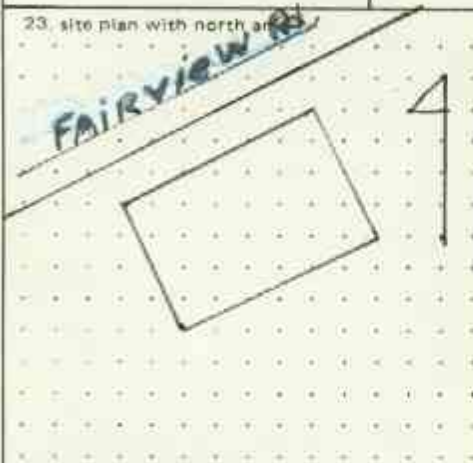


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| 1. PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION Box 1026 PA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION Harrisburg, PA 17120 | | 7. Local survey organization: East Fallowfield Township | | 5. Present name CHESTER | 1. County CHESTER |
| 8. Property owners name and address Margolis, W. Price 379 Chestnut Street Coatesville, Pa 19380 | | 9. tax parcel number / other number 47-8-34 | | | |
| 12. classification site () structure () object () building (X) in N.R. district yes () no () | | 13. date(s) (how determined) c 1846, research | | 10. U.T.M. zone 18 43 2 700 easting 4 42 13 2 0 northing | |
| 15. architect or engineer | | 14. period 1820-1860 | | 11. status (other surveys, lists etc.) Chester County Historic Site Survey | |
| 16. architect or engineer | | 17. contractor or builder | | 18. original use school, residence | |
| 15. architect or engineer | | 18. primary building mat./construction stone | | 19. present use vacant | |
| 15. architect or engineer | | 20. condition fair, poor | | 21. condition fair, poor | |
| 15. architect or engineer | | 22. integrity average | | 22. integrity average | |
| 23. site plan with north arrow  | | 24. photo notation PC; M.S. Young PD; 1980 PV; Northwest Elevation | | 2. Municipality EAST FALLOWFIELD TWP. | |
| 25. file/location Historic Research Assoc | | 26. brief description (note unusual features, integrity, environment, threats and associated buildings) Two bay wide, one and one-half story educational structure with a gable, corrugated tin roof. Other features of this structure include small chimneys at both gable ends, whitewash over stone facades, one over one light windows, narrow surrounds, "lie on your stomach windows," single off-centered main entrance, plain cornice and paneled door. There is also a small extension on the rear of the building. | | 6. other name (historic name if any) ROBERT STEEN HOUSE | |
| 27. history, significance and/or background Education This structure was built for Robert Steen who opened it to educate the young people of the area. It is cited as a school-house on the T. J. Kennedy 1860 Chester County map. Steen also boarded the school-master, Benjamin F. Buckwalter, twenty-seven years of age, as is evidenced in the Robert Steen household listing in the 1850 Federal Census. | | 3. street address or specific location FAIRVIEW ROAD | | 4. survey code I-20 | |
| 28. sources of information 1. Washington, D.C. National Archives. Microcopy Collection, "Seventh Federal Census." 2. West Chester, Chester County Court House, Recorder | | 29. prepared by: Historic Research Associates | | 30. year 1981 | |
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27. Significance continued:

This data was not known until the research for the multiple resource nomination was conducted on this property. It is the oldest school-house still standing in East Fallowfield Township. Most one room schoolhouses are either gone or have been converted to other uses; however, this structure remains in an untouched state and could be easily restored.

28. Sources on information continued
of Deeds

3. West Chester, Chester County Historical Society. Map Collection.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Starting at a point two thousand seven hundred fifty (2750) feet southwest of where Strasburg Road intersects with Fairview Road on parcel 47-8-34, then southwest on the south side of Fairview Road for two hundred (200) feet, then southwest for two hundred (200) feet, then northeast for two hundred (200) feet, then northwest for two hundred (200) feet to the place of beginning.
CONTAINING .9 acre

Chester County Historical Site Survey Code Number: 029-07-47-58 -

Miscellaneous Information:

1. Deed recorded in Chester County Courthouse, Recorder of Deeds, Deed Book T27, page 281.
2. Plotted on the following maps:
 - a. 1860 - sited
 - b. 1873 - sited
 - c. 1883 - not marked

EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)

Jane L.S. Davidson
Historic Research Associates

EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP MRA, CHESTER COUNTY
ROBERT STEEN HOUSE (I-20)
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This structure is an interpretation of the Greek Revival style that is more vernacular than those Greek Revival buildings found in the Ercildoun Historic District (E-2, E-26, E-27, E-29). It is possible that this building was originally constructed by Robert Steen as a residence and later served as a school. It's significance lies in the fact that it is one of the earliest surviving structures associated with education in the township.