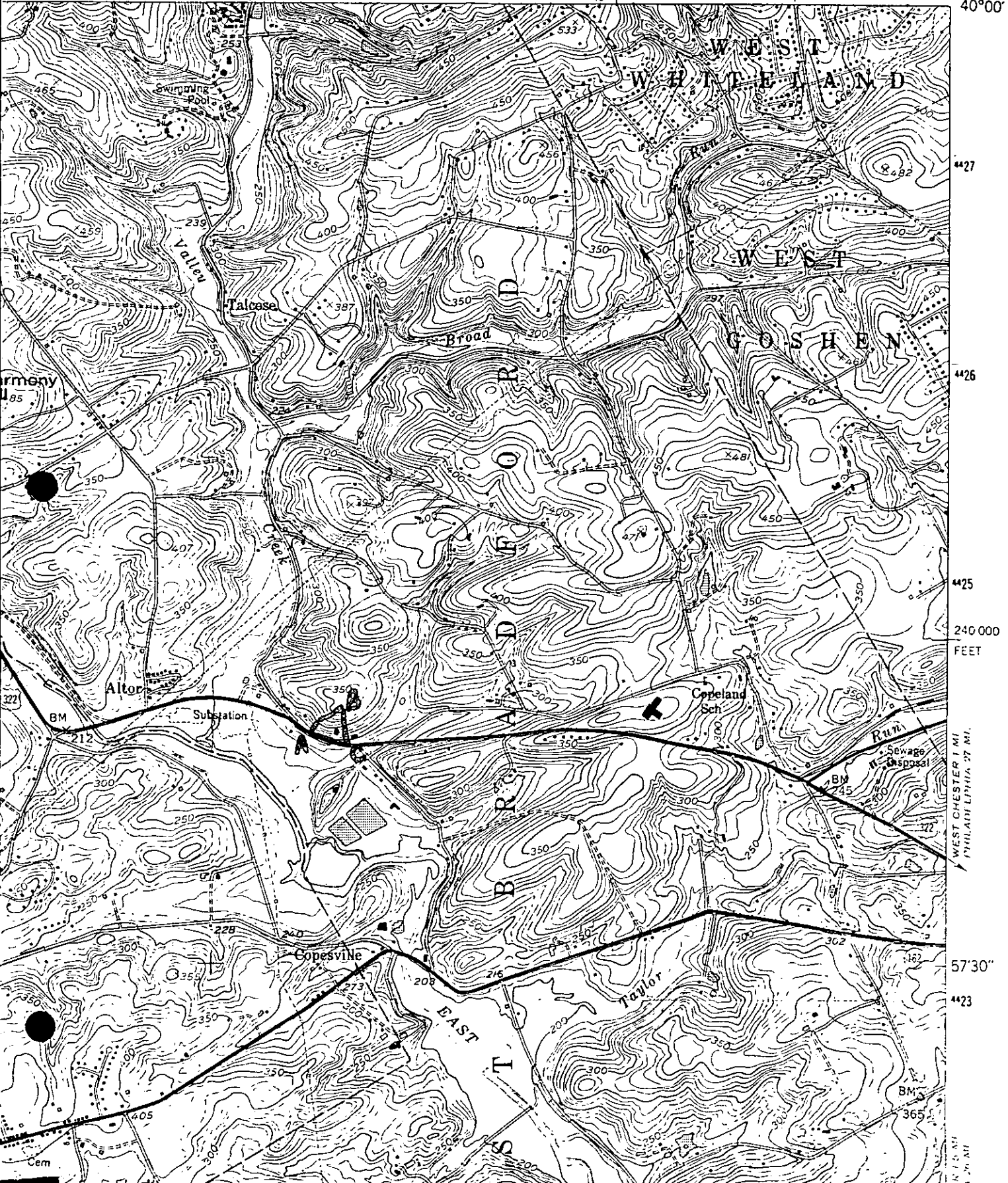


UNIONVILLE QUADRANGLE  
 PENNSYLVANIA—CHESTER CO.  
 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

5864 II SE  
 (MALVERN)

42 43 40' 1.4 MI. TO U.S. 30 444 445 2 590 000 FEET WHITEFORD 2.2 MI. GROVE 0.4 MI. 75°37'30" 40°00'



WEST CHESTER 1 MI.  
 PHILADELPHIA 27 MI.

IN 1:50,000  
 2.5 MI.

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

**1. Name**

historic Col. John Hannum House  
and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 898 Frank Road not for publication  
city, town East Bradford Township vicinity of congressional district 5  
state Pennsylvania code 42 county Chester code 029

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name James L. and Dorothy B. Pflaster  
street & number 898 Frank 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 Streets  
city, town West Chester state Pennsylvania 19380

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no  
date 5-16-80  federal  state  county  local  
depository for survey records Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission  
city, town Harrisburg state Pennsylvania

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

This house consists of a main core (A) and three additions, B. C. D. respectively.

The A portion is a fieldstone two and one-half story gable roof structure with two massive lipped gable end flush chimneys with chimneys plates. The structure is Georgian and was built circa 1760. The roof is asphalt shingles, the cornice is plain as well as boxed, and there are pent eaves on both gables.

The front or southeast elevation contains five bays which are not symmetrical and a full length pent roof with box cornice. There is a single recessed off center front entrance on this elevation which includes a paneled arch. A paneled door has an elliptical fanlight plus four light sidelights. The first floor windows on this elevation are twelve over twelve lights, double hung sash with extended sills and paneled shutters. The second floor windows are eight over twelve lights, double hung sash with extended sills and louvered shutters.

The northeast elevation of the main core includes three symmetrical bays, a double unbalanced entrance, and gable windows. The first floor of this elevation contains one eight over twelve lights, double hung sash window with extended sill and paneled shutters. There are two doors on each side of the window; one door is a paneled recessed entrance which combination eight lights door that has panels below the lights. The other door is a panel door with architrave trim. The second story windows are as follow: one eight over twelve lights window, double hung sash with extended sill and louvered shutters. The two gable windows are six over three lights, double hung sash with extended sills.

The southwest elevation has two symmetrical bays and includes two double hung sash windows which are identical to those already described in this structure. It also has two recessed twenty-eight lights french windows, one on each story and one above the other. These two windows include paneled shutters and a window cornice.

The northeast elevation includes a pent roof, a six over six lights double hung sash window, and a panel door. The remaining windows on this elevation are identical to those already described.

The "B" portion, or the first addition to the main core, is a rectangular two story wing with gable roof, asphalt shingles, and includes a boxed cornice with short return. This wing has one bay, a six over six lights double hung sash window with extended sills and facade consists of horizontal siding.

The "C" portion of the house is an addition to the "B" wing. It has a hip roof of wood shingles and is built into the side of the hill.

The "D" portion of the house is a one story garage which was added from the side of the "B" wing. It is made of fieldstone and is partially banked into the aforementioned hill. The garage has a gable roof with brackets and overhang, and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The gable end includes a large double stable door and there is horizontal siding in the end gable.

# 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

*This house served Col. John Hannum as the center of his life throughout his long career in public service in Chester County. In this house, which he had built, many important political and military ideas and plans were formulated and discussed which later had significant bearing on military and political action within the region.*

*Col. Hannum was a well respected military leader during the birth and early development of this nation His first involvement was a Provincial Justice of the Peace. In 1781 he became a member of the General assembly and served there until 1785. He was also a delegate to the Pennsylvania convention to ratify the Federal Constitution in 1787 and in 1792-1793, he served in the House of Representatives. Locally, he spearheaded the removal of the county seat from Chester in the mid-1780's to a more centrally located position which became West Chester, the current county seat. Thus he became known as the "real founder of West Chester, Pennsylvania."*

*His military involvement included an appointment to the Committee of Observation for the County of Chester in 1774. In addition, he commanded the First or Third Battalions of Chester County during the Revolution either as a Lt. Colonel or Colonel.*

*Finally, he was captured by a British Light-house squad supposedly at his own residence, which was led by a Tory neighbor. Upon his capture he was removed to Philadelphia and imprisoned. Within a short time however he escaped and returned to his men. Thereafter, he was more energetic in fighting for the cause of the Revolution.*

# 9. Major Bibliographical Reference

See Continuation Sheet

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 5.07

Quadrangle name Unionville

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

A 

1	8	4	4	3	5	2	0	4	4	2	0	2	4	0
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B 

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

C 

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

D 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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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 Jane L. S. Davidson

organization Historic Research Associates date December 15, 1979

street & number Box 96, R. D. #2 telephone 215-942-3616

city or town Glenmoore state Pennsylvania 19343

# 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, 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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