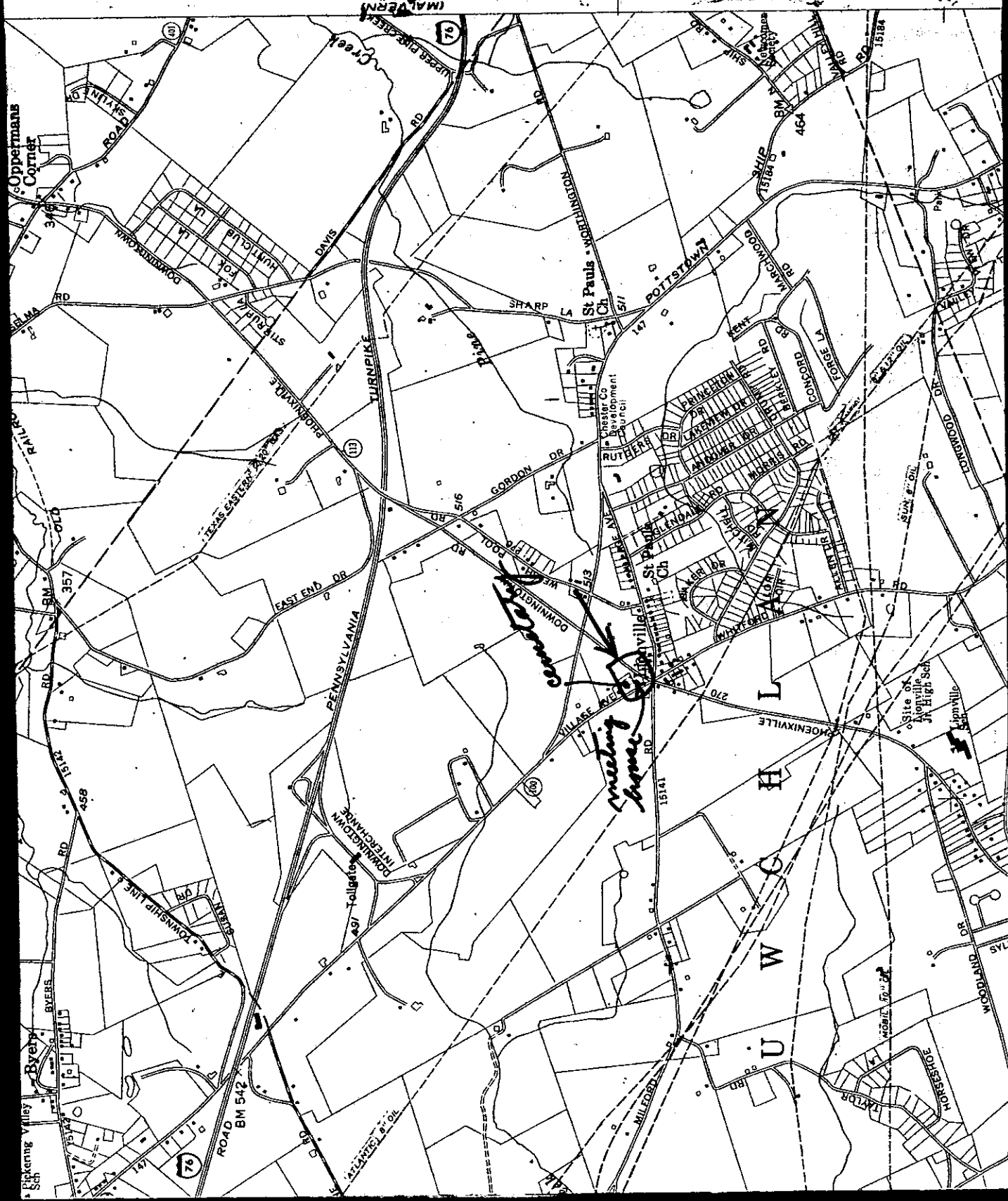


Uwchlan Meeting House, Lionville, Pa.

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Pennsylvania
COUNTY: Chester
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ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
UWCHLAN MEETING HOUSE

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
North Village Avenue Route 113

CITY OR TOWN:
Lionville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Sixteenth

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 042 COUNTY: Chester CODE: 029

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure 	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	Woman's Club	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Woman's Community Club Of Uwchlan

STREET AND NUMBER:
North Village Avenue Route 113

CITY OR TOWN:
Lionville

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 042

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: 042

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Pennsylvania Inventory Of Historic Sites And Landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: 1973 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
William Penn Museum Historic Sites Survey

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN:
Harrisburg

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 042

STATE: Pennsylvania

COUNTY: Chester

ENTRY NUMBER

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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

Uwchlan Meeting is a 2½ story structure constructed of rubble field stone with gable roof, full pent eave at the base of the gable and end chimneys.

The south wall contains two doors covered by a columned porch. These entrances were intended to segregate the sexes in worship. The two south doors are flanked on either side by six over six sash, shuttered windows. Two nine over six sash shuttered windows were added in the mid-nineteenth century on the second floor.

The north wall of the structure has two first floor, six over six sash windows flanking a door, now walled in. The fact that the north wall faced a graveyard suggests that the wider than normal door was intended to carry coffins to the adjacent cemetery.

The first floor of the east wall contains a double frame, six over six sash window separated by a mullion. This window was originally a single frame but was enlarged in the early 20th century. Situated in the north-east corner was an entrance along side a six over six sash window. Both door and window were covered by a porch. The two second floor windows are six over six sash with board and batten shutters. The entire east wall is stuccoed. Adjoining the east wall is a small shed constructed in the nineteenth century. The purpose of this shed was utility. In 1967 the east wall porch was enclosed to provide kitchen facilities.

An early photo pictures the west wall with two six over six sash, raised panel shuttered windows in the second story. The first floor is marked by a small entrance, two six over six sash first floor windows, and a small shed attached to the northwest corner. This shed was later enlarged to cover the small entrance and the original gable roof with over hanging eaves was replaced with a shed style roof.

The interior was simply a large room with wooden pews and a balcony along the south wall. Presently a 'slide up' partition separates the first floor into two chambers. Examination of original plastering indicates that this partition was not original. Originally fireplaces were situated in all corners except the northwest. At some later date the ceiling was dropped and situated between the first and second floors.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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 type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1756

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

'Uwchlan Meeting received its name from the early Welsh Settlers and means 'upper land' because of its relation to the Great Chester Valley. The Welsh Friends of the village of Lionsville first met at the home of John Cadwalloder in 1712'.

The present structure was erected in 1756 and was claimed by both the Hicksite and Orthodox Friends when the orders separated in 1828. Both occupied the meeting house, the Orthodox using the northeast side until 1894, and the Hicksite worshipping on the west side until 1900.

In 1778 the American army occupied the structure as a hospital during the Winter at Valley Forge. This hospital was staffed by the noted Surgeon Dr. Bodo Otto.

Serving as a Friends Meeting, public hall and school in the early 20th century, the Uwchlan Meeting House is a significant structure in Chester County and Pennsylvania history

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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1881; pp236-237
Matthews, James Edward, Uwchlan Meetings Library Schools and Houses;
Master of Arts Paper, Temple University, 1965 pp.18-32

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		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less Than One

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
David C. Stacks Student Aide

ORGANIZATION: William Penn Museum Historic Sites Survey DATE: July 2, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN: Harrisburg STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 042

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 Matthew J. Hovine
Executive Director

Title Pa. Historical and Museum Commission

Date 8/21/73

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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