

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 #:	66-035	Historic / Other Name:	Rokeby Stable
Tax Parcel #	66-2-1.4	Address:	1 Huntrise Ln.
County:	Chester 029	Municipality:	Thornbury Township

1 Huntrise Ln.

Photographs: North
(front) Elevation, House

Photographer: J. Christopher
Lang

Date: 9/11/2007

Original Negative Location:
Thornbury

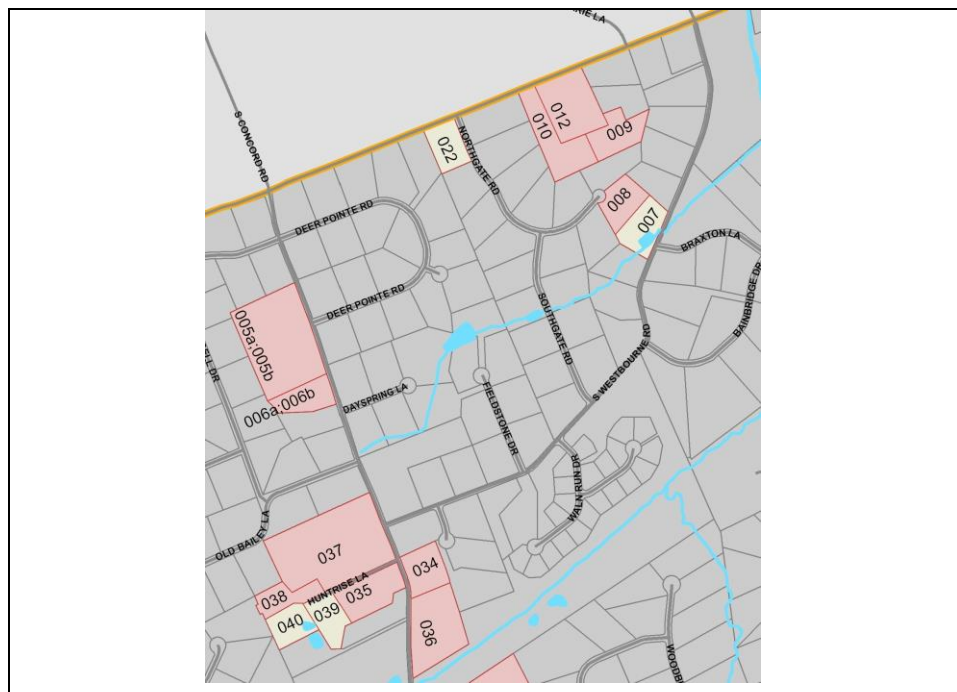


Location Map
Thornbury Township
Historic Resource
Inventory GIS Map

LOOK FOR: HR #035

MAP KEY

- 035 = 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 #	66-035	Tax Parcel No.	66-2-1.4		
County	1. Chester 029	2.			
Municipality	1. Thornbury Township	2.			
Address	1 Huntrise Ln.				
Historic Name	Rokeby Stable				
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.	Agriculture/Subsistence	Animal Facility	09 D
B.			
C.			
D.			
Particular Type	A.	Stable	
	B.		
	C.		
	D.		
Current Function Category		Subcategory	Code
A.	Domestic	Single Dwelling	01 A
B.			
C.			
D.			

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION				
Architectural Classification	A. No Style		B.	C.
	D.		Other:	
Exterior Materials	Foundation		Roof	Metal 50
	Walls	Stucco 61	Walls	Aluminum 55
	Other	Brick 30	Other	
Structural System	1. N/A		2.	
Width 7 Bays F	Depth 2 Rooms B		Stories / Height 2 B	

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built: X c. 1900 Additions/Alterations Dates:

Basis for Dating: X Documentary Physical

Explain: The building does not appear on the 1873 or 1883 Maps of Thornbury, but it does appear to be on the 1912 Mueller’s 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

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PREVIOUS SURVEY, DETERMINATIONS

Included in the Chester County Historic Sites Survey as Thornbury Township Historic Site #38, 1979.

EVALUATION (Survey Director/Consultants Only)

Individual NR Potential: 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 #065289		

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL RESOURCE SURVEY FORM – NARRATIVE SHEET 89C

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Address	1 Huntrise Ln.	Historic / Other Name	Rokeby Stable

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Rokeby Stable is a seven- bay, two-story, stucco, painted brick and aluminum-sided, “U” shaped building constructed around an inner courtyard. The middle section of the U has a hipped roof and the two upright sections have front-gable roofs that feature Flemish gables. The fourth side of the courtyard is enclosed with a high painted brick wall with centered, tall, double-leaf, iron gates. The open side of the courtyard faces north; each of the uprights’ gable has a large, wooden, double-leaf stable door centered on its first floor. There is a two-and-a-half-story, pyramidal-roofed, frame tower off the northwest corner of the western arm of the U. The tower is clad in aluminum siding.

The Stable has been renovated into a residence with the addition of an entrance door in the southeast corner of the courtyard elevation of the building, and a side-gable, frame, second-story addition on the east elevation of the western arm of the U which is jettied out over the courtyard. This addition is clad in aluminum siding.

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

Rokeby Stable may have been built for John Wyeth sometime after he acquired the property in 1884. The building does not show up on the 1873 Witmer’s Map of Thornbury; although most of the other buildings associated with the property do, including Rokeby (house) (HR #37), the Tenant House and Barn (HR #38), the Hay Barn (HR #039), and the Carriage Barn (HR #40). The 1883 Map sheds no light on which buildings are present on the property at that time, but the 1912 Mueller’s Map definitely shows the Stable, leading to the assumption that the building was erected sometime between 1884 and 1912. A history of the property asserts that Wyeth made quite a few improvements to the property.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

This property is significant because of its role in the history of Rokeby Stock Farm (HR #37) which 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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Close-up, North (front) Elevation, House, Showing Gates and Courtyard



North (front), East, and West Elevations around Courtyard, House

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East and North (front) Elevations, House



South (back) Elevation, House, Showing Tower, Left Background