

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 #:	66-055, 057, 061, 100, 101, 120, 124, 157, 159-161, 163, 167-169, 171, 172	Historic / Other Name:	Model Type #1, Dormer Split Level
Tax Parcel:	Multiple	Address:	Thornbury Estates
County:	Chester 029	Municipality:	Thornbury Township

Thornbury Estates
Model Type #1, Dormer
Split Level

Photographs

Photo 1: HR #66-157
 226 Green Tree Dr.

Photographer:
 Richard Webster

Date: 5/2008

Negative Location:
 Thornbury Township



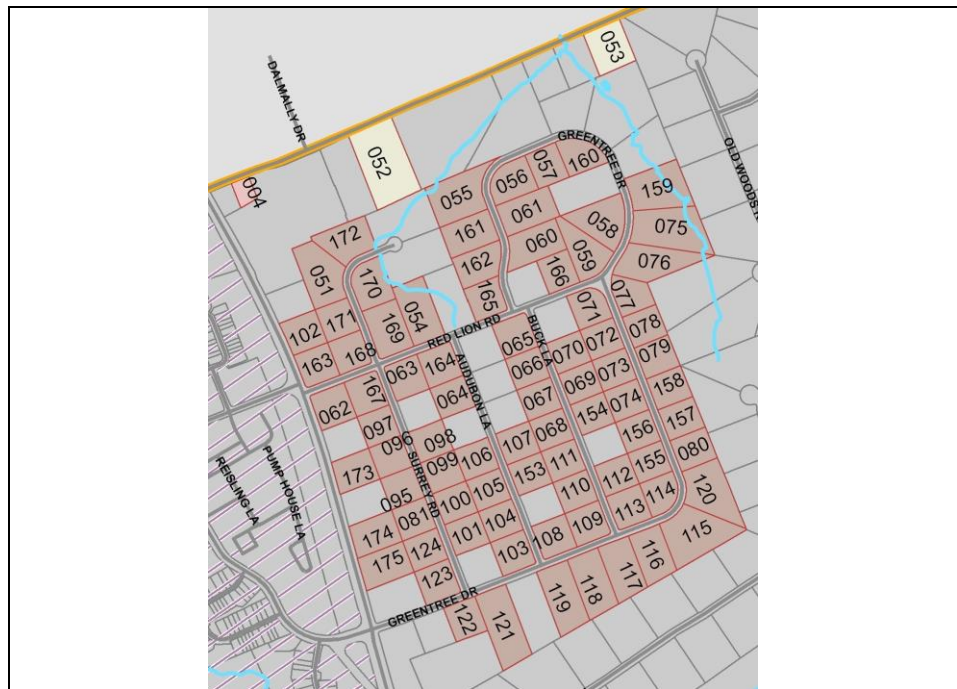
Location Map

Thornbury Township
 Historic Resource
 Inventory GIS Map, 2009

LOOK FOR: HR #055,
 057, 061, 100, 101, 120,
 124, 157, 159, 160, 161,
 163, 167, 168, 169, 171,
 172

MAP KEY

157 = 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					
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County	1. Chester 029		2.		
Municipality	1. Thornbury Township		2.		
Address	Thornbury Estates				
Historic Name	Unknown				
Other Name	Model Type #1, Dormer Split Level				
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 type="checkbox"/> Building	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District	<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Object
Number/Approximate Number of Resources Covered by This Form				17	
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.	Suburban Residence	
	B.		
	C.		
	D.		
Current Function Category		Subcategory	Code
A.	Domestic	Single Dwelling	01 A
B.			
C.			
D.			

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION				
Architectural Classification	A.		B.	
	D.		Other	
Exterior Materials	Foundation		Roof	Asphalt shingles 63
	Walls	Aluminum 55	Walls	Stucco 61
	Other	Brick 30	Other	Wood 20
Structural System		1.		2.
Width 5 Bays E		Depth 2 Rooms B		Stories / Height 2.5 B

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HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built: X c. 1956-1957 Additions/Alterations Dates: c.

Basis for Dating: X Documentary X Physical

Explain: Thornbury Estates was initially constructed between c. 1954 and c. 1962. These houses appear to be a variation on typical mid to late 1950s split levels.

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

N/A

PREVIOUS SURVEY, DETERMINATIONS

N/A

EVALUATION (Survey Director/Consultants Only)

Individual NR Potential: Yes No Context(s):

Contributes to Potential District X Yes No District Name/Status: Thornbury Estates Historic District/Future Potential

Class: 4

Justification: Thornbury Township has deemed these resources to have the potential in the future to contribute to the historic fabric or character of the Township; however, due to their age, it is not possible at this time (2009) to ascertain their level of significance; therefore, they fall within the Township’s definition of Class 4 resources.

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		

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Dormer Split Levels as constructed in Thornbury Estates were two-and-a-half story, five-bay, brick and asbestos-shingled buildings with a jettied upper story that featured two wall dormers. The upper story of the Dormer Split Level was clad in asbestos shingles and the remainder of the house was clad in brick-face or stucco. There are seventeen Dormer Split Levels located in Thornbury Estates today. Ten of them, HR #055, 057, 061, 100, 101, 124, 161, 163, 167, and 169, have had their asbestos shingles replaced with aluminum siding. Four of them, HR #120, 157, 159, and 160, have had their asbestos shingles replaced with weatherboard or wood siding. Two of them, HR #160 and 163, have had their brick-face replaced with or covered by stone-face. Nine of these houses, HR #055, 061, 100, 101, 120, 159, 160, 161, and 167, have had other changes and/or additions made to them.

One of these Split Levels, HR #171, is a unique, to Thornbury Estates, variation on the Dormer Model Type. Instead of having two wall dormers in the upper level, it has a front gable on that part of the house with a double window dormer in the middle of the roof of the split level portion of the house.

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

The individual houses in Thornbury Estates are not considered, at this time (2009), to be eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places as individual resources. However, it is thought that at some point in the future the Estates as a whole unit may be eligible as a historic district. Therefore, the houses were studied on a preliminary basis as contributing resources to a potential historic district. The conclusion of this study, conducted by Dr. Richard Webster, architectural historian, was to identify six model types that were originally constructed in the Estates between 1954 and 1962. Those model types are as follows:

- Model Type #1: Dormer Split Level
- Model Type #2: Front Gable Split Level
- Model Type #3: Jetty Split Level
- Model Type #4: L-plan Split Level
- Model Type #5: Ranch
- Model Type #6: California Ranch

The Model Type #1, Dormer Split Level appears to have been constructed in the middle stage of the initial development period (1954 to 1962) of the Estates, between c. 1956 and c. 1957. They are located predominately in the northern and eastern sections of the Estates, with a handful scattered throughout the rest of the development. This model type appears to be the only medium-sized type of house offered in the initial development period of the Estates. They were one of the more popular of the split level types erected in this time period (17 out of a total of 82 houses), possibly because their construction costs were within reach of most home-buyers.

The following houses in Thornbury Estates are Model Type #1, Dormer Split Levels:

HR #	Tax Parcel #	St. #	St. Name
055	66-1R-18	248	Green Tree Dr.
057	66-1R-20	245	Green Tree Dr.
061	66-1R-28	249	Green Tree Dr.
100	66-3D-15	1259	Surrey Rd.
101	66-3D-16	1261	Surrey Rd.
120	66-3D-31	222	Green Tree Dr.
124	66-3D-8	1262	Surrey Rd.
157	66-1R-62	226	Green Tree Dr.
159	66-1R-55	240	Green Tree Dr.
160	66-1R-21	243	Green Tree Dr.
161	66-1R-17	250	Green Tree Dr.
163	66-1R-4	1	Red Lion Rd.
167	66-1R-30	1252	Surrey Rd.
168	66-1R-5	1248	Surrey Rd.
169	66-1R-12	1249	Surrey Rd.
171	66-1R-6	1246	Surrey Rd.
172	66-1R-8	1242	Surrey Rd.

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HR #055, 248 Green Tree Dr.



HR #057, 245 Green Tree Dr.

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HR #061, 249 Green Tree Dr.



HR #100, 1259 Surrey Rd.

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HR #101, 1261 Surrey Rd.



HR #120, 222 Green Tree Dr.

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HR #124, 1262 Surrey Rd.



HR #159, 240 Green Tree Dr.

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HR #160, 243 Green Tree Dr.



HR #161, 250 Green Tree Dr.

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HR #163, 1 Red Lion Rd.



HR #167, 1252 Surrey Rd.

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HR #168, 1248 Surrey Rd.



HR #169, 1249 Surrey Rd.

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HR #171, 1246 Surrey Rd.



HR #172, 1242 Surrey Rd.