

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

8. Property owners name and address
 Robert J. and Susan W. Shenkin
 1358 Glen Echo Road
 West Chester, PA 19380

9. tax parcel number / other number
 41-8D-4

10. U.T.M. zone easting
 18 | 447860
 Map#
 23 | 4428190
 usgs sheet: Malvern 2.5A

11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)
 CCHSS

12. classification
 site () structure () object ()
 building (X)
 in N.R. district yes () no ()

13. date(s) (how determined)
 c.1815
 14. period
 1800-1819

15. style, design or folk type
 2/3 Georgian
 Vernacular

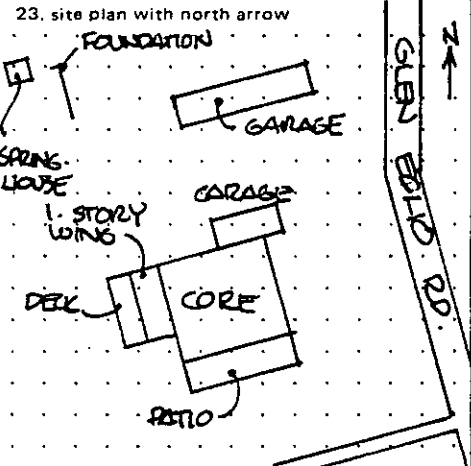
19. original use
 Residence-farm
 20. present use
 Residence-non-farm

16. architect or engineer

17. contractor or builder

18. primary building mat./construction
 Stone/stucco

21. condition
 Above average
 22. integrity
 Above average



24. photo notation
 PG: Diane Snyder
 PV: South elevation
 PD: 4/21/1981

25. file/location
 CCHS, WWHC #09-68, #21

26. brief description (note unusual features, integrity, etc.)
 The Daniel Meredith House is located in south central West Whiteland, below the Great Valley, where the soil and topography are not well-suited to agriculture. It was part of a small farm (100 acres), held by the Meredith family, for approximately 100 years. Despite the residential development that now surrounds it, the Daniel Meredith House shows strong architectural integrity and vestiges of its original farm setting. A handsome Centennial Spruce graces the main entrance. The house is stuccoed stone, rectangular (25'x30'), two-and-one-half stories, double pile, and three bays wide with an off-centered door. It falls neatly into the Side-Hall or 2/3 Georgian group, but is distinguished within that category by its architectural purity and integrity. The off-centered entrance leads into a generously proportioned hall where there is a 6/9 side window, an opposing door at the rear, and a closed string stairway running a straight course to the second floor. There are two rooms both downstairs and up, each with separate fireplaces. The surrounds are plainly fluted. Architrave trim is used

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27. history, significance and/or background
Architecture
 The Daniel Meredith House was built circa 1815 on a 100-acre tract of land in the south central portion of the Township. The land was obtained in 1796 from John Lockhart, a Willistown resident and school teacher. Prior to the construction of the existing stone dwelling, there was a 20'x18' log house and one log barn (described in 1798 as "almost down") on the property. Recognizing this, and perhaps having accumulated some extra

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28. sources of information
 CCHS: Tax Records 1779-1821; Recorder of Deeds and Wills for Chester County

29. prepared by:
 M.L. Wolf, Brandywine Cons.

30. date
 12/1981

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1. County
 Chester

2. municipality
 West Whiteland Twp.

3. street address or specific location
 1358 Glen Echo Road

4. survey code
 029-09-41-061

5. present name
 Daniel Meredith House

6. other name (historic name if any)
 Daniel Meredith House

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throughout the house, but is slightly more defined on the first floor. There are two arched fireplace supports, a central stone supporting wall, and log joists visible in the full basement. The two separate chimneys on the west gable end converge in the attic and emerge from the peak of the gable as one unit. Although the attic is finished off at present, there is an indication of pegged rafter construction and signs of a shake roof. Some details concerning the house can be determined through wills. In 1824, for example, Daniel Meredith left his wife, Ruth, "the use of the northern most room on the west side of the entry on the first floor" and to his daughter, Margaret, "the use of a southerly room upstairs with a fireplace." From Isaac Meredith's will of 1861, it is apparent the hall was wide enough for a settee, there was a sitting room and parlor (by that date containing stoves), two chambers, and a garret bedroom. The original kitchen probably was located approximately where the modern one now stands; it is mentioned in 1824 and 1861 as having a cellar.

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money by tenant farming for John Jacobs while his newly acquired farm was rented out, Meredith constructed a comfortable stone house using a Side Hall or 2/3 Georgian Plan. Plain and practical, the Meredith House holds no architectural secrets or surprises. It is a straight forward example of a type of house heavily favored in West Whiteland in the first half of the 19th century. Unlike most others, however, the Meredith House is not a modification of an earlier structure nor an addition (as is the case, for example, with the nearby Grove Tavern). Rather, it stands by itself as a fully-developed example of the 2/3 Georgian Plan to which, other than the addition of a modern kitchen on the west, few major changes have been made.

EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)

West Whiteland Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania
Multiple Resource Nomination

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Summary Statement of Significance:

The Meredith House is eligible for listing under criterion C as an example of the maintenance of traditional housing types. Built around 1815, the Meredith House is a fully developed Georgian building. It incorporates all of the eighteenth century building grammar including the symmetrical facade, window treatment and arrangement of interior space but was built during the 19th century. In addition to the main house, there is also a modern garage, a nineteenth century spring house and a barn ruins on the site.

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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Map #23

The nominated acreage consists of all land currently associated with the resource. Located on the property are a contributing 1 1/2 story, rectangular, rubble fieldstone springhouse and a non-contributing 2 story, modern rectangular cinderblock garage. The barn ruins consist of one partial stone wall and do not contribute to the significance of the property.

Witnesseth.

is in consideration of _____ West Whiteland Township,
Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Chester County, PA
In Hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said Grantor Multiple Resource Nomination
Grantee S, their heirs and assigns a Survey Code 029-09-41-061
Daniel Meredith House Map#23

ALL THAT CERTAIN lot or piece of land and appurtenances, thereon, Situate in land, County of Chester and State of Pennsylvania, described according to a Map of Property of Louise K. Heller, made by James J. Spinelli, Registered Professional Civil Engineer, Wayne, Pa., dated January 20, 1960 revised March 4, 1960 and recorded September 10, 1960 in Plan Book #11 page 7 as follows, to wit:-

BEGINNING at a point on the Westerly side of Glen Echo Road (Forty feet wide), which point is at the arc distance of Thirty-six and twenty-six one-hundredths feet, measured on a line curving to the right, having a radius of Twenty-five feet, from a point of curve on the Southerly side of Twin Oaks Lane, (Forty feet wide); thence extending from said beginning point, along the Westerly and Southwesterly of Glen Echo Road the two following courses and distances: (1) South Seven degrees, twenty-four minutes, thirty seconds East, One hundred seventy-one and twenty-nine one-hundredths feet to a point and (2) South Forty-nine degrees, forty-six minutes, fifty seconds East, Two hundred seventeen and eighty one-hundredths feet to a point; thence extending South Forty degrees, thirteen minutes, ten seconds West, Two hundred fifty-four and thirteen one-hundredths feet to a point in line of land, now or late of Samuel Wittenmeyer; thence extending along same the three following courses and distances: (1) North Fifty-seven degrees, fifty-six minutes, forty seconds West, Eighty feet and sixty one-hundredths of a foot to a point; (2) North Fifty-seven degrees, forty-six minutes, ten seconds West, Two hundred twenty-nine and sixty one-hundredths feet to a point and (3) North Thirty-seven degrees, fifty-three minutes, ten seconds West, Three hundred feet to a point; thence extending North Fifty-two degrees, six minutes, fifty seconds East, Two hundred feet to a point on the Southerly side of Twin Oaks Lane, aforesaid; thence extending along same North Eighty-nine degrees, twenty-five minutes, twenty-four seconds East, Two hundred forty feet and sixty-nine one-hundredths of a foot to a point of curve; thence extending on a line curving to the right, having a radius of twenty-five feet, the arc distance of Thirty-six and twenty-six one-hundredths feet to the first mentioned point and place of beginning.

BEING part of the same premises which The Chester County Land Company, a Pennsylvania Corporation, by Indenture bearing date the 30th day of August, A.D. 1940, and duly recorded at West Chester, in the Office for the Recording of Deeds, in and for the County of Chester, in Deed Book N-20 page 82 &c., granted and conveyed unto Louise K. Heller, in fee.

BEING part of the same premises Harry F. Taylor and Mabel G., his wife, by Indenture bearing date the 21st day of March, A.D. 1945, and duly recorded at West Chester, in the Office for the Recording of Deeds, in and for the County of Chester, in Deed Book A-22 page 184 &c., granted and conveyed unto Louise K. Heller, in fee.

TOGETHER with all and singular the rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments, and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining and the reversions and remainders, rents, issues, and profits thereof; and also, all the estate, right, title, interest, proper claim, and demand whatsoever, of the said Grantor in law, or equity, or otherwise howsoever, of, in to, or out of the same.



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