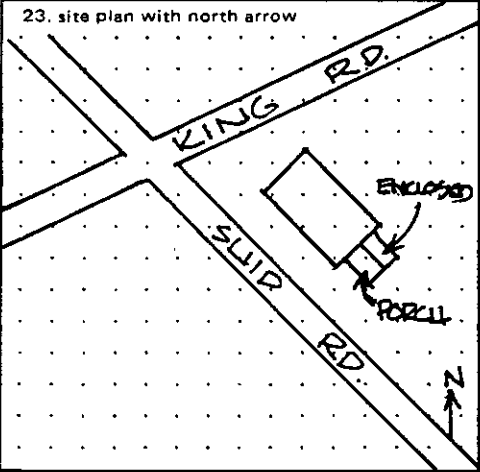


PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION Box 1026 PA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION Harrisburg, PA 17120		7. Local survey organization West Whiteland Historical Commission		1. County Chester	
8. property owners name and address Herman F. Cabassa 700 King Road West Chester, PA 19380		9. tax parcel number / other number 41-6J-78		10. U.T.M. zone [118] [44] [8] [7] [9] [10] easting Map# 22 [44] [2] [9] [2] [6] [10] northing usgs sheet: Malvern .86A	
12. classification site () structure () object () building (X) In N.R. district yes () no ()		13. date(s) (how determined) 1872 14. period 1860-1879		15. style, design or folk type Rural Gothic	
16. architect or engineer		17. contractor or builder		18. primary building mat./construction Stone	
19. original use Education		20. present use Residence		21. condition Average	
				22. integrity Above Average	
23. site plan with north arrow 		2. municipality West Whiteland			
24. photo notation PG: Diane Snyder PV: South Elevation PD: 4/1/8/1980		6. other name (historic name if any) Greenwood School			
25. file/location CCHS, WWHC, #09-15, #9		3. street address or specific location 700 King Road			
26. brief description (note unusual features, integrity, environment, threats and associated buildings) Greenwood School sits at the corner of King and Ship Roads, shrouded by shrubbery, and its back to the intersection. On the south, marble steps lead to its double paneled doors. The school, built in 1872, has 24" stuccoed stone walls, is one-and-one-half stories, and uses a traditional one-room plan. Although converted to a residence in 1941, few structural changes were made, and its enduring architectural integrity is remarkable. The original tongue and groove wainscotting, hardwood floors, tall 6/6 windows, and major openings are intact. Even the raised teacher's platform at its northern end was retained in the conversion. The former and present bathroom facilities are located in a shed addition off this wall which contains two rooms - originally one for the boys and one for the girls. The schoolhouse itself has plain, plastered walls and rounded window reveals. The cellar is entered by a stairway located in the south-west corner of the former cloakroom. A wooden beam runs (continue on back if necessary)					
27. history, significance and/or background Education: With the exception of the Grove School in the proposed Grove Historic District, the Greenwood School is the only public school to be included within this multiple resource nomination. After research and site visitations, Greenwood was selected as the Township's best representative example of a 19th century common school. By 1881, there were approximately 350 such schools in the County. Greenwood School is located on the first lot purchased by West Whiteland's Directors of the Common (continue on back if necessary)					
28. sources of information : Chester County Recorder of Deeds, Futhey and Cope, p.308-9, CCHS: West Whiteland Clipping File-Schools (Greenwood)				29. prepared by: M. L. Wolf	
30. date 12/1981				revision(s)	

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g a north-south axis and is joined by notched floor joists, which are
ed at the north end to support the aforementioned platform. The cellar
ins its coal bin and furnace. To the right of the main entrance on the
t floor, a frame structure encloses the pump. The roofs of both the
building and lean-to shed were originally wood shake and constructed with
ed, dovetailed rafters. The building's only apparent concession to style
ts wooden ventilator in the south gable, framed in a gothic pointed arch.
ough the bell tower was removed years ago, it is said to be still on the
nds awaiting restoration.

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ation): School. After the Township adopted the free school law in 1841,
school directors commenced acquiring land and building schoolhouses. A
re lot was obtained from William Everhart in 1844 and a school erected.
r schools were established during this period at Ship Road, Grove, and
Ford. A second wave of school construction occurred in the 1870's, Green-
was demolished and rebuilt in 1872. It continued to be used as a one-
school until 1941. In that year, local schools were consolidated and the
Grove and Greenwood Schools were sold to private parties. Greenwood
ed \$2,600. A non-sectarian "Sunday School" was held at Grove for many
until the early 1900's. This custom was followed as well at Ship,
side, and Maple Grove Schools. Organized each year in May or June, the
y School met weekly until late fall and enjoyed picnics, games, recita-
, etc.

ecture:

wood School is a remarkably preserved example of 19th century public
l architecture. Despite its use as a residence since 1941, its original
res have not been altered significantly. The Cabassa family, owners
esidents since 1941, has demonstrated an unusual sensitivity to and
ct for the architectural integrity of this historic structure.

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Greenwood School Map #22

Summary Statement of Significance:

The Greenwood School is eligible for listing under criterion C as an example of a one room school built during the third quarter of the nineteenth century. The school is based on designs formulated by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Instruction during the mid-nineteenth century and it is similar to others located in the country at this time. It is, however, the only one of two located in the township.

Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at a stone on the north side of a public road in line of land of Richard T. Meredith, thence by said road and land of said Meredith south 52° west 197.15 feet to a stone in a cross roads, thence along the center of a public road leading towards the Boot and by land of Mary H. Reeves south 54° 21 minutes east 219.5 feet to a stone in line of R. Thomas Garrett's land; thence by said land north 42° east 137 feet to a stone; thence still by the same land north 38° west 186.7 feet to the place of beginning, containing 0.86 acres.

