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GREEN VALLEY HISTORIC DISTRICT

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B	44	20	900/	4	35	600
C	44	18	980/	4	35	700
D	44	18	160/	4	34	770
E	44	17	770/	4	34	830
F	44	17	710/	4	34	550
G	44	18	430/	4	34	300
H	44	19	020/	4	35	250

Coatesville Quad

ROMANSVILLE 0.5 MI.

(UNIONVILLE)
5863 1 NW

4420

4419

55'

4418

UNIONVILLE 0.5 MI.
 ENNETT SQUARE 4.7 MI.

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Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Green Valley Historic District

and/or common

N/A

2. Location

street & number Green Valley Road

N/A not for publication

city, town Newlin & E. Marlborough Twps. N/A vicinity of

state Pennsylvania code county Chester code 029

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multiple	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Multiple, See continuation sheet

street & number

city, town N/A vicinity of state

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Chester County Courthouse Recorder of Deeds

street & number High Street

city, town West Chester state Pennsylvania

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Chester County Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1979-82 federal state county local

depository for survey records Chester County Historical Society

city, town West Chester state Pennsylvania

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date <u> N/A </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Green Valley Historic District encompasses the drainage basin of Green Valley Creek, a tributary of the Brandywine River's West Branch running through East Marlborough and Newlin Townships. The district is approximately 2.7 miles long and, in most places, less than 1/2 mile wide.

Like the boundaries of the multiple resource area -- the West Branch Brandywine Scenic River Corridor -- Green Valley's boundaries are based on natural features; in this case the lines are drawn from the 400-foot ridge tops which serve to enclose the valley and, in doing so, form a lush green backdrop for its 13 principal buildings.

The district begins near Green Valley Creek's headwaters in East Marlborough. Within a few hundred feet the creek descends into a relatively wide valley underlain by Cockeysville marble and limestone. At the crossroads formed by Green Valley and Hilltop Roads, the valley is at its widest point and the slopes are more gradual than in other parts of the creek corridor. Springs are plentiful; the limestone soils are rich. The hillsides, which are fairly clear of timber, are grazed by Black Angus and White-faced Hereford cattle.

This section of the valley has long been associated with lime production and farming. Locally manufactured lime was used almost exclusively as a soil "sweetener" for improved crops. Traces of three limestone quarries and two kilns remain in Green Valley. One property (#2) was advertised for sale in 1861 as having "two large lime kilns, one of which holds about 2,000 and the other about 1,500 bushels of lime" and an "inexhaustable limestone quarry of superior quality." As early as 1817, when it was put up for sale again, there was a "good lime quarry near the centre (sic) of the farm with kiln in order for burning lime." Another kiln was located on the Passmore mill property (#10).

Historically, the farms in the southern end of the valley were larger than those nearer to the Brandywine. The Green Valley Farm (#5), for example, has occupied a minimum of 161 acres since 1816. Its handsome Georgian/Federal transitional stone farmhouse is typical of rural Chester County, but unique to Green Valley. The barn is a particularly handsome example of a stone, double-decker barn with arched stable openings.

As the district winds toward the Brandywine, the valley narrows, and its slopes steepen and become thickly covered with second-growth woodlands, a haven for the deer, fox, and small animals that inhabit the valley. Houses sit on smaller tracts which, besides having served in the past as small farms, also were used for trades and milling. The William Hall house (#9) is a particularly good example of a modest 18th century house. Unlike other houses in Green Valley, it is built of log. (Originally there were several log houses in the valley but over the years they were torn down or rebuilt in stone.) The Hall house was built about 1795 by cordwainer William Hall. Quite remarkably, it has always stood on a 42-acre tract. In 1810 the property featured the "new" two-story log house, a wheelwright and smith shop, a stable, plenty of running water, and some fruit trees. By 1869, this typical small farm had a frame barn, a springhouse, several fields, and six acres of woodland. The architecture of the house is as intact as the property itself. Inside there are back-to-back corner fireplaces, board partitions, beaded joists, a winding stairway, old locks and hinges, and other old features. A one-story stone kitchen which was added in 1822 extends from the west gable end of the log core.

Further down the valley are two mill seats, Passmore mill (#10) and Harvey's mill (#12). Of the two, only the Passmore mill still stands. It dates from the mid-19th century; Harvey's mill was much older - it was noted in a 1799 tax list of Newlin Township. Both the Passmore and Harvey mills were grist mills. According to an 1861 notice of sale, the 3-story stone Passmore mill was "new," had a pair of French burrs, a pair of elevators,

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Property Owners - Green Valley Historic District

Map # Tax Parcel #

Owner of Record

1,5,6,7 49-4-7

2,3,4 49-4-2

8 49-1-69

9 49-1-67

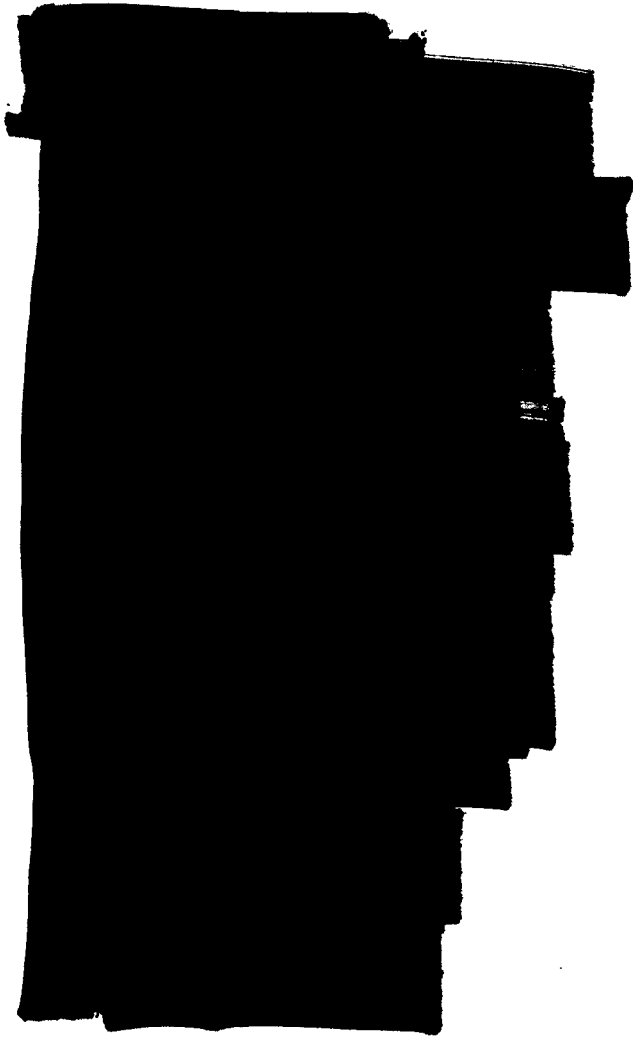
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a smut machine, a corn breaker, a saw mill, and a shed attached "intended for circular saws." By 1893, there was also a cider mill and creamery associated with the mill. The adjacent stone house was divided into 8 apartments in 1869, but by 1893 it was called a "mansion house." Although the Passmore and Harvey mill properties changed hands rather frequently, both have occupied tracts which have undergone little change. Harvey's mill stood on a 35-acre tract along the Brandywine since at least 1854, perhaps earlier. (It gets its name from Caleb Harvey who owned it from 1854-1896.) The Passmore mill has occupied the same 18 acres in the Green Valley since about 1861.

See Continuation Sheet #3 for Building Inventory.

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Building Inventory - Green Valley Historic District

<u>Map #</u>	<u>Evaluation</u>	<u>Historic name/use</u>	<u>Est. Date</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
2	C	Thompson house, Job Hayes lime quarries	c.1880	Victorian frame house built over log core. Operated as the Green Valley Lime Quarries. (2 lime kilns across the road)
3	C	Tenant house	c.1820	Stuccoed stone, 2½ stories, 3 bays wide with 2-story addition.
4	C	Butler house	c.1780	Stuccoed stone. 2 stories, banked, with gable roof and large end chimneys.
5	C	Green Valley Farm	c.1810	Stuccoed stone. 2 stories, 5 bays wide with center hall, fanlight, gable roof, and end chimneys. Outstanding contri- buting all-stone barn with arched openings.
6	C	Tenant house	c.1860	Frame. 2 stories, 3 bays wide with gable roof and small end chimneys.
7	C	Green Valley School	1862	Stone. 1-story with gable roof, the gable end featuring the main entrance.
8	C	Jacob Young house	c.1860	Stuccoed frame. 2 stories, L- shaped, 3 bays wide with gable roof. "Corn-cobbing" or glazing remains in stairway. Contri- buting 18th-century stone springhouse with corner chimney and living area.
9	C	William Hall log house	c.1795	Stuccoed and exposed log house. 2 stories with 1-story stone attached kitchen. Many fine interior features.
10	C	Passmore Mill and house	c.1840	Small, banked 2-story stone mil. 2-story stone house with gable roof - in 1860s had 8 "apart- ments."
11	C	Tenant house	c.1840	2-story stone core with frame addition.
12	C	Harvey's Mill house and mill site	c. 1780	Stuccoed stone. 2-story core and major wing. Contributing small banked stone barn.

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|----|---|--------------------|--------|---|
| 13 | C | Robinson Homestead | c.1820 | Stuccoed stone. 2 stories,
3 bays wide with gable roof,
brick cornice, and pent roof. |
| 14 | I | House | c.1980 | Brick contemporary, well-conceal
by woodlands. |

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Green Valley Historic District was settled by a few families in the 18th century. According to tax lists, deeds, wills, and other documents, the heirs of Nathaniel Newlin sold off fairly large tracts to various individuals in the mid-18th century. Richard Buller's 205 acre purchase in 1753 was fairly typical. Upon his death in 1768 the property descended to his son, John, who left it ("the plantation on which I now dwell") to his son, William. Between 1814-16 William Buller subdivided the 105 acres. 161 acres were sold as a plantation (#5) and the remaining land went as limestone quarries and kilns (#2). In the 1816 deed of sale for Green Valley Farm, one-half acre was reserved as a burial ground. This burial ground was formed out of Hephzibah Baptist Church in adjacent East Fallowfield Township which had served as a regular Baptist church since 1810. Meetings of Baptists, however, had been held in homes in Green Valley since the mid-18th century.

Besides the Bullers, another early family was the Wards, who operated a grist mill on the Brandywine (#12). In 1794, Philip Ward purchased a 149-acre tract which had once belonged to Jesse, and, prior to him, John Bentley. Members of the Bentley family were very active in the formative years of the Hephzibah Baptist Church; the first "Anabaptist Society" meetings were reportedly held at "John Bentley's house, near where Ward's or Harvey's mill now stands." (Futhey & Cope, page 261)

In its most active decade, the 1860s, Green Valley featured two grist mills, a saw mill, a church and burial ground, several lime quarries and kilns, and a one-room school (#7). This Green Valley School was built in 1862 on one acre of land purchased for \$100 from the owners of Green Valley Farm (#5), Joshua and Caroline Peirce. The school property was reacquired by the farm in 1924 and converted to a tenant house.

Like the rest of the Scenic River Corridor, Green Valley grew quiet in the 1880s and has remained quiet since. Gradually its mills, school, church, and lime quarries and kilns, ceased operation and were converted to other uses or demolished. Agriculture, however, has remained an important activity thanks to several factors. In the 1920s land adjacent to the valley was absorbed into Lamot duPont's Saint Amour farm which was acquired in 1946 by the King Ranch. The presence of these large-scale farming operations encouraged the continuation of agriculture in the Green Valley.

In the 1930s and 1940s the Cheshire Land Company also was instrumental in keeping the valley land open for agricultural (and recreational) uses. By purchasing properties with acreage, then selling off the house with an acre or two, and holding the remaining land as open space, the company preserved critical natural areas of the valley.

Since then, the Brandywine Conservancy has been working to obtain conservation easements in Green Valley. The 1984 purchase and restriction of the adjoining King Ranch lands by a limited partnership is another factor helping to ensure the long-term protection of Green Valley.

Clearly, the significance of the Green Valley Historic District derives from the integrity of its natural as well as man-made resources. In terms of land and buildings, the valley appears today much as it did a century earlier. Although its mills, church, and school have ceased operation, the valley has retained a singular identity and its residents a sense of community.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Chester County Historical Society - Clipping File, Newlin, "Lands," "Business Houses," "Industry," "Churches," surname files - Vault, "Green Valley Baptist Church."
Futhey and Cope. History of Chester County (1881), p. 261; Pinkowski, Chester County Names (1962)

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property ~~Approximately~~ 780 acres

Quadrangle name Coatesville, Pennsylvania

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A	1 1 8	4 3 1 5 6 1 0 0	4 4 2 1 0 9 7 1 0	B	1 1 8	4 3 1 5 6 1 6 0	4 4 1 9 2 5 1 0
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C	1 1 8	4 3 1 3 5 1 1 0	4 4 1 1 8 6 3 1 0	D	1 1 8	4 3 1 4 7 1 0 0	4 4 1 1 7 9 1 3 1 0
E	1 1 8	4 3 1 4 2 7 1 0	4 4 1 1 8 0 6 1 0	F	1 1 8	4 3 1 4 1 5 1 0	4 4 1 1 8 3 0 1 0
G	1 1 8	4 3 1 4 2 6 1 0	4 4 1 1 8 5 1 1 0	H	1 1 8	4 3 1 5 1 1 2 1 0	4 4 1 1 8 9 6 1 0
				I	1 1 8	4 3 1 0 0	4 4 2 0 5 5 0

Verbal boundary description and justification Green Valley's boundaries are based on both property lines and natural features. Most of the district is defined by a 800-foot buffer line which parallel's much of Green Valley Road. This line is approximately at the 400-foot contour line, the ridge line which encloses this narrow valley. Property lines of small parcels are used on the south. The Brandywine River forms a natural boundary on the north.
List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	N/A	code	N/A	county	N/A	code	N/A
state	N/A	code	N/A	county	N/A	code	N/A

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Martha Leigh Wolf, Historic Preservation Specialist		
organization	Brandywine Conservancy	date	12/84
street & number	P.O. Box 141	telephone	215/388-7601
city or town	Chadds Ford	state	PA 19317

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title Larry E. Tise, State Historic Preservation Officer date _____

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date _____

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date _____

Chief of Registration

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Verbal Boundary Description—Green Valley Historic District

Beginning at a point in L.R. 15057 at the intersection with the Newlin and East Marlborough Township line;

Thence in a westerly direction along the township line a distance of approximately 1270 feet to a point being the corner of the lands of Harold E. and Ruth Thompson;

Thence in a northerly direction along the property line of Harold E. and Ruth Thompson a distance of approximately 350 feet to a point in the bed of Apple Grove Road;

Thence continuing along the line of the lands of said Thompson in a northwesterly direction approximately 780 feet to a corner;

Thence continuing along the line of the lands of said Thompson in a northeasterly direction and crossing T. 402, Hilltop View Road, at a distance of approximately 1250 feet from its intersection with L.R. 15057, Green Valley Road, a distance of approximately 980 feet to a corner;

Thence continuing along the line of the lands of said Thompson in an easterly direction a distance of approximately 640 feet to a corner;

Thence continuing along the line of the lands of said Thompson in a southerly direction a distance of approximately 600 feet to a corner;

Thence leaving the Thompson property line in a northeasterly and northerly direction approximately 800 feet from and parallel to L.R. 15057, Green Valley Road a distance of approximately 7500 feet to a point in the line of Virginia F. Wetherill and Buck and Doe Run Valley Farms;

Thence along the Wetherill/Buck and Doe Farms line in a northeasterly direction a distance of approximately 400 feet to a corner;

Thence continuing along the Wetherill/Buck and Doe Farms line in a northerly direction as it becomes the Robert W. and Beverly Allen and William W. and Bettie S. Harlan line and crosses Brandywine Creek Road a distance 1350 feet west of its intersection with L.R. 15057 a distance of approximately 1550 feet to a point in the West Branch Brandywine River;

Thence down the West Branch Brandywine River a distance of approximately 2200 feet to the point of intersection with the eastern boundary of the lands of Mary Morgan;

Thence leaving the West Branch Brandywine River along the boundary of the lands of Mary Morgan in a southerly direction a distance of approximately 900 feet to a point in the bed of L.R. 15070;

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Thence in a southerly direction and leaving L.R. 15070 and through the lands of Peter Somers a distance of approximately 2220 feet to a corner in the lands of William S. and Harriet Mertz;

Thence along the property line of William S. and Harriet Mertz in a southeasterly direction a distance of approximately 520 feet to a point being a corner of the said Mertz land;

Thence leaving the Mertz property line and along the line of the lands of Charles T. Elvin in an easterly direction a distance of approximately 100 feet to a point in the Elvin line;

Thence leaving the property line and in a southerly direction through the lands of Charles T. Elvin and parallel to and approximately 800 feet from L.R. 15057, Green Valley Road, a distance of approximately 3650 feet to a point in the bed of T. 430, Powell Road, being approximately 800 feet west of the intersection with L.R. 15057; Green Valley Road;

Thence continuing parallel to and 800 feet from L.R. 15057, Green Valley Road, in a southwesterly direction a distance of approximately 3300 feet to a point in the line of Harold E. & Ruth Thompson and Elinor Jenny;

Thence leaving the Thompson/Jenny line in a southwesterly direction and through the lands of said Thompson a distance of approximately 550 feet to a point in the bed of L.R. 15057 approximately 800 feet from its intersection with T. 402, Hilltop View Road, and Apple Grove Road;

Thence in a southeasterly direction along L.R. 15057 a distance of approximately 300 feet to the point of beginning in the Newlin-East Marlborough Township line.

Containing approximately 780 acres.