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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
 Devereux Foundation
 19 S. Waterloo Rd.
 Devon PA 19333

9. tax parcel number / other number
 41-6-89

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

10. U.T.M. zone 18 easting 4418131810
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12. classification
 site () structure () object ()
 building (X)
 In N.R. district yes () no ()

13. date(s) (how determined)
 1908 datestone

14. period
 1900-1918

15. style, design or folk type
 Georgian Revival

19. original use
 Residence-farm

20. present use
 Institution

16. architect or engineer
 George Page

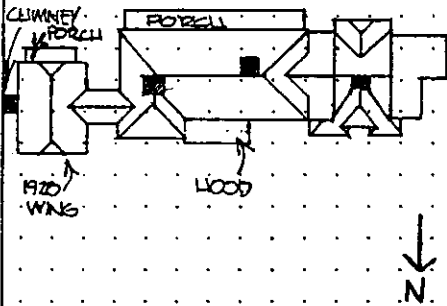
17. contractor or builder

18. primary building mat./construction
 Stone

21. condition
 Above average

22. integrity
 Above average

23. site plan with north arrow



24. photo notation

PG: John Ronayne
 PV: SW elevation
 PD: 11/1981

25. file/location
 CCHS, WWHC #09-72, #14

26. brief description (note unusual features, integr., etc.)

Chesteridge was built in 1908 as a summer home for Benjamin Rush of Philadelphia. He no doubt found himself in good company as John Frederick Lewis was established at Morstein just one stop away on the West Chester Railroad. Located off Boot Road near Kirkland, Chesteridge is first seen from the back (north elevation). Unlike the orderly six bay facade, the north side of the house shows a complex arrangement of structural openings, bays, roof profiles, etc. There is, for example, an over-size hood above the entrance, supported by scrolled brackets of unequal size due to slight projection of the stone wall. The entire structure is constructed of pale, green serpentine stone and fieldstone. The main block has a steeply-pitched hipped roof with arched-sash, pedimented dormers on all sides. The chimneys are arranged for convenience in the interior. On the east is a one-and-one-half story service wing showing a three-gabled roof, the northern of which is picturesquely hipped. This profile is echoed in the two-story library wing, added in 1928. (over)

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27. history, significance and/or background

Architecture

Chesteridge is a strong and original statement of the Georgian Revival. Like Morstein it was designed by a professional architect, who, rather than assembling Georgian forms by rote, took liberties to enliven such traditional features as a hipped roof, Palladian window, and winding stairway. The result is not a static Georgian Revival, admirable for its craftsmanship and not its design, but rather a fluid and lively example of a

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28. sources of information

INA archives - Insurance Policy
 CCHS Surname file, L 5-20-1908, L 8-9-1908
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29. prepared by:

M.L. Wolf, Brandywine
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pg. date 12/1981 revision(s)

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5. present name
 Glen Loch East

1. County
 Chester

6. other name (historic name if any)
 Benjamin Rush House/Chesteridge

2. municipality
 West Whiteland Twp.

3. street address or specific location
 Boot Road

4. survey code
 029-09-41-060

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The hooded north door leads directly into a wide hall which is, in fact, more of a room than a passageway. Although it contains a fireplace (a luxury by anyone's standards), the hall is noticeably lacking the obligatory massive oak stairway. In fact, the stairways (of which there are three) are to be found only after passing through additional halls and rooms on either side of the main entrance. The main stairway is west of the hall and is noteworthy for its dynamic Palladian-inspired window. In this example, the traditional Palladian form is "stepped" to coincide with the ascent of the stairs along the north wall. An even more compelling stairway is located at the east end of the house, near where it is joined by the 1928 wing. It is a large, curving, open-string staircase with an exquisitely crafted undulating handrail. The third stairway, off the kitchen and intended for servants, winds from the basement to the third floor. The 1928 library called the "Walnut Room" is paneled from floor to ceiling and features built-in book shelves and areas for family portraits. There is a bay window on the south. A broken pediment frames an unlikely bowl of fruit over the doorway. The plaster ceiling is decorated with grape leaves and bunches. The fireplace has a rose colored marble facing.

Despite its use since 1952 as a living facility for the Devereaux Foundation (it is now called Glen Loch East), Chesteridge has experienced no significant alteration. The floor plan is intact. Even the enclosed porch retains the original columns, roof, overall size, etc. The stable, on the other hand, has suffered a major addition.

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style which too often suffered in the interpretation.

The architect, George Bispham Page, was a native of Philadelphia and attended local schools. He worked for the firm of Cope and Stewardson as draughtsman for seven years. He spent approximately two years in Europe, part of that time as the second recipient of the John Stewardson Traveling Scholarship. Upon returning to Philadelphia, he began a private practice. In 1912 he and Emlyn Stewardson formed the firm Stewardson and Page which designed hospitals, and commercial and academic buildings. In 1926 the firm won a medal from the Philadelphia Chapter of the AIA for a building for the Insurance Company of North America, of which Benjamin Rush was President. Page died at his home "Shipley Farm" in Secane, Delaware County, at the age of 78.

In addition to his work for Benjamin Rush at the Insurance Company of North America, George Page designed buildings and additions for Rush at his summer home at Kirkland. In 1912 he prepared a layout for the garden including the entrance gate and servant's yard wall. Later work included a wine closet in 1917-1913 a brick terrace in 1923, the Chauffeur's apartment and garage in 1927, and east wing, the "Walnut Room," in 1928.

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The Athenaeum: biographical files, records of Stewardson and Page, Clippings, etc. courtesy of Sandra Tatman and Tamara Karpie; Personal Communication - Mrs. Benjamin Rush (II), 1981.

EVALUATION

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The main house is the only remaining feature of the original estate which maintains its integrity. The chauffeur's apartment and garage built in 1927 is located across the street from the main house but has suffered a severe loss of integrity over the years as the result of three major stucco additions and the conversion of the garage portion into a dormatory and recreation room.