

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Pennsylvania	
COUNTY: Chester	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Philip Rogers House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Fenn Wick

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Ridge Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Warwick Township

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42 COUNTY: Chester CODE: 020

1/20/75

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input 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) _____ _____ _____
Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Kenneth A. and Jane F. Kepner

STREET AND NUMBER:
Ridge Road

CITY OR TOWN: Warwick Township STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

STATE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Chester County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:
14 1/2 Market Streets

CITY OR TOWN: Chester STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

COUNTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Pennsylvanian American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1960 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Chester County Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
14 1/2 Street

CITY OR TOWN: West Chester STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

 Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

 Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

 Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Built in the mid-eighteenth century, of tan random fieldstone with darker red corner quoins, the Philip Rogers House is two-and-one-half stories high, five bays wide, and two bays deep. It is covered by a gable roof with a chimney at each gable end.

The south (front) and north elevations have nine-on-six light windows on both the first and second floors. These are modern replacements for original windows of the same type. The first floor windows on the south elevation have the original panelled exterior shutters. At the center of the south elevation is a one-story wooden entrance portico which is not original. It consists of a flat, semi-circular roof, which is topped by a balustrade and supported by four Doric columns. According to an 1865 newspaper advertisement, the south elevation featured a porch along the entire front. The box cornices along the south and north elevation with partial returns on the east and west gable ends are not original.

The west elevation has a door and one six-on-six light window with louvered exterior shutters at the basement level. There are two nine-on-six light windows on both the first and second floors. These are modern replacements for original windows of the same type. At the attic level, there are two two-light windows, modern replacements for the original four light windows. A pent eave, now gone, once crossed the west gable end between the second and attic levels.

A two-and-one-half story random fieldstone kitchen wing was added to the east gable end of the house, probably sometime before 1825. It has a box cornice on the north and south elevations and partial returns on the east gable end. Originally there was a pent eave on its front (south) elevation. The east elevation of the wing is largely a blank chimney wall with only two two-light windows at the attic level. The north elevation has one six-on-six light window on the first floor. Both the original house and the kitchen addition have a coating of stucco on the north elevation, as opposed to the exposed fieldstone on the other three elevations.

On the interior, the house follows the center hall plan at the basement, first, second, and attic levels. On the first and second floors, the hall is flanked by two rooms on either side. The partition wall separating the two eastern rooms on the first floor has since been removed. The interior woodwork is very fine and largely original. The open stairway at the rear of the center hall has round-turned balusters, Philadelphia newel posts, and wainscot panelling which follows the stairway

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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)			
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<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/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	losophy	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	itarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			
<p style="text-align: center;">Philip Rogers probably built the original random fieldstone house in the mideighteenth century. He became the first recorded owner in 1735 and retained the property until 1757. There is a 1739 datestone on the house's west elevation, but it appears to have been added at a later date. One of the earliest settlers in the area, Rogers was on the first list of taxables for East Nantmeal Township in 1722. The house is now in Warwick Township which was formed by the division of East Nantmeal in 1842.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Representative of a characteristic area house type, the Philip Rogers house is valuable due to its early date, its well-documented history, and its retention of much of its early appearance through more than two centuries of existence.</p>			

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<p>up to the second floor. The panelling surrounding the fireplaces is entirely original. The stonework of the fireplaces, like that of the house's exterior, has been repointed. Particularly notable is an original built-in cupboard, which includes butterfly shelves and blown glass panes. The flooring is largely original, with the exception of that in the first floor hallway.</p> <p>The present owners have made few changes, mainly restorative. They have removed exposed plumbing and wallpaper, replaced missing chair railways, and replaced some windows with nine-on-six light windows of the type originally in the house.</p>	

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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	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Eleanor Winsor, Consultant and Harvey Freedenberg, Student

ORGANIZATION: Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission DATE Aide: July, 1972

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 Willy Deen
 State Liaison Officer

Title Deputy Executive Director, Pa.
 Historical and Museum Commission

Date 4/19/73

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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St Peters 536

WARWICK

Township Sch

St Peters Ch

Knauertown

LONG 75° 43' 73"

LAT 42° 10' 28"

Creek

Branch

South

Nantmeal Village

EAST NANTMEAL

Pa 46 towns

ELVERSON 4.4 MI.
WARWICK 1.7 MI.

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