

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM — PHOTO/SITE PLAN SHEET

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Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
Bureau of Historic Preservation

Box 1026, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1026

119053

Survey Code/Tax Parcel/Other No.:

District

Municipality: Pittstown Borough

Address:

Keim Street at North Hills Boulevard

County:

Montgomery

Historic Name/Other Name: North Hills District

SITE PLAN

PHOTO INFORMATION

Attach Photo Here

See attachments

Number

Description of View

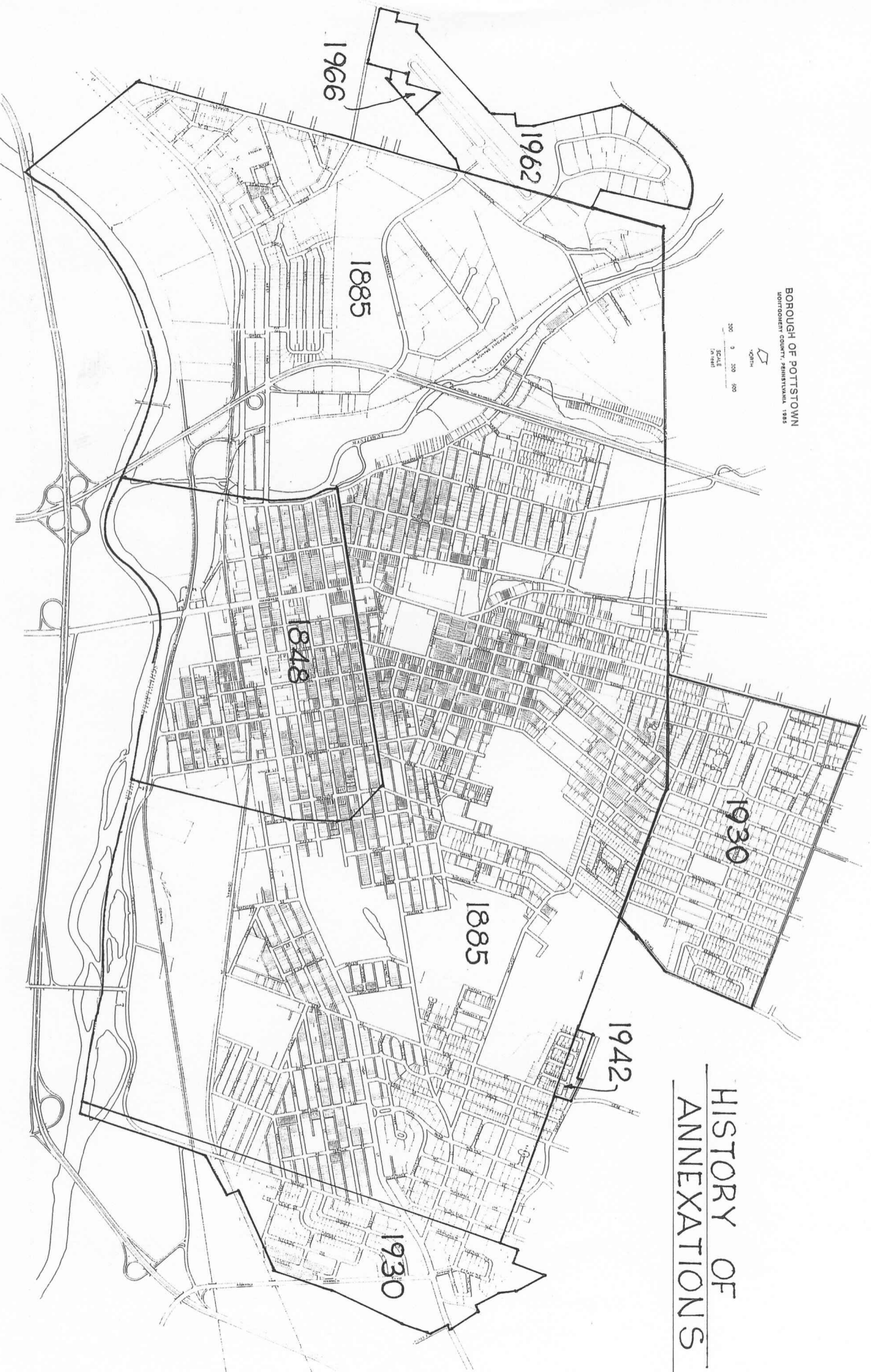
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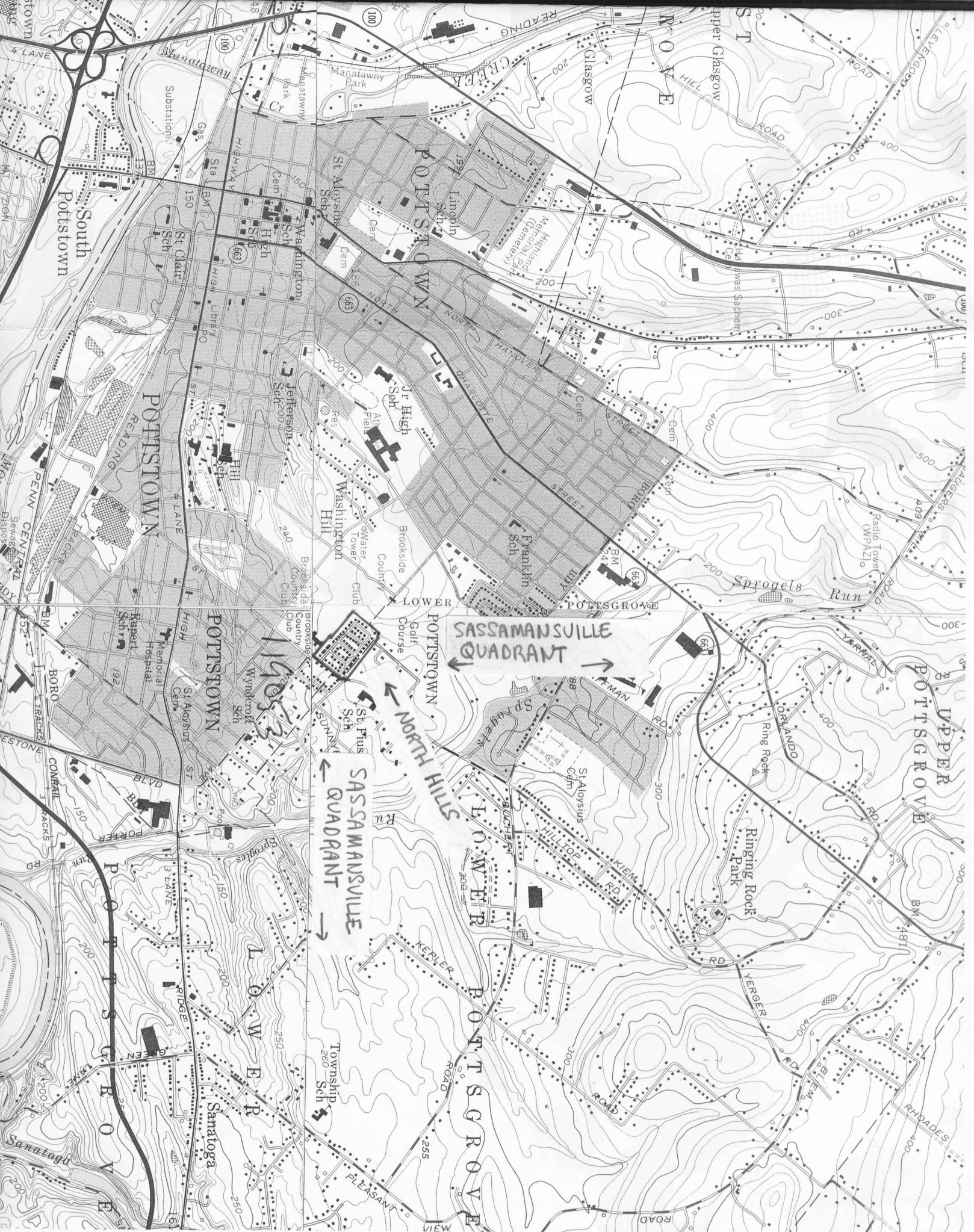
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Negative Location:

BOROUGH OF POTTSTOWN
SOUTHWORTH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, 1985



HISTORY OF ANNEXATIONS



PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM — DATA SHEET
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IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

Survey Code: _____ Tax Parcel/Other No.: District
 County: 1. Montgomery 091 2. _____
 Municipality: 1. Pottstown Borough 2. _____
 Address: Keim Street at North Hills Boulevard
 Historic Name: North Hills District
 Other Name: _____
 Owner Name/Address: Multiple
 Owner Category: ☒ Private ☐ Public-local ☐ Public-state ☐ Public-federal
 Resource Category: ☐ Building ☒ District ☐ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Object
 Number/Approximate Number of Resources Covered by This Form: _____
 USGS Quad: 1. Sassamansville 2. _____
 UTM A. _____ C. _____
 References: B. _____ D. _____

HISTORIC AND CURRENT FUNCTIONS

Historic Function Category: _____ Subcategory: _____ Code: _____
 A. Domestic Single dwelling 0 1 A
 B. _____
 C. _____
 D. _____
 Particular Type: A. detached single dwelling
 B. semi detached single dwelling
 C. attached single dwelling
 D. _____
 Current Function Category: _____ Subcategory: _____ Code: _____
 A. Domestic Single dwelling 0 1 A
 B. _____
 C. _____
 D. _____

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Architectural Classification: A. Cape Cod 8 0
 B. _____ C. _____
 D. _____ Other: _____
 Exterior Materials: Foundation brick 3 0 Roof asphalt 6 3
 Walls brick 3 0 Walls wood 2 1
 Other _____ Other _____
 Structural System: 1. wood 1 4 2. _____
 Widt: _____ Depth: _____ Stories/Height: 1½ and 2 A

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built: C. 1941 to C. 1953 Additions/Alterations Dates: C. _____; C. _____

Basis for Dating: ☒ Documentary ☒ Physical

Explain: Building permit records.

Cultural/Ethnic Affiliation: 1. _____ 2. _____

Associated Individuals: 1. _____ 2. _____

Associated Events: 1. _____ 2. _____

Architects/Engineers: 1. _____ 2. _____

Builders: 1. _____ 2. _____

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

PREVIOUS SURVEY, DETERMINATIONS

EVALUATION (Survey Director/Consultants Only)

Individual NR Potential: ☒ Yes ☐ No Context(s): _____

Contributes to Potential District ☐ Yes ☐ No District Name/Status: _____

Explain: _____

THREATS

Threats: ☐ 1. None ☐ 2. Public Development ☐ 3. Private Development ☐ 4. Neglect ☐ 5. Other

Explain: _____

SURVEYOR INFORMATION

Surveyor Name/Title: Robert E. Bartmann Date: 10.01

Project Name: Pottstown Conservation District

Organization: Pottstown Planning Commission Telephone: 610.376.5684

Street and No.: 1324 Pike Street

City, State: Reading, PA Zip Code: 19604

Additional Survey Documentation: _____

Associated Survey Codes: _____

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL RESOURCE SURVEY FORM — NARRATIVE SHEET
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Survey Code: _____ Tax Parcel/Other No.: District
County: Montgomery Municipality: Pottstown Borough
Address: Keim Street at North Hills Boulevard
Historic/Other Name: North Hills District

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

North Hills District Area 20

This is a small area situated on the northern border of the Borough west of Keim Street. It is located on a slight rise. It is bounded by the Borough line to the north, a golf course to the west and south and by Keim Street to the east.

Most notable of the area is the constancy of its post-World War II development. Near the Keim Street entrances are 2 story brick row homes and single homes of Colonial Revival Style. The remainder of the development is of small 1-1/2 story, detached homes of the Cape Cod Style. The lots are small, yet each home has a landscaped front yard of about 20 feet depth.

The Colonial Revival Style homes were completed before 1943. The Cape Cod Style homes were completed in 1953.

Total number of sites	97	100%
Sites built between 1940 and 1951	46	51%
Sites built between 1951 and 1953	51	53%

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE:

North Hills District Area 20

North Hills has a two-part history. Land was purchased prior to World War II and streets were laid out. In 1941 construction began on homes which were configured as either four row houses together in a single architectural composition, twin houses, or single houses. These were built along Keim Street and Hawthorne Street and in the first block of North Hills Boulevard and South Hills Boulevard.

The subdivision overlapped the borders of the Borough and Lower Pottsgrove Township. In 1942 all of the land was annexed into the Borough of Pottstown, creating several jags in the boundary line.

World War II put a stop to all construction. After the war the undeveloped portion of the subdivision was platted for small suburban lots. Single houses of 1 ½-stories and the Cape Cod Style were built. Construction was completed in 1953.

The area depicts the change in the development of housing and town pattern during the World War II era.

Borough of Pottstown
Montgomery County, PA
July 2001
Photo Index
Robert Bartmann, Photographer
Negative Location:
Pottstown Borough
100 East High Street
Pottstown, PA 19464

North Hills District – Area 20

PHOTO: 20-a
DATE: July, 2001
LOCATION: North Hills Boulevard
near Hawthorne Street
VIEW: Looking northwest
SUBJECT: Pre-World War II row
houses of the Colonial Revival Style.
A composite of four houses

PHOTO: 20-b
DATE: July, 2001
LOCATION: North Hills Boulevard
near Hawthorne Street
VIEW: Looking southeast
SUBJECT: Pre-War twin houses of
the Colonial Revival Style

PHOTO: 20-c
DATE: July, 2001
LOCATION: North Hills Boulevard
at Hawthorne Street
VIEW: Looking southeast
SUBJECT: Pre-World War II single
house of the Colonial Revival Style

PHOTO: 20-d
DATE: July, 2001
LOCATION: Beechwood Street
north of South Hills Boulevard
VIEW: Looking northwest
SUBJECT: Post-World War II frame
houses of the Cape Cod Style



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Borough of Pottstown
Montgomery County, PA
PHOTO: 20-a
DATE: July, 2001
LOCATION: North Hills Boulevard near Hawthorne
Street
VIEW: Looking northwest
SUBJECT: Pre-World War II row houses of the
Colonial Revival Style. A composite of four houses.

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Borough of Pottstown
Montgomery County, PA
PHOTO: 20-b
DATE: July, 2001
LOCATION: North Hills Boulevard near Hawthorne
Street
VIEW: Looking southeast
SUBJECT: Pre-War twin houses of the Colonial
Revival Style

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Borough of Pottstown
Montgomery County, PA
PHOTO: 20-c
DATE: July, 2001
LOCATION: North Hills Boulevard at Hawthorne
Street
VIEW: Looking southeast
SUBJECT: Pre-World War II single house of the
Colonial Revival Style



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1100

Borough of Pottstown
Montgomery County, PA
PHOTO: 20-d
DATE: July, 2001
LOCATION: Beechwood Street north of South Hills
Boulevard
VIEW: Looking northwest
SUBJECT: Post-World War II frame houses of the
Cape Cod Style