

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 #:	66-038	Historic / Other Name:	Rokeby Tenant House
Tax Parcel #	66-2-1.3	Address:	4 Huntrise Ln.
County:	Chester 029	Municipality:	Thornbury Township

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Photographs: East
(front) Elevation, House

Photographer: J. Christopher
Lang

Date: 9/11/2007

Original Negative Location:
Thornbury



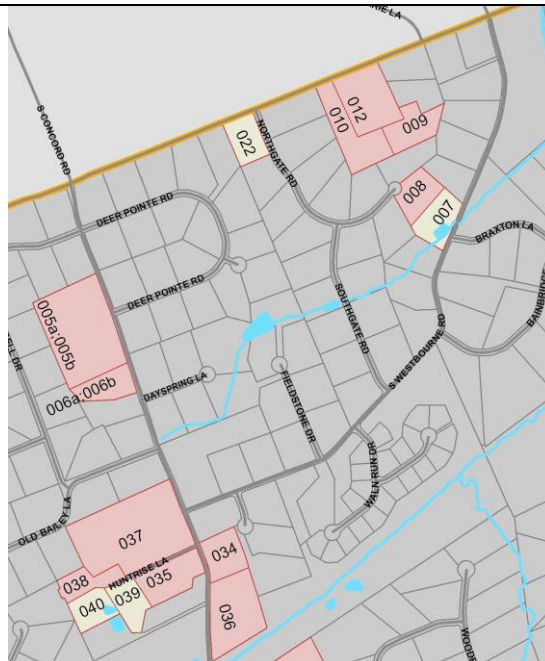
Location Map

Thornbury Township
Historic Resource
Inventory GIS Map

LOOK FOR: HR #038

MAP KEY

038 = 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 #	66-038	Tax Parcel No.	66-2-1.3		
County	1. Chester 029	2.			
Municipality	1. Thornbury Township	2.			
Address	4 Huntrise Ln.				
Historic Name	Rokeby Tenant 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	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.	Agriculture/Subsistence	Animal Facility	09 D
C.			
D.			
Particular Type	A.	Tenant House	
	B.	Barn	
	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. No Style		B. Other 80		C.
	D.		Other: Dornbusch Type J Barn		
Exterior Materials	Foundation			Roof	Asphalt 63
	Walls	Aluminum 55		Walls	Stucco 61
	Other	Wood 20		Other	
Structural System	1. N/A			2.	
Width 3 Bays C	Depth 2 Rooms B			Stories / Height 2.5 B	

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built: X c. 1865 Additions/Alterations Dates: c. 1900

Basis for Dating: X Documentary X Physical

Explain: The house does not appear on the 1860 Map of Thornbury, but it does appear to be on the 1873 Witmer’s Map of Thornbury. The east addition appears to be an early “kit” 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

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 Dorchester, Jane E. “Deed Lineage Historic Resource #037, Rokeby Stock Farm.” Thornbury Township, July 31, 2009.
 Ensminger, Robert F. The Pennsylvania Barn, Its Origin, Evolution and Distribution in North America. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1992.
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PREVIOUS SURVEY, DETERMINATIONS

Included in the Chester County Historic Sites Survey as Thornbury Township Historic Sites #41 and #41a, 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 #065290		

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL RESOURCE SURVEY FORM – NARRATIVE SHEET 89C

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The Rokeby Tenant House started as a two-bay, two-and-a-half-story, side-gable, stucco house that faced south. It had an interior chimney on its west gable. Sometime between 1883 and 1912, a three-bay, two-and-a-half-story, side-gable, frame wing clad in weatherboard was added to the east gable of the core. The east elevation of this wing became the front elevation of the house. The fenestration of the front elevation was symmetrical, with a front door flanked by one window on each side and two, front-gable, wall dormers, one above each first floor window. The side-gable roof ended in jerkin heads at both gables. There was a wood portico with a pair of square wood columns on each side of the entrance and one wood pilaster on each side of the front door. Today, little has changed except that the weatherboard has been replaced with aluminum siding and a one-story, wood enclosed porch has been added to the first floor of the south elevation of the core of the house.

The original barn for the farm that became Rokeby Stock Farm (HR #37) is also on this property. It faces south and is a large, side-gable, frame, Dornbusch Type J Barn with its forebay supported on the gable ends by extensions of the barn’s stone foundation walls and stone conical supports, typical of Chester County barns. It is a triple-decker barn in that there are three levels to the interior of the barn. The upper level was accessed from the north via a ramp and enclosed barn bridge which was centered on the north elevation of the barn. The middle level also was accessed from the north via a cartway that ran under the barn bridge. And the lower level was accessed from the south through the barnyard. A simple wooden lean-to was added to the northeast corner of the north elevation. This lean-to covered the cartway to the middle level. There is a wooden cupola in the center of the roof which is covered in asphalt shingles. It looks like part of the barn has been converted into living space.

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

The cores of the house and barn on this property probably pre-date the Rokeby Stock Farm house (HR #37). If so, they were probably constructed for John B. Taylor sometime between the late-1820s and 1859, when he died. In 1862, John Penrose bought the property for the purpose of turning it into a gentleman’s farm. Penrose was an avid horseman. The barn was probably enlarged incrementally. The east wing of the house was probably added under the ownership of either the Wyeths or James Gay Gordon.

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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South and East (front) Elevations, House



East Elevation, Barn

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North (back) Elevation, Barn, Showing Lean-to over Middle Level Cartway & Barn Bridge & Ramp



Close-up, South (front) Elevation, Barn, Showing Conical Support