

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 #:	66-103, 104, 108, 110-112, 115-119, 121	Historic / Other Name:	Model Type #2, Front Gable Split Level
Tax Parcel:	Multiple	Address:	Thornbury Estates
County:	Chester 029	Municipality:	Thornbury Township

Thornbury Estates
Model Type #2, Front
Gable Split Level

Photographs

Photo 1: HR #66-104
 1262 Audubon Rd.

Photographer:

Richard Webster

Date: 5/2008

Negative Location:

Thornbury Township



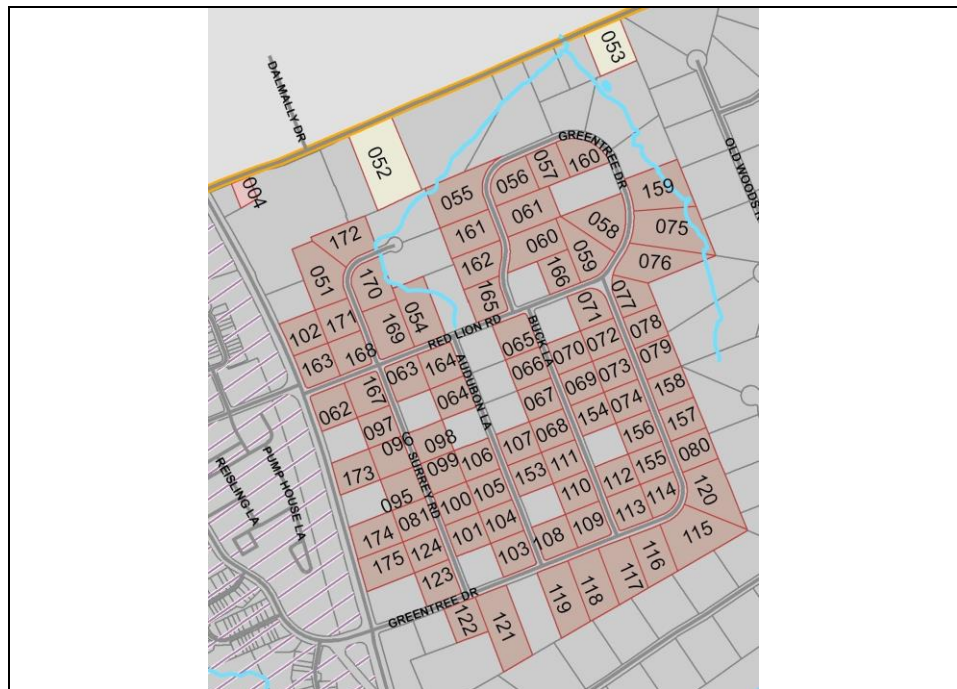
Location Map

Thornbury Township
 Historic Resource
 Inventory GIS Map, 2009

LOOK FOR: HR #103,
 104, 108, 110-112, 115-
 119, 121

MAP KEY

- 104 = 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 #2, Front Gable 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	12				
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.		C.
	D.	Other		Split Level
Exterior Materials	Foundation		Roof	Asphalt shingles 63
	Walls	Brick 30	Walls	Aluminum 55
	Other	Stone 40	Other	Wood 20
Structural System	1.		2.	
Width 4 Bays D	Depth 2 Rooms B		Stories / Height 2.5 B	

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built: X c. 1955-1957 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:

Front Gable Split Levels as constructed in Thornbury Estates were two-and-a-half story, four-bay, brick and wood buildings with an off-set, jettied front gable. The upper story of the Front Gable was clad in wood clapboards or shingles and the remainder of the house was clad in brick or stone-face. There are twelve Front Gable Split Levels located in Thornbury Estates today. Five of them, HR #103, 110, 112, 118, and 120, are clad in stone-face. All of them have had their wood siding replaced with aluminum or vinyl siding. Three of them, HR #116, 119, and 121, have had other changes and/or additions made to them.

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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 #2, Front Gable Split Level appears to have been constructed in the early to middle stages of the initial development period (1954 to 1962) of the Estates, between c. 1955 and c. 1957 and they are clustered at the south end of the Estates. This model type appears to be the largest or second-largest type of house offered in the initial development period of the Estates. They also were the least popular of the split level types erected in this time period (12 out of a total of 82 houses), possibly because their construction costs may have been too high for most home-buyers.

The following houses in Thornbury Estates are Model Type #2, Front Gable Split Levels:

HR #	Tax Parcel #	St. #	St. Name
103	66-3D-18	109	Green Tree Dr.
104	66-3D-19	1262	Audubon Rd.
108	66-3D-24	213	Green Tree Dr.
110	66-3D-26.1	1262	Buck La
111	66-3D-27	1260	Buck La
112	66-3D-28	1261	Buck La
115	66-3D-32	220	Green Tree Dr.
116	66-3D-33	218	Green Tree Dr.
117	66-3D-34	216	Green Tree Dr.
118	66-3D-35	214	Green Tree Dr.
119	66-3D-36	212	Green Tree Dr.
121	66-3D-38	108	Green Tree Dr.

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HR #103, 109 Green Tree Dr.



HR #108, 213 Green Tree Dr.

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HR #110, 1262 Buck Ln.



HR #111, 1260 Buck Ln.

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HR #112, 1261 Buck Ln.



HR #115, 220 Green Tree Dr.

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HR #116, 218 Green Tree Dr.



HR #117, 216 Green Tree Dr.

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HR #118, 214 Green Tree Dr.



HR #119, 212 Green Tree Dr.

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HR #121, 108 Green Tree Dr.