

**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  
 Church Farm School  
 Box 662  
 Paoli, Pennsylvania 19301

9. tax parcel number / other number  
 41-5-93

10. U.T.M. zone 18 44 80 80  
 Map# 7 4 4 3 1 2 6 0  
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11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)  
 CCHSS,

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

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

15. style, design or folk type  
 Georgian/Federal  
 Vernacular

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

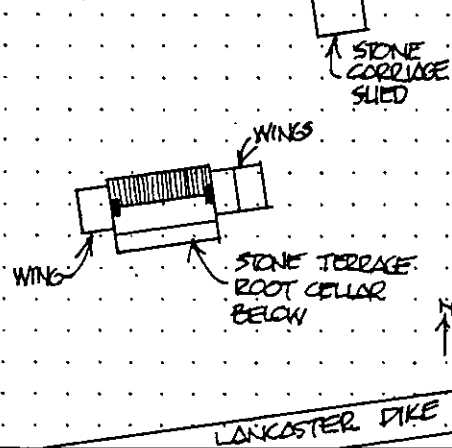
16. architect or engineer

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: South Elevation  
 PD: 11/1981

25. file/location  
 CCHS, WWHC, #09-72, #11

26. brief description (note unusual features, integrity, environment, threats and associated buildings)

Lochiel Farm is located in easy view from the Lancaster Turnpike where the Great Valley is particularly wide and level. It was part of a large farm complex which included a Great Barn, carriage shed, tenant houses, and various other agricultural buildings. Within the farmstead, now owned by Church Farm School, the house exhibits the strongest architectural integrity and potential for long-term preservation. It is a straight-forward Valley farmhouse, traditional in all respects and minimally altered. It consists of a five bay, two story, double pile stone core with two small additions on the east. The core is nearly square, measuring approximately 45'x45½'. Its central entrance opens into a wide hall in which is located a closed string stairway of four flights with curved handrail. Architectural trim, chair rail, and plain rectangular reveals are evident throughout the ample house. Of the four fireplaces on the first floor, that in the northeast room with its heavy mantle and crane seems to have accommodated some cooking activities, although a summer kitchen was, in all probability, attached. (continue on back if necessary)

27. history, significance and/or background Agriculture

This early 19th century manor house embodies major themes of West Whiteland's history. It was the principal dwelling of a gentleman's farm which, like others of that class, was located on the best agricultural land in the Township, i.e., within the Great Valley. And it was constructed c. 1814 when agriculture was in its ascendancy in the Township.

In addition, Lochiel Farm was built by a direct descendent of one of the earliest (continue on back if necessary)

28. sources of information

West Whiteland Tax Lists 1781-1827  
 Lewis Family geneology

29. prepared by:  
 D. Snyder WWHC  
 M. Wolf BC

30. date 12/1981 revision(s)

(continue on back if necessary)

1. County Chester  
 2. municipality West Whiteland  
 3. street address or specific location North Ship Road 111A  
 4. survey code 029-09-41-341  
 5. present name Lochiel Farm  
 6. other name (historic name if any)

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A fireplace surround in the western end displays punch work decoration. There is a full basement with arched supports of moderate size and a central supporting stone wall. The handsome facade shows a drip course and three symmetrically placed pedimented dormers which light the finished attic. The house underwent some cosmetic alterations in the early 20th century which included the construction of an over-sized hood and the remodeling of the east kitchen wing.

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Welsh Quaker families to settle in West Whiteland. Evan Lewis purchased 225 acres of land from Richard Thomas in 1717 and settled in a house near Ship Road (#4). By 1814 Griffith Lewis, a great grandson had begun work on a new house, Lochiel Farm, which, even though "not finished" in that year was valued at more than the old homestead.

Like so many of the Great Valley gentleman's farms, Lochiel Farm profited from its nearness to the Lancaster Turnpike over which its farm products could be easily transported to Philadelphia. Despite the changes which have occurred along that well-traveled route, Lochiel Farm remains an important component of the historical landscape and is minimally altered from its 19th century appearance.

Lochiel Farm was one of several major farms in the northeast portion of the Township to be acquired by Church Farm School in the mid-20th century. By that time, it was owned by the Livingston family, avid fox-hunters like their neighbors. Under the ownership of Church Farm School, the house and its surrounding acreage have continued in a form of agricultural use.

Architecture

Large, two story, double pile, Georgian/Federal style farmhouses of this type once dominated the Great Valley. Within the last 30 years this familiar and well-beloved type of house and its complex of associated agricultural buildings have become increasingly rare. Those that do remain are endangered by virtue of their location and cost of maintaining. Fortunately, Lochiel Farm is structurally sound. In its picturesque setting below the North Valley Hills, this structure is particularly evocative of 19th century rural life in West Whiteland

VALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)

West Whiteland Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania  
Multiple Resource Nomination

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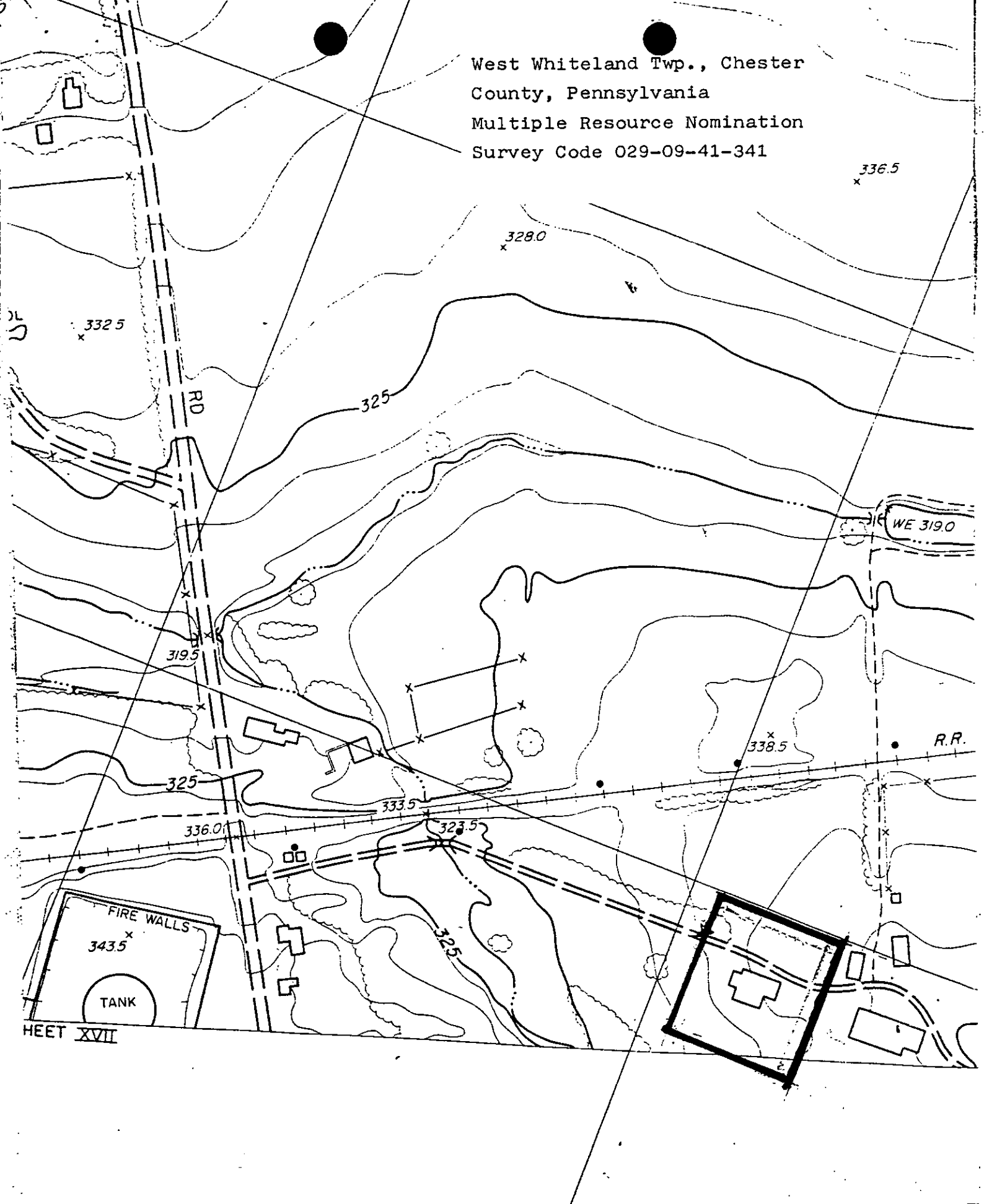
Summary Statement of Significance:

Lochiel Farm is eligible under criterion C as an example of the nineteenth century use of eighteenth century building patterns with only minimal influences and use of Federal decorative elements. The use of punch and groove work in the interior woodwork and the relatively plain facade indicate that the interior was that part of the house in which new features were tried before attempting a new architectural direction that would be immediately seen by all.

Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at a point in the northern edge of a private road located 275 feet due south of the center of the Reading Railroad tracks and 850 feet due east of the northern edge of Ship Road, thence due north 75 feet to a point; thence due east 250 feet to a point; thence due south 250 feet to a point; thence due west 250 feet to a point; thence due north 175 feet to the place of beginning, containing 1.4 acres.

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Inventory—Nomination Form**

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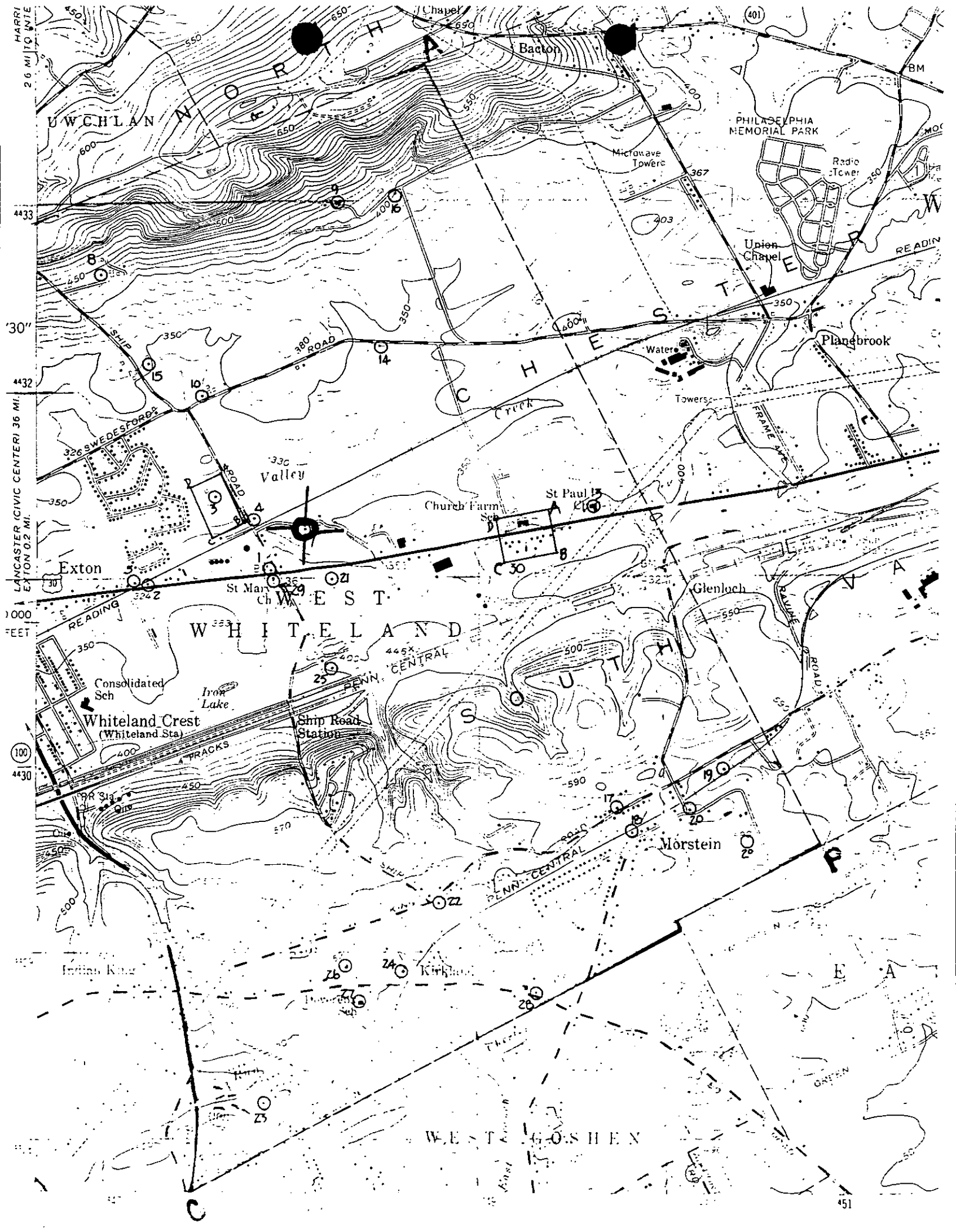
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The nominated acreage is a square with the manor house located at the center. While Lochiel Farm was an active farm as late as the 1930's, no significant associated agricultural buildings survive today. The barn shown on the contour map to the east of the main house burned completely in the 1970's. The stone carriage shed shown on the site plan was generated in 1938 from the one surviving stone wall of a tenant house. A second frame tenant house was converted from a tack room in the 1940's. None of these buildings was evaluated as significant or in possession of sufficient integrity to be included in the nominated acreage.



2.6 MILES TO INCH  
LANCASTER (CIVIC CENTER) 3.6 MI.  
EXTON 0.2 MI.  
1000 FEET