

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM – PHOTO/SITE PLAN SHEET

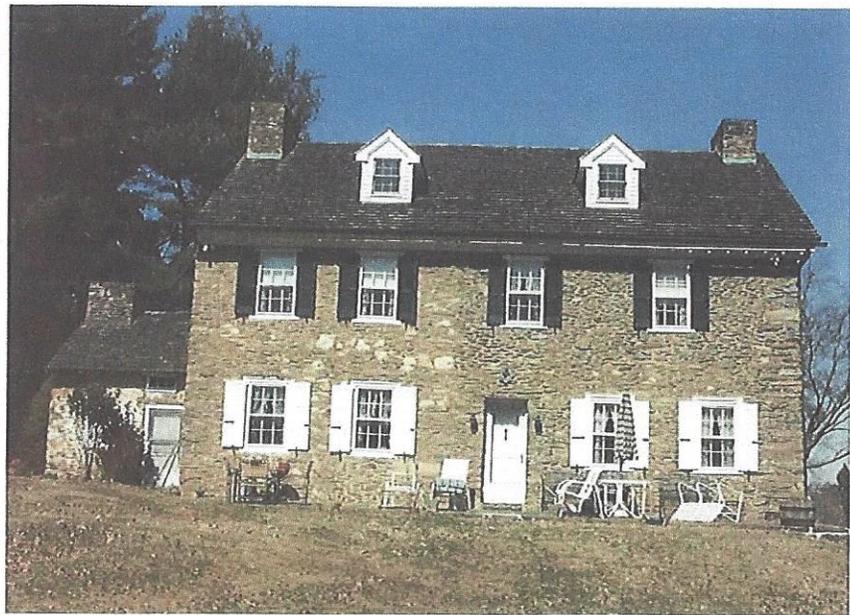
Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission, Bureau of Historic Preservation
Commonwealth Keystone Building, 2nd Floor, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1026

Survey Code:	044	Historic / Other Name:	Richard White House
Tax Parcel:	51-3-19	Address:	900 Copeland School Road
County:	Chester 029	Municipality:	East Bradford Township

Richard White House

Photographs

Photo 1. Richard White House, facing N Note: Core is 1-story section on extreme left.



Photographer:
Wise Preservation Planning

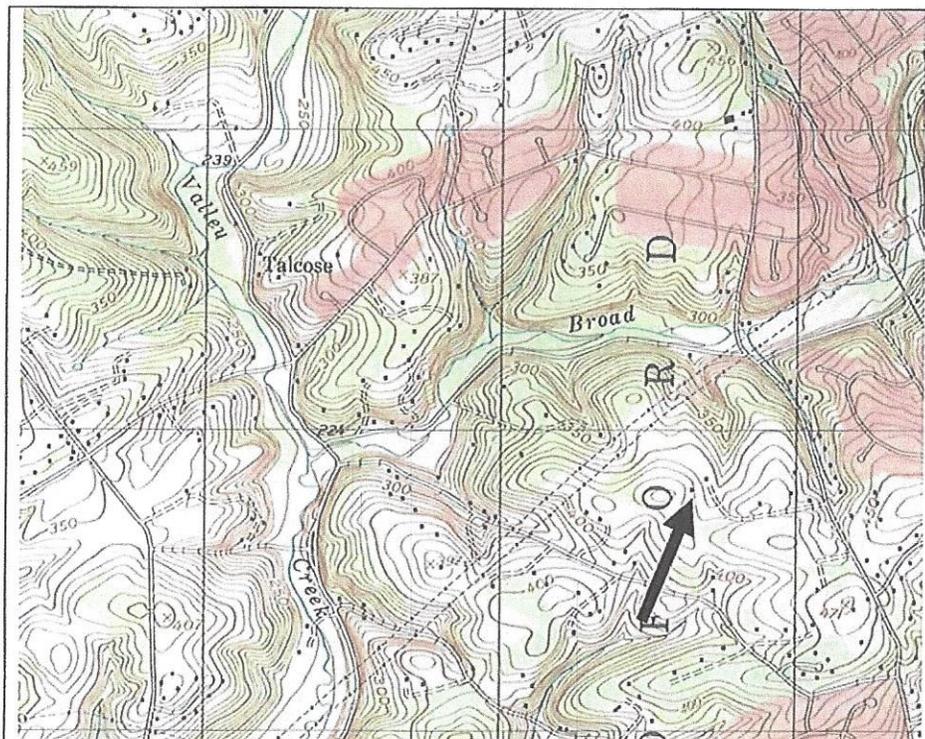
Date: 4/2005

Negative Location:
Township Building

Location Map

Unionville USGS Quad

(See Site Plan in Additional Documentation)



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IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION				
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County	1. Chester 029	2.		
Municipality	1. East Bradford Township	2.		
Address	900 Copeland School Road			
Historic Name	Richard White House			
Other Name				
Owner Name / Address	Richard J. Comerford, 900 Copeland School Road, West Chester 19380			
Owner Category	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	Public - local	Public - state	Public - Federal
Resource Category	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	District	Site	Structure Object
Number/Approximate Number of Resources Covered by This Form	4			
USGS Quad	1. Unionville	2.		
UTM References	A.	B.	C.	D.

HISTORIC AND CURRENT FUNCTIONS			
Historic Function Category		Subcategory	Code
A.	DOMESTIC	Single dwelling	01A
B.	AGRICULTURE	Animal facility	09D
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D.			
Particular Type	A.	Farmhouse	
	B.	Stable	
	C.	Barn (ruin)	
	D.	Block Shed	
Current Function Category		Subcategory	Code
A.	DOMESTIC	Single dwelling	01A
B.	AGRICULTURE	Animal facility	09D
C.	VACANT / NOT IN USE		98
D.	DOMESTIC	Secondary Structure	01C

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION				
Architectural Classification	A. Colonial 10		B. No Style 01	
	D. No Style 01		Other	
Exterior Materials	Foundation	Stone 40	Roof	Wood shingles 22
	Walls	Stone 40	Walls	Stucco 61
	Other		Other	
Structural System	1. Masonry - stone 22		2.	
Width 5 bay E / 25 feet	Depth 16 feet / 2 rooms B		Stories / Height 2½ B	

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built: ca. 1723 Additions/Alterations Dates: ca. 1750, 1790, 1949
 Basis for Dating: Documentary Physical
 Explain: Tax records, architectural details, historical commission information

Cultural / Ethnic Affiliation	1.	2.	Associated Individuals	1.	2.
Associated Events	1.	2.	Architects / Engineers	1.	2.
Builders	1.	2.			

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Futhey, J. Smith and Gilbert Cope, *History of Chester County, Pennsylvania* (Philadelphia: Louis H. Everts, 1881).

PREVIOUS SURVEY, DETERMINATIONS

Chester County Historic Site Survey 1982 (#044)

EVALUATION (Survey Director/Consultants Only)

Individual NR Potential: Yes ___ No Context(s): C. Architecture
 Contributes to Potential District ___ Yes No District Name/Status: _____

Class: 1 Fine example of early Colonial architecture (core) and old additions. Property is probably eligible for National Register.

THREATS

Threats: 1 1. None 2. Public Development 3. Private Development 4. Neglect 5. Other

Explain:

SURVEYOR INFORMATION

Surveyor Name / Title	Robert Wise	Date	7/2005
Project Name	East Bradford Township Historic Resource Survey 2004–2005		
Organization	Wise Preservation Planning	Telephone	(610) 722-5818
Street and No.	Station Square 1, Suite 104, 37 North Valley Road		
City, State	Paoli, Pa.	Zip Code	19301
Additional Survey Documentation	#044 Chester County Historic Site Survey 1982		
Associated Survey Codes			

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Photo 2. House, facing northeast. Note the core on the left, a typical example of the houses constructed in the first wave of settlement.



Photo 3. Rear of White house, facing east. Note stone shed addition and open porch. Core is on right.

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Photo 4. White House, facing south east.

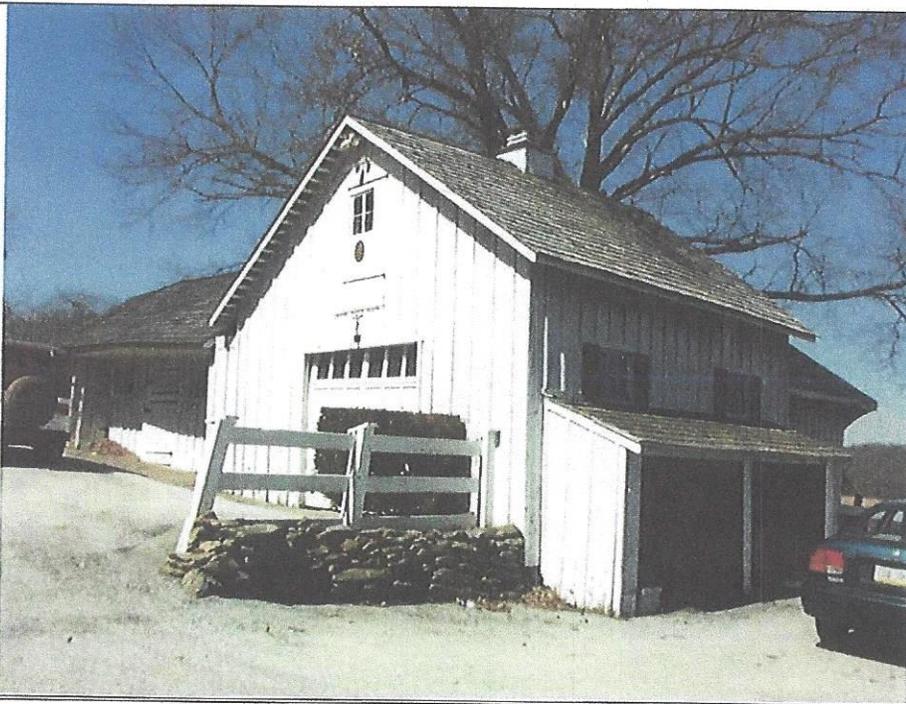


Photo 5. Stable building, facing southwest.

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL RESOURCE SURVEY FORM – NARRATIVE SHEET 89C

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Address	900 Copeland School Rd.	Historic / Other Name	Richard White House

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE: The core of the house is the Hall Plan section on the west end of the house complex, thought to date to 1723. Richard White, the builder, died in 1738. The core was enlarged with a Penn Plan section and a side hall plan section later in the eighteenth century. When the large stone barn east of the house collapsed, it was rebuilt as a three-bay garage.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

This 68.6-acre property is located in the northcentral portion of East Bradford Township, on the west side of Copeland School Road. Smaller parcels have been subdivided around the border of the property, leaving the remaining parcel a very large flag lot. A very long drive leads west from Copeland School Road, then turns north to the remnants of the farmstead. It passes east of the historic farmhouse, then west of a noncontributing garage to the east side of a stable building. A noncontributing block building is located north of the garage. The land drains to the north.

The house is a three-part building facing south. It consists of a Hall Plan core (c. 1723), a Penn Plan addition, and a center hall plan end addition. The three sections are arranged laterally.

1. Core – one-story, two-bay Hall Plan
 - a. End-gabled roof clad with wood shingles
 - i. Large stone chimney on west end of ridge
 - b. Stone walls were stuccoed at one time
 - i. South elevation has a single 2x2 window west of a wide door
 - ii. Paneled shutters around window on south elevation
 - iii. Three-light window on north elevation
 - c. Stone foundation
2. Penn Plan addition – two-and-a-half story, two-bay section in center of building complex
 - a. End-gabled roof clad with wood shingles
 - i. Large stone chimney on west end of ridge
 - ii. Gabled dormer with 6x6 window on both slopes of roof
 - b. Stone walls
 - i. Symmetrical fenestration – two 6x6 windows on first and second floors
 - ii. Louvered and paneled shutters
 - iii. Attic windows are 2x2 units
 - iv. Door on south elevation converted into a window; door on north elevation opens into an enclosed porch
 - c. Stone foundation
3. Center Hall addition – two-and-a-half story, three-bay section
 - a. End-gabled roof – same height as the Penn Plan section
 - i. Large stone chimney on east end of ridge

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- ii. Gabled roof dormer on each slope of roof
- b. Rubble stone walls
 - i. Asymmetrical fenestration
 - 1. Second floor has two 6x6 windows with louvered shutters
 - 2. First floor has thick paneled door and two 6x6 windows with paneled shutters; door and windows are not aligned with windows on second floor
 - ii. North elevation has door opening onto rear porch
 - 1. One-story porch, partially enclosed
 - 2. Shed roof clad with asphalt shingles
 - 3. Enclosed portion of walls are stone
 - 4. Open portion of porch has door and 6x6 window; shed roof supported by square posts
 - 5. Enclosed portion of porch has tripartite six-light casement window
- c. Stone foundation

STABLE

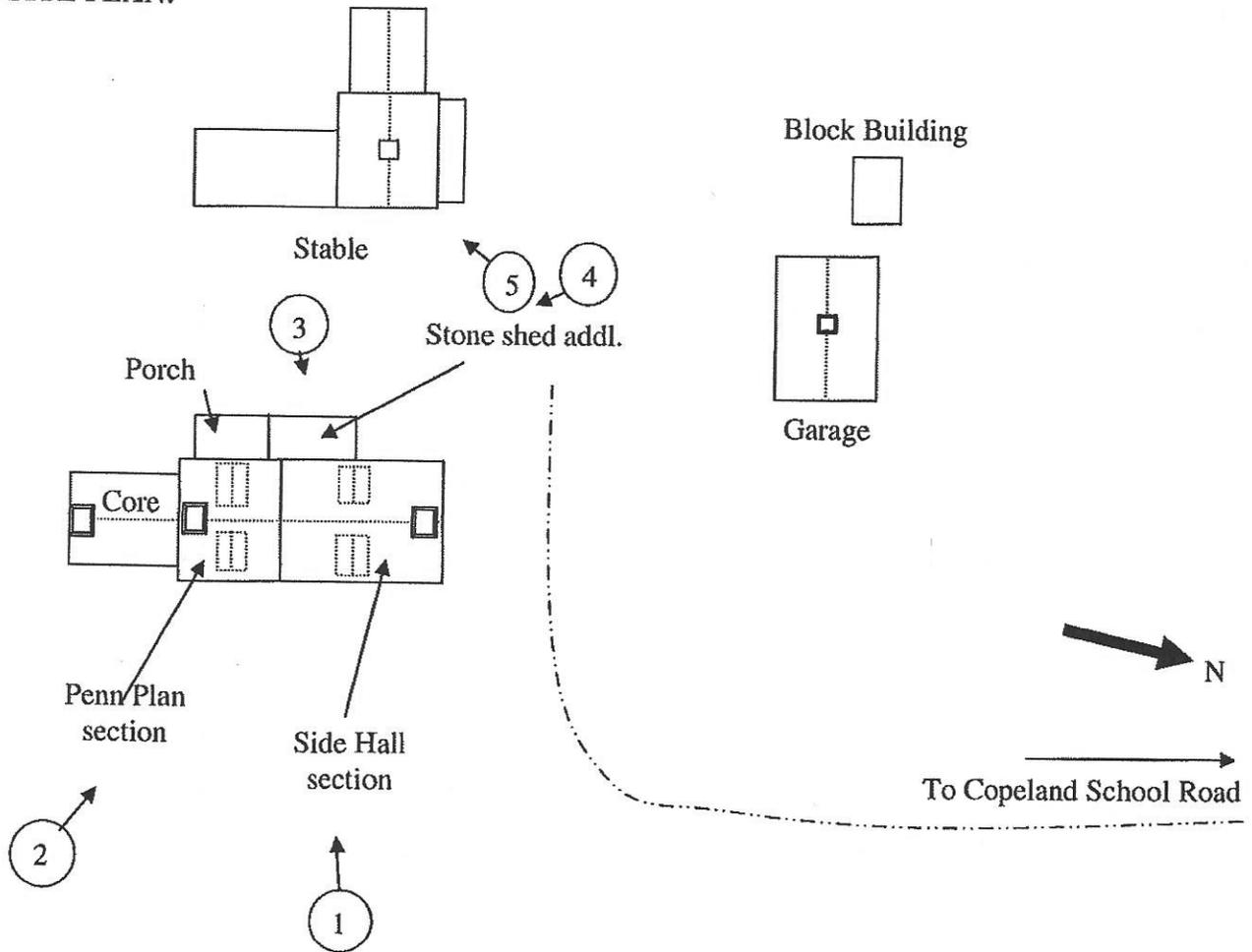
The stable is a three-part building north of the house. It consists of an east-facing core with a rear ell and a north wing.

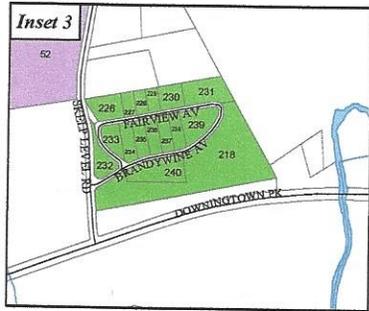
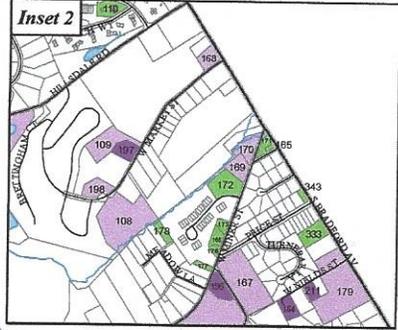
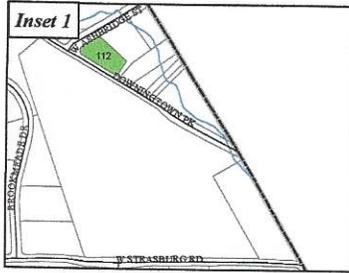
- 1. Core – one-and-a-half story, two-bay building
 - a. End-gabled roof clad with wood shingles
 - i. Centered stuccoed chimney
 - ii. Sprockets (fake rafter and purlin tails)
 - b. Board and batten siding
 - i. Six-light windows on east elevation with pointed lintels
 - ii. Loading door in south gable, attic level; four lights in upper half of door, held by long strap hinges
 - iii. Overhead garage door on lower level, south gable
 - iv. Two garage bays on east elevation under two-foot lean-to extension
 - c. Stone foundation
- 2. North wing – one-story, two-bay section
 - a. Lower roof height than core
 - b. End-gabled roof
 - c. Board and batten walls
 - d. Two garage bays on east wall
- 3. Rear ell – one-story, two-bay section
 - a. End-gabled roof clad with wood shingles
 - b. Board and batten walls
 - c. Two Dutch doors on south elevation under overhanging roof
 - d. Stone foundation

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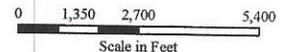
SITE PLAN:





Legend	
	Historic bridges
	Roads
	Streams
	Bodies of water
	Tax parcels
	Township boundary
	Historic properties Class I
	Historic properties Class II
	Class I DOE
	Class II

Township of East Bradford Historic Resources Map



Scale in Feet
Brandywine Conservancy
 Environmental Management Center
 P.O. Box 141 Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania 19317 (302) 366-2700

Data Source: Base data from Chester County GIS Department, 2007. Historic bridges and from Chester County Parks and Recreation Department. Historic properties from Wise Preservation Planning (recreated by Brandywine Conservancy based on 2007 base data, 9/2008).

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