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- Location: 741 Newark Road
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- Significance: The Woodward-Pennock Cart Shed was a fine example of a multipurpose agricultural building dating to the agricultural reform philosophies of the mid-nineteenth century.
- Description: The cart shed, now totally collapsed, was a one-story, rectangular, gable-roofed timber frame building constructed on an uncoursed rubble stone foundation. Measuring 23'-8 1/2" by 18' overall, the building was constructed of mixed hewn and sawn timbers, and was divided into three bays consisting of a narrow, central corn crib flanked by two, unevenly-sized bays. The corn crib was sheathed with narrow, openly spaced horizontal ventilating slats. The primary entrance was accessed by a sliding, twentieth-century garage-sized door on the southeast facade. A stair to the loft, now collapsed, was located in the north corner of the building. Dimension sawn rafters were bridle jointed and pegged at the ridge; the rafter feet were scooped and set into recessed notches on the plates.
- History: The cart shed dated to the mid-nineteenth century and was probably built along with the other improvements on the Pennock farmstead, including a stone kitchen, a barn, a vaulted, earth-roofed stone root cellar, and a corn crib.
- The Pennock farmstead, located in West Marlborough Township, is a significant representation of the evolution of the architecture of a Chester County, Pennsylvania farm complex during the mid-eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. The surviving buildings on the farmstead date to two main periods of building activity, the first of which took place during the mid eighteenth century, and the last of which occurred in conjunction with several other agricultural improvements during the first and second quarters of the nineteenth century.
- Sources: Interpretive history of the cart shed based on field work and reconstruction drawings undertaken by the Center for Historic Architecture and Engineering in 1991-92.
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