

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  
 Beck, Ora  
 R. D. #1, Box 363  
 Coatesville, PA 19320

9. tax parcel number / other number  
 47-5-28

10. U.T.M. zone Easting Northing  
 18 430390  
 4422410  
 usgs sheet: Coatesville

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

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

13. date(s) (how determined)  
 1796, datestone  
 14. period  
 1780-1820

15. style, design or folk type  
 English Colonial

19. original use farm  
 20. present use residence  
 21. condition average  
 22. integrity excellent

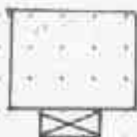
16. architect or engineer

17. contractor or builder

18. primary building mat./construction  
 stone

23. site plan with north arrow

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STRASBURG RD.

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)

Three bay wide, two story rectangular building with an asphalt shingled gable roof. Other components of this English Colonial farm-house include six over six and one over one light windows, stucco over stone facades, pent roof, bow window, horizontal boards on the rear section, plain stack chimney flush with the gable end, broad architrave trim, single centered main entrance and a partial front porch.

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27. history, significance and/or background Religion

Rev. Joshua Vaughan was much more than one's average minister in a local church. He started in life as a blacksmith and rose to become one of the great orators of his time in Chester County. As a young man his leadership abilities attracted the attention of his fellow citizens who during the Revolutionary War elected him Deputy Sheriff of the county and custodian of the prison at Chester.

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28. sources of information

1. Adams, Archibald G. Hephzibah Baptist Church  
 1720-1953. Privately printed, 1953.

29. prepared by  
 Historic Research Associates.

30. date 1981  
 revision(s)

(continue on back if necessary)

1. County  
 CHESTER

2. municipality  
 EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP  
 6. other name (historic name if any)  
 REV. JOSHUA VAUGHAN HOUSE

3. street address or specific location  
 STRASBURG ROAD

4. survey code  
 SRTH-22

27. Significance continued:

At the close of his term in office, he began to preach and became a Baptist minister. He lovingly was nicknamed the fighting parson because of the way he handled rowdy young men. His powerful preaching created a charisma among people that soon the church could not hold the crowd, which moved to a nearby grove. In 1791, he accepted the responsibilities as pastor of the Hephzibah Baptist Church. Five years later he built this house, a short distance west of the church complex. Rev. Vaughan has not received the recognition that should be accorded to such a flamboyant figure who livened the East Fallowfield countryside with his eloquent use of words.

28. Sources of information continued:

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

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

STARTING at a point on the north side of Strasburg Road where parcel 47-5-28 intersects with the Strasburg Road, then northwest for two hundred sixty-five (265) feet, then northeast for one hundred (100) feet, then northwest for two hundred fifty (250) feet, then southwest for one hundred seventy-five (175) feet, then southeast for five hundred ten (510) feet, then northeast along the north side of Strasburg Road for seventy-five (75) feet to the place of beginning.

CONTAINING 1.4 acres.

Chester County Historic Site Survey Code Number: 029-07-47-150

Miscellaneous Information:

1. Deed recorded in Chester County Courthouse, Recorder of Deeds, Deed Book F21, page 214.
2. Plotted on the following maps:
  - a. 1860 - Faddis
  - b. 1873 - Thomas Faddis
  - c. 1883 - Thomas Y. Faddis

EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)

Jane L. S. Davidson  
Historic Research Associates

EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP MRA, CHESTER COUNTY  
STRASBURG ROAD THEMATIC GROUP  
REV. JOSHUA VAUGHAN HOUSE (SRTH-22)  
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

NATIONAL REGISTER

For over one hundred fifty years the Strasburg Road contributed to the development and expansion of the agricultural economy in East Fallowfield Township. The road was an important east-west transportation and commercial corridor through the township and had its greatest impact on the development of the township during the third historic period, 1811-1865.

The significance of this property is in the relationship to the Strasburg Road as a local reaction to the accessibility of the road. The farmer located his buildings close to the road in order to be more accessible to the marketplace.