

STATE:
COUNTY:
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ENTRY DATE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

DEC 31 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
~~The~~ Small House
AND/OR HISTORIC:
Mt. Pleasant Iron Works

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Richmond Furnace (east side of Pa. 75)
CITY OR TOWN: Fort Loudon *vic.* CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 9th
STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: COUNTY: Franklin CODE: 055

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

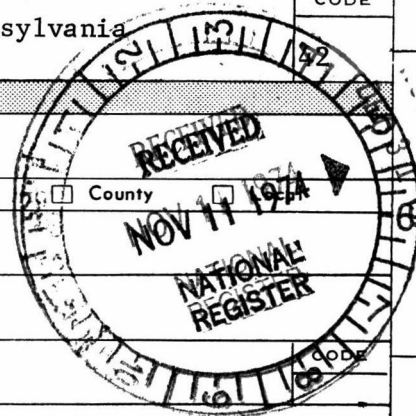
OWNER'S NAME: John T. and Priscilla W. Small
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: Fort Loudon STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Franklin County Court House
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: Chambersburg STATE: Pennsylvania CODE:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: STATE:



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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located along the east side of Pennsylvania Route 75 about four miles north of Fort Loudon near Richmond Furnace, Metal Township in Franklin County. It is situated on a gentle slope in Path Valley and faces west or toward the road.

The structure is a two story, nine bay dwelling with white trim. It consists of a five bay original section measuring 43' x 25' with a four bay addition attached on an axis at its north gable end.

The walls are of coursed local fieldstone at the facade and rubble and roughly coursed stone at the side and rear elevations. Some decorative stone work is present on the earlier section of the house. Stones of the facade wall are finely coursed and are close to uniform size. Large rectangular blocks of stone are set between the first story windows, even with their lintels. Flat arches are present above first story openings of all exposed walls of the earlier section. A segmental stone arch lined with header bricks is present over the cellar entrance in the south gable end. Stone work in the walls of the addition lacks uniformity and shows less concern for careful masonry.

Windows appear to have been placed evenly in the facade wall. Openings contain six over nine light double hung sashes at the first floor level and six over six pane sashes at the second story. They are held within wide wooden frames showing pegged joining with quirked quarter round molded trim. Second story windows are framed immediately below the roof plate. Windows at the rear of the house appear similar but are placed at random in the walls. It should be noted that the second opening from the north end of the front elevation of the earlier section was at one time enlarged to a door. In the addition, windows show narrow framing finished with a bead.

The main entrance is located in the center bay of the facade. The doorway is treated very simply with framing similar to the windows. The door has six raised panels trimmed with plain quarter round molding. It is topped with a narrow eight light transom. Two entrances are present at the rear of the house.

The roof is covered with asphalt shingles and extends for several inches beyond the end walls of the house. Simple boxing finishes the eaves. Stone chimneys are located inside each gable end and inside the north gable end of the original structure.

The interior of the earlier section is divided by a central hall. South of the hall is one large room, formal in appearance with a fireplace at the center of its end wall. North of the hall are two rooms divided by a board partition. The larger of these rooms, in the northwest corner of the house, is equipped with a sizeable fireplace and a cupboard. Behind it is a small windowless room.

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7. Description (continued)

Interior woodwork is simple with chair rail present in major rooms. The main stair displays a plain squared newel and balusters. There is no decorative carving.

The house is in excellent condition and is being refurbished by the present owners with an effort at restoration. It is located on a tract containing 96.34 acres.



8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century (early)	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The area of significance of this house is its architecture. The property is also significant for its association with the early iron industry in Franklin County.

The house is a well preserved and maintained example of the early vernacular architecture of the Cumberland Valley. Constructed of local fieldstone in the five bay center hall plan, it represents a major architectural group of Pennsylvania and the Cumberland and Shenandoah Valleys.

The structure is not listed in the U. S. Direct tax of 1798 and so was probably built after that time. However, the materials and techniques used in building this house would suggest a construction date quite early in the nineteenth century. The north addition appears to have been built during the second quarter of the nineteenth century.

The property on which this house stands originally belonged to Col. Benjamin Chambers, founder of Chambersburg who owned 623 acres of land near the present site of Richmond Furnace for which he received a warrent in 1757. In 1779 the 623 acres were divided among Chamber's four sons. The Mt. Pleasant Iron Works eventually became the property of George Chambers and was opened in 1783 as one of the earliest successful iron operations in the county.

According to local historians the Mount Pleasant Furnace was closed in 1834 and the Forge ceased operation in 1843. The land remained in the Chambers name until 1852. A new furnace opened on the property during the third quarter of the nineteenth century. In 1869 the Iron Works was known as the Southern Pennsylvania Railway and Mining Company. Richmond Jones became President of the Company by 1873. The area has since been known as Richmond Furnace.¹

No physical evidence of the old Mt. Pleasant Iron Works is apparent today.

¹Harry E. Foreman, "Birth of the Iron Industry", Kittochtinny Historical Society Papers, (Chambersburg, Pa.: n.p.), 1957, p. 390 ff.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Foreman, Harry E., "Birth of the Iron Industry", Kittochtinny Historical Society Papers, 13. Chambersburg, Pa: n.p., (1957) 389-402.
 Franklin County Deed Records.
 U. S. Direct Tax of 1798. 6th District Tax Division. Vol. 550-616. Franklin County, National Archives Microfilm Publications, Microcopy 372, Roll 18. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Service, General Services Administration, 1962.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

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 18/252350
 4427680
 CD

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **One acre**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Paula Stoner Dickey

ORGANIZATION: **Consultant, Architectural History** DATE: **June 28, 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER:
335 S. Ridge Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: **Greencastle** STATE: **Pennsylvania** CODE:

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name *William J. Wewer*
WILLIAM J. WEWER

Title **Executive Director**
Pa. Historical & Museum Commission

Date **11/6/74**

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

A. R. Morley
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date **DEC 31 1974**

ATTEST: *Wm. M. ...*
 Keeper of The National Register

Date **DEC 31 1974**

Property The Small House

Franklin

State Pa.

Working Number 11.11.74.1987

74001285

TECHNICAL

Photos 3
Maps 1

CONTROL

OK 11.19.74

HISTORIAN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

where was furnace? Who was builder? nominating both houses?
archeological significance? George Chambers built house + owned furnace
which was about half a mile away
actual site unknown

Accept
L. E. Brown
11-26-74

ARCHEOLOGIST

Industrial significance known - ~~both houses~~
~~photo of both houses~~ when was addition built?

OTHER

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ACCEPT Huglund
12/15/74

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Cole
12/31/74

BRANCH CHIEF

KENNER

[Signature]
12-31-74

National Register Write-up 1/28/75

Send-back _____

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Federal Register Entry 3-4-75

Re-submit _____

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The Smace House
Franklin County

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(6/72)

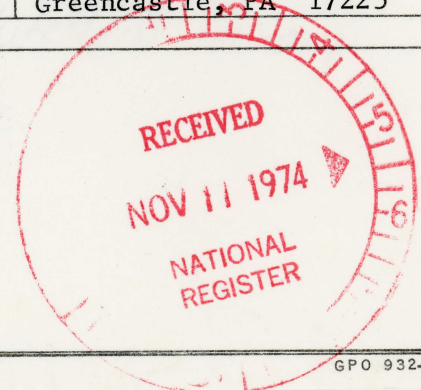
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

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STATE	COUNTY	TOWN	
Pennsylvania	Franklin	Fort Loudon	
STREET AND NUMBER			
Richmond Furnace (east side of Pa. 75)			
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT	
Paula Stoner Dickey	January 1974	Paula Stoner Dickey 335 S. Ridge Avenue Greencastle, PA 17225	
4. IDENTIFICATION DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
northwest corner			

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The Small House
near Fort Loudon
Franklin County, Pa.
detail front (west)

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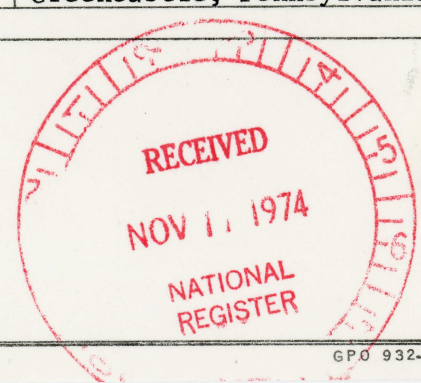
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PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT
Paula Stoner Dickey	May 1974	Paula Stoner Dickey 335 S. Ridge Avenue Greencastle, Pennsylvania 17225

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4. IDENTIFICATION
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.
Detail front (west) elevation, original section

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near Fort Loudon

Franklin

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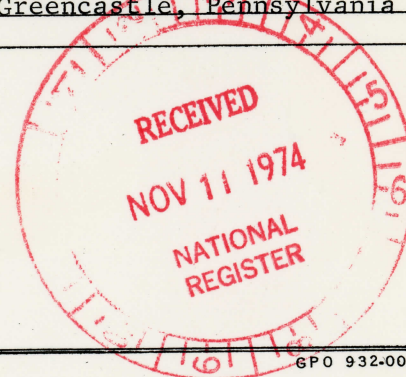
Richmond Furnace (east side of Pa. 75)

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PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	
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4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

southeast corner



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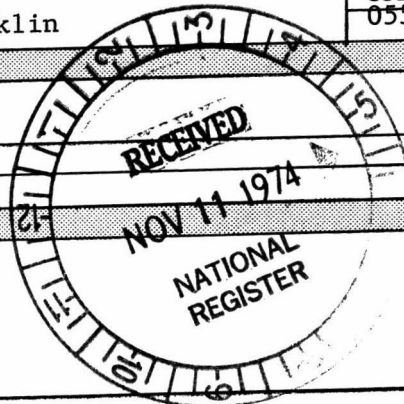
**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

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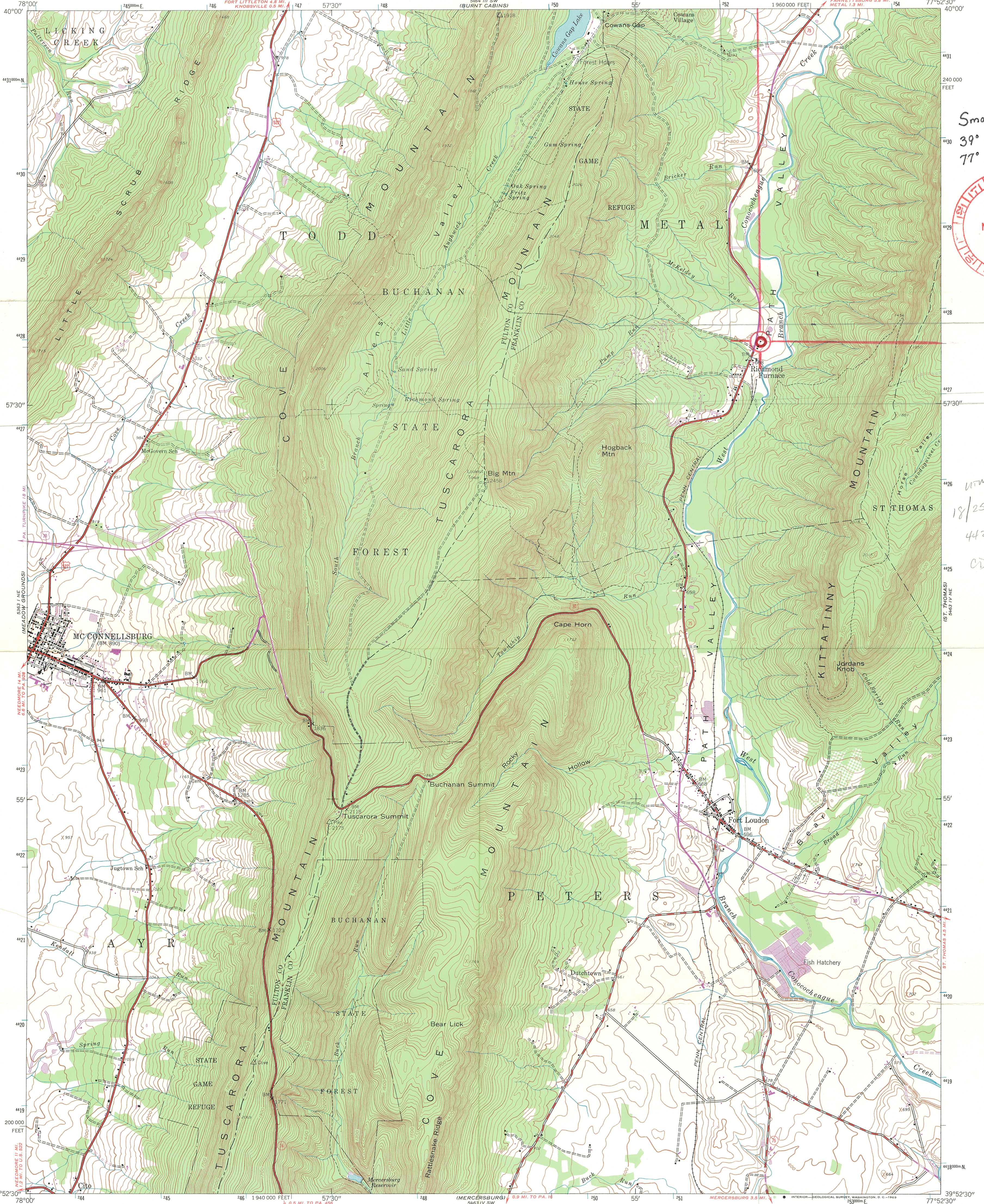
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STATE: Pennsylvania	CODE	COUNTY: Franklin	CODE 055
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: U. S. Geological Survey Map			
SCALE: 1:24,000			
DATE: 1944. Photo revised 1968			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

MC CONNELLSBURG QUADRANGLE
PENNSYLVANIA
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
NW/4 MERCERSBURG 15' QUADRANGLE



Small House
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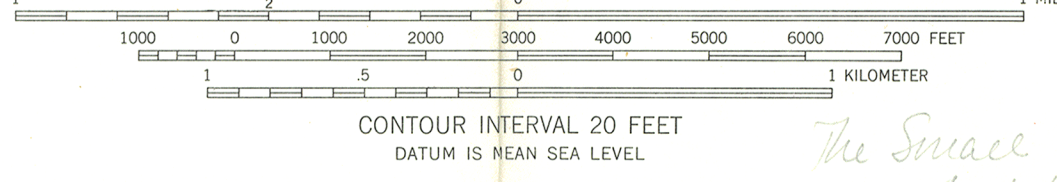
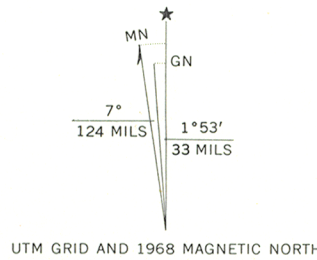


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Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods
Aerial photographs taken 1943. Field check 1944
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Pennsylvania coordinate system, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 18, shown in blue

Revisions shown in purple compiled by Geological Survey in
cooperation with State of Pennsylvania agencies, from aerial
photographs taken 1968. This information not field checked



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

*The Small House
near Fort Loudon
Franklin County, Pa.*



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
U.S. Route	State Route

MC CONNELLSBURG, PA.
NW/4 MERCERSBURG 15' QUADRANGLE
N3952.5-W7752.5/7.5
1944

PHOTOREVISED 1968
AMS 5463 IV NW—SERIES V831

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE PENNSYLVANIA

Date Entered DEC 31 1974

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
The Small House	Fort Loudon Vicinity Franklin County

Also Notified

Hon. Hugh Scott
Hon. Richard S. Schweiker
Hon. E. G. Shuster
Regional Director, Mid-Atlantic
Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. William J. Weaver, Executive Director
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum
Commission
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Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

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Bureau for Historic Preservation
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March 29, 1995

Patrick Andrus
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
U.S. Department of Interior
P.O. Box 37127,
Washington, D.C. 20013

re: Small House, Mount Pleasant, Franklin County, PA.

Dear Mr. Andruss,

It has come to our attention that the above referenced resource has been incorrectly listed in the National Register. The name used for listing was its contemporary name, at the time of listing, rather than the Historic Name.

The Historic Name listed on the original submission is the correct name: Mount Pleasant Iron Works, to which the word "House" should be added. The correct name, then, is "Mount Pleasant Iron Works House." Since neither the National Register or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania lists common names anymore, no correction of that name is needed.

Thank you, in advance, for making sure the correction is made. Once this has occurred, I will make sure the name is also corrected in our data base and BHP's NR files. If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doug Reynolds".

Doug Reynolds
National Register Program, BHP

cc: NR file