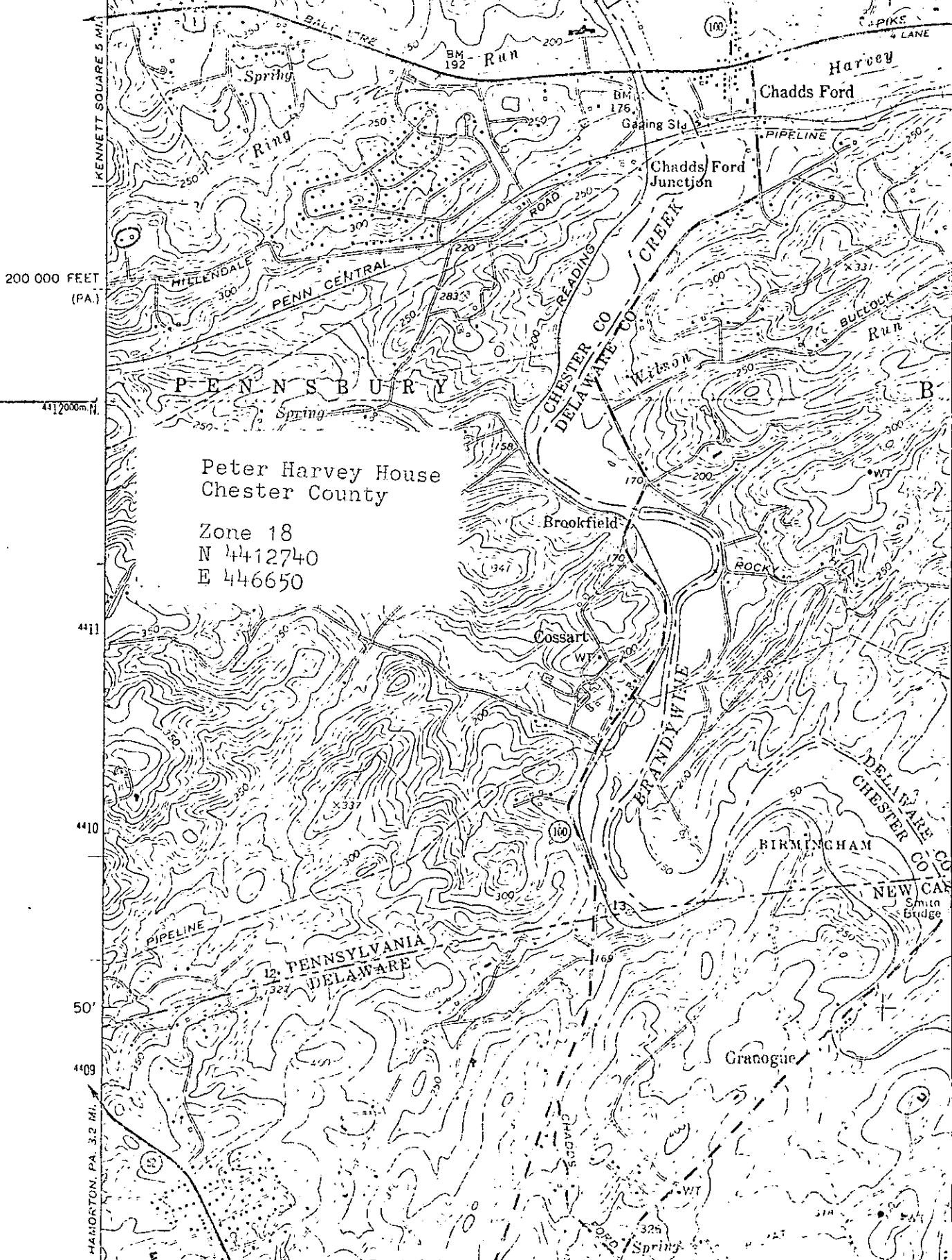


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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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UNIONVILLE

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Peter Harvey House  
Chester County

Zone 18  
N 4412740  
E 446650

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(PA.)

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# 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 PETER HARVEY HOUSE & BARN

AND/OR COMMON

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Hillendale Road

CITY, TOWN

Mendenhall

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

5th

STATE

Pennsylvania

VICINITY OF

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

Donald F. Carpenter

STREET & NUMBER

Hillendale Road

CITY, TOWN

Mendenhall

STATE

Pennsylvania

## 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

Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

June 7, 1977

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
COPY RECORDS

Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission  
William Penn Memorial Museum, Box 1026

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

# 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 Peter Harvey House was built in the late 1700's in a style typical of the area. Built of local stone laid in random pattern, the house was sturdy and simple in styling.

The original house is a two and one-half story, three bay by two bay structure with a gable roof and two interior gable-end stone chimneys. The windows are plain with 6 over 6 panes on the second story and 6 over 9 on the first story. Panelled shutters and louvered shutters grace the first and second stories respectively. Center doors are located in the northern and southern elevations. These doors have plain frames and 4 light transoms. The main door (northern elevation) is deeply set with panelled door jams. The east and west ends have been covered with stucco. This basic structure has remained relatively unaltered although in the early 1900's a gable roof porch protected the main door.

In 1940 the owners made major additions to this original section. To the right of the original section (west elevation) a two and one-half story, stone addition was built. This two bay by two bay addition increased the total length to five bays. At this time the quoins were removed so that the new stone addition would blend with the original. This new section housed a large first floor living room and second story bedrooms. A fireplace and internal stone chimney was added to the new west gable end.

Also during the 1940's a smaller two story, stone and frame, gable roof addition was made to the east gable end. Windows and details were carefully matched to the originals as were they in the first addition. A pantry, kitchen and servant quarters were located in this section.

The third addition also added in the 1940's is a two story, frame structure. Two bays by two bays this gable roof addition was connected to the two story stone second addition.

From the original 3 by 2 bay house, the Peter Harvey House was increased to 8 bays by 2 bays but has maintained its simplistic styling and quiet elegance.

Also located on the site is a large stone and wood bank barn. Built by Issac Mendenhall, the barn has a date stone bearing the date 1834. A rectangular structure with gable roof, the barn is plain but its large quoins and random laid stone work made it very attractive. The forebay is created by a shed roof wooden section supported by two conical and one rectangular stone pillars. A small stone, two car garage has been added to one side of the barn. The barn is currently being used as a studio and storage area.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1773-1777, 1834 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Peter Harvey  
Isaac Mendenhall

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Peter Harvey House was built between 1773-1777. William Harvey, Peter's grandfather, was a malster from Worcestershire, England. In 1715, William purchased 300 acres on the west side of the Brandywine River. It is here the Harvey family settled and built.

In 1754, James Harvey, a bachelor school teacher owned the Harvey property and in 1773 leased the land to his brother William. William's son Peter, however, had come of age and was married in November, 1777. When the house was restored in 1940, the date November 27, 1777 was found inscribed in the plaster. This was the date Peter Harvey married Jan Walter. In 1782, Peter submitted a claim for 15 pounds, 11 shillings and 9 pence to the General Assembly for damages he had sustained from marauding British soldiers at the Battle of Brandywine.

James' permanent lease of the land in 1773, the date inscribed in the plaster, and the claim for redress of damages all help to substantiate that Peter built the main house between 1773 and 1777.

Peter Harvey died in 1825 and his son James inherited the home. In 1834, Isaac and Dinah Mendenhall purchased the property. The stone and wooden barn was added at this time. The Mendenhalls, were a prominent local family and owned the farm until 1876. During this period, Mendenhall had a new home built across the road from the Harvey House and moved into it in 1840. Thus began a long series of tenant owners. The house and barn remaining basically unchanged until 1940 when J. L. Eyre Cheltham purchased the property and made the major additions. The present owner purchased the property in 1950.

The Peter Harvey House, though altered, has maintained its simple and gracious style and is a fine example of the local stone farmhouse. It's 1834 stone barn is in excellent condition and a fine example of the use of local stone in barn construction.

Both the Harvey's and the Mendenhall's were Quakers and their love of plain and simple but elegant styling can be seen in their house and barn.



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