

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 #:	66-044	Historic / Other Name:	None
Tax Parcel #	66-2-43	Address:	20 County Ln.
County:	Chester 029	Municipality:	Thornbury Township

20 County Ln.

Photographs: West & South (front) Elevations, House

Photographer: J. Christopher Lang

Date: 9/9/2007

Original Negative Location: Thornbury



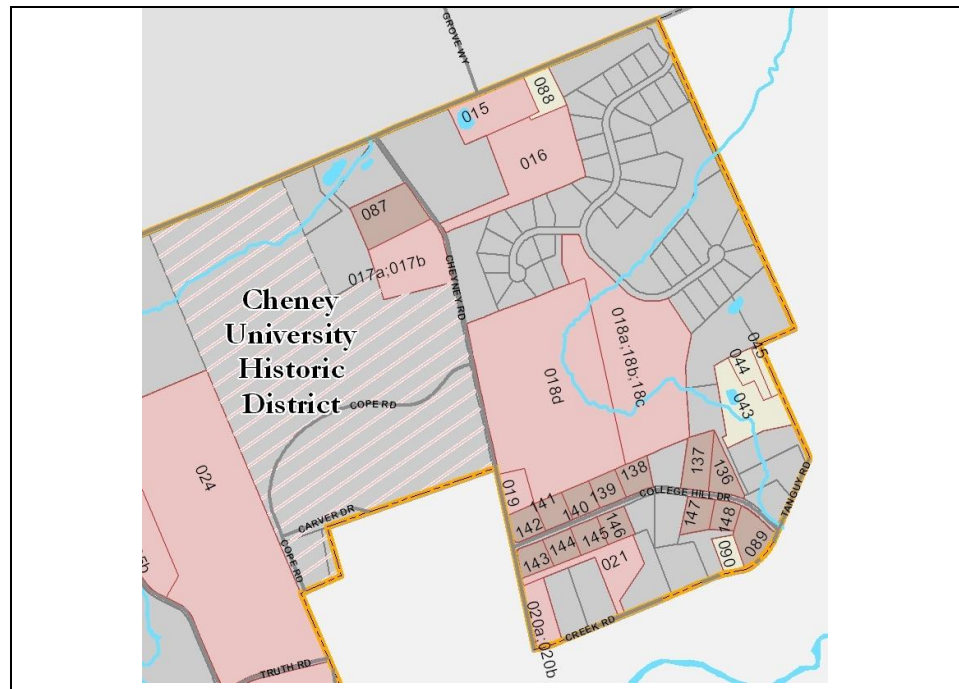
Location Map

Thornbury Township
 Historic Resource
 Inventory GIS Map

LOOK FOR: HR #044

MAP KEY

044 = 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 #	66-044	Tax Parcel No.	66-2-43		
County	1. Chester 029	2.			
Municipality	1. Thornbury Township	2.			
Address	20 County Ln.				
Historic Name	None				
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	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.	Tenant House	
	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	Stone 40		Roof
	Walls	Weatherboard 21		Metal 51
	Other	Wood 20		Other
Structural System	1. N/A			2.
Width 2 Bays B	Depth 2 Rooms B			Stories / Height 3.5 C

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built: X c. 1870 Additions/Alterations Dates:

Basis for Dating: X Documentary Physical

Explain: The farm upon which this house was once located is labelled on Witmer’s 1873 Map of Thornbury as belonging to J. Preston Thomas. On the 1873 Map, the property consisted of three buildings, a house, a barn, and an outbuilding, possibly a spring 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

Bridgens, H. F., and A. R. Witmer. Atlas of Chester County, Pennsylvania. Safe Harbor, Lancaster County, Pa.: A. R. Witmer, 1873.

Lathrop, J. M. and St. Julian Ogier, CEs. Atlas of Properties on Main Line of Pennsylvania Railroad from Devon to Downingtown and West Chester. Philadelphia: A. H. Mueller, 1912.

PREVIOUS SURVEY, DETERMINATIONS

Included in the Chester County Historic Sites Survey as Thornbury Township Historic Site #47, 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	None		

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL RESOURCE SURVEY FORM – NARRATIVE SHEET 89C

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The house at 20 County Lane is a two-bay, three-and-a-half-story, double-pile, side-gable, bank-house clad in weatherboard and constructed on a stone foundation. The house faces south. The east gable of the house nestles into the bank. It has one exterior chimney on its east gable. The roof is covered in standing-seam metal. There is a full-length, screened-in, wood porch on the south (front) elevation. There is a three-bay, two-and-a-half-story, side-gable ell attached to the house core's north elevation. The ell is clad in weatherboard and has a standing-seam metal roof with one dormer centrally place. There is a one-story, five-bay, shed-roofed wing attached to the west elevations of the ell and the core of the house. This ell is clad in weatherboard and its roof is covered in standing-seam metal. There is a small, one-story, one-bay, frame shed attached to the northeast corner of the ell. The shed is clad in weatherboard.

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

This house was once part of the J. Preston Thomas Farm which was carved out of the Cheyney 1500-acre Tract and straddled the Chester/Delaware County line. J. Preston Thomas was a locally prominent business man. By 1873, he owned a bone and phosphate works located between the Chester Creek and the West Chester and Philadelphia Railroad tracks in the village of Cheyneys Station. Thomas' farm grew through 1883. By 1912, when August Taney owned the farm, which still straddled the Chester/Delaware County line, there were ten buildings on the farm property alone. Besides this building, two other of the buildings located in Chester County still stand today (HR #043 and HR #045). More research needs to be done to ascertain exactly when and for whom this house was constructed.

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL RESOURCE SURVEY FORM – PHOTOGRAPH SHEET

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North (back) and West Elevations, House



North (back) and West Elevations, House with Shed Addition to Left