

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 / HR #:	66-011	Historic / Other Name:	DeHaven, Clara Brinton, House
Tax Parcel #	66-2-11	Address:	870 East Street Rd.
County:	Chester 029	Municipality:	Thornbury Township

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Photographs

Photo 1: East and North (front) Elevations, House

Photographer:

J. Christopher Lang

Date: 4/20/2007

Negative Location:

Thornbury Township



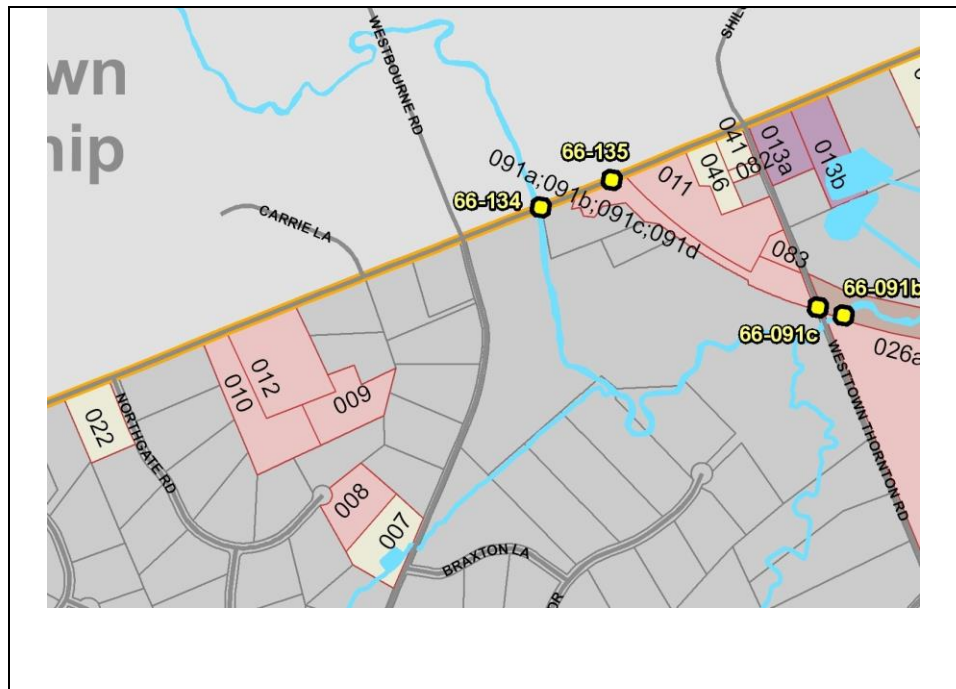
Location Map

Thornbury Township
 Historic Resource
 Inventory GIS Map

LOOK FOR: HR #011

MAP KEY

- 011 = HR Number
- Purple = Class 1
- Pink = Class 2
- Yellow = Class 3
- Med. Grey = Class 4



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IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION				
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County	1. Chester 029	2.		
Municipality	1. Thornbury Township	2.		
Address	870 East Street Rd.			
Historic Name	DeHaven, Clara Brinton, House			
Other Name				
Owner Name / Address				
Owner Category	X Private	Public – local	Public – state	Public – Federal
Resource Category	X Building	District	Site	Structure Object
Number/Approximate Number of Resources Covered by This Form	5			
USGS Quad	1. West Chester	2.		
UTM References	A.	B.	C.	D.

HISTORIC AND CURRENT FUNCTIONS			
Historic Function Category		Subcategory	Code
A.	Domestic	Single Dwelling	01 A
B.	Domestic	Secondary Structure	01 C
C.	Domestic	Secondary Structure	01 C
D.	Landscape	Garden	15 D
Particular Type	A.	Mansion House	
	B.	Carriage House	
	C.	Privy	
	D.	Gazebo	
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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION				
Architectural Classification	A. Gothic Revival	B.	C.	
	32			
	D.	Other		
Exterior Materials	Foundation		Roof	Slate 45
	Walls	Stone 40 (Serpentine)	Walls	Asbestos 64
	Other	Metal 50	Other	
Structural System	1. Masonry 20		2.	
Width 5 Bays E	Depth 2 Rooms B		Stories / Height 2.5 B	

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built: X c. 1881 Additions/Alterations Dates: c.

Basis for Dating: ___ Documentary X Physical

Explain: According to the deeds, Clara Brinton DeHaven acquired this property in 1879 without a house on it. However, the house appears on the 1883 Breou’s Map of the township.

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

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Breou's Original Series of Farm Maps, Chester County, Pennsylvania. Philadelphia: W. H. Kirk & Co., 1883.

Dorchester, Jane E. “Deed Lineage Historic Resource #011, DeHaven, Clara Brinton, House.” Thornbury Township, July 31, 2009.

PREVIOUS SURVEY, DETERMINATIONS

Included in the Chester County Historic Sites Survey as Thornbury Township Historic Site #12, 1979.

EVALUATION (Survey Director/Consultants Only)

Individual NR Potential: X Yes ___ No Context(s):

Contributes to Potential District X Yes ___ No District Name/Status: Serpentine Multiple Property Group/Potential

Class: 2

Justification: The Township of Thornbury has deemed this property to have the potential to be eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places either as an individual resource or as a contributing resource to a potential historic district.

THREATS

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

Explain:

SURVEYOR INFORMATION			
Surveyor Name / Title	Jane E. Dorchester	Date	8/2009
Project Name	Thornbury Township VPP Historic Resource Inventory & Survey		
Organization	Jane E. Dorchester, Historic Preservation Consultant	Telephone	610-431-3737
Street and No.	19 S. Church St.		
City, State	West Chester, Pa.	Zip Code	19382
Additional Survey Documentation			
Associated Survey Codes	PHMC Key #022607		

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL RESOURCE SURVEY FORM – NARRATIVE SHEET 89C

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The Clara Brinton DeHaven House is a five-bay, two-and-a-half-story, side-gable, serpentine stone, Gothic Revival building that faces north. There are two interior chimneys, one at each gable elevation. The north (front) elevation features a center cross-gable. A one-story, hipped-roofed, wood porch wraps around the house on its north and east elevations and the east end of the south elevation. The south end of the east porch and the south porch have been enclosed in glass. There is a two-bay, two-and-a-half-story, frame ell attached to the south (back) elevation’s west end. A two-story, flat-roofed pavilion is located on the ell’s southwest corner. A two-bay, one-story, frame addition is attached to the ell’s south elevation. The west elevation features a three-sided, three-story, serpentine stone, Queen Anne tower with a pyramidal roof and a metal oriel window on the second floor at the tower’s southwest corner. This tower is located in the middle of the west elevation, between the stone core and the frame ell.

There is a three-bay, two-story, front-gable, frame carriage house located south of the house. It is clad in board and batten and features a deep, full-length, one-story, hipped-roofed, wood porch on its north elevation which protects the entrances to the building. There is a small, square, wood cupola in the center of the roof ridge.

A one-story, front-gable, frame privy with a buttressed north (front) elevation wall and a “kicked” roof is located immediately adjacent to the carriage house on the east. The privy is clad in board and batten. The property also features a wooden gazebo located west of the house and iron driveway gates with stone gate posts.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (including a brief statement of significance for Class 2 properties only):

The property that the Clara Brinton DeHaven House is located on was acquired by Clara Brinton DeHaven in 1879 from Samuel J. Sharpless, owner of Lenape Stock Farm (HR #012). By 1883, the house had been erected. Clara retained ownership of her house and property until her death in 1912 at which time her daughters, Clara Brinton DeHaven, Jr., and Sarah Cole DeHaven inherited the property from their mother’s estate. They sold the property in 1914.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Clara Brinton DeHaven House is significant for three reasons. First, it is significant under Criterion C (architecture) because it is a good example of Gothic Revival architecture from the mid to late Nineteenth Century. The house is one of a collection of excellent examples of fashionable mid-Victorian architecture located in Thornbury Township. Second, it is significant for what it can tell us about the evolution of the use of serpentine stone as a construction material. And third, it is significant because of what it can tell us about the establishment and development of country estates and gentleman’s farms in Thornbury Township in the mid-Nineteenth Century through the early Twentieth Century.

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East Elevation, House



South (back) and East Elevations, House

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West Elevation, House



North (front) and East Elevations, Carriage House, with Privy on Left

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East and North (front) Elevations, Privy



Gazebo, Looking West with Westtown Train Station (HR #091) in Background

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East Half, Iron Driveway Gate, Looking East