

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 ^{and} **HAREWOOD/BEECHWOOD**
and/or common **Woods Schools**

2. Location

street & number **Rt. 213 & S. Flowers Mill Road/E. Maple Ave.** — not for publication
city, town ^{Langhorne} **Middletown Township** — vicinity of congressional district **8**
state **Pennsylvania** code **42** county **Bucks** code **017**

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other:Storage

4. Owner of Property

name **Woods School, Inc.**
street & number
city, town **Langhorne** — vicinity of **19047** state **Pennsylvania**
JUN 2 1985
PHILIP C. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. **Bucks County Courthouse**
street & number **Main and Court Streets**
city, town **Doylestown** state **Pennsylvania**

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title **Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places** has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date **7-25-79** federal state county local
depository for survey records **Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission**
city, town **Harrisburg** state **Pennsylvania**

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

HAREWOOD: Harewood is a multi-level, irregularly shaped structure which began as a small two story farmhouse in the early 19th century. This original house was part of an early farmstead of 130 acres and continued to function as such until 1906. The farmhouse is now a rear wing used for kitchen, parlor and secretary's office behind a larger 5 story structure. Built in 1906, the 5 story structure has a large broken-hipped roof covered with cedar shingles. Numerous single and sets of dormers break through the roof. Windows within these dormers and throughout this section are 12 over 12. Second story windows have louvered shutters. A large center chimney serves 16 fireplaces. Two palladian windows open into a central ballroom.

The interior of the 5 story section has a grand staircase extending from the first to fifth floors. Perhaps the most significant feature of this structure is the numerous mercer tiles located throughout the building surrounding fireplaces and cornices.

A breakdown of the development of this structure and the location and description of the Henry Mercer tiles can be seen on the enclosed continuation sheets for Harewood.

Also associated with Harewood are formal gardens, brick terraces, concrete ballustrades, a tiled gazebo with mercer tiles inserted into the walls, a reflecting pool and a coach house. This coach house, known as Ridgewood was rebuilt and enlarged in 1924 by the Hares for student use.

BEECHWOOD: Beechwood is a large two and one-half story painted fieldstone structure, 5 bays wide. The gable roof has 2 interior brick chimneys, boxed cornices and 2 semi-circular fan-light-type dormers. Windows throughout the house are 4 over 4 with first story panelled shutters and second story louvered shutters. A one story verndon-type porch is located on the front and side elevations. To the rear, a 2 story stuccoed stone addition was added.

The interior has a center foyer with open stairway to the third floor. Fireplaces and much original woodwork remains.

A complete breakdown of the buildings development can be seen on the enclosed continuation sheet for Beechwood.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Date: Harewood: c.1788, 1911
 Beechwood: 1853

During the late 18th and 19th centuries numerous large estates with mansion-houses, tenant residences and numerous outbuildings were built in the Langhorne and Middletown Township area. In the early 20th century many of these structures were vacated and slowly began to deteriorate because their upkeep and size made them impractical. Slowly many of these old structures were purchased for use as a residential treatment centers for handicapped children. Harewood was acquired for use as a boys unit in 1924. Beechwood was acquired by the Woods School in 1944. Because these structures were not extensively altered, they have now become obsolete as treatment centers and are threatened by demolition.

Both structures are interesting architectural examples of large mansion structures. Beechwood is a fine example of an early Bucks County mansion with many federal features. Harewood has an interesting history of development, climaxed with its Chateausque elements and important mercer tile work. It is felt by some historians that the five story structure may have been actually built by Henry Mercer, but extensive research must be made before this can be verified.

Beechwood was the former residence of Senator Clarence J. Buckman. During his term he was instrumental in changing all the toll bridges between New Jersey and Pennsylvania to free bridges. He also obtained funds to build a superhighway, now U.S. 1 bypass to Scudder's Falls Bridge, creating the term Buckman's Folly since the road went as far as his home, Beechwood was not completed until 20 years later.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Brey, Jane W.T., A Quaker Sage, Dorrance & Company, Philadelphia, Pa. 1967.
 Davis, William W.H., History of Bucks County, Pa. Second Edition, Vol. III,
 The Lewis Publishing Company, New York 1905
 Buckman, J. Hibbs, nephew of the former Senator Clarence J. Buckman
 Norman, Elizabeth, Past and Present

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 2.45
 Quadrangle name Langhorne, Pa.

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References
 Beechwood

Harewood

A

1	8	5	07	4	60	4	44	17	36	10
Zone		Easting		Northing						

B

1	8	5	08	00	10	4	4	47	0	80
Zone		Easting		Northing						

C

Zone		Easting		Northing							

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G

Zone		Easting		Northing							

H

Zone		Easting		Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation sheet and site maps

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Ed Weintraub

ED WEINTRAUB, Director

title Office of Historic Preservation

date 10-9-79

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

Robert Barry G. Oldham
 Keeper of the National Register

date 2/1/80

Attest: *Lynn J. Beebe*
 Chief of Registration

date Jan 21, 1980

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INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

Harewood/Beechwood
Bucks County

CONTINUATION SHEET

ITEM NUMBER 10

PAGE 1

Verbal Boundary Descriptions:

Harewood: 2.25 acres

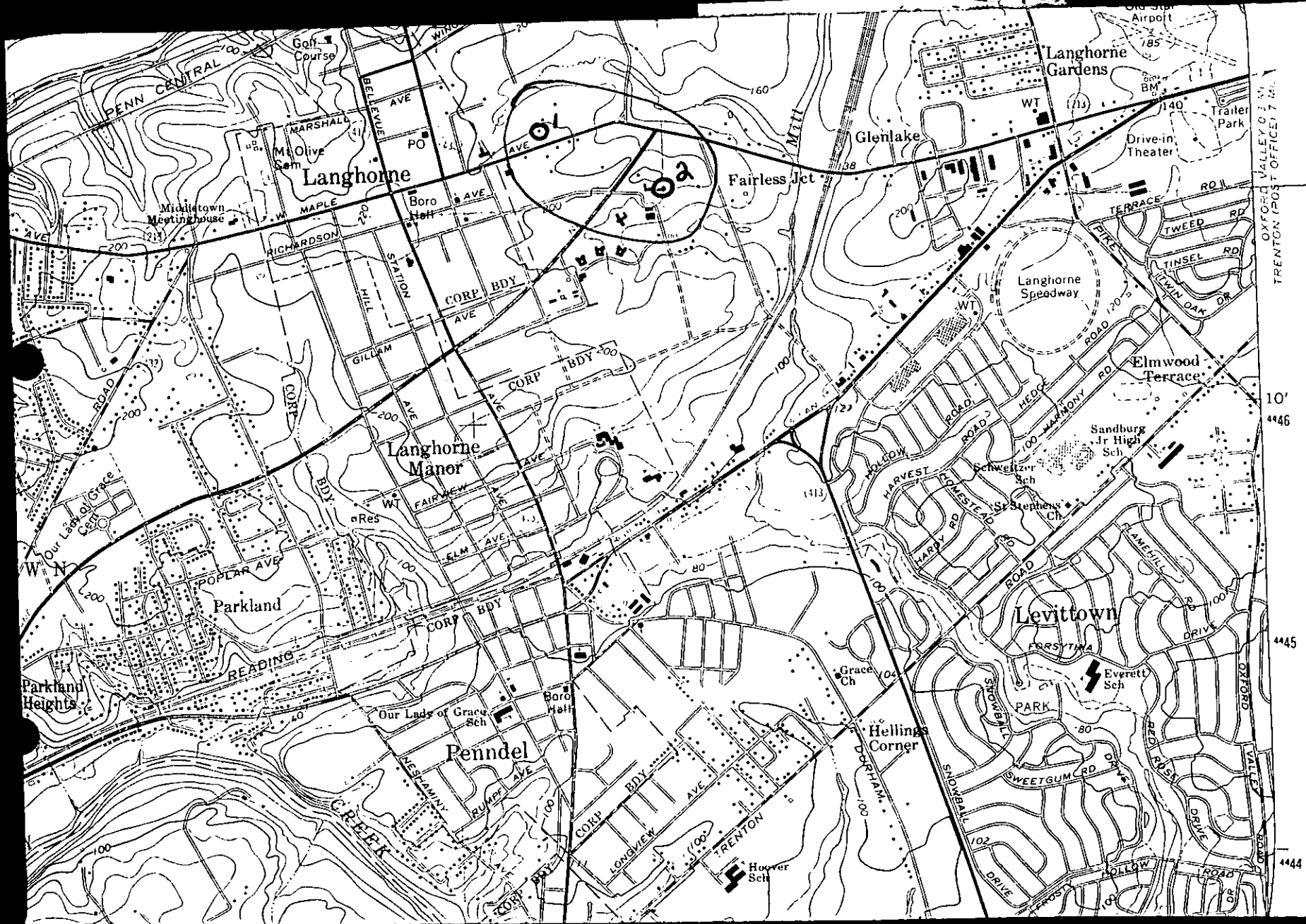
Starting at northside of unpaved lane moving northwest for 248 ft, then northeast for 455 ft, then southeast for 180 ft to northside of unpaved road, then southwest along northside of unpaved road for 396 ft to starting point.

See attached site plan

Beechwood: .2 acres (includes only main house)

Main house structure has a total gross area square feet of 8,583.

See attached site plan, building #47



OXFORD VALLEY 6.1 M
TRENTON (POST OFFICE) 7 M

10'
446

445

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