

KENNETT SQUARE QUADRANGLE

PENNSYLVANIA-DELAWARE

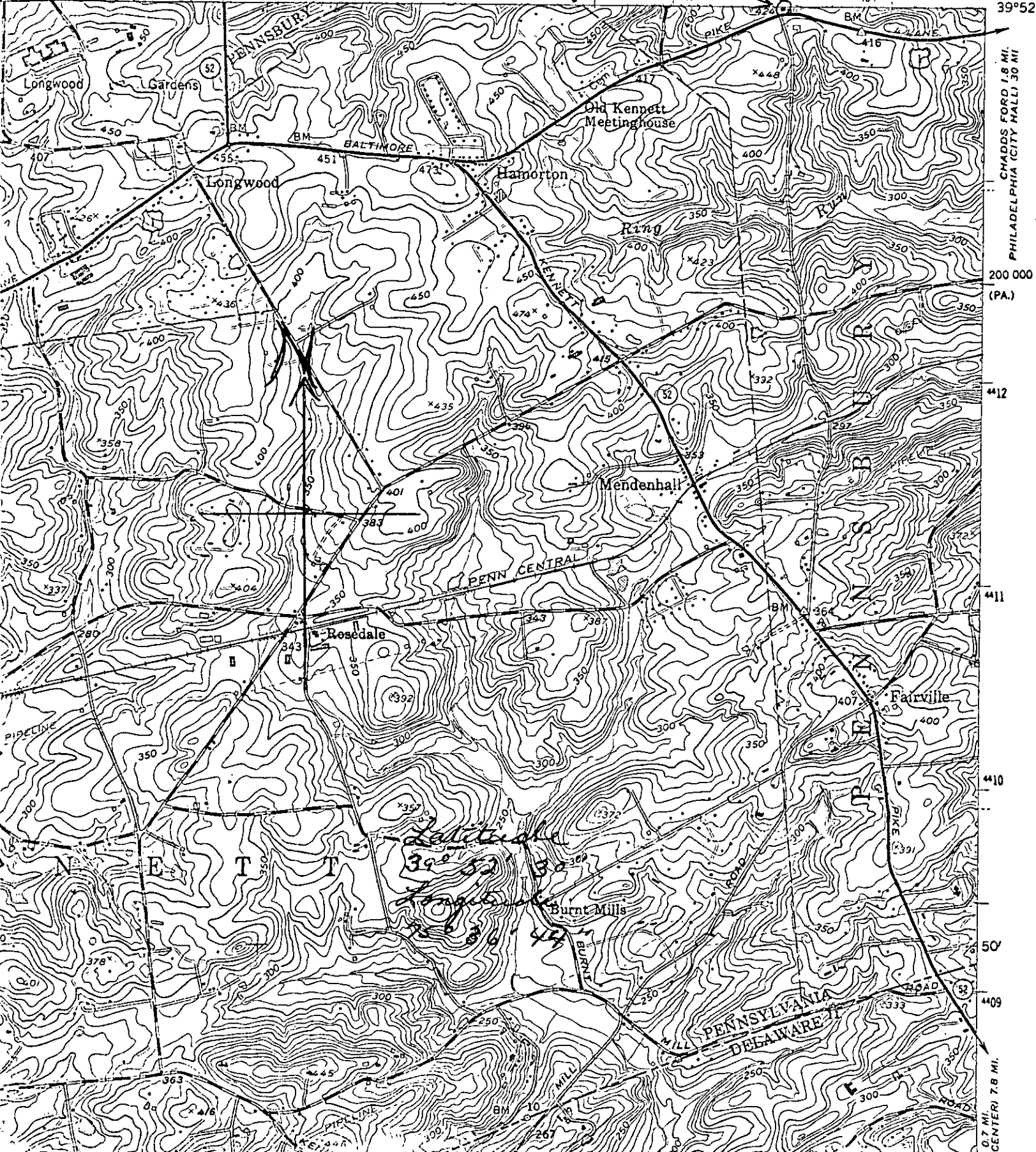
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

SW/4 WEST CHESTER 15' QUADRANGLE

Pennsbury In

WEST CHESTER 8.4 MI.
LENAPE 3.8 MI.

442 40' 444 2 590 000 FEET (E.T.) 445 446 75°37'30" 39°52'



PHILADELPHIA (CITY HALL) 30 MI.
200 000
(PA.)

4412

4411

4410

50'

4409

0.7 MI.
CENTER 7.8 MI.

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:
Pennsbury Inn

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Lancaster Inn Hal-Dell Farm

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
North Side U. S. Route #1 at the Junction of Route 1 and Hickory Hill Rd.

CITY OR TOWN:
Pennsbury Township Chadds Ford

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	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	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input 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) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments
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The barn, which is on the south-east corner of Hickory Hill Rd. and U. S. Route 1 is used for commercial purposes.

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
John H. and Lillian Haldeman

STREET AND NUMBER:
U. S. Route #1

CITY OR TOWN:
Chadds Ford

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:
Market and High Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
West Chester

STATE: Pennsylvania	CODE: 42
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: **1970** 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 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

Futhey & Cope's illustration gives a good indication of the way the Pennsbury Inn looked in 1880. The exterior, south elevation has not changed significantly.

The brick portion of the house is the earliest, and while there is no documentary evidence of when it was built, architecturally it is possible to date it as the latter part of the eighteenth century. It does not appear on any of the maps of the area at the time of the Battle of the Brandywine, 11 September 1777 so it is safe to assume it was built after that. The stone portion was added around the turn of the century. In 1817 the farm of Dr. Joseph Peirce was sold. The advertisement stated it had a stone and brick house.

Originally the brick portion was divided into two rooms downstairs. The doorway entered directly into the large room on the west end of the house. Each room had a large corner fireplace. The interior is changed so completely it is not possible to determine where the staircase was. Today there is a single large room with corner fireplace at either end. The interior of the house has been remodelled extensively to make it into a two family dwelling.

The north elevation of the Pennsbury Inn has undergone major renovation in the 20th century. Two kitchen wings have been added, one on the stone house and the other on the brick. During the late nineteenth century a frame addition was added on the eastern end of the house. This has been enlarged since then.

The south elevation, which faces on U. S. Route 1, retains its mid-nineteenth century appearance as a result of the long porch which stretches across the front. The Inn is in good repair and while its many additions alter its original appearance, it aesthetically provides continuity between the architecture of the three centuries it has stood.

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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 | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The tavern provided a meeting place for the citizens of the surrounding area. Although there were some people in the neighborhood who disapproved of its existence heartily, Pennsbury Inn was such a place in rural Pennsbury Township in the nineteenth century. In 1822, Joseph Lancaster applied for a tavern license to no avail. The ladies of the Township responded vigorously stating that it was their belief that:

the multiplication of public houses beyond what necessity requires, is a multiplication of the temptations to evil, laying a snare for the young and volatile, introducing immoral habits, and ending in the prostration of all that is dignified in human nature.

All that is dignified was laid prostrate in Pennsbury Township in 1826 when Joseph received his license. All was quiet until 1844 when altercations between tavern keeper and the township reached such heights that Lancaster refused to allow the citizenry to vote on his premises. Finally in 1851, Joseph Lancaster's license was renewed, and the Inn continued to operate into the late nineteenth century.

In an area in which the Quakers had such a strong influence it is not surprising to find such altercations occurring over the keeping of a public house. Even Quakers, however, were known to imbibe. The Pennsbury Inn was center for community discourse. On the main road from Baltimore to Philadelphia it provided hospitality for travelers as well. Its significance is twofold. First it was center for rural community, and secondly, the Inn provided a contact between the Township and the world beyond.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Will Books
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Pennsbury Township Lands,
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Lossing, B. J. Pictorial Field Book of the Revolution. 2 Vols.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES															
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		OR	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE										
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SE	°	'	"	°	'	"												
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"												

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **8 Acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

ORGANIZATION: **Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission** DATE: **July, 1970**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN: **Harrisburg** STATE: **Pennsylvania** CODE: **42**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 *S. K. S.*
State Liaison Officer

Title Executive Director
Pa. Historical and Museum Commission

Date March 3, 1971

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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