

7. Local survey organization

East Fallowfield Township

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

Four bays wide, two story, rectangular Federal building with wood shingled gable roof and lipped chimneys at both gable ends. Other features include an unique elliptical fanlight above the single offcentered main entrance, nine over six and six over six lights as well as square windows in the gables.

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27. history, significance and/or background ARCHITECTURE

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM

Box 1026

OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Interpretation of architectural styles in rural areas are more conservative than their counterparts in the city. However, the Mansel Passmore House is historically significant in architecture because it is a liberal and exacting execution of the Federal architectural style more than most structures erected in tast fallowfield. Township during this period. Passmore took advantage of the stable

28. sources of information

 West Chester. Chester County Courthouse. Recorder of Deeds. 29. prepared by:
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4. survey code

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- 27. Significance continued:
 economy after the tight money of the War of 1812 and before the scare-created by the Panic of 1837. The usual components of smooth facades, six over six and nine over six light windows, double chimneys and broad surrounds are typical of most Federal houses.
 But the elliptical fanlight with fluted trim on the main entrance of the front facade is a formal interpretation of the Federal style found in townhouses and not in the country. Most Federal farmhouses have transom lights rather than elliptical fanlights.
- 28. Sources of information continued:
 2. West Chester. Chester County Courthouse. Registrar of Wills.
 - 3. West Chester. Chester County Historical Society. Clipping File.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

STARTING at a point two thousand eighty-five (2085) feet southwest of the intersection of Glen Rose Road and Buck Run Road, then southeast for four hundred (400) feet, then west for three hundred twenty-five (325) feet, then northwest for four hundred seventy-five (475) feet, then along the south side of Glen Rose Road for three hundred twenty-five (325) feet to the place of beginning. CONTAINING 3 acres.

Chester County Historic Site Survey Code Number: 029-07-47-73

Miscellaneous Information:

- Deed recorded in Chester County Courthouse, Recorder of Deeds, Deed Book H53, page 24.
- 22 Plotted on the following maps:
 - a. 1860 Mansel Passmore
 - b. 1873 Thomas C. Humphrey
 - c. 1883 Jane Smith
- 27. Significance continued:

Built later than the Robert Wilson House, the house on the John Hanna Farm and the White Horse Tavern, the Mansel Passmore House is still historically significant in local conservative Federal, architecture because the style is being utilized ten years after the period is officially over in the Philadelphia area. It is not only a symbol of slow acceptability for a style in East Fallowfield Township, but also an indication of retaining style usage after the period ceases to be used in the eastern part of Chester County.

EVALUATION

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