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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (II known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Wheelen house was built in the MID-18th century, but has undergone extensive restoration. The house is a  $2\frac{1}{2}$  story structure, four bays across, 2 bays deep, with gabled roof and end chimneys. A kitchen wing built of random fieldstone is situated at right and less perpendicularly to the north elevation of the main section. This portion is a  $1\frac{1}{2}$  story structure with gable roof, brick chimney, and a dormer, which is a later addition. A shed-roofed, fieldstone summer kitchen, with a brick cooking stove chimney, was added to the west wall of the kitchen in the 19th century.

THE SOUTH AND EAST WALLS OF THE MAIN SECTION ARE CONSTRUCTED OF COURSED FIELDSTONE AND THE NORTH AND WEST WALLS ARE OF RANDOM FIELDSTONE WITH MASSIVE CORNER QUOINS. A DEEP PENT EAVE,
SEPARATION THE FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS, EXTENDS ACROSS THE
SOUTH, EAST AND WEST ELEVATIONS. A HEAVY CORNICE EXTENDS AROUND ALL SIDES OF THE BUILDING AND IS CONTINUOUS WITH A SHALLOW PENT EAVE THAT SEPARATES THE SECOND FLOOR AND THE ATTIC ON
THE EAST AND WEST ELEVATIONS. THE FRONT DOOR (SOUTH ELEVATION)
IS TOPPED BY A RECTANGULAR TRANSOM AND IS FRAMED BY A SIMPLE
ARCHITRAVE. WINDOWS ON THE FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS ARE SIXOVER-SIX SASH WITH THE FIRST FLOOR WINDOWS HAVING PANELLED
SHUTTERS AND SECOND FLOOR WINDOWS, ON THE WEST ELEVATION, HAVING LOUVERED SHUTTERS. THERE ARE TWO FOUR-OVER-TWO LIGHT WINDOWS AT THE ATTIC LEVEL OF EACH GABLE END.

THE HOUSE WAS RESTORED DURING THE LATE 1940'S AND EARLY 1950'S BY ARCHITECT, EDGAR F. OTTO, AND, IN THE 1960'S, THE PRESENT TOWNERS ENCLOSED THE SUMMER KITCHEN,

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WHEELEN, A PROSPEROUS CHESTER COUNTY FARMER. THERE IS LITTLE RECORD OF THE FAMILY'S ACTIVITIES EXCEPT FOR THE SUBSTANTIAL HOUSE BUILT ON THE PROPERTY. THE HOUSE ITSELF IS SIGNIFICANT AS A LOCAL INTERPRETATION OF THE GEORGIAN PERIOD IN ARCHITECTURE. TRADITIONAL FEATURES INCLUDE ITS CONSTRUCTION OF FIELDSTONE, ITS HEIGHT OF 2½ STORIES, AND GABLE ROOF WITH END CHIMNEYS. OTHER CHARACTERISTICS OF THE GEORGIAN STYLE COMMON TO PENNSYLVANIA ARE THE USE OF THE PENT EAVES, SIX-OVER-SIX SASH WINDOWS WITH SHUTTERS, AND THE DESIGN OF THE FRONT DOOR.

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tion 89-6	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						I hereby certify that this property is included in the National-Register.			
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Nam	Name WILLIAM J. WEWER					.	ATTEST:			
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