

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 #:	66-027	Historic / Other Name:	Sproat, H. E., House
Tax Parcel #:	66-2-21	Address:	1370 Westtown Thornton Rd.
County:	Chester 029	Municipality:	Thornbury Township

**1370 Westtown
Thornton Rd.**

Photographs

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

Photographer:

J. Christopher Lang

Date: 4/23/2007

Negative Location:

Thornbury Township



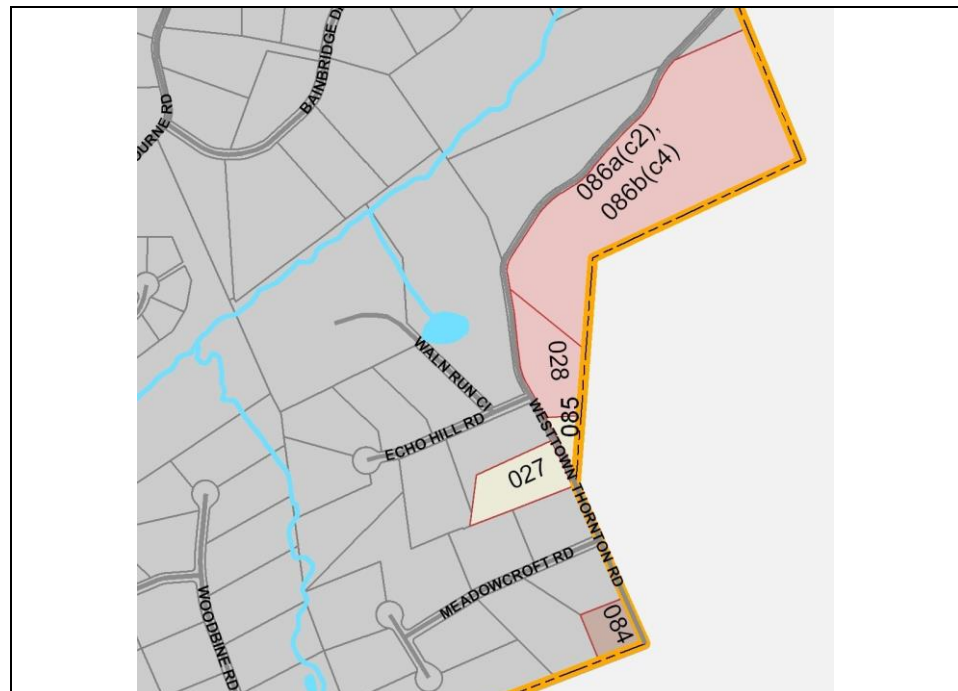
Location Map

Thornbury Township
Historic Resource GIS
Map

LOOK FOR: HR #027

MAP KEY

- 027 = 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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IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION					
Survey Code/HR #	66-027	Tax Parcel No.	66-2-21		
County	1. Chester 029	2.			
Municipality	1. Thornbury Township	2.			
Address	1370 Westtown Thornton Rd.				
Historic Name	Sproat, H. E., House				
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.	

HISTORIC AND CURRENT FUNCTIONS			
Historic Function Category		Subcategory	Code
A.	Domestic	Single Dwelling	01 A
B.			
C.			
D.			
Particular Type	A.	Farm House	
	B.		
	C.		
	D.		
Current Function Category		Subcategory	Code
A.	Domestic	Single Dwelling	01 A
B.			
C.			
D.			

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION					
Architectural Classification	A.	B.		C.	
	D.	Other			
Exterior Materials	Foundation	Stone 40		Roof	Asphalt shingles 63
	Walls	Stone 40		Walls	Stucco 61
	Other	Brick 30		Other	
Structural System	1. Masonry – stone			2.	
Width 4 Bays D	Depth 2 Rooms B			Stories / Height 2.5 B	

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built: c. 1898 Additions/Alterations Dates: c. _____

Basis for Dating: Documentary Physical

Explain: According to the deeds for the Richard Eavenson [II] House (HR #028), this house was probably built for H. E. Sproat sometime between 1879 and 1917.

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

Dorchester, Jane E. “Deed Lineage Historic Resource #028, Richard Eavenson [II] House.” Thornbury Township, July 31, 2009.

PREVIOUS SURVEY, DETERMINATIONS

Included in the Chester County Historic Sites Survey as Thornbury Township Historic Site #29, 1979.

EVALUATION (Survey Director/Consultants Only)

Individual NR Potential: Yes No Context(s):

Contributes to Potential District Yes No District Name/Status:

Class: 3

Justification: Thornbury Township has deemed this resource to contribute to the historic fabric or character of the Township; therefore, according to the Township’s Historic Resource Classification Definitions, this resource is a Class 3.

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 #065281		

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL RESOURCE SURVEY FORM – NARRATIVE SHEET 89C

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The H. E. Sproat House is a five-bay, three-story, stucco and frame, irregular L-shaped building with three chimneys irregularly spaced around its roof that is shingled with asphalt. The fenestration is asymmetrical with wall dormers breaking up the eaves at irregular intervals. The house appears to have been built in two sections. The northern section is a Second Empire house. This section features a bracketed Mansard roof and a full-length, one-story, enclosed porch on the north elevation. There is a two-bay, one-and-a-half story, side-gable, stucco addition on the west elevation of this section.

Behind the eastern two-fifths of the northern section is the four-bay, two-and-a-half story southern section, which actually makes up the foot of the “L”. The southern section has no discernible style but features a shallow-pitched, hipped roof with overhanging eaves, a two-and-a-half story tower on the southeast corner, and a two-story, one-bay, frame addition on its south elevation featuring a second-story oriel window now supported by slender wooden posts. This addition is also attached to the west end of the south elevation of the Second Empire section of the house.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE:

This house was probably built sometime between 1879 and 1917 for H. E. Sproat, the then owner. He owned it until his death in 1917.

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North (front) Elevation, House



South (back) and East Elevations, House

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South (back) and West Elevations, House