

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 #:	66-122, 123, 170, 174, 175	Historic / Other Name:	Model Type #5, Ranch
Tax Parcel:	Multiple	Address:	Thornbury Estates
County:	Chester 029	Municipality:	Thornbury Township

Thornbury Estates
Model Type #5, Ranch

Photographs

Photo 1: HR #66-122
 6 Green Tree Dr.

Photographer:
 Richard Webster

Date: 5/2008

Negative Location:
 Thornbury Township



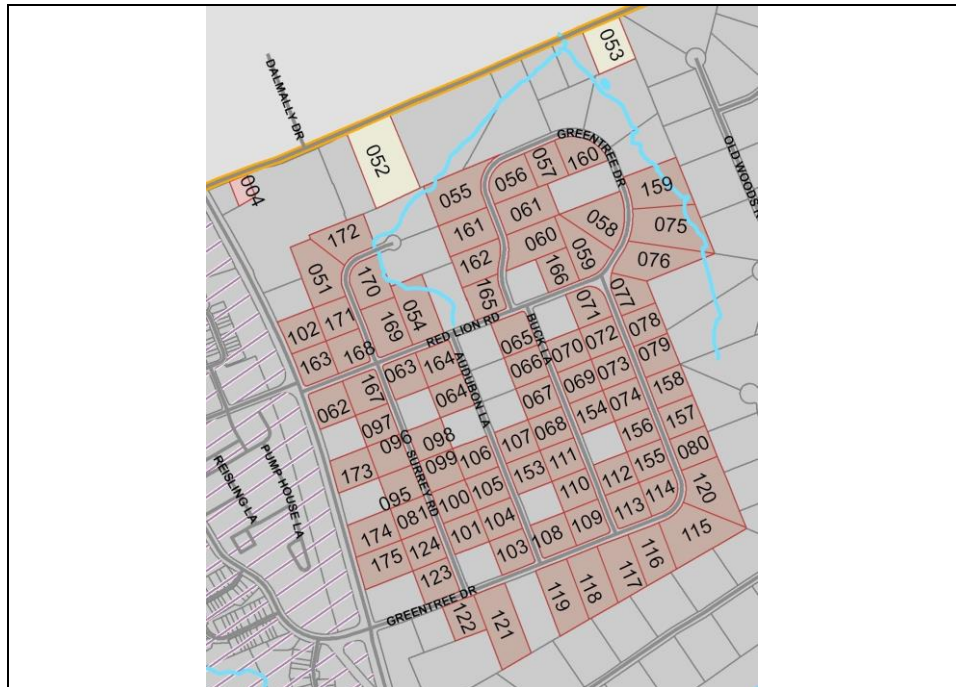
Location Map

Thornbury Township
 Historic Resource
 Inventory GIS Map, 2009

LOOK FOR: HR #122,
 123, 170, 174, 175

MAP KEY

122 = 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 #	66-122, 123, 170, 174, 175	Tax Parcel No.	Multiple		
County	1. Chester 029	2.			
Municipality	1. Thornbury Township	2.			
Address	Thornbury Estates				
Historic Name	Unknown				
Other Name	Model Type #5, Ranch				
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	5				
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		Ranch
Exterior Materials	Foundation		Roof	Asphalt shingles 63
	Walls	Brick 30		Walls
	Other	Stone 40		Other
Structural System	1.		2.	
Width 5 Bays E	Depth 2 Rooms B		Stories / Height 1 A	

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 are typical mid to late 1950s ranch houses.

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	10/2009
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	Thornbury Estates	Historic / Other Name	Ranch

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Model Type #5 Ranches as constructed in Thornbury Estates were one-story, five-bay buildings clad in brick-face or a combination of brick-face and aluminum siding. There are five Model Type #5s located in Thornbury Estates today. Two of them, HR #122 and #123, are clad entirely in brick-face; one of them, HR #175, is clad in brick-face and aluminum siding; and two of them, HR #170 and #174 have been re-clad in stone-face and aluminum siding. HR #170 is the only ranch with a porch which is constructed of wood. Three of these houses (HR #122, #123, and #174) started with a one-bay attached garage. Only HR #123 still retains its original garage. HR #122 has had its original garage replaced with a two-bay garage addition and HR #174 has had its original garage remodelled into living space and then had a new two-bay garage attached to it. HR #170 and #175 had two-bay, basement-level garages which they still retain today. HR #170, #174 and #175 have all had other changes and/or additions made to them. Only HR #123 has had no additions or changes made to it at all.

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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 #5, Ranch 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 in the western end of the Estates, primarily along Wilmington Pike (US Route #202) and Green Tree Drive. This Model Type appears to be the smallest or second-smallest type of house offered in the initial development period of the Estates. They also were the least popular of the types erected in this time period (5 out of a total of 82 houses).

The following houses in Thornbury Estates are Model Type #5, Ranches:

HR #	Tax Parcel #	St. #	St. Name
122	66-3D-39.1	6	Green Tree Dr.
123	66-3D-7	3	Green Tree Dr
170	66-1R-11	1245	Surrey Rd.
174	66-3D-4	1259	Wilmington Pike
175	66-3D-5	1261	Wilmington Pike

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HR #123, 3 Green Tree Dr.



HR #170, 1245 Surrey Rd..

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HR #174, 1259 Wilmington Pike.



HR #175, 1261 Wilmington Pike.