

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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(POTTSTOWN)

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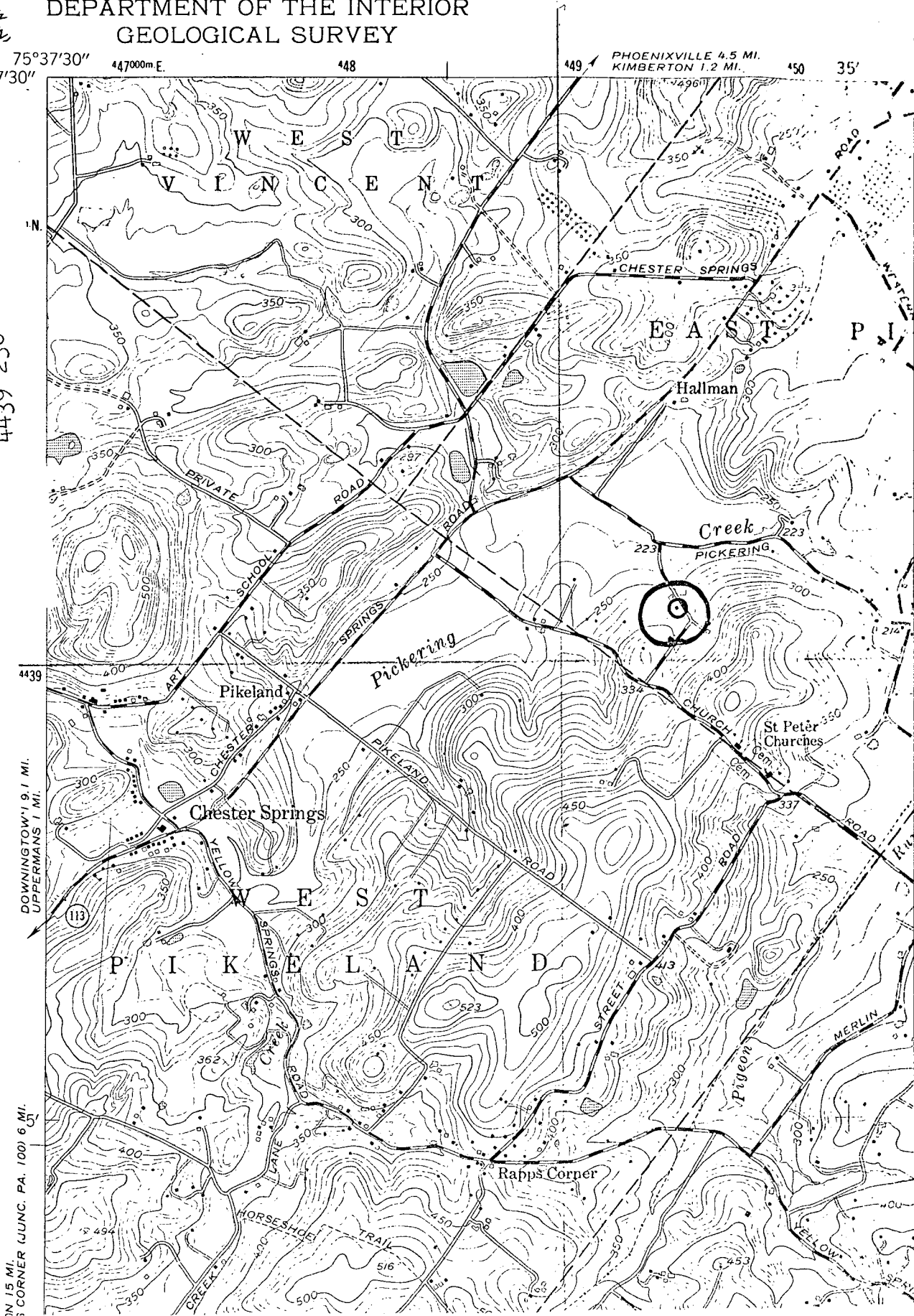
PHOENIXVILLE 4.5 MI.
KIMBERTON 1.2 MI.

450

35'

GEORGE HARTMAN HOUSE -
Chester County

ZONE 18 449 520
4439 230



DOWNINGTOWN 19.1 MI.
UPPERMANS 1 MI.

15 MI.
CORNER (JUNC. PA. 100) 6 MI.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC GEORGE HARTMAN HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

Larchwood Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Church Road

CITY, TOWN

East Pikeland Township

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

5th

STATE

Pennsylvania

CODE

42

COUNTY

Chester

CODE

029

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. W. Mifflin Large (Ann Gray Wade)

STREET & NUMBER

~~Church Road~~

Larchwood Farm

STATE

Pennsylvania

CITY, TOWN

Phoenixville East Pikeland Twp. VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Chester County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

High and Market Streets

CITY, TOWN

West Chester

STATE

Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None Known

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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

The original random fieldstone house, probably built by George Hartman ca. 1790-1801, consisted of two and one-half stories, one room to a floor. Its extent is clearly marked by twenty-inch thick stone walls, uniform around the place, whose chimney rose inside the stone walls. The inside chimney was commonly a feature of area houses built by German settlers, as opposed to the exterior chimney favored by English settlers. The original house may well have faced west toward the stream, as indicated by a worn step at the western door and wooden pegs left from a porch on the western elevation.

A datestone marks the 1806 random fieldstone addition made by George and Mary Elizabeth Hartman to the southern elevation of the original structure. This two and one-half story addition was of center hall plan with one large room on either side. A fireplace marked each gable end. With this addition, the house came to face south.

A two and one-half story frame addition on the north elevation of the house was made by Norris Schwenk in the late 1930's. This addition included two bedrooms, two baths, an upper back hall and stairs down, dining room, kitchen, laundry, and pantry.

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"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The history of Larchwood Farm is that of the Hartman family, who lived there over one hundred and fifty years (from ca. 1750 until the land passed permanently from family hands in 1906) and built the present house in the early nineteenth century.

George Hartman was the first certain occupant of the Larchwood Farm house. He had married Mary Elizabeth Hench, and by 1790 was living with his wife on the property in another earlier house.

About 1800 they moved to what is now the oldest portion of the house, a random fieldstone structure of two and one-half stories with one room per floor, a single fireplace and dirt floor. The early house may have been on the site previously, or George may have built it himself between 1790 and 1801.

In 1806 his father Peter deeded seventy-five acres of land, including that of the Larchwood Farm house, to George. He and his wife then built a two and one-half story fieldstone addition to the house, of center hall plan with one large room on either side. In the house itself can be seen the expanding needs and prosperity of the family.

The Hartman family established a tradition of public service both locally and nationally. George served in the Revolutionary War and later became sheriff of Chester County.

Upon George's death in 1834, his wife became owner, and at her death in 1840, their son George Hartman, Jr. acquired the property. George Jr. had trained for the Merchant Marines but when the War of 1812 intervened, he joined a local volunteer company, and by 1840 was a Major-General. He later served as Chester County Recorder of Deeds.

The Larchwood Farm house is valuable as a record of changing lifestyles which accompany a family's increasing prosperity in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. The house evolved from an elementary two-room structure to a six room of generous proportion and formal balance. And the Hartman family, whose history is recorded in Larchwood Farm house, was prominent in both local and national public service.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .7 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,8	44,915,210	4,413,92,310	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

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

Eleanor W. Winsor

ORGANIZATION Natural and Historic Resource Associates DATE

for the French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust 6-1-72

STREET & NUMBER

313 South 16th Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Philadelphia

STATE

Pennsylvania

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

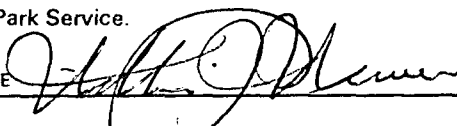
NATIONAL

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 Executive Director
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

DATE

12/2/75

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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