

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 #:	66-045	Historic / Other Name:	None
Tax Parcel #:	66-2-44	Address:	30 County Ln.
County:	Chester 029	Municipality:	Thornbury Township

30 County Ln.

Photographs

Photo 1. South Elevation, House

Photographer:
J. Christopher Lang

Date: 9/9/2007

Negative Location:
Thornbury Township



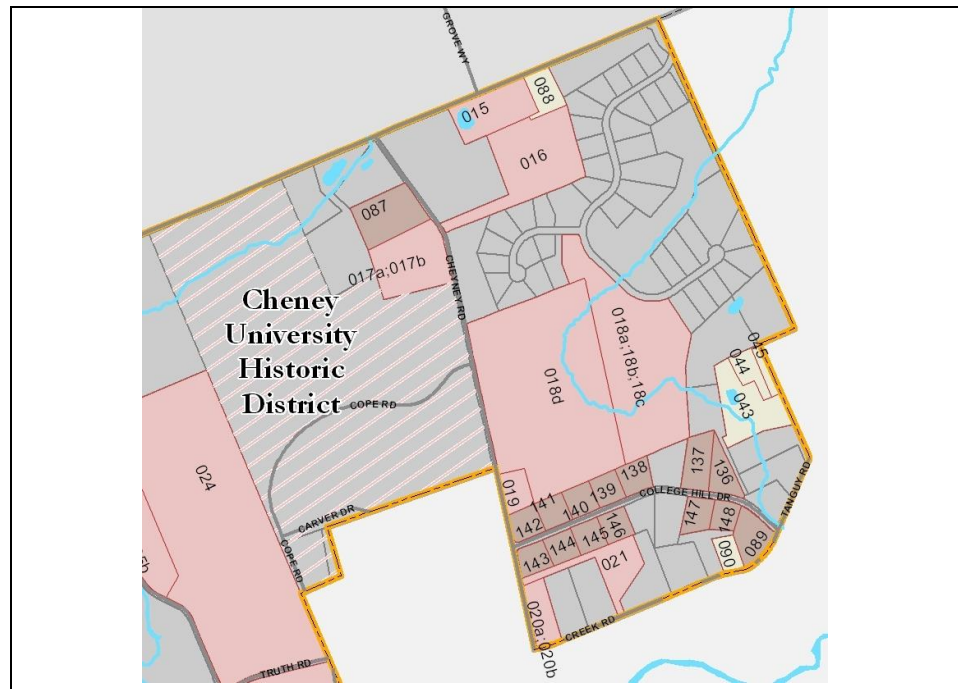
Location Map

Thornbury Township
Historic Resource GIS
Map

LOOK FOR: HR #045

MAP KEY

045 = 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 #	66-045	Tax Parcel No.	66-2-44		
County	1. Chester 029	2.			
Municipality	1. Thornbury Township	2.			
Address	30 County Ln.				
Historic Name	None				
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.	Domestic	Single Dwelling	01 A
B.			
C.			
D.			
Particular Type	A.		
	B.		
	C.		
	D.		
Current Function Category		Subcategory	Code
A.	Domestic	Single Dwelling	01 A
B.			
C.			
D.			

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION			
Architectural Classification	A. Gothic Revival 32		B.
	D.		C. Other
Exterior Materials	Foundation		Roof Asphalt shingles 63
	Walls	Stucco 61	Walls Wood 20
	Other		Other
Structural System	1.		2.
Width 3 Bays C	Depth 2 Rooms B		Stories / Height 2.5 B

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HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built: c. 1873 Additions/Alterations Dates: c. _____

Basis for Dating: 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, Thornbury Township.

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 #48, 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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Address	30 County Ln.	Historic / Other Name	None

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The house at 30 County Lane is a three-bay, two-and-a-half-story, side-gable, stucco, Gothic Revival building. Its roof is clad in asphalt shingles. The fenestration is symmetrical. It has a center gable that interrupts the roof line of its south elevation and a pavilion on its east elevation. In the late 20th Century, this house was completely remodelled with modern stucco, windows, and roofing material, and including the addition of jerkin head roofs on the west gable and the center gable.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE:

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 #044). More research needs to be done to ascertain exactly when and for whom this house was constructed.