

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM-PHOTO/SITE PLAN SHEET

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

Bureau of Historic Preservation

P.O. Box 1026, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1026

Survey Code/Tax Parcel/Other: Multiple Tax Parcels (A025)County: BucksMunicipality: Warrington TownshipAddress: MultipleHistoric Name/Other Name: Moore Farm Residential Grouping

SITE PLAN

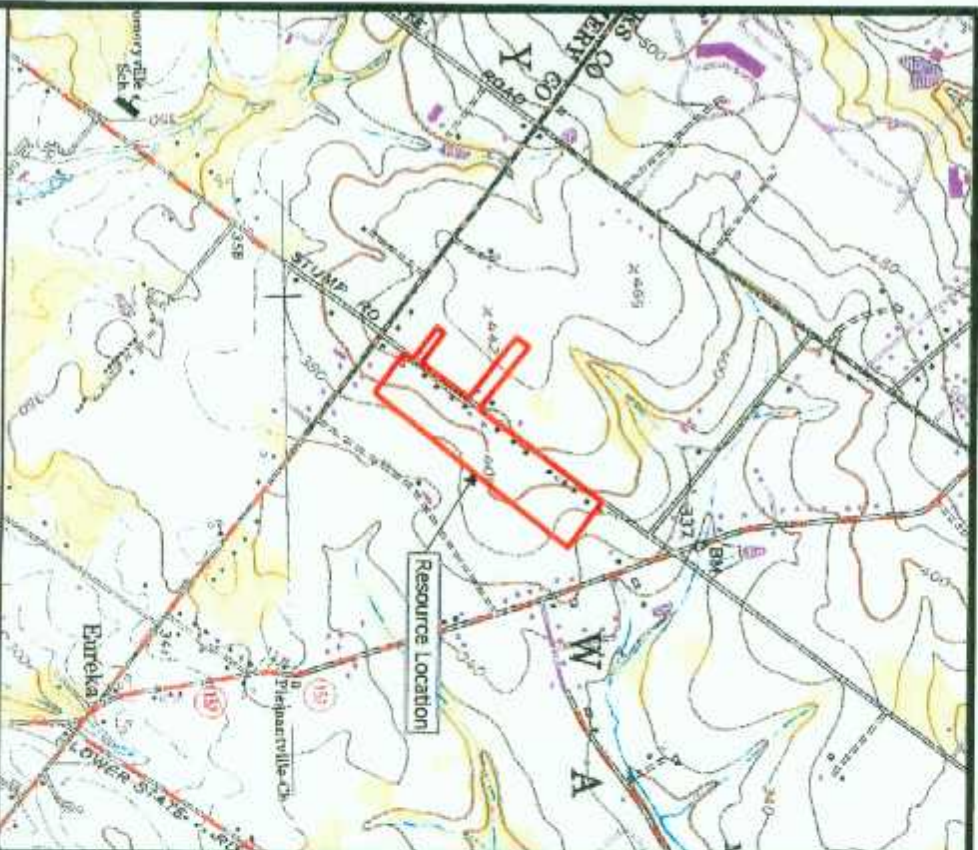


PHOTO INFORMATION



Number

Description of View

Direction of Camera

1

Streetscape along Stump Road

NE

2-9

See attached photographs

Photographer Name:

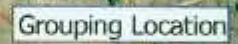
Philip PendletonDate: February 2006

Negative Location:

A.D. Marble & Company 375 East Elm St.,
Suite 200, Conshohocken, PA 19428

S.R. 0202, Section 700
Montgomery and Bucks Counties, Pennsylvania

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Tax Parcels*

Grouping Location

Phin, D. S. (2005). *ICB Inquiry*. 05/22/2005. <http://www.icb.org/05/22/2005-04/24/AM>

Map Sources: A.D. Marble & Company Field Surveyed;
Bucks County Planning Commission;
Montgomery County Planning Commission;
Orthophotography 2005.

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM – DATA SHEET
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IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

Survey Code: A025 Tax Parcel Number: Multiple
 County: 1. Bucks 0 1 7 2. _____
 Municipality: 1. Warrington Township 2. _____
 Address: 39 to 297 Stump Road, North Wales, Pennsylvania 19454
 Historic Name: Moore Farm Residential Grouping
 Other Name: _____
 Owner Name/Address: Multiple
 Owner Category: X Private Public-local Public-state Public-federal
 Resource Category: Building X District Site Structure Object
 Number/Approximate Number of Resources Covered by This Form: 17
 USGS Quad: 1. Doylestown, PA 2. _____
 UTM A. 18 482988.43E 4456528.21N C. 18 482503.01E 4455913.20N
 References: B. 18 483133.28E 4456414.68N D. 18 482625.48E 4455818.34N

HISTORIC AND CURRENT FUNCTIONS

Historic Function Category:	Subcategory:	Code:
A. <u>Domestic</u>	<u>Single Dwelling</u>	<u>0</u> <u>1</u> <u>A</u>
B. <u>Domestic</u>	<u>Secondary Structure</u>	<u>0</u> <u>1</u> <u>C</u>
C. _____	_____	_____
D. _____	_____	_____

Particular Type: A. Single Dwelling
 B. Garage/Shed
 C. _____
 D. _____

Current Function Category:	Subcategory:	Code:
A. <u>Domestic</u>	<u>Single Dwelling</u>	<u>0</u> <u>1</u> <u>A</u>
B. <u>Domestic</u>	<u>Secondary Structure</u>	<u>0</u> <u>1</u> <u>C</u>
C. _____	_____	_____
D. _____	_____	_____

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Architectural Classification:	A. <u>Other – Minimal Traditional</u>	<u>8</u> <u>0</u>
B. <u>Ranch Style</u>	<u>7</u> <u>0</u>	C. _____
D. _____	Other: _____	_____
Exterior Materials:	Foundation: <u>Concrete</u>	<u>6</u> <u>5</u>
	Walls: <u>Vinyl</u>	<u>7</u> <u>2</u>
	Other: <u>Stucco</u>	<u>6</u> <u>1</u>
	Roof: <u>Asphalt</u>	<u>6</u> <u>3</u>
	Walls: <u>Aluminum</u>	<u>5</u> <u>5</u>
	Other: <u>Stone Veneer</u>	<u>8</u> <u>0</u>
Structural System:	1. <u>Timber – light frame</u>	<u>1</u> <u>4</u>
Width: <u>3-4 bays</u>	<u>C/D</u>	Depth: <u>2 rooms</u>
	<u>B</u>	Stories/Height: <u>1-1½</u>
		<u>A</u>

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built: X C. 1949 To X C. 1955 Additional/Alterations Dates: C. ; C.
Basis for Dating: X Documentary X Physical
These dates were acquired through research conducted at the Bucks County Courthouse as well as the
Explain: Bucks County Board of Assessment website.
Physical evidence, including building forms, materials, and styles, support the 1949-1955 date range.

Cultural/Ethnic

Affiliation:	1. <u>N/A</u>	2. <u>N/A</u>
Associated Individuals:	1. <u>N/A</u>	2. <u>N/A</u>
Associated Events:	1. <u>N/A</u>	2. <u>N/A</u>
Architects/Engineers:	1. <u>Unknown</u>	2. <u>Unknown</u>
Builders	1. <u>Unknown</u>	2. <u>Unknown</u>

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Please see continuation sheet.

PREVIOUS SURVEY, DETERMINATIONS

None

EVALUATION (Survey Director/Consultants Only)

Individual NR Potential: Yes X No Contexts:
Contributes to Potential
District Yes X No District Name Status:
Explain: Please see continuation sheet.

THREATS

Threats: 1. None X 2. Public Development 3. Private Development 4. Neglect 5. Other
Explain: This property is in the Area of Potential Effect (APE) for S.R. 0202, Section 700.

SURVEYOR INFORMATION

Surveyor Name/Title:	<u>Philip Pendleton, Sr. Architectural Historian</u>	Date:	<u>February 2006</u>
Project Name:	<u>S.R. 0202, Section 700</u>		
Organization:	<u>A.D. Marble & Company</u>	Telephone:	<u>(484) 533-2500</u>
Street and No.	<u>375 East Elm Street, Suite 200</u>		
City, State:	<u>Conshohocken, PA</u>	Zip Code:	<u>19428-1908</u>
Additional Survey Documentation:	<u>Site plan, photographs</u>		
Associated Survey Codes:	<u> </u>		

CONTINUATION SHEET

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM

RESOURCE NAME: Moore Farm Residential Grouping

SURVEY CODE NO.: A025

ADDRESS: 39-297 Stump Road

CONTINUATION SHEET NO. 1

I. Physical Description

The Moore Farm Residential Grouping is primarily located along the east side of Stump Road in Warrington Township, Bucks County, with two dwellings located along the west side of Stump Road. The grouping includes a total of 17 buildings, constructed between 1949 and 1955, each located on separate tax parcels (see table below). All of the properties are located in close proximity to one another; they are of similar age and style, and all of the residences face the road. The area surrounding the resource predominantly consists of mid- to late-twentieth-century residential and commercial development. There are a number of large agricultural tracts within the immediate area of the Moore Farm Residential Grouping, many of which are either currently being constructed on, or are planned for residential and/or commercial development.

The grouping is comprised of single-family houses situated on elongated rectangular lots. The properties consist of manicured lawns with mature trees and shrubs. Most of the properties are accessed by asphalt or stone driveways with a number of the properties featuring detached garages. The dwellings were constructed between 1949 and 1955 (Bucks County Board of Assessment). The buildings in this grouping lack distinctive architectural features, and can be categorized as Minimal Traditional and Ranch style dwellings. The majority of the dwellings within the grouping have undergone more than one significant alteration, the most common of which include the application of vinyl siding, aluminum siding, or stucco to the exterior walls, the replacement of windows and doors, the modification of porches, and the construction of additions. These alterations detract from the overall integrity of the grouping by decreasing the level of cohesion among the dwellings. The dwellings within the grouping continue to serve their primary functions as places of residence, and most remain in fair to good condition.

Additional buildings, structures, and elements within the grouping include sheds, garages, and retaining walls. Many of the sheds and garages have undergone alterations similar to the dwellings. The retaining walls are constructed of either concrete or stone. The grouping has no unifying features such as sidewalks, curbing, or street lights. Similarly, plantings are sporadic throughout the grouping, and there are no uniform landscaping features.

CONTINUATION SHEET**PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM****RESOURCE NAME:** Moore Farm Residential Grouping**SURVEY CODE NO.:** A025**ADDRESS:** 39-297 Stump Road**CONTINUATION SHEET NO.** 2*Summary of Resources Surveyed within the Moore Farm Residential Grouping on Stump Road, Bucks County.*

RESOURCE ADDRESS	TAX PARCEL NUMBER
48 Stump Road	50-004-004
130 Stump Road	50-004-005
39 Stump Road	50-004-030
75 Stump Road	50-004-031
89 Stump Road	50-004-032
105 Stump Road	50-004-033
121 Stump Road	50-004-034
135 Stump Road	50-004-035
159 Stump Road	50-004-036
173 Stump Road	50-004-037
187 Stump Road	50-004-038
203 Stump Road	50-004-039
237 Stump Road	50-004-040
251 Stump Road	50-004-041
267 Stump Road	50-004-042
287 Stump Road	50-004-043
297 Stump Road	50-004-044

II. Historical Narrative

Bucks County Board of Assessment data indicates that the majority of the dwellings within the Moore Farm Residential Grouping were constructed between 1949 and 1955. By a deed dated May 10, 1949, Walter Donaldson and L. Lorraine Moore conveyed approximately 105.0 acres of Warrington Township land to Joseph & Mary Barness (Bucks County Deed Book 903:441). According to a review of Doylestown City Directories, Barness was a general contractor in business with his son (Clark & Company 1953:50).

Barness's "Plan of the Moore Farm," surveyed in February 1950, was not filed at the Bucks County Recorder of Deeds (recited in Bucks County Deed Book 948:283). However, by the summer of 1950, Barness was selling lots fronting on Stump Road and measuring approximately 1.9 acres. Some of these lots appear to be unseated, although they were subject to restrictions including square footage, location of the dwelling and garage, and use. Furthermore, the plans and specifications were subject to the approval of Harness & Son (recited in Bucks County Deed Book 948:283). The majority of houses along Stump Road were first sold between 1950 and 1952. These side-gable dwellings with an off-center front gable generally had a purchase price of \$10,000 to \$11,000.00 (Bucks County Deed Books 1013:307; 1057:434).

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III. National Register Evaluation

The Moore Farm Residential Grouping is recommended not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places because it does not meet the criteria established by the National Park Service (NPS) for the evaluation of resources for inclusion in the National Register (NPS 1997). The resource is an example of a group of mid-twentieth-century dwellings that generally lack distinctive architectural features, integrity, and cohesion. The grouping retains integrity of location and setting, but lacks integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. The grouping is not a unique or representative example of a group of buildings of its type, style, or age within Warrington Township, Bucks County, and it does not retain an unusually high degree of architectural integrity. A windshield survey revealed that there are numerous buildings within the surrounding area, outside of the grouping, that represent similar types, styles, ages, methods of construction, levels of integrity, and conditions as the buildings within the Moore Farm Residential Grouping. Historic research did not reveal that the Moore Farm Residential Grouping is associated with an important historical event or trend; therefore, it is recommended not eligible under Criterion A. Likewise, historic research did not reveal that the grouping is directly associated with a historically significant person or persons; therefore, the property is recommended not eligible under Criterion B. The grouping is recommended not eligible under Criterion C because it does not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, style, or method of construction. Archaeological investigations have not been conducted within the grouping; therefore, the resource's eligibility under Criterion D (potential to yield information important to history or prehistory) cannot be assessed at this time. This evaluation was prepared in accordance with the NPS Guidelines (1997 and 2002).

IV. References

Bucks County Deed Books

Various Bucks County Deed Books. Bucks County Recorder of Deeds, Bucks County Courthouse, Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

Bucks County website

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PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM

RESOURCE NAME: Moore Farm Residential Grouping

SURVEY CODE NO.: A025

ADDRESS: 39-297 Stump Road

CONTINUATION SHEET NO. 4

- 1997 *National Register Bulletin: How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation*. United States Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C.

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- 1996 *Doylestown, PA* quadrangle. 7.5 minute Digital Raster Graphic for Doylestown Quadrangle. U.S. Geological Survey, Reston, Virginia.



Photograph 2: Moore Farm Residential Grouping - Streetscape photograph of the Residential Grouping. Note the unplanned landscaping, lack of sidewalks, and other unifying features lacking from this grouping. View facing east (January 2006).



Photograph 3: Moore Farm Residential Grouping - Photograph of a representative example of a Minimal Traditional style dwelling. This style of dwelling is common throughout the project area and is an unadorned example of this architectural style. View facing north (January 2006).



Photograph 4: Moore Farm Residential Grouping - Photograph of a representative example of a Minimal Traditional style dwelling. Note the multiple rear additions, vinyl cladding, and modern windows. View facing east (January 2006).



Photograph 5: Moore Farm Residential Grouping - Photograph of a representative example of a Ranch style dwelling. Note the rear enclosed porch and modern entrance. View facing north (January 2006).



Photograph 6: Moore Farm Residential Grouping - Photograph of a representative example of a Minimal Traditional style dwelling. Note the rear addition, modern cladding, and modern windows. View facing east (January 2006).



Photograph 7: Moore Farm Residential Grouping - Photograph of a representative example of a Minimal Traditional style dwelling. Note the second-story shed-roof dormer as well as the attached two-car garage. View facing east (January 2006).



Photograph 8: Moore Farm Residential Grouping - Photograph of a representative example of a Minimal Traditional style dwelling. Note the gable front addition, vinyl cladding, and modern windows. View facing southeast (January 2006).



Photograph 9: Moore Farm Residential Grouping - Photograph of a representative example of a Ranch style dwelling. This style of dwelling is common throughout the project area and is an unadorned example of this architectural style. View facing southeast (January 2006).