

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action: Nomination  
Property Name: Ivy Cottage  
Multiple Name: West Whiteland Township MRA  
State & County: PENNSYLVANIA, Chester

Date Received: 9/25/2018      Date of Pending List:      Date of 16th Day:      Date of 45th Day: 11/9/2018      Date of Weekly List:

Reference number: 84003961

Nominator: State

Reason For Review:

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal           | <input type="checkbox"/> PDIL            | <input type="checkbox"/> Text/Data Issue    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SHPO Request     | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape       | <input type="checkbox"/> Photo              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Waiver           | <input type="checkbox"/> National        | <input type="checkbox"/> Map/Boundary       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resubmission     | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Resource | <input type="checkbox"/> Period             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> TCP             | <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 50 years |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> CLG             |   |

Accept       Return       Reject      11/9/2018 Date

Abstract/Summary      Current owners have removed the 1984 owner's objection.  
Comments:

Recommendation/  
Criteria

Reviewer Lisa Deline      Discipline Historian

Telephone (202)354-2239      Date 11/9/18

DOCUMENTATION:      see attached comments : No      see attached SLR : No

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.

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 PA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION Harrisburg, PA 17120

7. Local survey organization  
 West Whiteland Historical Commission

8. property owners name and address  
 George G. & Ann Howell Chandler  
 P.O. Box 117  
 Exton PA 19341

9. tax parcel number / other number  
 41-5-30

10. U.T.M. zone 18 Easting 4455910

11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)  
 CCHSS

Map# 33 Northing 441310161710

usgs sheet: Downingtown 2.4A

12. classification  
 site ( ) structure ( ) object ( )  
 building (X)  
 in N.R. district yes ( ) no ( )

13. date(s) (how determined)  
 1799 Datestone

14. period  
 1790-1819, 1880-90

15. style, design or folk type  
 Double-door Georgian/  
 Queene Anne

19. original use  
 Residence

20. present use  
 Residence

16. architect or engineer

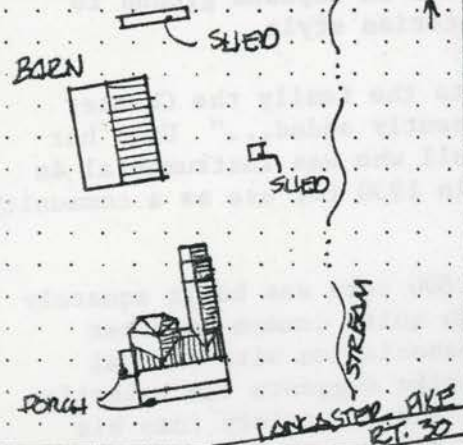
17. contractor or builder  
 Richard Thomas

18. primary building mat./construction  
 Stone

21. condition  
 Above average

22. integrity  
 Above average

23. site plan with north arrow



24. photo notation

PG: George Chandler  
 PV: Northwest elevation  
 PD: 2/1980

25. file/location

CCHS, WWHC- #09-46 #6A

26. brief description (note unusual features, integrity, etc.)

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28. sources of information

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29. prepared by:

M.L. Wolf, Brandywine Cons.

30. date  
 12/1981

revision(s)

1. County Chester  
 5. present name  
 Ivy Cottage

2. municipality West Whiteland Twp.  
 6. other name (historic name if any)  
 Ivy Cottage

3. street address or specific location  
 225 West Lincoln Highway

4. survey code  
 029-09-41-205



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EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)



West Whiteland Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania  
Multiple Resource Nomination - The Thomas Thematic Group

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Ivy Cottage                      Map #33

Summary Statement of Significance:

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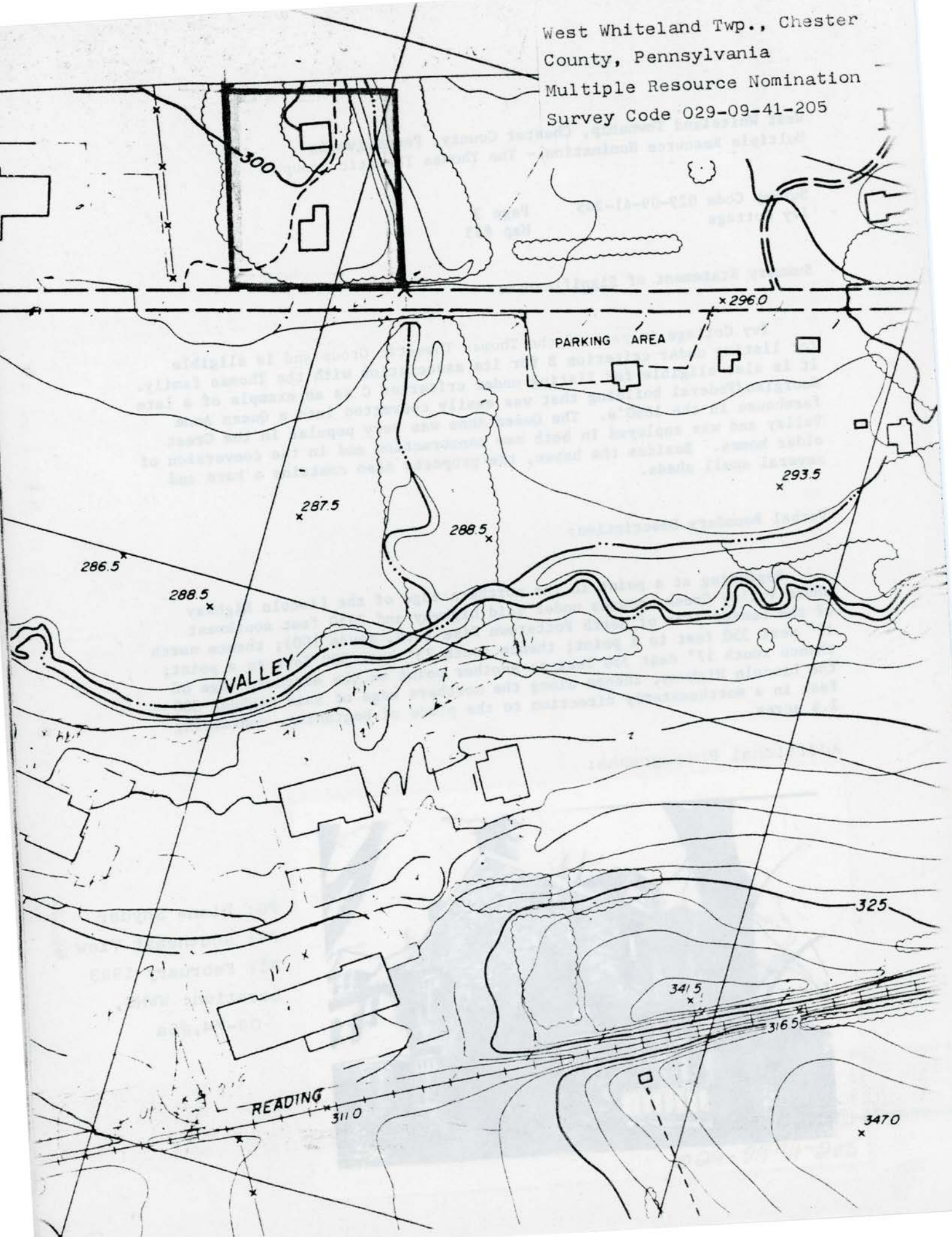
Additional Photographs:



PG: Diane Snyder  
PV: Southeast View  
PD: February 1983  
Location: WWHC,  
09-74, #5a



West Whiteland Twp., Chester  
County, Pennsylvania  
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Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000736



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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name West Whiteland Township Multiple Resource Area  
State Chester County, PENNSYLVANIA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- 41. Whitford Station House **Substantive Review** Keeper Bruce Van Donge 8.2.89  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 42. White, Hannah, Log House **Substantive Review** Keeper Bruce Van Donge 8/6/89  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 43. Woodland Station **Substantive Review** Keeper Bruce Van Donge 9/6/89  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 44. Thomas Thematic Resources - Cover Let. 5 **Determined Eligible** Keeper Bruce Van Donge 9/6/89  
**DOE/OWNER OBJECTION**  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 45. Oaklands **Substantive Review** Keeper Bruce Van Donge 9/6/89  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 46. Thomas, Charles, House **Substantive Review** Keeper Bruce Van Donge 9/6/89  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 47. Thomas Mill and Miller's House **Substantive Review** Keeper Bruce Van Donge 9/6/89  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 48. Whitford Garnet **Substantive Review** Keeper Bruce Van Donge 9/6/89  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 49. Whitford Hall **Substantive Review** Keeper Bruce Van Donge 9/6/89  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 50. Whitford Lodge **Determined Eligible** Keeper Bruce Van Donge 9/6/89  
**DOE/OWNER OBJECTION**  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_













































White door

Wooden barn door

Window

Window

Window

Cardboard boxes and white pipe

Orange traffic cone

Large green tree

SILGAN







































































































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DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Ivy Cottage (~~Thomas TR~~) (West  
Whiteland Township MRA)  
Chester County  
PENNSYLVANIA

Substantive Review

Working No. 9/29/83

Fed. Reg. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Due: 9/9/84

Action:  ACCEPT 9-6-84

RETURN

REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Determined Eligible

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Can for Criteria B not made.*

Recom./Criteria Accept c

Reviewer Barry

Discipline A.H.

Date 9-6-84

\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: \_\_\_\_\_ technical corrections cited below  
\_\_\_\_\_ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

Condition

- excellent
- good
- fair

- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved date \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection



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**8. Significance**

Period      Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates                      Builder/Architect  
Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
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- justification of areas checked
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- other

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_  
UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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**12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification**

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

    \_\_\_ national      \_\_\_ state      \_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title                      date

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**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



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 Map# **33** northing **441310161710**  
 usgs sheet: Downingtown **2.4A**

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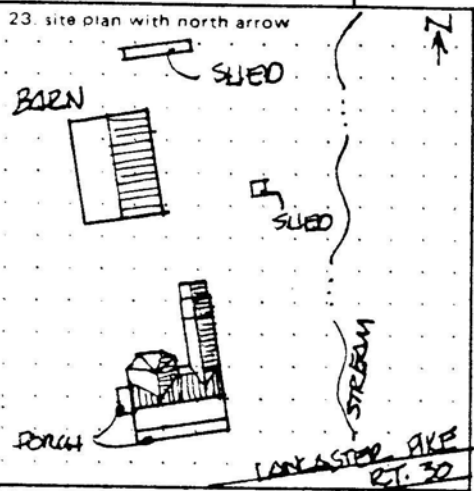
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Ivy Cottage

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Additional Photographs:



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PV: Southeast View  
PD: February 1983  
Location: WWHC,  
09-74, #5a



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The nominated acreage consists of a rectangle around the main house and barn along with a green buffer zone to maintain the integrity of the setting. Contributing to the significance of the resource is a nineteenth century, rectangular, 2 1/2 story, stone gentlemen's stable and barn with an enclosed frame forebay. The barn was remodeled in 1884 and features a brick, gable-end, corbelled chimney, a pent roof over the former carriage entrances and stone walls which match the stone used in the main house.

Two small frame, rectangular sheds present on the site do not contribute to the significance of the property.

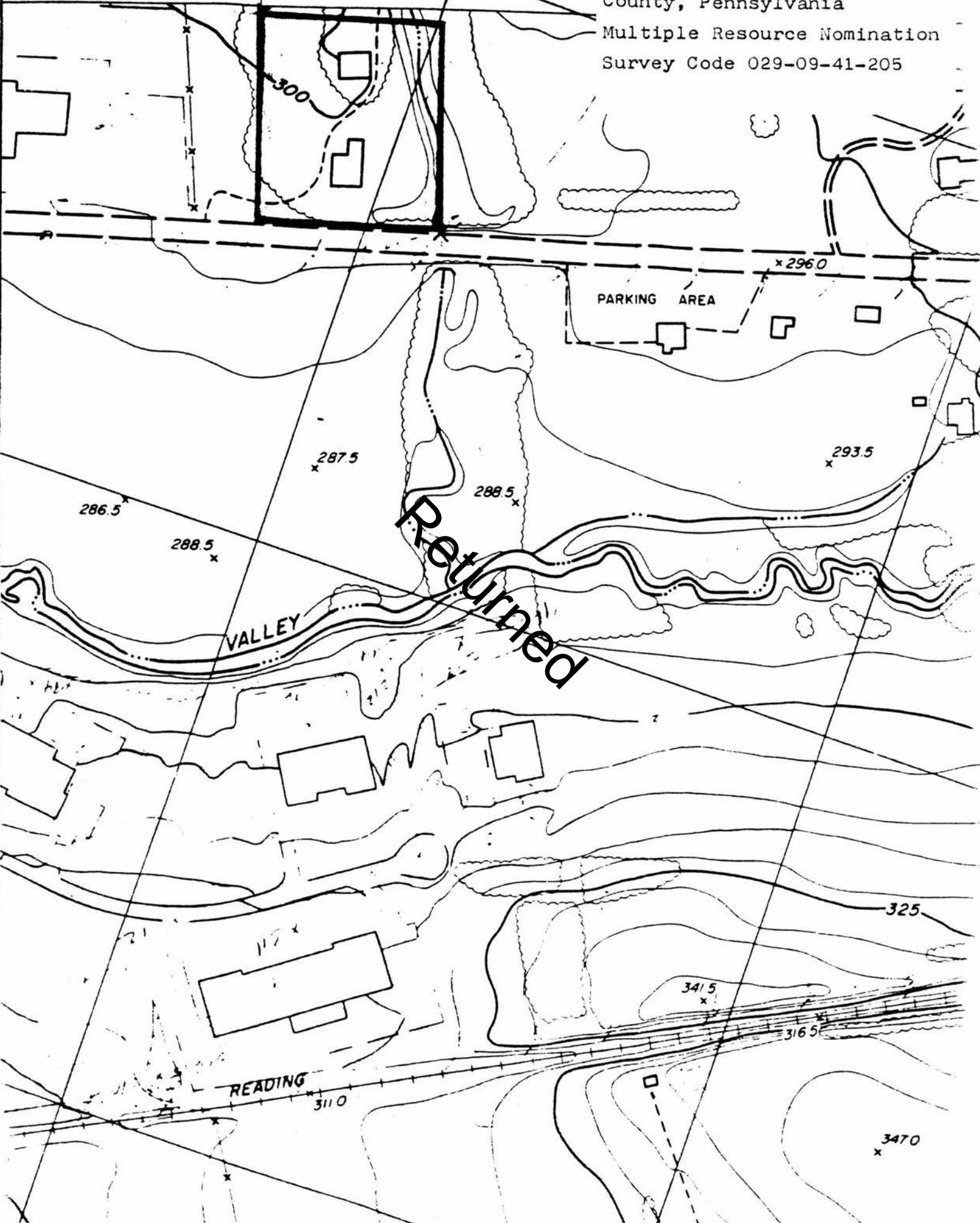
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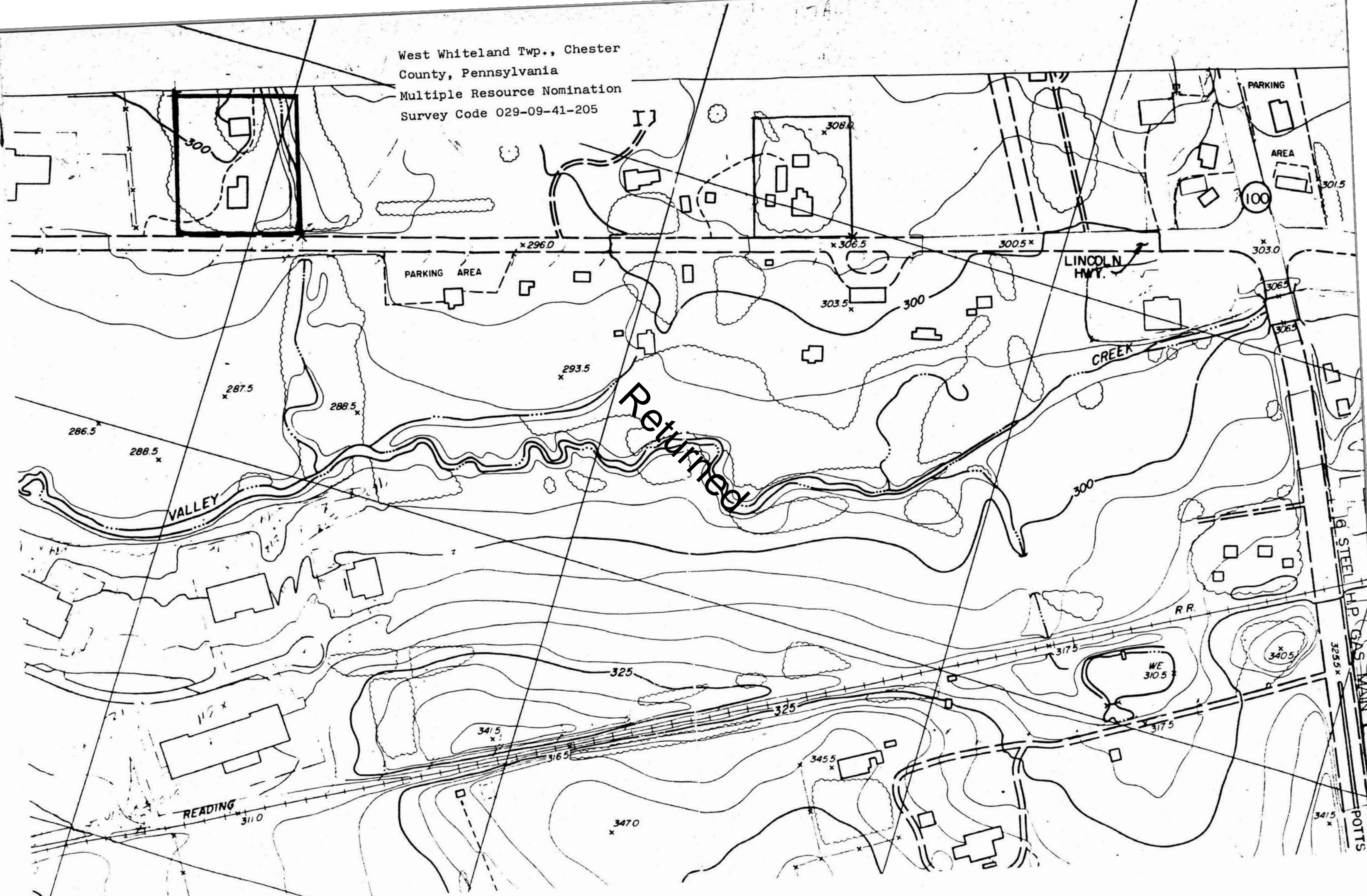
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(Thomas TR)  
Ivy Cottage (West Whiteland Township MRA)  
Chester County  
PENNSYLVANIA

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

SEP 29 1983

Substantive Review

Working No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Fed. Reg. Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Due: 11/13/83  
Action:  ACCEPT  
 RETURN 11/10/83  
 REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- resubmission
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- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments: THE ELIGIBILITY OF THIS HOUSE FOR ITS ASSOCIATION WITH COL. RICHARD THOMAS IS NOT STRONG, PARTICULARLY SINCE HIS OWN HOUSE SURVIVES, AND THIS HOUSE HAS HAD MAJOR ALTERATIONS. ~~IT~~ ALSO NEITHER THE MARDEN SISTERS NOR SARAH BULL HAVE BEEN SHOWN TO BE SIGNIFICANT UNDER THE N.R. CRITERIA. THE HOUSE DOES APPEAR TO BE ARCHITECTURALLY SIGNIFICANT.  
Recom./Criteria: RETURN  
Reviewer: [Signature]  
Discipline: A.H.  
Date: 11-10-83  
see continuation sheet  
(SEE REVERSE)

Nomination returned for:  technical corrections cited below  
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Location \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Classification  
Category Ownership Status Present Use  
Public Acquisition Accessible  
4. Owner of Property \_\_\_\_\_  
5. Location of Legal Description \_\_\_\_\_  
6. Representation in Existing Surveys  
Has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description  
Condition:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated  ruins  unexposed  
Check one:  unaltered  altered  
Check one:  original site  moved date \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness PLEASE EVALUATE AND DESCRIBE OUTBUILDINGS
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection PLEASE PROVIDE JUSTIFICATION



8. Significance

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect  
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- summary paragraph
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BUT THE STATEMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE NEEDS AMPLIFICATION. PLEASE STATE WHAT FEATURES MAKE THIS BUILDING A GOOD EXAMPLE OF A FEDERAL/GEORGIAN BUILDING WITH MODIFIED WITH QUEEN ANN ADDITIONS AND ORNAMENT. NOTE THAT THE SUMMARY STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE REFERENCES THE POPULARITY OF THE QUEEN ANN STYLE FOR NEW HOMES AND CONVERSIONS OF EXISTING HOUSES. BASED ON WHAT IS STATED IN THE COVER NOMINATION, IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT THE QUEEN ANN STYLE WAS USED A GREAT DEAL FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION.

9. Major Bibliographical References

~~10.~~ Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_  
UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification

PLEASE PROVIDE .

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_ national \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title date

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed *[Signature]* Date 11/10/87 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



RECEIVED

JUL 11 1983

GIRARD BANK PH&MC  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Girard Plaza  
Philadelphia PA 19101

Tel (215) 585-2000

July 6, 1983

Re: George G. Chandler  
T/W #25899-03,-04  
Property: 92 $\frac{1}{2}$  Acres,  
Exton, PA

Larry E. Tise  
State Historic Preservation  
Officer  
P.O. Box 1026  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Mr. Tise:

I am in receipt of your letter of June 1, 1983 which concerns the National Historic Registration, of Ivy Cottage, Tax Parcel 41-5-30, in West White-land Township, PA. This is to inform you that the proper ownership of this parcel is: Girard Bank and Donald T. Thorson, Trustees under the Will of George G. Chandler, deceased.

I have spoken with Mr. Thorson and we agree that while we do appreciate the State Historical Commission's recognition of this property as the lovely historical property that it is, we do not wish to have the Ivy Cottage included in the National Register of Historic Places at this time. Even though we are objecting to inclusion at this time we would like to hold the door open to this listing in the future if we decide that such a step would be beneficial for the property and Mr. Chandler's estate.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Jane Laffend*  
Jane Laffend  
Real Estate Officer  
Trust Real Estate Group

Attest *Robert E. Unger*  
Robert E. Unger, Sr. Real Estate Officer

Sworn and Subscribed before  
me this *6th* day of *July* 1983.

*Patricia Fitzgerald*  
Notary Public

PATRICIA FITZGERALD  
Notary Public, Phila., Phila. Co.  
My Commission Expires June 15, 1985

cc: Donald T. Thorson  
Mrs. Anne Howell Chandler