

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

8. Property owners name and address
 Braid, Byron S. and Marcia A.
 Box 292, R. D. #1
 Coatesville, PA 19320

9. tax parcel number / other number
 47-6-62

10. U.T.M. zone 18 Easting 4 3 3 40 0

11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)
 Chester County Historic Site Survey

Northing 4 4 2 30 3 5
 Usgs sheet: Coatesville

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

13. date(s) (how determined)
 c1800, research

15. style, design or folk type
 vernacular

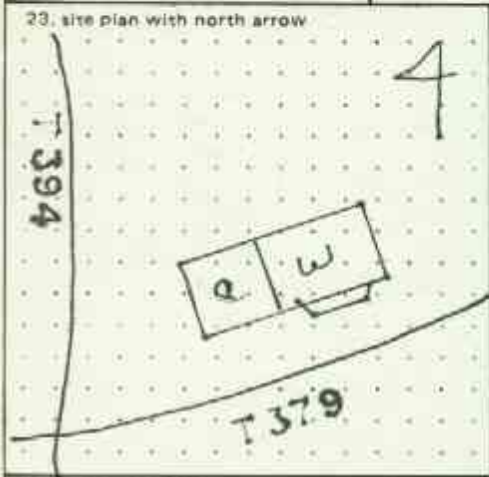
19. original use
 farm

16. architect or engineer

14. period
 1780-1820

18. primary building mat./construction
 stone

20. present use
 residence



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

25. file/location
 Historic Research Assoc.

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

The core of the structure is four bays wide, two story rectangular building with an asphalt singled gable roof. Other features of the core are a lipped interior chimney, six over one light windows, recessed main entrance that is offcentered to the left, plain cornice which overhangs on the gable ends, plastered facades, and a shed dormer on the rear facade. The one story wing has a bay window on the front facade and is the present kitchen. The owners are very interested in preserving the historical integrity of the structure through proper maintenance procedures.

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27. history, significance and/or background
 Local legend/Folklore
 Originally built as a farmhouse, it is significant in local history in the areas of architecture and folklore. Because additions have been made by various owners through the decades of its existence it is an excellent example of a Pennsylvania additive farmhouse. The nineteenth century core is really two sections built approximately

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28. sources of information
 1. West Chester. Chester County Courthouse.
 Recorder of Deeds.

29. prepared by:
 Historic Research Associates

30. date
 1987

revision(s)

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1. County
 CHESTER

2. municipality
 EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP

3. street address or specific location
 SAW MILL ROAD

4. survey code
 I-22

5. present name
 JOSHUA POSEY HOUSE

27. Significance continued:
fifty years apart and now blended together as one compatible unit. The wing is a twentieth century renovation to expand needed kitchen space. A structure of this caliber, to the local area because it leaves for future generations details of the occupants in various time periods, whereas a pure interpretation of a particular architectural style does not have any clues of subsequent property owners. In addition, this house is the reputed hangout for Sandy Flash, a highwayman of reknown. The location of the property for such a hideaway is ideal because it is located in a valley north of a winding road between massive boulders and a stream, known as "Cold Springs Hollow." The story of Sandy Flash has periodically received notoriety and is told to each new generation. An attempt was made to find primary resource evidence on this which gave negative results. Until such documentation is found the story must remain a fascinating episode in local history.

28. Sources of information continued:
2. West Chester. Chester County Historical Society. Clipping File

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

STARTING at the northeast corner of T379 and T394, then northeast along the north side of T379 for 220 feet, then northwest for two hundred (200) feet, then southwest to the east side of T394 for two hundred (200) feet, then southeast along the east side of T394 for two hundred twenty-five (225) feet to the place of beginning.

CONTAINING 1 acre.

Chester County Historic Site Survey Code Number: 029-07-47-145

Miscellaneous information:

1. Deed recorded in the Chester County Courthouse, Recorder of Deeds, Deed Book P51, page 178.
2. Plotted on the following maps:
 - a. 1860 - J. N. Pierce
 - b. 1873 - William Stamp
 - c. 1883 - J. N. Pierce

EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)
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EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP MRA, CHESTER COUNTY
JOSHUA PUSEY HOUSE (I-22)
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

NATIONAL REGISTER

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.

In many eastern Pennsylvania areas, the method of increasing living space was not demolition, but addition to existing buildings. This phenomenon has been called the Pennsylvania additive farmhouse. There were very few examples of this type in East Fallowfield. While not proven, this expansion may be the result of the relative value and worth of the farmland and its resources. The Joshua Pusey House may be the product of a more wealthy or prosperous farm.

The property also has notoriety for its association with a regional highwayman. This connection is only hearsay and no evaluation of its significance can be made.