

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 #:	66-032	Historic / Other Name:	Greystone
Tax Parcel #	66-4-19.2	Address:	1339 S. Concord Rd.
County:	Chester 029	Municipality:	Thornbury Township

1339 S. Concord Rd.

Photographs: South
(front) Elevation, House

Photographer: J. Christopher
Lang

Date: 4/18/2007

Original Negative Location:
Thornbury



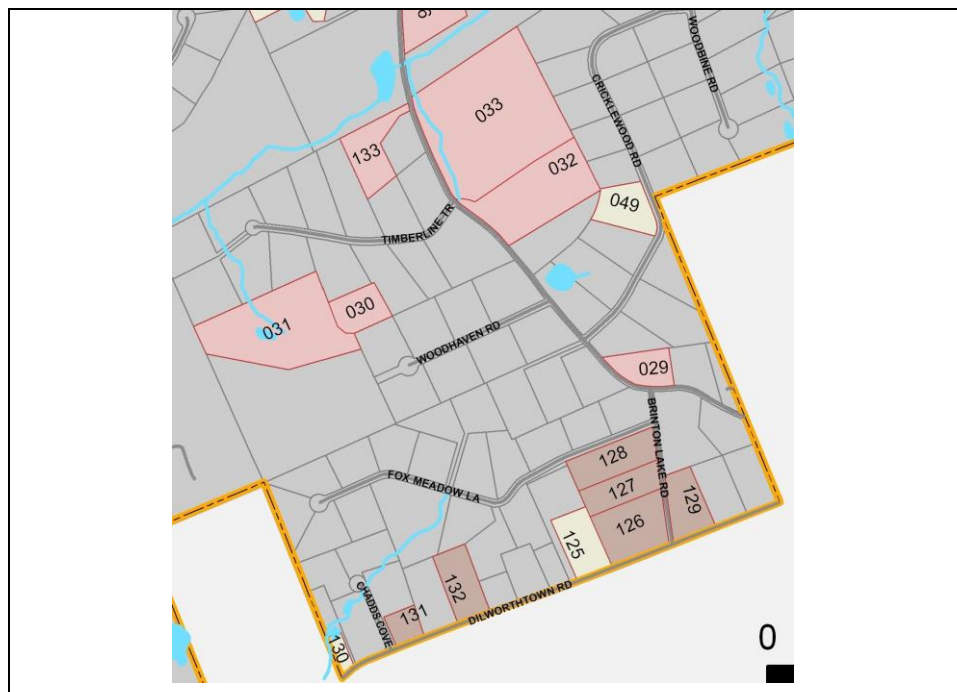
Location Map

Thornbury Township
Historic Resource
Inventory GIS Map

LOOK FOR: HR #032

MAP KEY

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



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IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION					
Survey Code/HR #	66-032	Tax Parcel No.	66-4-19.2		
County	1. Chester 029	2.			
Municipality	1. Thornbury Township	2.			
Address	1339 S. Concord Rd.				
Historic Name	Greystone				
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	2				
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.			
D.			
Particular Type	A.	Mansion House	
	B.	Root Cellar	
	C.		
	D.		
Current Function Category		Subcategory	Code
A.	Domestic	Single Dwelling	01 A
B.	Domestic	Secondary Structure	01 C
C.			
D.			

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION				
Architectural Classification	A. Federal 21		B.	C.
	D.		Other:	
Exterior Materials	Foundation		Roof	Asphalt 63
	Walls	Stone 40	Walls	Weatherboard 21
	Other	Wood 20	Other	
Structural System	1. N/A		2.	
Width 5 Bays E	Depth 2 Rooms B		Stories / Height 3 C	

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built: X c. 1855 Additions/Alterations Dates:

Basis for Dating: X Documentary Physical

Explain: Caleb Brinton sold 204 acres to his son George in 1852, this house appears on the 1860 Map of Thornbury.

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 #029, The Beehive.” Thornbury Township, November, 2009.

Lake, D. J., and S. N. Beers. Map of the Vicinity of Philadelphia. Philadelphia: Lake and Beers, 1860.

PREVIOUS SURVEY, DETERMINATIONS

Included in the Chester County Historic Sites Survey as Thornbury Township Historic Site #34, 1979.

EVALUATION (Survey Director/Consultants Only)

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

Contributes to Potential District X Yes No District Name/Status: South Concord Road Historic District/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 #022612		

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL RESOURCE SURVEY FORM – NARRATIVE SHEET 89C

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Address	1339 S. Concord Rd.	Historic / Other Name	Greystone

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Greystone is a five-bay, three-story, shallow hipped-roof, stone, “L” shaped Federal house; the foot of the “L” faces south and is the front of the house. It has four interior stone chimneys located at each of its four corners and an interior stone chimney located on the north elevation of the foot of the “L”. The cornice features a row of modillions with a row of dentils underneath. The fenestration is very symmetrical with a central front door. The south (front) elevation is divided into the classical three parts: one bay, three bays, one bay. The center part is delineated by a pair of downspouts from the interior gutter of the roof, one on each side of the center part, and by a three-bay, one-story, wood portico located in the center of the south elevation. The portico is supported by wood, Ionic columns. There are two matching side porches, one centered on the east elevation and one centered on the west elevation. The east elevation porch has been partially enclosed by a two-story, hipped-roofed, frame addition attached to the east elevation of the house. There is a two-bay, three-story, flat-roofed, stone addition nestled in the crock of the “L”, attached to the north elevation of the foot and the east elevation of the upright. Three additions have been made to the house. The first is a one-bay, two-story, hipped roof, stone ell attached to the north elevation of the upright of the “L”. The second addition is a one-bay, two-story, flat-roofed, frame ell attached to the north elevation of the stone addition. And the third is a one-bay, one-story, flat-roofed, frame ell attached to the north elevation of the previous frame addition.

There is a one-story, round, conical-roofed, serpentine stone root cellar located to the northwest of the house. It has a round, conical roofed, wood cupola in the center of its roof and is accessed through a wooded door on its east elevation.

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

Greystone was built for George Brinton who acquired 204 acres of land from his father Caleb Brinton [II] in 1852. The house appears on the 1860 Map of Thornbury Township. At the time that George owned the property, there was also a barn which is now a separate property (HR #049). A later owner added a Tudor Revival carriage house, which is also now a separate property (HR #33).

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

This property is significant for two reasons. First, it is significant under Criterion C (architecture) because it is an outstanding example of the Federal style transitioning into the Greek Revival in Thornbury Township, if not in Chester County. And second, it is a potential contributing resource in the South Concord Road Historic District whose area of significance would be the establishment and development of country estates in Thornbury Township in the mid-Nineteenth Century through the early Twentieth Century.

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West Elevation, House



North (back) Elevation, House

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East Elevation, House



East Elevation, Root Cellar