

**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 #:	66-036	Historic / Other Name:	Baker, Cyrus, House
Tax Parcel #	66-2-8	Address:	1315 S. Concord Rd.
County:	Chester 029	Municipality:	Thornbury Township

**1315 S. Concord Rd.**

**Photographs:** West  
(front) Elevation, House

**Photographer:** J. Christopher  
Lang

**Date:** 4/19/2007

**Original Negative Location:**  
Thornbury

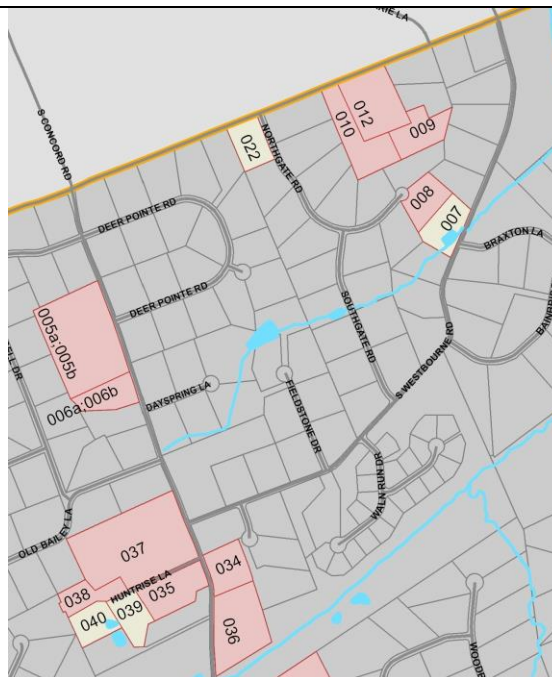


**Location Map**  
Thornbury Township  
Historic Resource  
Inventory GIS Map

**LOOK FOR: HR #036**

**MAP KEY**

036 = 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>					
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County	1. Chester 029	2.			
Municipality	1. Thornbury Township	2.			
Address	1315 S. Concord Rd.				
Historic Name	Baker, Cyrus, 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	4				
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.	Domestic	Secondary Structure	01 C
C.	Agriculture/Subsistence	Animal Facility	01 D
D.	Agriculture/Subsistence	Animal Facility	01 D
Particular Type	A.	Farmhouse	
	B.	Spring House	
	C.	Barn	
	D.	Chicken Coop	
Current Function Category		Subcategory	Code
A.	Domestic	Single Dwelling	01 A
B.	Domestic	Secondary Structure	01 C
C.	Agriculture	Storage	09 B
D.	Agriculture	Animal Facility	09 D

<b>PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
Architectural Classification	A. No Style		B.	C.
	D.		Other:	
Exterior Materials	Foundation		Roof	Wood Shingle 22
	Walls	Weatherboard 21	Walls	Stone 40
	Other	Wood 20	Other	Stucco 61
Structural System	1. N/A		2.	
Width 4 Bays D	Depth 2 Room B		Stories / Height 2.5 B	

**HISTORICAL INFORMATION**

Year Built: X c. 1830 Additions/Alterations Dates:

Basis for Dating: X Documentary    Physical

Explain: According to the Tax Assessment Records, this property had a log house on it as late as 1820.

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 #036, Cyrus Baker House.” Thornbury Township, July 31, 2009.

Chester County Tax Records, Chester County Triennial Tax Assessments, Thornbury Township, 1805-1835. Microfilm.

**PREVIOUS SURVEY, DETERMINATIONS**

Included in the Chester County Historic Sites Survey as Thornbury Township Historic Site #39, 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:

<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	None		

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

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**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

The Cyrus Baker House was built in at least four sections. The first section is a three-bay, two-and-a-half-story, side-gable, stone house core with one interior chimney on its east gable. This section faces south and features a drip course between the first and second floors of the south elevation, indicating the presence of a pent roof. Part of the south elevation and all of the north elevation have been clad in weatherboarding. The next section is a three-bay, two-and-a-half-story, side-gable, stucco wing attached to the east elevation of the stone core. The south elevation of this section is set-back from the south elevation of the core. There is a shed-roofed porch attached to the south elevation of this section and the east elevation of the core. The eastern two-thirds of the porch are enclosed. The third section is a one-bay, two-story, hipped-roofed, frame wing attached to the south end of the east elevation of the second section. The porch was extended across the south elevation of this section. The fourth section is a three-bay, two-and-a-half-story, side-gable, frame wing attached to the west elevation of the stone core. This section faces west and is now the front of the house. It features over-hanging eaves and slightly asymmetrical fenestration with its off-set wooden portico and front door. It has one interior chimney centered on its roof ridge. This section has two wings. The first wing is a one-bay, one-story, hipped-roofed, frame addition attached to its south elevation. The second wing is a two-bay, two-story, side-gable, frame addition is attached to the east end of its north elevation then wraps around the north end of the east elevation to the west end of the stone core's north elevation.

There is a two-story, front-gable, stone spring house on the property, located southeast of the house. North of it is a small frame, shed-roofed chicken coop. North of that is a small, two-and-a-half-story, stone stable with a metal gambrel roof.

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

In 1765, Benjamin Cock (Cox) bought 50 acres from his father. He erected a log barn and a log house on the property. By 1817, Benjamin was bankrupt and his 50-acre farm was sold by the Chester County Sheriff to Cyrus Baker. At that time, the property consisted of 50 acres with a log house and barn on it. By 1820, Cyrus Baker had added a cooper shop to his log house and barn. By 1826, Cyrus was renting this property out to tenants, first Joseph Eavenson and then to Abraham Register. In 1830, Cyrus sold his 50-acre farm to Caleb Brinton, Jr., who added it to his holdings in Thornbury Township which included The Beehive property (HR #029). In 1852, Caleb sold 209 acres of land to his son George Brinton, Jr. This property became part of the property known as Graystone (HR #032).

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:**

This property is significant for two reasons. First, it is significant under Criterion C (architecture) because it is a good example of how country houses, be they farmhouses or country estate houses, evolve over time, changing to meet the changing needs of their owners. 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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South (front) Elevation, House



East and North (back) Elevations, House

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North (back) Elevation, House



South and East Elevations, Spring House, with House in Background

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West and South Elevations, Barn (Left) and Chicken Coop (Right)



Long View, South (front) Elevation, House with Barn in Right Background