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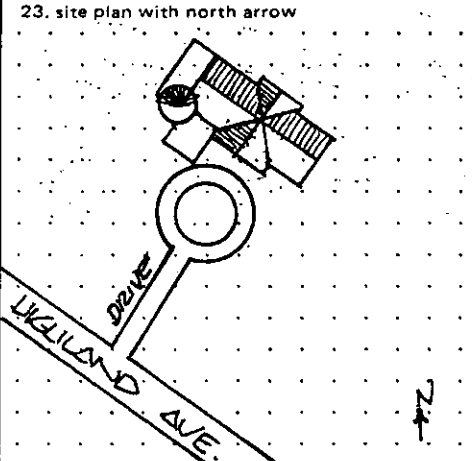
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PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION Box 1026 PA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION Harrisburg, PA 17120		7. Local survey organization West Whiteland Historical Commission		1. County Chester
8. property owners name and address Earl W. and Joan C. Reigel 1417 Highland Avenue Downingtown, PA 19335		9. tax parcel number / other number 41-7-1/51-2-103		
12. classification site () structure () object () building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in N.R. district yes () no ()		10. U.T.M. Zone Easting 118 41441100 5.78 Map# 54 4142183160 usgs sheet: Downingtown		2. municipality West Whiteland
13. date(s) (how determined) 1889 14. period 1880-1899		11. status (other surveys, lists etc.) CCHSS		
15. style, design or folk type Shingle Style		16. architect or engineer Frank Miles Day		4. survey code 029-09-41-143
17. contractor or builder		18. primary building mat./construction Frame		
19. original use Residence-non farm		20. present use Residence-non farm		21. condition Above Average
22. integrity Above Average		23. site plan with north arrow 		
24. photo notation PG: John Ronayne PV: W Elevation PD: 11-1981		25. file/location CCHS, WWHC, #09-71, #14		26. brief description (note unusual features, integrity, environment, threats and associated buildings) The Francis Kennedy House is located in Bradford Hills on a 6.4 acre tract that crosses into both West Whiteland and East Bradford Townships. Because of the strong architectural significance of the house and its association with West Whiteland history, the entire lot and its associated buildings are included in this multiple resource nomination. The designer of the Francis Kennedy House (1889) was Frank Miles Day, one of the four top architects of the last decades of the 19th century. The original floor plans and elevations for the house were published in the November 16, 1889 edition of <u>American Architect and Building News</u> . The large house, described then as in the "Shingle Tudor Style" used a deep, voluminous gambrel roof, projecting bays on two elevations, and double rows of dormer windows. It was sheathed originally in natural cedar shakes and had deep porches on all sides which, according to Ms. Keebler in her thesis on Day, were "two hallmarks of the Shingle Style." (continue on back if necessary)
27. history, significance and/or background Architecture: The architectural significance of the Francis Kennedy House to the work of Frank Miles Day is clear. According to Patricia Keebler, this was the first house for summer occupancy commissioned of Day. Francis Kennedy was a client of the architect's in Philadelphia and turned to him to design a summer cottage in 1888. Day was reminded of the Shingle Style houses then popular in New England seaside resorts and (continue on back if necessary)		28. sources of information "American Architect and Building News" 11-16-1889, Plate #725, Keebler, Patricia Lawson, "Life and Work of Frank Miles Day" (thesis), U of Del. 1980. (continue on back if necessary)		
29. date 12/198		30. revision(s)		



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She also points out that in the Kennedy House Day used "deeply undercut spaces" to create a "picturesque massing" of shape and form. The medium-pliable frame and textural cedar shakes - allowed the architect to almost sculpt the house. Day had returned recently from a trip to Europe and his knowledge of German sources is revealed in the steep gambrel roof and high dormer windows. The interior of the Kennedy house is a large, cool, flowing and curving space. It is not dominated by a massive central stairway and hall. Rather, it is open and informal, yet sufficiently elegant to please a patrician's taste. The basement is tall and well-finished. The third floor is completely plastered and seems to retain all its original trim and color scheme.

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resolved to explore the style for his client's house in Bradford Hills. The result is Day's first work in the Shingle Style, a highly original fusion of an American style with German sources. It is, in addition, a rare and important example of the Shingle Style in the Mid-Atlantic region.

Frank Miles Day was born in 1861 in Philadelphia and attended the University of Pennsylvania. As a young man he worked with some of the most respected architects of the period, among them, Sims, Wilson Eyre, Addison Hutton, and George Pearson. After returning from Europe in 1886 he opened his own office. His work was held in high esteem by both professional and academic communities. Keebler ranks Frank Miles Day with Wilson Eyre, John Stewardson and Walter Cope as the four young architects of the 1880's who "returned Philadelphia architecture to its rightful position as an influential force in American design."

EVALUATION

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Summary Statement of Significance:

The Kennedy House is eligible for listing under criterion C as an example of Shingle Style architecture and as an example of a late nineteenth century planned residential development. The Kennedy House was built as part of a development known as Bradford Hills.

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The nominated acreage is all land currently associated with the resource. A carriage house which had been on the site burned down in 1950.



FIRST day of MARCH in the year of our Lord
one thousand nine hundred and seventy-two (1972).

PHILIPP SOUTH EAST NATIONAL BANK, of Pennsylvania, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS W.

RAPPSILBER, also known as Thomas William Rappelber, deceased, hereinafter called
Grantor, party of the one part

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EARL W. REIGEL and JOAN C. REIGEL, his wife, hereinafter called Grantees, parties

of the other part, Witnesseth, That the said Grantor

for and in consideration of the sum of SIXTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (\$67,500.00)
DOLLARS

lawful money of the United States of America, unto it well and truly paid by the said
Grantees, their heirs
and before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowl-
edged, has granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released and confirmed and by these
presents does

grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, release and confirm unto the said Grantees, their heirs

and assigns, as tenants by entireties:

ALL THE CERTAIN tract of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected,
SITUATE at Bradford Hills, in East Bradford Township and partly in the Township of
West Whiteland, Chester County, Pennsylvania and more particularly described as
follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a point in the middle of Highland Avenue, a corner of Subdivision No.
20 on the Plan of Bradford Hills, duly filed and recorded in the Recorder's Office
for said County of Chester; thence along said Subdivision No. 20 on said Plan North 8
degrees 52 minutes West 55 1/2 feet to a stake in the middle of Hillside Road; thence
Eastwardly along the middle of said road the following courses and distances: on an
arc of a circle whose radius is 737.3 feet long, 31.8 feet to a stake; thence on an
arc of a circle whose radius is 134 feet long, 122 feet to a stake; thence on an arc
of a circle whose radius is 126 feet long 83.5 feet to a stake; thence on an arc of
a circle whose radius is 296 feet long 188.9 feet to a stake at a corner of Sub-
division No. 17; thence along said Subdivision No. 17 South 8 degrees and 52 minutes

— East 679.1 feet to a point; thence South 77 degrees and 26 minutes West 200.1 feet to a point in the middle of Highland Avenue aforesaid; thence along the middle of said Avenue the following courses and distances: on an arc of a circle whose radius is 778.5 feet long 88 feet; thence on the arc of a circle whose radius is 244.2 feet long 173.6 feet to the place of beginning. CONTAINING 5.78 acres of land, more or less BEING Subdivision No. 18 and part of Subdivision No. 19 on said Plan. _____

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