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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 Lynda Petrov 1311 Grove Road West Chester, PA 19380 | | 9. tax parcel number / other number 41-8-162 | 10. U.T.M. Zone Easting Map# 55 Northing usgs sheet: Unionville 1.466A | | 5. present name George Hoffman House |
| 12. classification site () structure () object () building (X) in N.R. district yes () no () | 13. date(s) (how determined) 14. period 1700-1799 | 15. style, design or folk type Additive Vernacular | 19. original use Residence-farm | 20. present use Residence-non-farm | 2. municipality West Whiteland |
| 16. architect or engineer | 17. contractor or builder | 18. primary building mat./construction Stone/Frame | 21. condition Average | 22. integrity Average | 6. other name (historic name if any) George Hoffman House |
| 23. site plan with north arrow | | | | | 3. street address or specific location 1311 Grove Road |
| 24. photo notation PG: John Ronayne PV: NW Elevation PD: 11/1981 | | 25. file/location CCHS, #09-73, #18A | | | 4. survey code 029-09-41-170 |
| 26. brief description (note unusual features, integrity, environment, threats and associated buildings) The Hoffman House is located along Grove Road and faces south within the small valley drained by Broad Run. George Hoffman's 1772 purchase of 275 acres in the southwestern portion of the Township came to be known as the Barren Ridges and Hoffman's Barrens, indicating it was relatively poor, hilly land. Consisting of, at present, five sections four of which are stone, the Hoffman House and associated agricultural buildings nevertheless bespeak a prosperous past. The Hoffman House is a fine example of an additive, vernacular dwelling and is of particular interest for the manner in which it grew. From the 1798 and 1799 tax lists it is apparent that George Hoffman, first settler, had built a two-story, stone (16'x20') house with attached one-story log (16'x18') kitchen. He also had a log barn ("in bad repair") and a wheelwright-workshop. Despite the allegation that the homestead was "razed," an examination of the existing structure indicated it was, rather, incorporated into the body of the house (see Section I). It was originally 2 low stories with just 1 window (6/6,3/3) on each level. Section I's dimensions (Cont'd) (continue on back if necessary) | | | | | |
| 27. history, significance and/or background <u>Exploration/Settlement:</u> The Hoffman House was the homestead of first settler George Hoffman and home to his descendants until 1902. George Hoffman had emigrated from Germany, served as a teamster under General Braddock during the French and Indian War (1755), and finally settled in West Whiteland in 1772 where he purchased 275 acres of ground from Evans Jones and built a house. Hoffman was highly regarded in his day and, upon his death in 1829, it was noted that he was one of the chief founders of the Methodist Church in Chester County. In addition, he was important to the (continue on back if necessary) | | | | | |
| 28. sources of information CCHS: West Whiteland Clipping File - Lands: AR 1-5-1830, VR 1-13-1830 A. P. Reid Title Search #138 | | | | 29. prepared by: Brandywine Cons. M. L. Wolf | |
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mate 16'x20', its interior features are 18th century, and its roof obviously has been
To the north of Section I is an old kitchen with cooking fireplace and evidence of
oven; this probably replaced the earlier log kitchen. The kitchen has no foundation
es contain old stone steps (concealed beneath the floor) which lead to the cellar of
n I. The westernmost part of the Hoffman House likely was built next (Section II) circa
It is stone with prominent quoins, 16'x22', a two-bay Penn Plan, and underlain by a
featuring niches, an arched fireplace support, and log joists. The chimney is entirely
A narrow passage leads from the cellar of Section II to the ground level kitchen of
I. There is no direct access from the cellar of Section II to that of I or to any
the 18'x22' stone center portion of the house. This area, built in the mid-19th
y, provides the house with a center hall and a wide stairway of two flights. Sections
and III have a common roofline and show pegged rafters marked with roman numerals;
n Sections I and III, however, there exist the remains of a pointed-stone wall, indicat-
at the roof of Section I originally was lower. To the east of Section I is a frame
on (c.1900) containing present-day cooking facilities. Associated buildings include
ed, double-decker stone barn, corn crib, and many old foundations.

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ment of the Grove crossroad village. His son, Benjamin, purchased the homestead, left
his brother's son, George, and it then descended through George's line. In 1883, it
regarded as "one of the most beautiful farms in West Whiteland." It was a dairy farm
shipped to the Philadelphia market.

ecture: Architecturally, as stated above, the Hoffman House is a representative example
additive vernacular dwelling and is particularly noteworthy for its external integrity
ity. The unusual progression of additions is of extreme interest and apparently unique
Township. Hoffman was a German and this particular building could be the southernmost
ce of German occupation in Chester County.

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Summary Statement of Significance:

The Hoffman House is eligible for listing under criterion C as an example of an eighteenth and nineteenth century vernacular dwelling that was expanded from its original one room plan to a long narrow house by 1900.

Additional Photographs:



PG: J. RONAYNE
PV: SOUTH VIEW
PD: 11/1981
LOCATION: WWHC #09-73-16

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The nominated acreage consists of all land currently associated with the resource. Also present on the site are a twentieth century 1 story, stuccoed stone stable/workshop with a shed roof, a recently built 1 1/2 story, banked, frame workshop constructed on an old stone foundation and a large stone and frame barn rebuilt in 1920. The foundations of several silos remain to the north of the barn. None of the above features contribute to the significance of the main house.

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This Deed,

Between LYNDA PETROV and JUAN CARLOS SOLER, Co-Partners doing business as King Street Traders

(hereinafter called the "Grantor").

of the one part, and LYNDA PETROV, Individually,

(hereinafter called the "Grantee"), of the other part

Witnesseth, That in consideration of Eighteen Thousand (\$18,000.00)

Dollars,

in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said Grantor do hereby grant and convey unto the said Grantee, her heirs, successors, and assigns,

ALL THAT CERTAIN lot or piece of ground, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, hereditaments and appurtenances, Situate in the Township of West Whiteland, County of Chester and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described according to a Map and Plan made for Henry N. Waltz, by Edgar Laub, Registered Surveyor, Coatesville, Pa., dated 12-1-1967 as follows, to wit:-

BEGINNING at an iron pin in the title line in the bed of the West Chester and Grove Road marking a corner of this and in line of land now or late of the Philadelphia Electric Company (as shown on said Plan); thence extending from said beginning point, along the title line in the bed of the West Chester and Grove Road, the 2 following courses and distances: (1) North 32 degrees, 5 minutes, 4 seconds West, 52.47 feet to an iron pin; and (2) North 21 degrees, 5 minutes 44 seconds West, 303.5 feet to a tick marking a corner of land now or late of Highland Glen, Section No. 5; thence extending along the same the 2 following courses and distances: (1) North 84 degrees, 55 minutes, 45 seconds East, 180.3 feet to an iron pin; and (2) South 63 degrees, 12 minutes, 15 seconds East, 195.66 feet to an iron pin in line of land now or late of the Philadelphia Electric Company; thence extending along the same South 40 degrees, 22 minutes, 57 seconds West, 335.15 feet to the first mentioned iron pin and place of beginning.

CONTAINING 1.466 acres of land, be the same more or less.

BEING the same premises which Henry N. Waltz and Laura Waltz, his wife, by Deed dated the 6th day of October A.D. 1976 and duly recorded at West Chester, in the Office for the Recording of Deeds, in and for the County of Chester, in Deed Book L-49 page 224, granted and conveyed unto Lynda Petrov and Juan Carlos Soler, in fee.

MUNICIPAL TRANSFER TAX
PAID IN AMOUNT OF \$ 180.00

ELVA M. MCQUEEN
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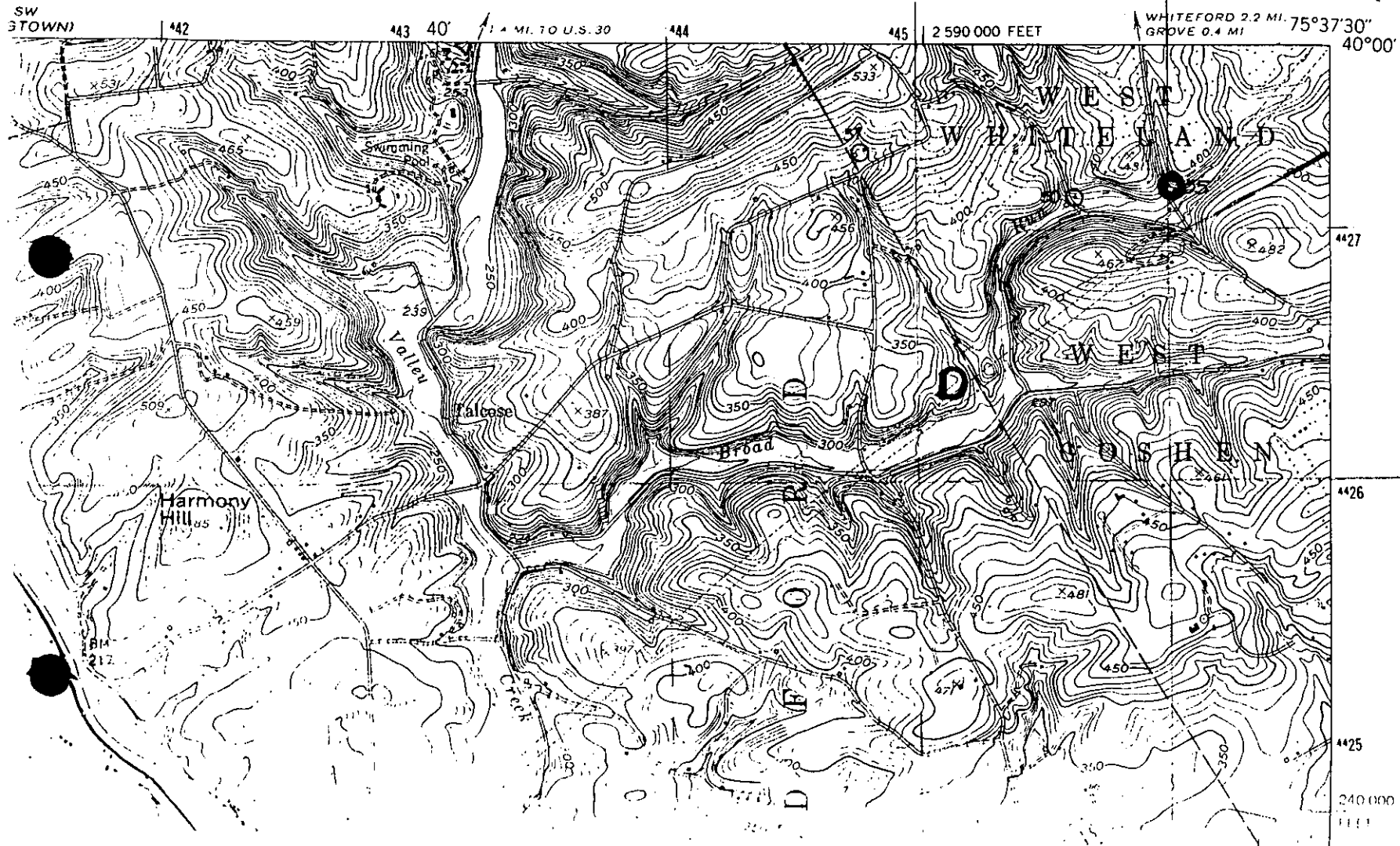
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