



Pottstown Quad      TOWNSEND HOUSE

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:  
Samuel and Priscilla Townsend House

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Lundale Farm

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Route 100

CITY OR TOWN:  
South Coventry Township

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
5th

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<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 type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input 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:  
Samuel W. and Eleanor Morris

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Route 100

CITY OR TOWN:  
South Coventry Township

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: 9-8-72       Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN:  
Harrisburg

STATE:  
Pennsylvania

CODE:  
42

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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(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	
<p>The Samuel and Priscilla Townsend house was built in three major phases. The original late eighteenth century house was constructed of random fieldstone, with large corner quoins. It is two and one half stories high, three bays wide across the front and rear elevations, and two bays deep. It has a gable roof and chimney at the east end. The first floor windows are nine over six lights. Panelled exterior shutters flank each of the first floor windows. The panelled door in the west bay of the south(front) elevation is topped by a five light rectangular transom. About 1950 a one story wooden porch with pyramidal roof was added to shelter this west bay entrance. There is evidence that the north(rear) elevation doorway was located originally in the central bay. It was moved to the west bay when the house was enlarged, and has recently been entirely removed. The original house had an entrance hall and stairway in the west bay and two large rooms to the east. Each has a fireplace and panelled cupboards on the east wall.</p> <p>In the early nineteenth century, a two bay addition was made to the west gable end of the original house. Like the original house, the addition is of random fieldstone, and is two and one half stories high, two bays deep, and has a gable roof. There is a brick chimney at the west gable end. The first floor windows have nine over nine lights while the second floor windows have nine over six lights. The first floor windows have panelled exterior shutters. A door and porch have been removed from the additions west elevation. A heavy box cornice with partial gable end and returns was added to the enlarged house of five bays, and its exterior was coated with stucco. The early nineteenth century addition has a separate stairway in the northeast corner. It originally consisted of a large kitchen with small room behind on the first floor and sleeping quarters on the second. The annexes first floor partition wall has been removed, leaving a large single room. The large walls in cooking fireplace remains on the west wall, as does the sinks dripstone. In 1950 a two and one half story addition was made to the original houses east gable end.</p> <p>The early eighteenth century springhouse, located southeast of the main house, is fed by the waters of the French Creek. It was designed as a dwelling house, "calculated for a small family", according to an 1820 newspaper advertisement, in addition to its primary function as a springhouse. It is of random fieldstone with large corner quoins, is two and one half stories high, has a gable roof with a massive exterior chimney on the east gable end. The door on the first floor of the north elevation is set within deep reveals, emphasizing the extreme thickness of the fieldstone walls. The springhouse, like the main house, was later covered with stucco.</p>	

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 18th and 19th century

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate):

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|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture            | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <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 Samuel Townsend house possesses both architectural and historical significance.

The springhouse, which is the earliest structure on the site, was constructed by James Pugh, who received the tract of land in 1713. Pugh died in 1723 and the property was divided and changed hands frequently until 1753, when David Yarnell acquired the site. Yarnell's daughter Priscilla, married Samuel Townsend, a mason, who constructed the first phase of the structure about 1796. Townsend is significant as a Chester County Justice of Peace, a position he obtained in 1801, and as an active member of the Democratic Party.

Samuel Townsend's son, David, who also occupied the home, achieved prominence in the early nineteenth century. In the course of his career, David was noted as a lawyer, Secretary of the local Democratic Party, County Treasurer, and an active botanist.

In addition to the prominent role played by the Townsend family in the area's development, the house itself is valuable as a representative of local architectural tradition. Typical of the additive growth of a house to meet the expanding needs of its owners. The Samuel and Priscilla Townsend house grew over the centuries.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Futhey, J. Smith and Gilbert Cope. History of Chester County, Pennsylvania. Philadelphia: L. H. Everts, 1881.  
 Thomson, W. W. Chester County and Its People. Chicago: Union History Co., 1948.  
Chester and Delaware Federalist. West Chester, PA. April 22, 1812; November 12, 1817.

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5 acres

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	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	° ' "	° ' "		40° 09' 51"	75° 40' 23"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Ms. Eleanor W. Winsor

ORGANIZATION: Natural and Historic Resource Associates DATE: 10-28-72

STREET AND NUMBER: 313 North 16th Street

CITY OR TOWN: Philadelphia STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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. Wewet  
 Title: Executive Director  
PA. Historical & Museum  
Commission  
 Date: 10/22/74

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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: \_\_\_\_\_