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7161 Camp Hill Road  
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Location: 7161 Camp Hill Road, Fort Washington Vicinity, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania

USGS Ambler and Germantown, PA, Quadrangles.  
UTM Coordinates: 18.0482711.4441554

Significance: The poultry shed is a contributing element of the Scheetz Farm, which is significant for its architecture and history. The property demonstrates the historical and architectural evolution of a farming and milling complex from the mid-eighteenth century through the early twentieth century.

Description: The poultry shed is a small, one-story, frame building measuring approximately 8'-0" (2.44 meters) square. It stands north/northwest of the house, between the house and barn. The structure rests on cinder blocks and is clad with vertical beaded boards. The shed roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. A vertical board door hung on strap hinges provides an entry in the southwest side. Two eight-pane, fixed wood windows occupy the front, or southeast elevation.

History: The exact date of construction of the poultry shed is unknown, but it appears to date to the late nineteenth or early twentieth century. The shed was one of a cluster of small structures located between the house and barn shown on a map from 1909 (Mueller 1909). The 1956 as-built plans for the construction of S.R. 0309 specifically identify the chicken coop (PennDOT 1956). Tax records indicate that poultry production on the property reached its height during the occupancy of a tenant farmer named Jesse Nice in the last quarter of the nineteenth-century.

Sources: Mueller, A.H. *Atlas of the North Penn Section of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania*. Philadelphia: A.H. Mueller, 1909.  
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