

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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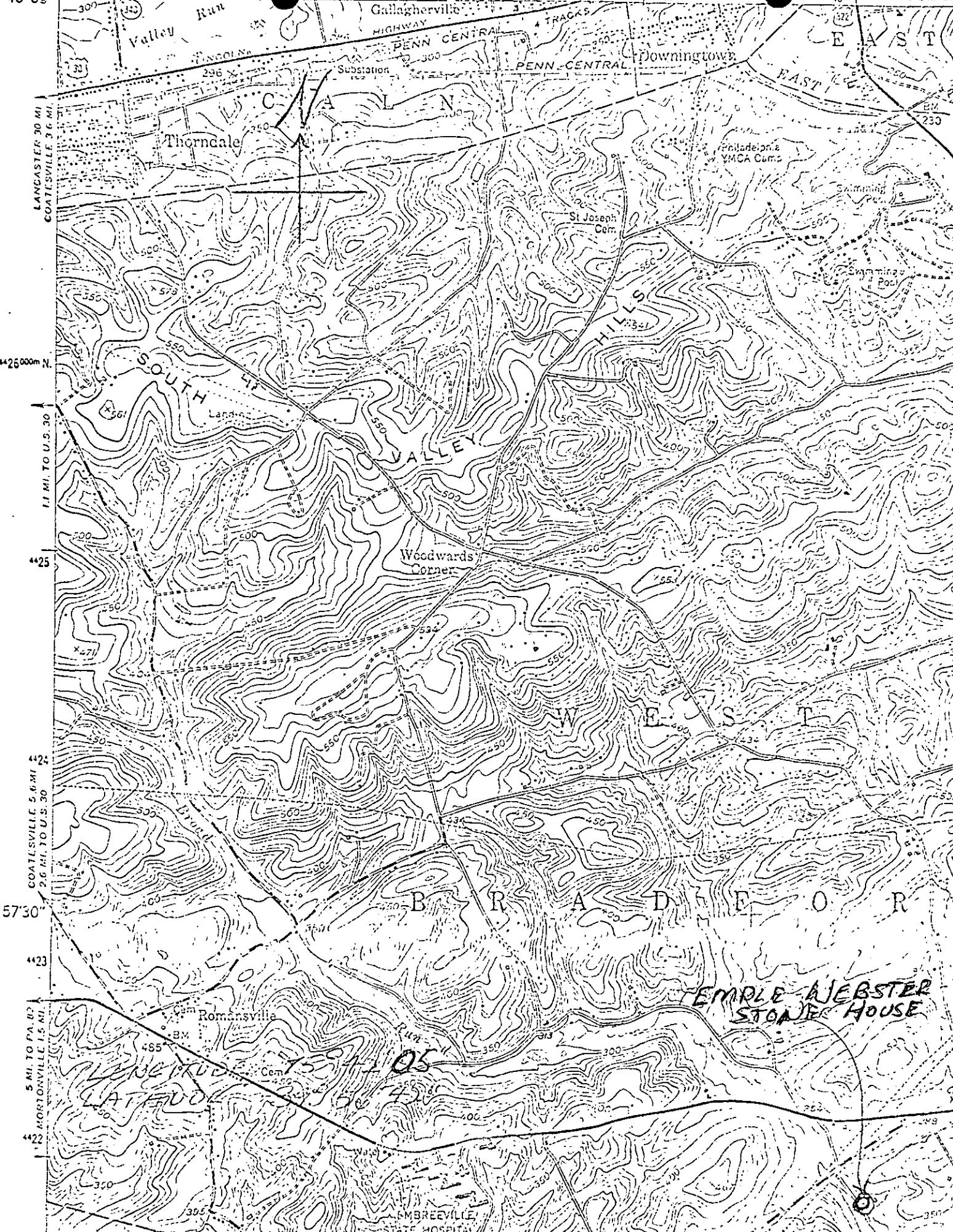
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Pennsylvania	
COUNTY: Chester	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Temple House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Webster House, Stoner House, Little House on Broad Run, Old Mill House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Route #15180, south of #162

CITY OR TOWN:
West Bradford Township

STATE Pennsylvania	CODE 42	COUNTY: Chester	CODE 029
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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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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) Rental property

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
~~Dr. Max Stoner~~ JAMES G. CHERRY

STREET AND NUMBER:
~~3208 Twinn Avenue~~ R.D. 4

CITY OR TOWN: Harrisburg	STATE: Pennsylvania	CODE 42
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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
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1958 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Washington, D.C.	STATE: District of Col.	CODE 1142
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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian; 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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 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

A fulling mill was in existence on this site for a period of 175 years. The main part of the house has probably more original woodwork in it than any other except two or three in the county. The construction of another house on the property in the 1830s was responsible for saving the Temple-Webster-Stoner House from substantial alteration and for making it one of the best preserved and best cared for in the area.

The Temple-Webster-Stoner House presents an interesting stylistic contrast to its neighbor, constructed about 100 years later. It is an example of resultant conservation that came from long-term family ownership. The house reflects the sophistication that the early builders had in their knowledge and appreciation of the design of the time.

A "structural sibling" to the Collins Mansion in West Goshen Township, and the Letitia Penn House in Fairmount Park, the Temple-Webster-Stoner House is rare as it stands--an unadulterated demonstration of individual interpretation within a specified design in early Pennsylvania settlement.

From 1712 to 1916 the house was owned by only three families, with the Temples possessing the property for a 94-year span (1822-1916).

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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

The Temple-Webster-Stoner House is located in a secluded setting near Broad Run, West Bradford Township, Chester County. The house's location has probably been an important factor in its preservation as one of the finest aesthetically unaltered examples of what has been called the "Penn Plan".

The original house consisted of a two and one-half story main section of local fieldstone measuring 21'8" x 17'4". This original section, which faces south, features two rooms with back-to-back corner fireplaces and a small stair hall on the first floor. All the rooms are defined by the usual early feature of upright, unpainted board "screens" from floor to ceiling.

There is speculation that the Temple House was not built until a mill for making cloth was erected on Broad Run ca. 1730. This assertion is contradicted, however, by the datestone on the house which reads "1714" and by the discovery of a 1722 copper coin behind the fireplace when work was done on the house in the 1930s. In 1681, William Penn had conveyed the land on which the house stands to an Englishwoman who apparently never came to America. Thomas Arnold, the third owner and builder of the fulling mill was the first title holder to have the property for any length of time.

A 1798 tax record lists only the original eastern section of the house. The kitchen wing was built shortly afterward, probably ca. 1800. The 18'6" x 17'4" addition is one and one-half stories high and contains a cooking fireplace, bake oven, and room above (added in the 1900s). During twentieth century renovations, the roof of the 1800 addition was raised three feet to give more headroom in the room above the kitchen.

As part of the twentieth century alterations, the floor was raised in the smallest of the second floor rooms to allow for pipes for a bathroom. A heating system was installed in 1967. In the northeast first floor room, a kitchen was installed with the convenience built along the outside (north) wall. The western addition with the walk-in fireplace is used as a dining room. One window in the west wall was converted to a door when the western wing was added.

The house has a closed string stairway in its own hall, rather than a boxed stair. This detail seems in contrast to the fact that other "primitive" details such as the "screen" walls and natural wood are used. The stairs are simple in treatment and compare with others in the area in that no balusters are now employed, nor is there evidence that they ever were.

Sash windows with mortised and pegged wooden casing are

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(This proves nothing; the coin might have been several (or many) years old when lost here.)

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7. Description (continued)

placed in the shelter of the stone walls. They now have beige aluminum storm and screen sash. These, and the storm doors were added after heat was installed, almost four years ago.

The front door is nail studded with six fielded panels on the exterior. All window and door trim on the exterior is unpainted wood, as is all of the original wood work on the interior.

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9. Major Bibliographical References (continued)

Letters (continued):

Thomas Temple to Daniel Temple 1860.

William Garrett to Smedley Temple 1862.

Photographs ca. 1930.

Secondary Sources:

Books:

Williams, Henry L. and Ottalie K. Old American Houses: How to Restore, Remodel, and Reproduce Them. Bonanza (Crown), New York, 1957, pp. 56, 83.

Articles:

"An Album of Chester County Farmhouses," Pennsylvania Folklife, Autumn, 1962, p. 23.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Chester County Courthouse : Deeds
 Chester County Historical Society:
 West Bradford Twp., Businesses (Clipping files)
 West Bradford Twp., Business Manuscript Material (Vault)
 West Bradford Twp., Lands
 West Bradford Twp., Tax Records
 Letters:
 (X) Temple to Daniel Temple, Oct. 11, 1822.
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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		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "	75°	42'	05"	
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

ORGANIZATION: Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission DATE: July, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER:
 Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN: Harrisburg 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. Weaver
 State Liaison Officer
 Title: Deputy Executive Director, Pa. Historical and Museum Commission
 Date: 5/14/72

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: _____

ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____

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