



VALLEY FORGE 2.6 MI.
PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE 6.2 MI.
Malvern Quad 1960

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MARTIN-LITTLE
House

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Pennsylvania
COUNTY: Chester
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Llewellyn Martin and Roger Little House
AND/OR HISTORIC: Martin-Little House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Pikeland Road			
CITY OR TOWN: Charlestown Township		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:	
STATE: Pennsylvania	CODE: 42	COUNTY: Chester	CODE: 025

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <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 (Specify) _____ _____ _____
			<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Semke	STATE: Pennsylvania
STREET AND NUMBER: Pikeland Road	
CITY OR TOWN: Charlestown Township	
CODE: 42	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Chester County Court House	COUNTY: Chester
STREET AND NUMBER: High and Market Streets	
CITY OR TOWN: West Chester	
STATE: Pennsylvania	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: None known	FOR NPS USE ONLY
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local	
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Llewellyn Martin and Roger Little House was built in five sections (1735-1960). The original salt-box house, built ca. 1735 by Llewellyn Martin, extended north-south, parallel to a now vacated post road. Of stucco over stone construction, the original house is one-and-one-half stories high, one room on the first floor with a loft above. It has a massive chimney at the south gable end. The original house has two bays across the west elevation, with six-on-six light windows on both the first and second floors. The first floor windows have panelled exterior shutters, while those on the second floor have louvered ones. The east elevation, also two bays across, has windows only on the first floor because of the slope of the salt-box roof. The south elevation is largely a blank chimney wall with one three-light window and one six-light window on the first floor. The windows of the original house have all been altered or replaced.

About 1810, Roger Little added a two-and-one-half story wing perpendicular to the north elevation of the original house. The addition is two-and-one-half stories high, five bays across the front (north) elevation, and two bays deep, of stucco over stone construction. It has a gable roof and a chimney at each gable end. The first floor windows are six-on-nine lights with panelled shutters, while those on the second floor are six-on-six lights with louvered shutters. The door at the center of the front elevation is topped by a rectangular transom and is set within deep reveals. It is now framed by a modern reproduction of a Georgian style doorway. The datestone belonging to the attic level of the original 1735 house has been moved to the west gable end of the 1810 addition.

A two-story gable-roofed kitchen wing was attached to the east gable end of the 1810 addition, most likely during the latter part of the nineteenth century. This stucco-over-stone wing extends over and out from an earlier frame kitchen wing. It is two bays across and one bay deep at the gable ends. Both first and second floor windows have six-on-six lights, with first floor windows having panelled shutters and those on the second floor having louvered. Attached to the south elevation of the kitchen wing is a one-story, shed-roofed frame addition, erected in the 1960's. This addition is covered with board and batten sheathing and boasts a forty-eight-light window and one-six-on-six light window.

In the mid-twentieth century, a two story gable-roofed bedroom wing was added to the west gable end of the 1810 addition. Of stucco over masonry construction, it is two bays

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9. Major Bibliographical References Martin-Little House

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Thompson, W.W. Chester County and Its People. Chicago: Union History Company, 1948.

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across and one bay deep at the gable ends. Windows on both the first and second floors are six-on-six lights, with the characteristic panelled shutters on the first floor and louvered on the second.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | osophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Llewellyn Martin and Roger Little house is architecturally significant because of the early date and unique character of the 1735 portion, which may well have served as a stagecoach stop and post office along the old post road, now vacated. The present house represents three centuries of construction. Its growth has responded to the changing orientation of the nearby road, the increasing prosperity of its owners, as well as changing architectural tastes. Its pattern of growth is representative of a common area practice, the addition of a much larger early nineteenth century wing perpendicular to an existing eighteenth century house.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **2 Acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Eleanor Winsor, Consultant and Harvey Freedenberg, Student Aide

ORGANIZATION: Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission DATE: August, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN: Harrisburg STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

Owner of property notified 1/22/73
 As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: [Signature]
 State Liaison Officer

Title: Executive Director, Pa. Hist. Museum Commission

Date: 1/24/73

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: _____

ATTEST: _____
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____

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PHOTOGRAPH NO. 1

Llewellyn Martin and Roger Little House (Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Semke)

Charlestown Township
Chester County

North and West Elevations

The Llewellyn Martin and Roger Little House was built in five sections. This view shows the 1810 addition, which became the main portion of the house, and the two wings added to its gable ends in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

The 1810 portion of the house is two-and-one-half stories high, five bays across the front (north) elevation, and two bays deep. It has a gable roof and a chimney at each gable end. The first floor windows have six-on-nine lights and the second floor windows have six-on-six. According to the tradition of the area and period, the first floor windows have panelled exterior shutters, while those on the second floor have louvered ones. The door at the center of the north elevation is topped by a rectangular transom and set within deep reveals. The door is framed by a modern reproduction of the type of doorway characteristic of the Georgian period.

To the left of the 1810 addition in this view is a two-story, gable-roofed kitchen wing added to its east gable end, probably during the nineteenth century. This wing is one bay across and one bay deep. On the north elevation it has one six-light window on both the first and second floors. The first floor window has panelled exterior shutters, while that on the second floor has louvered ones.

To the right of the 1810 addition in this view is a two-story, gable-roofed bedroom wing added to its west gable end in the mid-twentieth century. This wing is two bays across the north elevation and one bay deep. On the north elevation, it has two six-on-six lights on both the first and second floors. The first floor windows have panelled exterior shutters, while those on the second level have louvered ones. On the west elevation of this wing there is one six-on-six light window with louvered exterior shutters on the first floor. Like the 1810 addition and the kitchen wing, it is of stucco over stone construction.