

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 #:	66-048	Historic / Other Name:	Woodward, Thomas, House
Tax Parcel #	66-3-5	Address:	1295 South New St.
County:	Chester 029	Municipality:	Thornbury Township

1295 South New St.

Photographs: West & South (front) Elevations, House

Photographer: J. Christopher Lang

Date: 9/6/2007

Original Negative Location: Thornbury



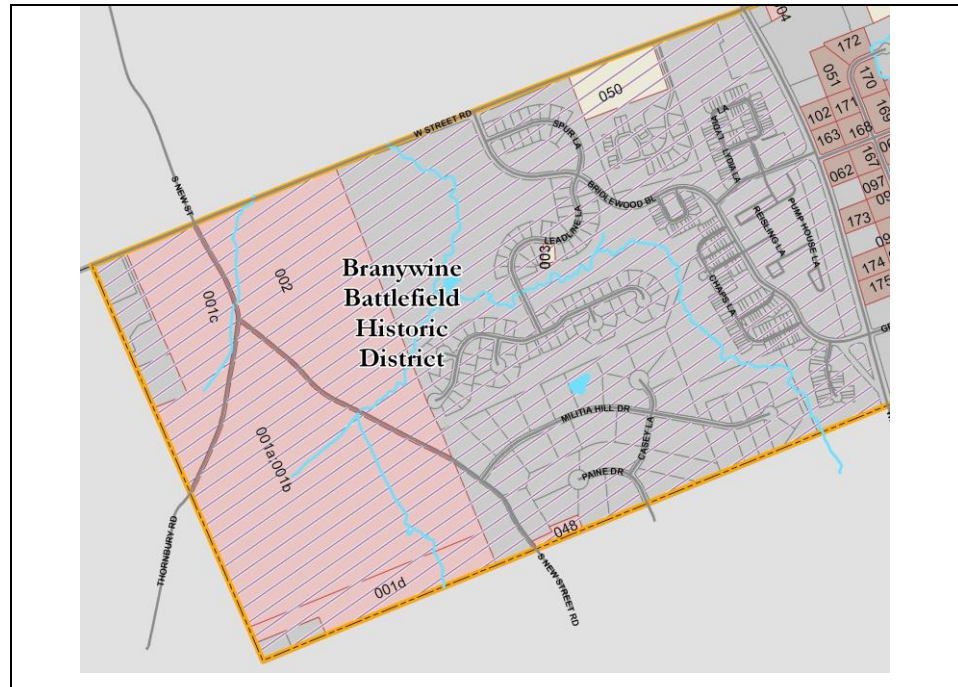
Location Map

Thornbury Township
 Historic Resource
 Inventory GIS Map

LOOK FOR: HR #048

MAP KEY

048 = 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 #	66-048	Tax Parcel No.	66-3-5		
County	1. Chester 029	2.			
Municipality	1. Thornbury Township	2.			
Address	1295 South New St.				
Historic Name	Woodward, Thomas, House				
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.	Italianate 42	B.	C.
	D.		Other:	
Exterior Materials	Foundation		Roof	Asphalt 63
	Walls	Brick 30	Walls	Wood 20
	Other	Iron 51	Other	Wood 20
Structural System	1. N/A		2.	
Width 5 Bays E	Depth 2 Rooms B		Stories / Height 3.5 C	

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built: X c. 1795 Additions/Alterations Dates: 1858

Basis for Dating: X Documentary X Physical

Explain: According to the tax records, there was a stone house on this property as early as 1796. The date stone on the brick wing says 1858.

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

Chester County Tax Records, Chester County Triennial Tax Assessments, Thornbury Township, 1796-1802. Photocopy.

Dorchester, Jane E. "Deed Lineage Historic Resource #048, Thomas Woodward House." Thornbury Township, July 31, 2009.

PREVIOUS SURVEY, DETERMINATIONS

N/A

EVALUATION (Survey Director/Consultants Only)

Individual NR Potential: X Yes ___ No Context(s):

Contributes to Potential District ___ Yes ___ No District Name/Status:

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 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	None		

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL RESOURCE SURVEY FORM – NARRATIVE SHEET 89C

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The Thomas Woodward House started as a two-bay, one-and-a-half-story, side-gable, stone house that faced south. At some point in time, a one-bay, one-story, shed-roofed, stucco wing was added to the stone house's east gable. Its south (front) elevation is slightly set back from the stone house's south (front) elevation. There is a deep, one-story, hipped-roof, wood porch attached to the stone house's south (front) elevation that wraps around to the stucco wing's south (front) elevation. In 1858, a three-and-a-half-story, five-bay, side-gable, brick wing was added to the stone house's west gable; at that point, the stone house became the house core. The brick wing features four interior chimneys, two on the east gable and two on the west gable. There is a square, wooden, cross-gabled belvedere in the center of the wing's roof which also features a bracketed cornice with returns at the gables. The wing's fenestration is very symmetrical, with five openings per floor on the south (front) elevation, the first floor has a centrally placed front door, and three openings per floor on the west elevation. There are two half-length iron porches, one centered on the south (front) elevation and one centered on the west elevation. The north (back) elevation is different, in that a three-story, square, wooded pavilion with a pedimented roof was added just east of the centrally placed back door and the second and third floor windows over the back door are not in line with the rest of the fenestration of those two floors, indicating the presence of the half-landings of a dog's leg staircase located in the center hall.

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

The stone section of this house may have been erected as early as 1795 by Thomas Woodward who is taxed from 1796 through 1802 for a stone house on 110 acres of land. Thomas died in 1843 and bequeathed to his son, John Woodward [II], among other things the house John was living in at the time and a total of 428 acres of land in both Birmingham and Thornbury Townships. That house was probably the stone house Thomas was taxed for in the late 1700s. In 1858, John had a large brick addition added to the west elevation of his stone house. John died intestate in 1880 and the Trustees of his estate sold his stone and brick house on 214 acres of land in Birmingham and Thornbury Townships to Minshall P. Sharpless. Sharpless died in 1903 and his son George elected to take the farm Minshall referred to as "his home farm". In 1909, George Sharpless sold his farm, consisting of 214 acres in Birmingham and Thornbury Townships, to Josiah White of Atlantic City, New Jersey. White retained the farm until 1912 when he sold it to George L. Jones of Pennsbury and it became a part of his Brandywine Dairy Farms. It was sold out of the Brandywine Dairy Farms operation in 1920.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

This property is significant for two reasons. First, it is significant under Criterion C (architecture) because it is an unusual example of the Italianate style in Thornbury Township and because it is the only known brick country house in the Township, the others are constructed of either fieldstone, serpentine, or stucco. And second, it is also significant because of what it can tell us about the establishment and development of country estates and gentlemen farms in Thornbury Township in the mid-Nineteenth Century through the early Twentieth Century.

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South (front) and East Elevations, John Woodward [II] Addition to Thomas Woodward House



North (back) and West Elevations, John Woodward [II] Addition,
Thomas Woodward House in Center Background