

KENNETT SQUARE QUADRANGLE

PENNSYLVANIA—DELAWARE

7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

SW/4 WEST CHESTER 15' QUADRANGLE

5663 1 NE
WEST CHESTER

WEST CHESTER 3.4 MI.
LENAPE 3.8 MI.

40'

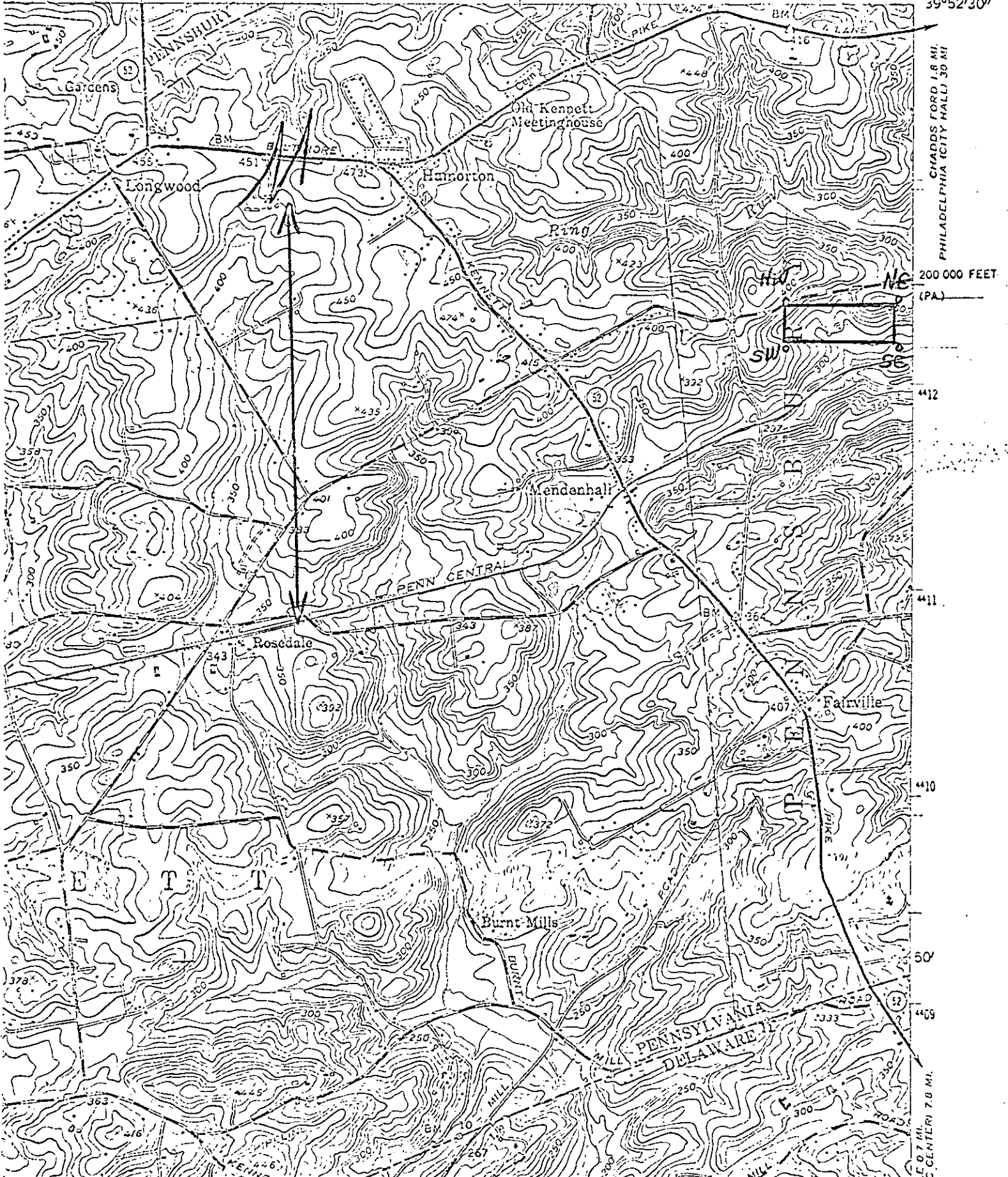
444 2 590 000 FEET (PA.)

445

446

75°37'30"

39°52'30"



CHADDS FORD 1.8 MI.
PHILADELPHIA (CITY HALL) 30 MI

200 000 FEET
(PA.)

412

411

410

50'

409

7.0 MI.

(C. CENTER)

7.0 MI.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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

1. NAME

COMMON:
Springdale Farm

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Elwood Mendenhall Farm

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 31 Hillendale Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Mendenhall

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42 COUNTY: Chester CODE: 029

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" 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) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Edgar and Madeline Mendenhall

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 31 Hillendale Road

CITY OR TOWN: Mendenhall STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Chester County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:
High and Market Streets

CITY OR TOWN: West Chester STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
William Penn Memorial Museum

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN: Harrisburg STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" 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 eastern section of the Springdale Farm was built before 1748. It consisted of a cellar, lower room, and chamber. There are no traces of the earlier wooden wing that formed the western portion of the house. The stone section is now a wing of the main house and has been radically altered. The large fireplace was removed, roofline changed, floors relaid, and window sashes replaced, but the floor plan remains the same.

The main part of the house was built in 1836. It is a 2½ story, country federal structure with a five bay front. It has a high-pitched, gabled roof with two chimneys, one at each end. The northern facade is dressed stone, the sides and southern elevations fieldstone. The windows are 6 over 6 sash with shutters--the first floor shutters are paneled while those on the second floor are louvered. The shutters, window frames, storm windows, and hardware are original. The long porch across the north facade was added in the 1870s.

The interior plan of the 1836 wing is the same as it was when built, except that the present owners have removed the partition between the southwest and northwest parlors to make a single larger room.

The first floor plan contains a large center hall with a door leading outside at both ends. The main stairway is along the eastern wall. One doorway off the hallway leads into the northwest parlor and another leads into the dining room, which runs the width of the house. There is a door in the eastern wall of the dining room that leads to the older, eighteenth century house. There are two other doors along the eastern wall--both doors lead to circular staircases, one which goes to the basement, the other to the second floor.

The stone for the 1836 section was quarried on the farm, and all lumber for the house was also from the farm.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian; 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) ca. 1748 and 1836

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/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Mendenhalls were one of the first families to settle on the western bank of the Brandywine. They were granted 600 acres from William Penn in 1703. In 1971, all that remains of the original Mendenhall tract is Springdale Farm. The Mendenhalls are a well-known Chester County Family, instrumental in establishing a school in the 1840s, and active in the abolitionist movement of the 1850s.

The Springdale Farm reflects the typical comfortable, rural architecture of Chester County. The house also depicts the area's conservatism because this structure, with its style, could have easily been built elsewhere as early as the 1780s instead of 1836.

The house itself has been excellently preserved with only few exterior changes. Since the house has been continuously occupied since its construction, innovations and remodeling of the interior has occurred at various times, but the original floor plan basically remains.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Primary Sources:

Chester County Court House: Deed Books, C,p. 166; D-E-2, p. 207; III, p. 67; X,p. 425; XVI,p.91; Rolls Office, Book C,p. 166. Chester County Historical Society. Mendenhall Family Papers. Uncatalogued collection of wills, record books and correspondence.
 Marmaduke, Barzilla. "Springdale Farm." Unpublished manuscript, 1922.
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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES								
CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE			LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	39 °	51'	48"	75 °	38'	04"	0					
NE:	39 °	51'	48"	75 °	37'	39"						
SE	39 °	51'	41"	75 °	37'	39"						
SW	39 °	51'	11"	75 °	38'	04"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 111.25

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

ORGANIZATION: Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission DATE: July, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN: Harrisburg STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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: William J. Thomas
 State Liaison Officer
 Title: Deputy Executive Director, Pa. Historical & Museum Commission

Date: 6/11/72

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

 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: _____

ATTEST: _____
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____

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