

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 17106-1026

1/19055

Survey Code/Tax Parcel/Other No.:

Distinct

Municipality: Pottstown Borough

Address: West King Street

County: Montgomery

Historic Name/Other Name: Pottsgrave Manor

SITE PLAN

PHOTO INFORMATION

Attach Photo Here

See Attachments

Number

Description of View

Direction
of Camera

Photographer Name:

Date:

Negative Location:

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: West King Street
 Historic Name: Pottsgrove Manor 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: 262
 USGS Quad: 1. Boyertown 2. Pottstown
 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 dwellings
 B. _____
 C. _____
 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 Stucco 6 1 Roof Asphalt 6 3
 Walls Wood 2 1 Walls Brick 4 0
 Other _____ Other _____
 Structural System: 1. Wood 1 4 2. _____
 Wid: _____ Depth: _____ Stories/Height: 1 1/2 A

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built: ☒ C. 1940 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 Project

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: West King Street
Historic/Other Name: Pottsgrove Manor District

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Area 21 Pottsgrove Manor District

West King Street began developing in 1941 with small 1-1/2 story Cape Cod Style homes of brick with thick slate roofs. About 19 homes were built before World War II interrupted construction.

After the war building again resumed. The area north of King Street was rapidly developed between 1953 and 1954. These homes are also of the 1-1/2 story Cape Cod Style. All are of frame construction. The plan is the same for all of these houses. They vary only by the type and color and siding of clapboard or shingle. Now this subdivision has shown a greater variety and maturity by landscaping and by individual properties that have added here and there a porch or a dormer window.

Eventually the remainder of West King Street was completely developed with the addition of one story Ranch Style homes. Many have brick or stone veneer. The area was all developed by 1956.

Total number of sites	262	100%
Sites built between 1940 and 1951	19	7%
Sites built between 1951 and 1956	243	93%

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE:

Area 21 Pottsgrove Manor District

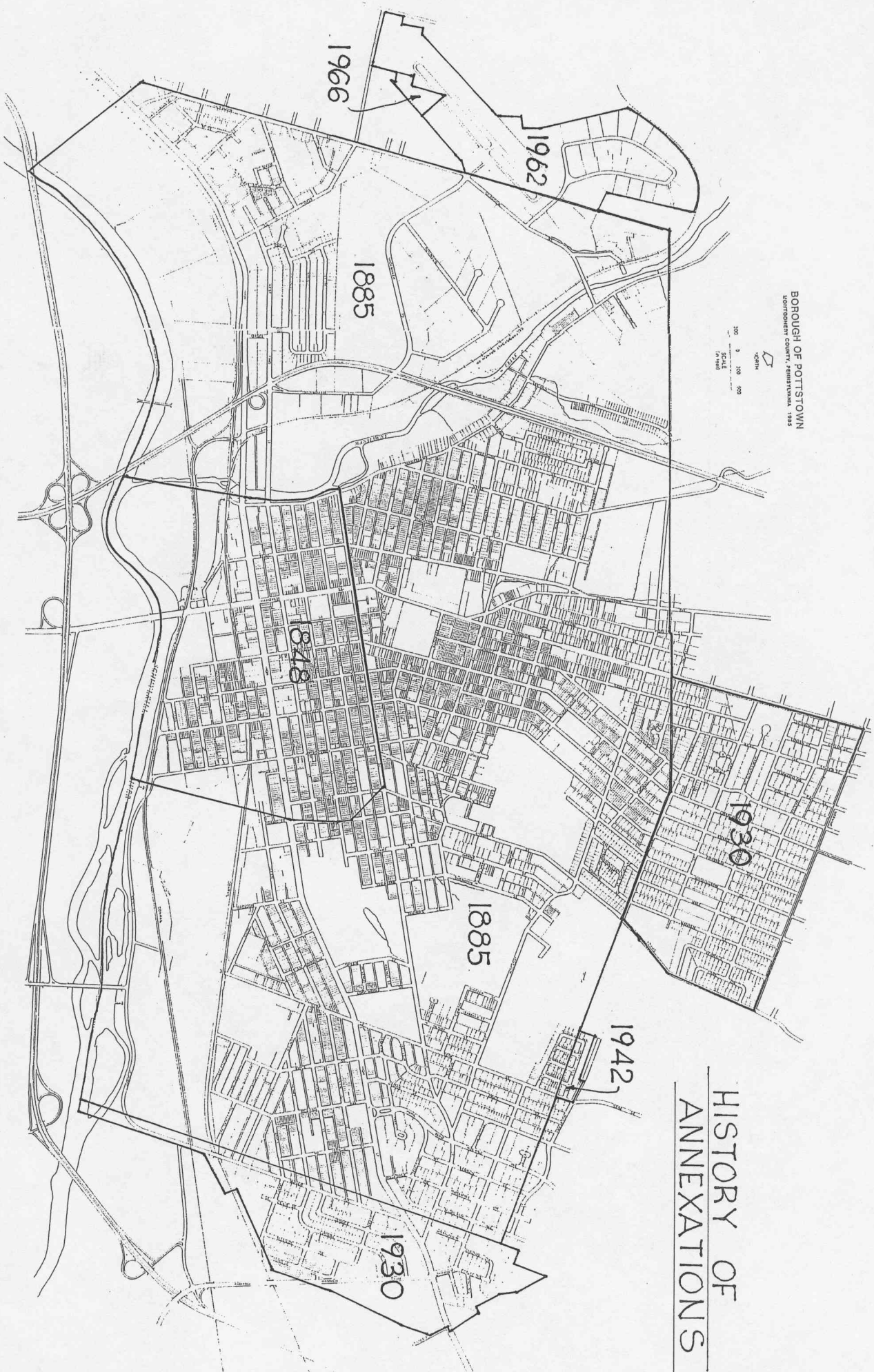
Pottsgrove Manor, located northwest of the "Historic Pottsgrove Manor," was the name given to a post-World War II subdivision north of West King Street. However, the earliest development of the area was along West King Street at Gable Street. Beginning about 1940 modest sized homes were built in a "country" version of Colonial Revival Style architecture. (It was the forerunner of the popular Cape Cod Style which was to follow.) The houses are of brick construction and feature slate roofs.

After the war the area north of West King Street was rapidly developed with minimum FHA standard suburban houses of the Cape Cod Style. All of these houses are of frame construction and all have the identical floor plan. Only now after nearly 50 years have the houses taken on some individual characteristics as home owners have added landscaping, porches, windows, dormers, etc.

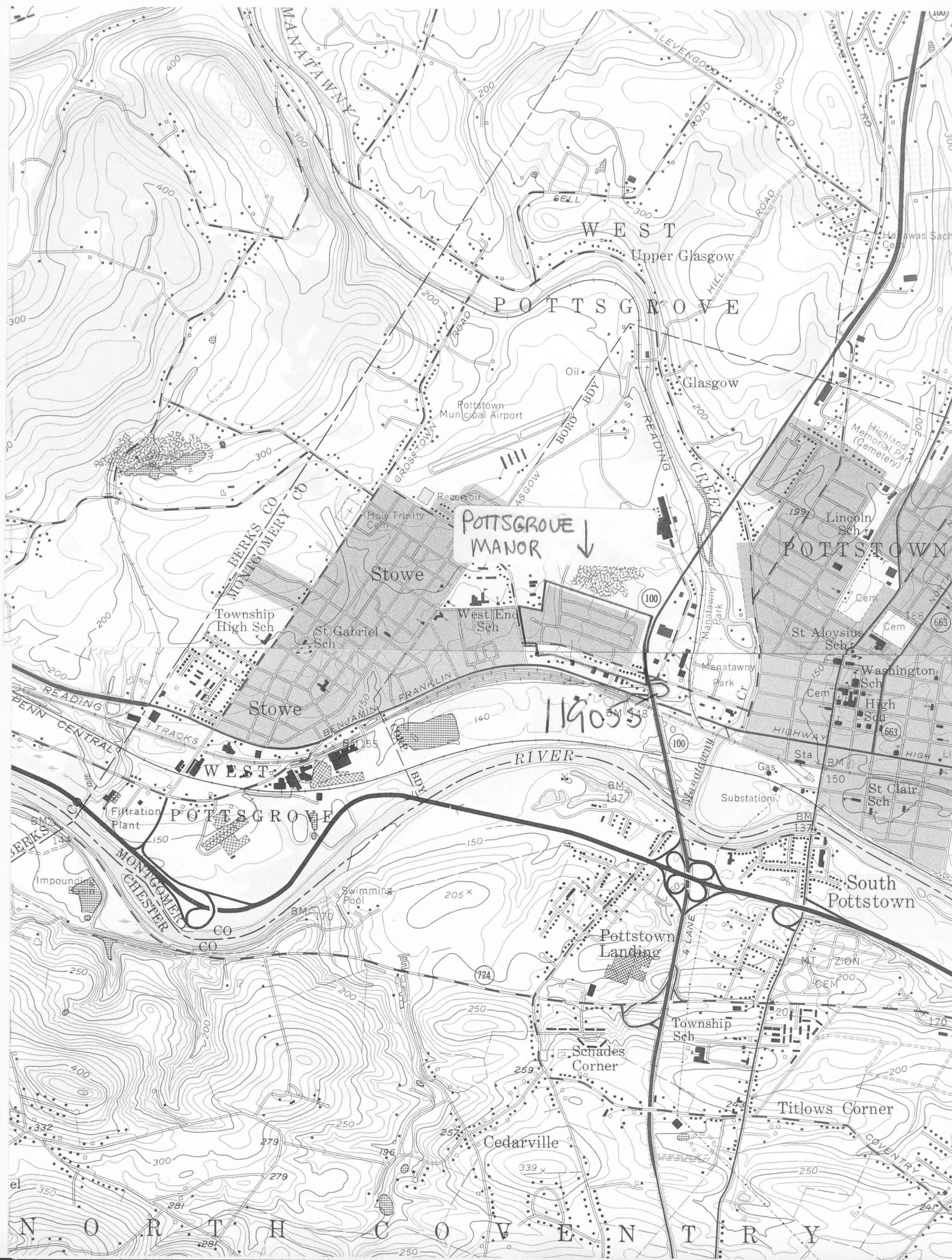
The area demonstrates how seemingly bland "cookie cutter" development can develop its own variations and character.

BOROUGH OF POTTSTOWN
MORTIMER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA 1935

500 3 200 100
SCALE
IN FEET



HISTORY OF ANNEXATIONS



UPPER
POTTSGROVE

Ring Rock
Park

LOWER
POTTSGROVE

POTTSTOWN

BOYERTOWN
QUADRANGLE

POTTSTOWN
QUADRANGLE

POTTSTOWN

LOWER

Sanatoga

POTTSGROVE

POTTSTOWN

MONTGOMERY
CHESTER CO

MONTGOMERY CO
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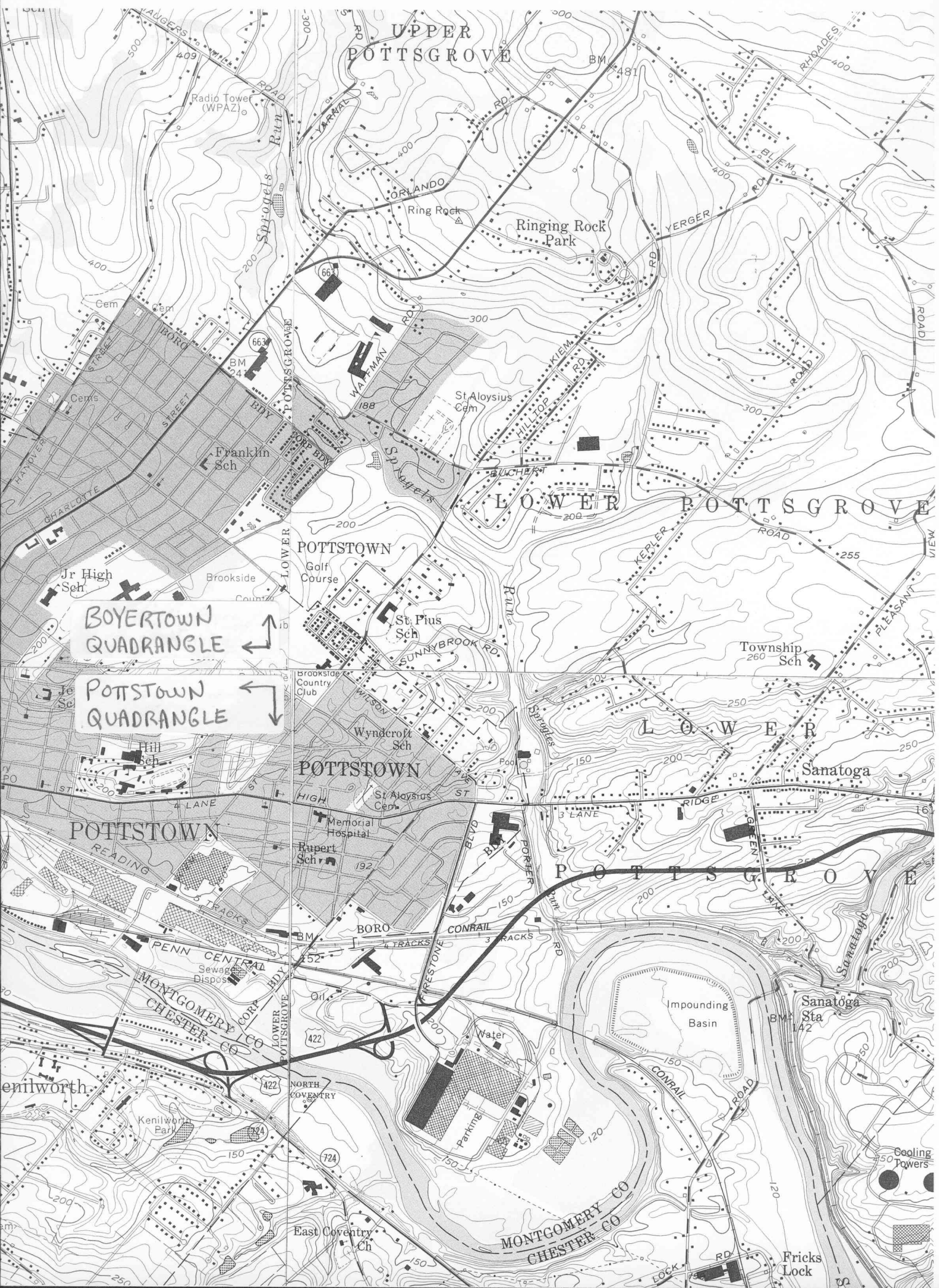
Kenilworth

Sanatoga
Sta

Fricks
Lock

East Coventry
Ch

Cooling
Towers









Borough of Pottstown
Montgomery County, PA
July 2001

Photo Index

Robert Bartmann, Photographer

Negative Location:

Pottstown Borough
100 East High Street
Pottstown, PA 19464

PHOTO: 21-a

DATE: July, 2001

LOCATION: Gabel Street at West King
Street

VIEW: Looking west

SUBJECT: Pre-World War II houses of the
Cape Cod Style

PHOTO: 21-b

DATE: July, 2001

LOCATION: Beech Street

VIEW: Looking southwest

SUBJECT: Basic model of post-World War
II frame house of the Cape Cod Style

PHOTO: 21-c

DATE: July, 2001

LOCATION: Walnut Street

VIEW: Looking south

SUBJECT: Post-World War II frame house
with added bay window and landscaping

PHOTO: 21-d

DATE: July, 2001

LOCATION: Walnut Street

VIEW: Looking southwest

SUBJECT: Post-World War II frame house
with front and side porch added