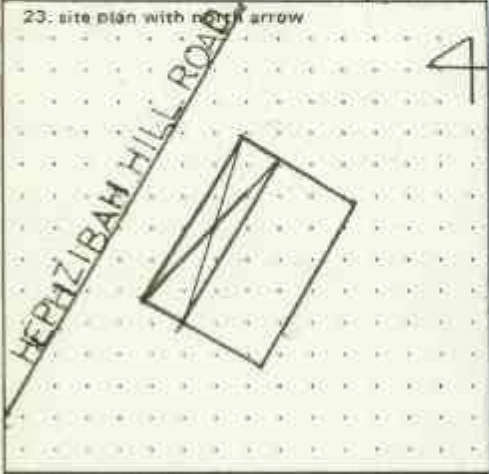


PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION Box 1026 PA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION Harrisburg, PA 17120		7. Local survey organization East Fallowfield Township		10. U.T.M. Zone <u>18</u> Easting <u>430450</u> Northing <u>4429970</u> usgs sheet: <u>Coatesville</u>	
8. property owners name and address Buck and Dee Run Valley Farms R. D. #1 Coatesville, PA 19320		9. tax parcel number / other number 47-8-15			
12. classification <input type="checkbox"/> site <input type="checkbox"/> structure <input type="checkbox"/> object <input type="checkbox"/> building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in N.R. district yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/>		13. date(s) (how determined) <u>1790, research</u>		11. status (other surveys, lists etc.) Chester County Historic Site Survey	
14. period <u>1780 - 1820</u>		15. style, design or folk type Federal		19. original use <u>farm</u> 20. present use <u>farm</u>	
16. architect or engineer		17. contractor or builder		18. primary building mat./construction <u>stone</u>	
21. condition <u>average</u>		22. integrity <u>excellent</u>			



24. photo notation
 PC: M. S. Young
 PD: 1980
 PV: Northwest Elevation

25. file/location
 Historic Research Assoc.

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

Five bay wide, two story, stucco over stone fieldstone house. Other components of this house include lipped chimneys at both gable ends, square windows in the gable ends, nine over six and six over six windows, shutters, plain box cornice, asphalt shingled gabled roof double unbalanced main entrances, narrow aperture surrounds and a full width porch.

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27. history, significance and/or background Agriculture

Originally constructed by John Powell, an eighteenth century resident of East Fallowfield Township, the structure has retained its historical integrity and is still significant in the field of agriculture. The transitional Georgian - Federal farm house was the center of a farm that remained a grain farm until after the Civil War. Moses and Robert Keech doubled the butter production between 1860 and 1870

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28. sources of information 1. Washington, D. C. National Archives. Micro-copy Collection, T1138. "Agricultural Schedules Pennsylvania, Federal Decennial Censuses, (continue on back if necessary)		29. prepared by: Historic Research Associates	
		30. date 1981	revision(s)

1. County
CHESTER

2. township
EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP

3. street address or specific location
HEPHZIBAH HILL ROAD

4. survey code
I-16

5. other name (historic name if any)
JOHN POWELL HOUSE

27. Significance continued:
and yet had only one extra cow. By 1879 Robert Keech ran the farm by himself without the aid of farm labor and he apparently purchased farm machinery because he does not list any oxen. Today the farm is an integral part of an extensive beef cattle ranch, approximately 9,000 acres, of the Buck and Doe Run Valley Farms, located in a very large section of southeastern East Fallowfield Township. In conclusion, for the past 200 years the farm has gone from grain to dairy to beef cattle operations without losing any historical significance in agriculture. In fact, it has enhanced the farm's importance.

28. Sources of information continued:
1850-1880."

2. West Chester. Chester County Courthouse. Recorder of Deeds.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

STARTING at a point two thousand nine hundred (2,900) feet north of where T378 and LR 15068 intersects, then northeast along the east side of LR 15068 for one hundred (100) feet, then southeast for one hundred twenty-five (125) feet, then southwest for one hundred (100) feet, then northwest for one hundred twenty-five (125) feet to the place of beginning.
CONTAINING .3 acres.

Chester County Historic Site Survey Code Number: 029-07-47-132

Miscellaneous Information:

1. Deed recorded in Chester County Courthouse, Recorder of Deeds, Deed Book
2. Plotted on the following maps:
 - a. 1860 - M. Keech
 - b. 1873 - Robert Keech
 - c. 1883 - Robert Keech

EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)

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EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP MRA, CHESTER COUNTY
JOHN POWELL HOUSE (I-16)
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In the evolution of agriculture in East Fallowfield there are two distinct growth periods; one beginning in 1770 and ending about 1820 and the other flourishing in the post Civil War period. The first period emphasized the construction of utilitarian buildings, while the post Civil War expansion concentrated on land use changes.

In the first agricultural phase the success of the agrarian economy resulted in the erection of more substantial farmsteads. At no other time in East Fallowfield's history is there evidence of such a prolific construction period in agrarian buildings.

Despite the growth of the agricultural economy and the increase in construction, the interpretation of both the Georgian and Federal styles continued to be vernacular.

The significance of this property is its association with a local collection of farmsteads that have in common a vernacular form of architecture and a relationship to a specific agricultural era, 1770-1820.