

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

Bureau of Historic Preservation

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

Survey Code/Tax Parcel/Other: Multiple

County: Lehigh

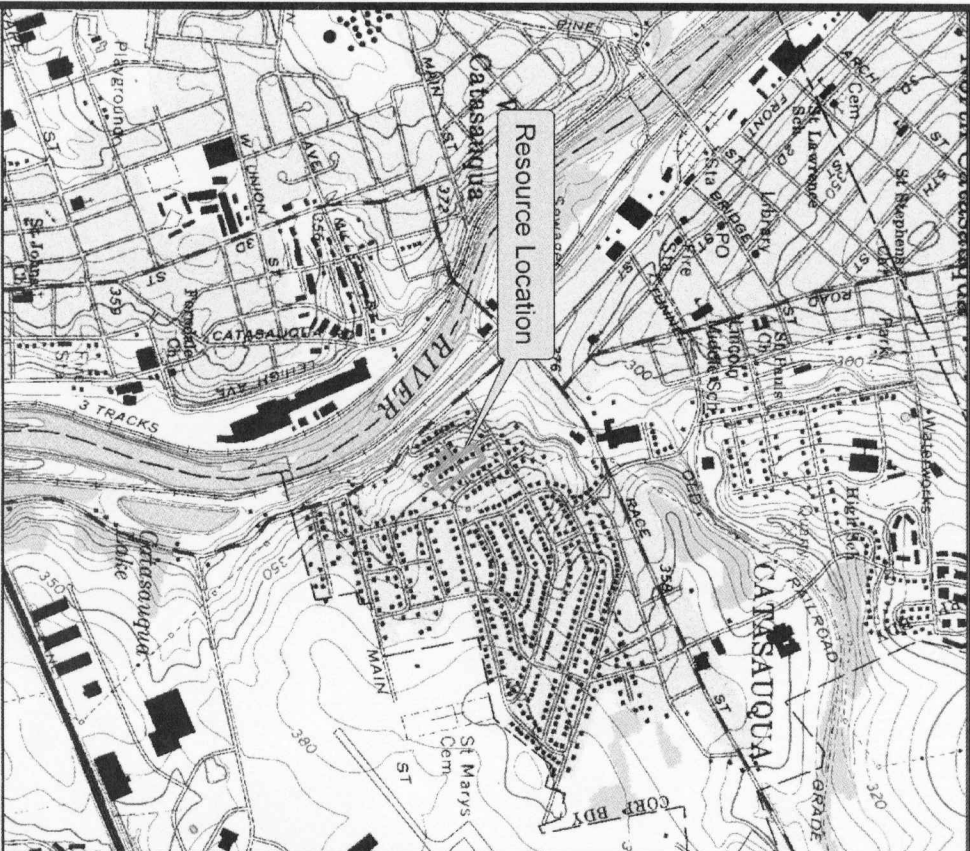
Municipality: Borough of Catasauqua

Address: Prospect Street, 100/200 Blocks, S of Poplar Street

Prospect Street Neighborhood Grouping

SITE PLAN

PHOTO INFORMATION



Number

Description of View

Direction of Camera

1

Prospect Street, east side (to left), from High Street

Z

2-9

See attached photographs.

Photographer Name:

Elizabeth Amisson

Date: 9/13/05

Negative Location:

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



0 2,000 Feet

Source: USGS 7.5' Topographic
Quadrangle (Catasauqua, PA)

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM – DATA SHEET
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Bureau for Historic Preservation

IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

Survey Code: Multiple Property Id No (PIN).: Multiple
 County: 1 Lehigh 0 7 7 2 _____
 Municipality: 1 Catasauqua 2. _____
 Address: 125-229 Prospect Street, Catasauqua, Pennsylvania 18032
 Historic Name: Prospect Street Neighborhood 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: 8
 USGS Quad: 1. Catasauqua, PA 2. _____
 UTM A. 18. 460688E 4499736N C. 18. 460815E 4499594N
 References: B. 18. 460713E 4499751N D. 18. 460785E 4499584N

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. _____

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C. _____	_____	_____
D. _____	_____	_____

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Architectural Classification: A. Modern – Ranch 7 0
 B. Other – Minimal Traditional 8 0 C. _____
 D. _____ Other: _____

Exterior Materials: Foundation: Concrete 6 5 Roof: Asphalt 6 3
 Walls: Brick 3 0 Walls: _____
 Other: _____ Other: _____

Structural System: 1. Timber – light frame 1 4 2. _____
 Width: 3 bays C Depth: 2 rooms B Stories/Height: 1-1 ½ stories A

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built: X C. 1950 To X C. 1959 Additional/Alterations Dates: C. ; C.

Basis for Dating: X Documentary X Physical

Explain: The tax assessment gives construction dates ranging 1950-1959 for these properties.

Physical evidence, including building forms, materials, and styles, supports the 1950-1959 date range.

Cultural/Ethnic

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

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

PREVIOUS SURVEY, DETERMINATIONS

N/A

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 resource is in the APE for proposed improvements to S.R. 1004, Section 03S.

SURVEYOR INFORMATION

Surveyor Name/Title:	<u>Elizabeth Amisson/Philip E. Pendleton</u>	Date:	<u>October 2005</u>
Project Name:	<u>S.R. 1004, Section 03S Improvements</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, Pennsylvania</u>	Zip Code:	<u>19428-1908</u>
Additional Survey Documentation:	<u>Photographs</u>		
Associated Survey Codes:	<u> </u>		

CONTINUATION SHEET

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM

RESOURCE NAME: Prospect Street Neighborhood Grouping

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CONTINUATION SHEET NO. 1

I. Physical Description

These eight small mid-twentieth-century dwellings are examples of popular forms of the mass-market housing of their period. Representing the Ranch and Minimal Traditional styles, they share similar characteristics of brick-clad frame construction, concrete foundations, one- or one-and-one-half-story height, side gable roofs covered with asphalt shingles, and front facades incorporating bay, ribbon, or picture windows. All of the houses are set back from the street at relatively uniform intervals, situated on small lots shaded by mature hardwood trees.

125 Prospect: Ranch; variant form with partially exposed basement front for garage; ca. 1957.

133 Prospect: Minimal Traditional with steeply pitched roof suggestive of Tudor; cross-gabled roof; ca. 1953.

139 Prospect: Ranch; ca.1950.

205 Prospect: Ranch; recessed front entry porch; ca. 1956.

206 Prospect: Ranch; projecting front wing with picture window; ca. 1959.

213 Prospect: Ranch; ca. 1956.

221 Prospect: Minimal Traditional; two gabled dormers on front roof slope; ca. 1956.

229 Prospect: Ranch; garage wing, original or added early, with façade stepped back from that of house; ca. 1952.

II. Historical Narrative

According to Lehigh County tax assessment records, these eight similar dwellings were all constructed ca.1950-1959. All are located within the Colonial Manor subdivision created by landowner Floyd E. Gruber during the 1950s. Gruber had acquired the land from the Deily-Milson family in 1945 (Lehigh County Assessment Record 2005; Lehigh County Plat Book 6-15; Lehigh County Deed 644-613).

III. National Register Evaluation

The Prospect Street Neighborhood 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. The resource is a grouping of mid-twentieth-century dwellings that represent undistinguished, commonplace examples of the mass-market housing of their era. Historical research did not reveal that the Prospect Street Neighborhood Grouping is associated with an important historical event or trend; therefore, it is recommended not eligible under Criterion A. Likewise, historical 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 resource is recommended not eligible under Criterion C because it does not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, style, or method of construction, nor does it demonstrate other qualities of architectural

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distinction. 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.

IV. References

Lehigh County Records

2005 Lehigh County Assessment Record. On file at the office of the Assessor, Lehigh County Governmental Center, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

various Lehigh County Deeds. On file at the office of the Recorder of Deeds, Lehigh County Governmental Center, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

various Lehigh County Plat Books. On file at the office of the Recorder of Deeds, Lehigh County Governmental Center, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

National Park Service (NPS)

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

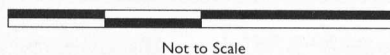
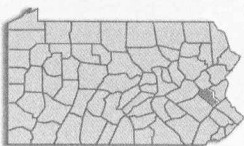
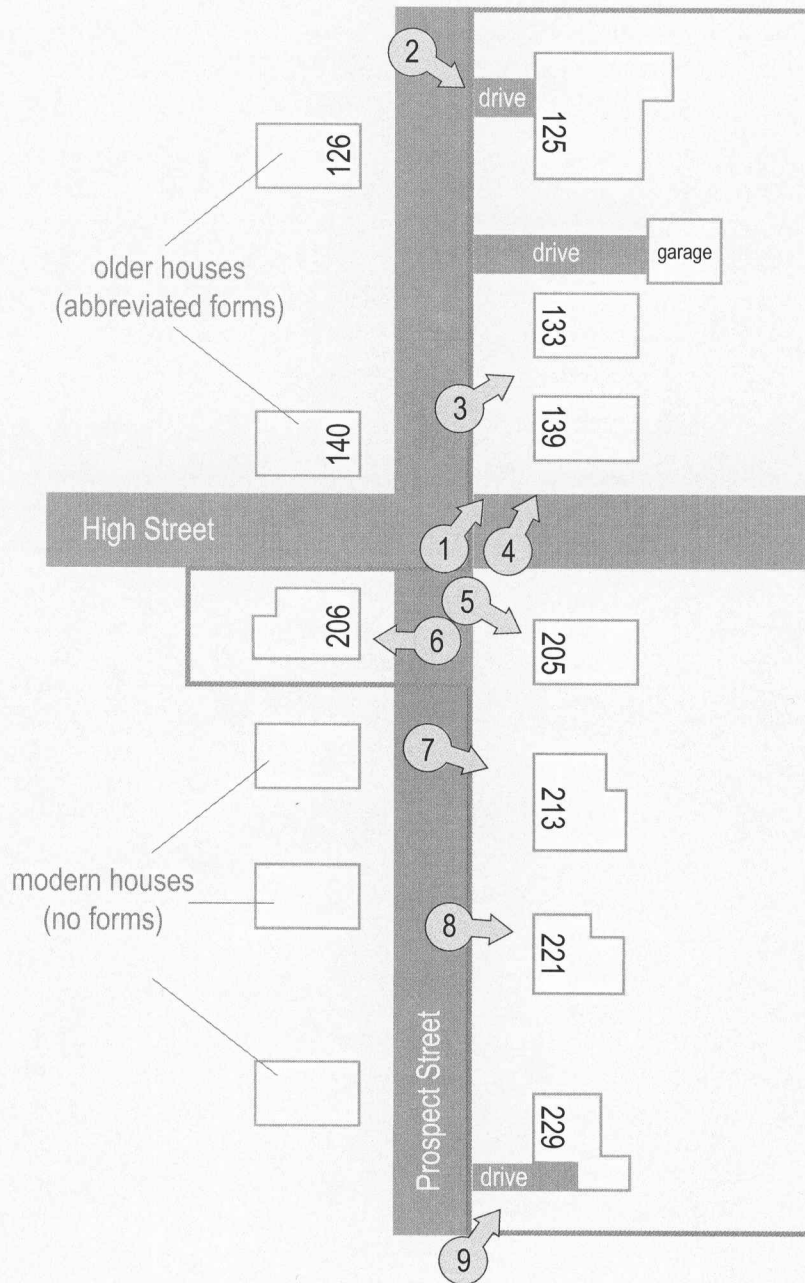
United States Geological Survey (USGS)

1995 *Catasauqua, PA quadrangle*. U.S. Geological Survey, Reston, Virginia.

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Pennsylvania Historic Resource Survey Form Site Plan Attachment with Photo Locations

S.R. 1004, Section 03S
Lehigh County, Pennsylvania





Photograph 2: 125 Prospect Street. Southwest and northwest elevations. View to east (September 2005).



Photograph 3: 133 Prospect Street. Southwest and southeast elevations. View to northeast (September 2005).



Photograph 4: 139 Prospect Street. Southwest and southeast elevations. View to northwest (September 2005).



Photograph 5: 205 Prospect Street. Southwest and northwest elevations. View to east (September 2005).



Photograph 6: 206 Prospect Street. Northeast elevation. View to southwest (September 2005).



Photograph 7: 213 Prospect Street. Southwest and northwest elevations. View to east (September 2005).



Photograph 8: 221 Prospect Street. Southwest elevation. View to northeast (September 2005).



Photograph 9: 229 Prospect Street. Southwest and southeast elevations. View to north (September 2005).