

**PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM – PHOTO/SITE PLAN SHEET**  
**Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission, Bureau of Historic Preservation**  
**Commonwealth Keystone Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1026**

Survey Code / HR #:	66-024	Historic / Other Name:	None
Tax Parcel #	66-2-33-E	Address:	1281 South Westtown Rd.
County:	Chester 029	Municipality:	Thornbury Township

**1281 South Westtown Rd.**

**Photographs:** South (front) & West Elevations, House

**Photographer:** J. Christopher Lang

**Date:** 4/16/2009

**Original Negative Location:** Thornbury



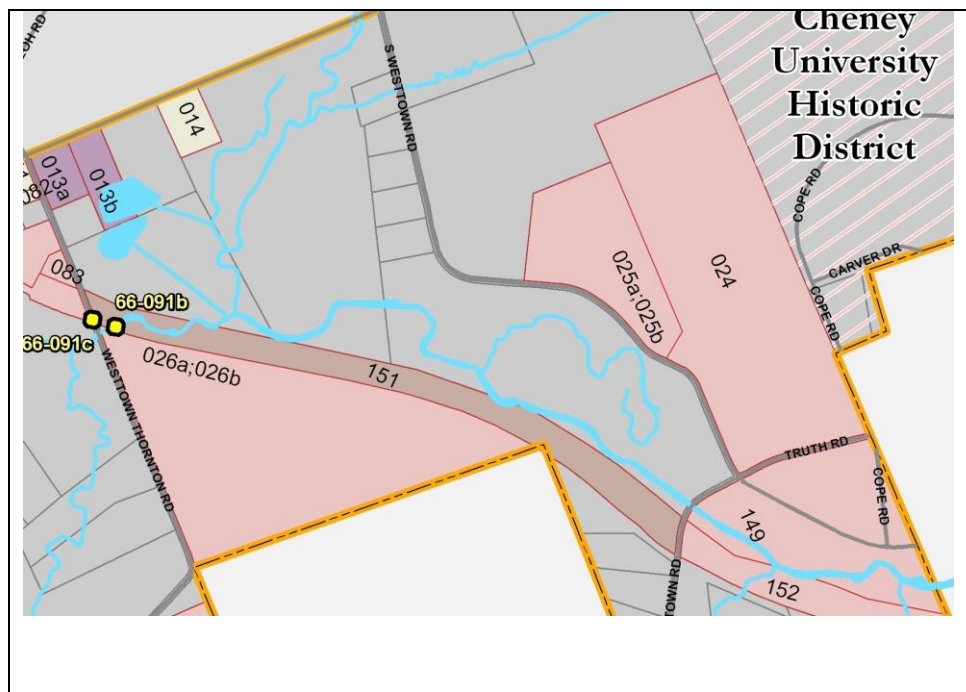
**Location Map**

Thornbury Township  
 Historic Resource  
 Inventory GIS Map

**LOOK FOR: HR #024**

**MAP KEY**

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



**PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM – DATA SHEET**  
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<b>IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION</b>					
Survey Code/HR #	66-024	Tax Parcel No.	66-2-33-E		
County	1. Chester 029	2.			
Municipality	1. Thornbury Township	2.			
Address	1281 South Westtown Rd.				
Historic Name	None				
Other Name					
Owner Name / Address					
Owner Category	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Public – local	<input type="checkbox"/> Public – state	<input type="checkbox"/> Public – Federal	
Resource Category	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Object
Number/Approximate Number of Resources Covered by This Form	1				
USGS Quad	1. West Chester		2.		
UTM References	A.	B.	C.	D.	

<b>HISTORIC AND CURRENT FUNCTIONS</b>			
Historic Function Category		Subcategory	Code
A.	Domestic	Single Dwelling	01 A
B.			
C.			
D.			
Particular Type	A.	Tenant House	
	B.		
	C.		
	D.		
Current Function Category		Subcategory	Code
A.	Domestic	Single Dwelling	01 A
B.			
C.			
D.			

<b>PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
Architectural Classification	A. No Style		B.	C.
	D.		Other:	
Exterior Materials	Foundation		Roof	Asphalt 63
	Walls	Stone 40	Walls	Aluminum 55
	Other	Wood 20	Other	
Structural System	1. Masonry 20		2.	
Width 2 Bays B	Depth 2 Rooms B		Stories / Height 3.5 C	

**HISTORICAL INFORMATION**

Year Built: X c. 1800 Additions/Alterations Dates:

Basis for Dating: X Documentary    Physical

Explain: This property is associated with Meadowcroft (HR #025). According to the Tax Assessment Records, there is a stone spring house on the property in 1799. This house may have been the spring house.

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**

Chester County Tax Records, Chester County Triennial Tax Assessments, Thornbury Township, 1796-1802. Photocopy.

Dorchester, Jane E. "Deed Lineage Historic Resource #025, Meadowcroft." Thornbury Township, July 31, 2009.

**PREVIOUS SURVEY, DETERMINATIONS**

Included in the Chester County Historic Sites Survey as Thornbury Township Historic Site #25, 1979.

**EVALUATION (Survey Director/Consultants Only)**

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

Contributes to Potential District    Yes X No District Name/Status:

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:

<b>SURVEYOR INFORMATION</b>			
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 #065277		

**PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL RESOURCE SURVEY FORM – NARRATIVE SHEET 89C**

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**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

The house at 1281 South Westtown Road is a two-bay, three-and-a-half-story, side-gable, stucco over stone bank-house that faces south. It has an interior chimney on its east gable. It has had one addition made to it which is a three-bay, two-and-a-half-story, side-gable, frame wing attached to its east elevation. The wing has an interior chimney on the east end of the north face of its roof. A one-bay, one-story, shed-roofed, frame ell was added to the first floor of the wing's north elevation.

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

Until the mid-Twentieth Century, this property was part of the Meadowcroft property (HR #025). It is possible that the house was originally a spring house. A stone spring house shows up in the 1799 Tax Assessment Records for the property. If this house is that spring house, then it was built for John Townsend [II].

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:**

This property is significant because of the role it played in the history of Meadowcroft (HR #025) which is significant because it is one of the few remaining farmsteads in Thornbury Township.

**PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL RESOURCE SURVEY FORM – PHOTOGRAPH SHEET**

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Photographer	Jane E. Dorchester	Date	4/16/2009



South (front) and East Elevations, House