

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 #:	66-086a & b	Historic / Other Name:	Waln, Charlotte, House
Tax Parcel #	66-2-24	Address:	1275 Westtown Thornton Rd.
County:	Chester 029	Municipality:	Thornbury Township

1275 Westtown Thornton Rd.

Photographs: This is a scanned photograph taken in the 1970s. Front Elevation, Main House

Scanner: J. Christopher Lang

Date: N/A

Original Negative Location:
Chester County Historical Society



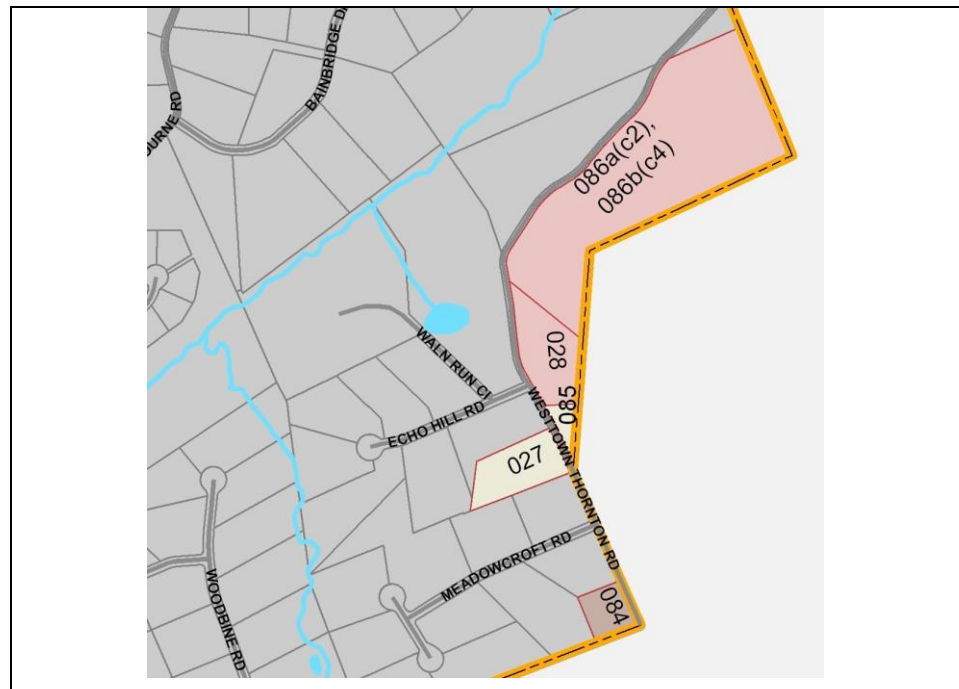
Location Map

Thornbury Township
Historic Resource
Inventory GIS Map

**LOOK FOR: HR #086a
& 086b**

MAP KEY

086a = 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 #	66-086a, 66-086b	Tax Parcel No.	66-2-24		
County	1. Chester 029	2.			
Municipality	1. Thornbury Township	2.			
Address	1275 Westtown Thornton Rd.				
Historic Name	Waln, Charlotte, 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	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.			
C.			
D.			
Particular Type	A.	Manor House	
	B.		
	C.		
	D.		
Current Function Category		Subcategory	Code
A.	Domestic	Single Dwelling	01 A
B.	Domestic	Single Dwelling	01 A
C.			
D.			

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION				
Architectural Classification	A.	Queen Anne 45	B.	C.
	D.		Other: Neo-Colonial Revival	
Exterior Materials	Foundation		Roof	Asphalt 63
	Walls	Stone 40	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	

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HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built: X c. 1898 Additions/Alterations Dates:

Basis for Dating: X Documentary X Physical

Explain: This house appears on the 1912 Mueller’s Map of Thornbury Township but not on the 1883 Breou’s Map of the township. Architecturally, the house very well could have been built in the 1890s.

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 #012, Lenape Stock Farm / Lenape.” Thornbury Township, July 31, 2009.

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 #028, 1979.

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	PHMC Key #065279		

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL RESOURCE SURVEY FORM – NARRATIVE SHEET 89C

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The house at 1275 Westtown Thornton Road is a two-and-a-half story, three-bay, stone and stucco, Queen Anne style house with a hipped roof, an off-set cross gable, and a three-story bay window culminating in a shed-roof. There is a stucco chimney located next to the cross gable. The fenestration on the front elevation is asymmetrical with the front door and a double window above in the cross gable, the bow window in the center, and two single windows, one above the other, in the third bay. There is either a port cochere or a very deep porch centered on the front door. The first floor is clad in stone and the second floor is clad in stucco.

There is also a six-bay, two-story, side-gable, stucco and stone-face, Neo-Colonial Revival house that was constructed in c. 1955 on the property. This resource has been individually listed as a Class 4 because of its age.

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

This house appears to have been built sometime between 1883 and 1912 when the house appears on Mueller's 1912 Map of Thornbury Township. It was constructed for Charlotte Waln, whose father was Samuel J. Sharpless, owner of Lenape Stock Farm (HR #012), on land that she acquired from him or his estate. It appears that there was a house and barn located on the property at the time Charlotte and her husband took possession. The property is listed on the 1873 Witmer's Map of Thornbury as the Curtis Cheyney Farm.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

This property is significant for two reasons. It is significant under Criterion C (architecture) because it is a good example of the Queen Anne style of architecture and the only example found in Thornbury Township, Chester County. And second, it is significant because of what it can tell us about the establishment and development of country estates in Thornbury Township in the mid-Nineteenth Century through the early Twentieth Century.

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Front Elevation, Neo-Colonial Revival House