

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Pennsylvania
COUNTY: Centre
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE APR 9 1975

1. NAME

COMMON:
The John Gray House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
State Rte. #550, 3/4 mile South of U.S. #220, Box #132

CITY OR TOWN: **R.D. Rte.1** CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Port Matilda **23rd**

STATE: **Pennsylvania** CODE: **42** COUNTY: **Centre** CODE: **072**

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"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Willis W. and Betty C. Bryant

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box #132, R. D. #1

CITY OR TOWN: **Port Matilda** STATE: **Pennsylvania** CODE: **42**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Centre County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Bellefonte** STATE: **Pennsylvania** CODE: **42**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None

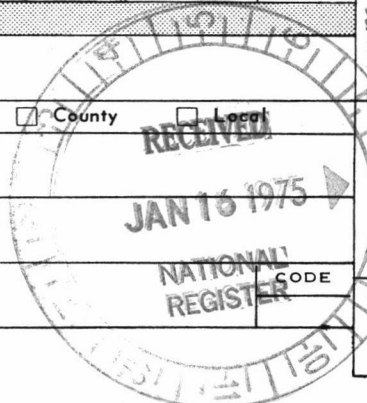
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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STATE: **Penna.**

COUNTY: **Centre**

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" 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

restored
The John Gray house is a two and one-half story five-bay structure with an exposed basement. The front wall fabric is dressed stone while the side and rear walls are rubble stone. A chimney protrudes from each end of the steep gable roof. The cornice is embellished with carvings and applied lozenges. A porch runs along the front and north walls. Windows are nine over six light with raised panel shutters on the first floor. *cornice rubble*

A small one story board and batten 20th century wing protrudes from the rear wall.

The interior features a typical Georgian floor plan, with a center hall and two rooms on each side. The stairway is unusual with its sawn flat balusters and gouged ornament on the stair string facings. All of the architectural woodworks, doors, trim, stair, mantels (save one), chair rails, floors, window frames (except one sash), and practically all of the hardware are original and intact. The structure has been restored under the direction of a qualified restoration architect.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1793**

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/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> itarian | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The John Gray house represents a fine example of late eighteenth century rural Pennsylvania architecture. Stone houses of this size and type record rural Pennsylvania design and craftsmanship based on the traditional Georgian floor plan.

This structure is also unique in that it has come to this generation practically unchanged. The solid stone exterior, along with the original interior doors, chairrail, hardware, etc., present eighteenth century Central Pennsylvania architecture. The house was built by John Gray, one of the early settlers of the region.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Spangler, Adella Fink: The Adella Fink Spangler Collection, published by the Centre County Historical Society. Volume 12 - Page 77.

Linn, John Blair: History of Centre and Clinton Counties. Published by Luis H. Everts, 1883.

Nicholas, Beach: Atlas of Centre County. Published by A. Pomeroy & Co., 1874.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

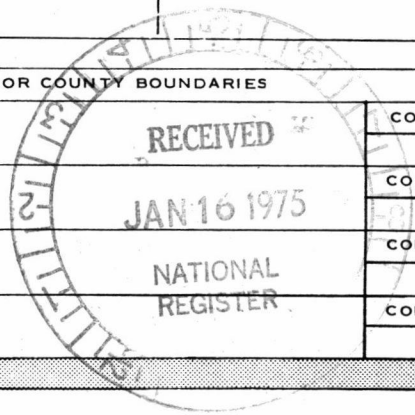
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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **Six acres**

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:
David C. Stacks/Historic Preservation

ORGANIZATION: **Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission** DATE: **9/20/74**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box #1026

CITY OR TOWN: **Harrisburg** STATE: **Pennsylvania** CODE: **42**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

Date: 1/3/75

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

A. B. Mortensen
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 4/3/75

ATTEST:
W. J. Wewer
Keeper of the National Register
Date: **APR 2 1975**

Property

Gray, The John, House

State

Pa.

Working Number

1.16.75.48

*75001628
Centre*

TECHNICAL

Photos 3

Maps 1

CONTROL

*OK cm
1.22.75*

HISTORIAN

*Nest, but I'd like to know when this was restored & by whom.
from Dave Berman: recent restoration, by Orin Bullock, Jr. -
no structural alterations.*

*Accept
Shorman
2-20-75*

What was restored? Interior

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

*Accept
LEBOUEC
1-24-75*

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

Beautiful!

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

*Accept
Cole
2-25-75*

BRANCH CHIEF

*Accept
Huns
4.2.75*

KEEPER

*Unfortunate such an excellent
Hdy. has such a terrible porch.*

*Wm
APR 2 1975*

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

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Federal Register Entry 5-6-75

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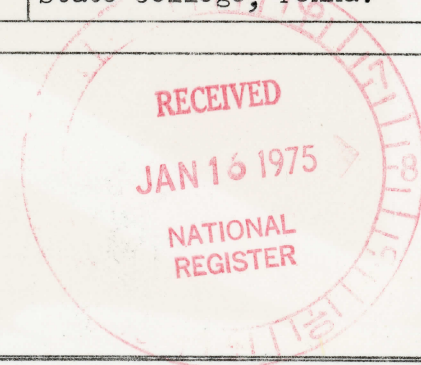
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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM**

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

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2. LOCATION		
STATE Pennsylvania	COUNTY Centre	TOWN Port Matilda
STREET AND NUMBER R.D.#I State Route #550 3/4 mile South of U.S. Route #220		
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4. IDENTIFICATION		
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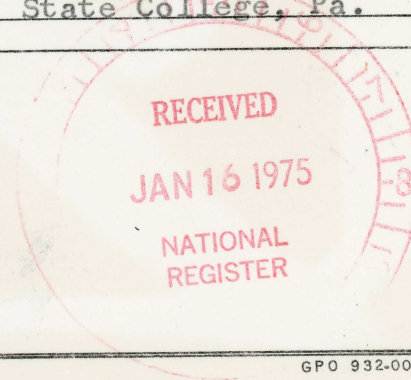
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Pennsylvania	Centre	Port Matilda
STREET AND NUMBER		
R.D. #1 State Route #550, 3/4 mile south of U.S. Route 3#220		
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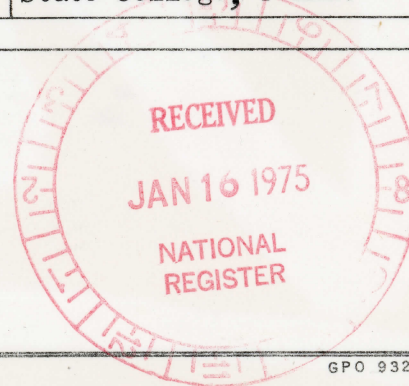


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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.		
View of front and North elevations		
#383		



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COUNTY	Centre	
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
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CITY OR TOWN:
Port Matilda

STATE: Pennsylvania	CODE 042	COUNTY: Centre	CODE 027
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3. MAP REFERENCE

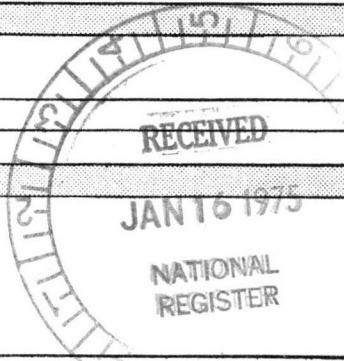
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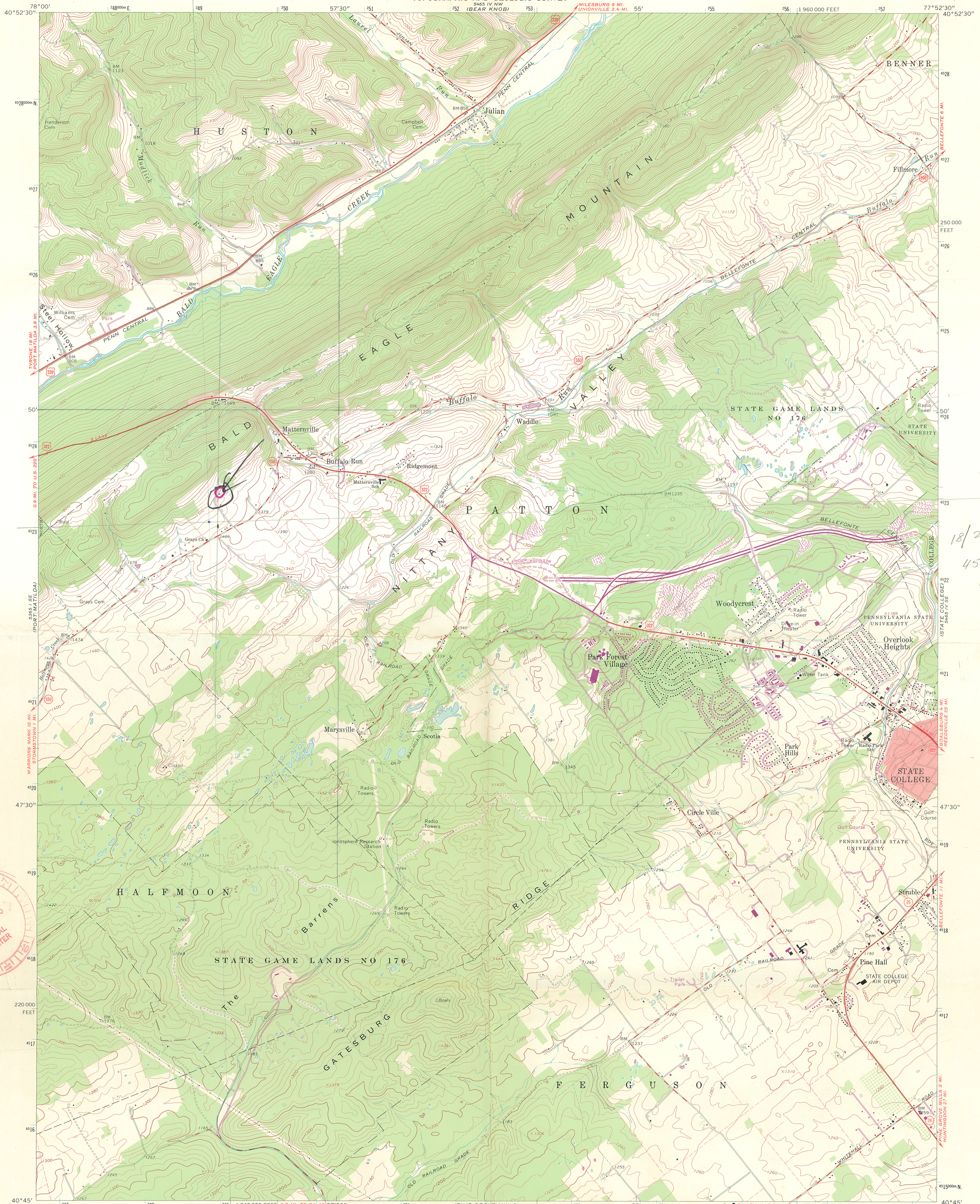
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4. REQUIREMENTS

- TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS
1. Property boundaries where required.
 2. North arrow.
 3. Latitude and longitude reference.

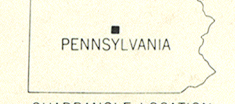
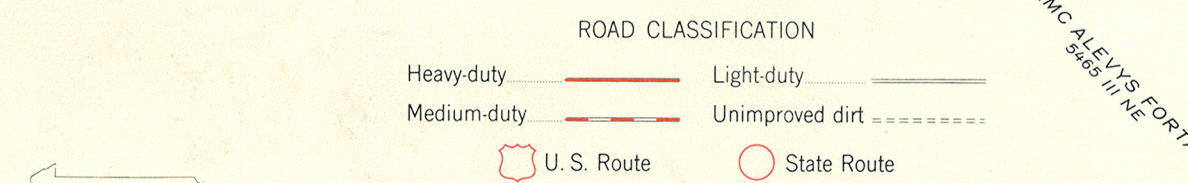
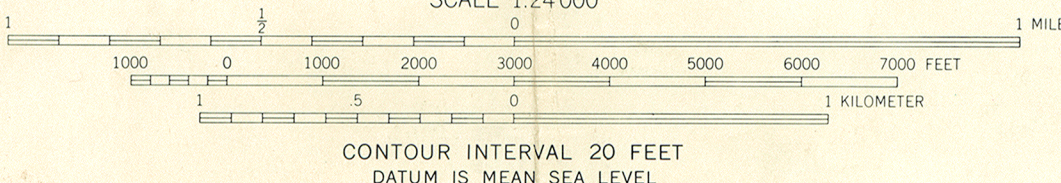
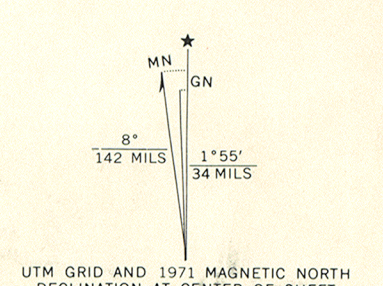




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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE PENNSYLVANIA

Date Entered APR 3 1975

Name

Location

Shadyside Presbyterian Church

Pittsburgh
Allegheny County

Gray, John, House

Port Matilda vicinity
Centre County

Also Notified

Hon. Richard S. Schweiker
Hon. Hugh Scott
Hon. William S. Moorhead
Hon. Albert W. Johnson

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. William J. Wewer, Executive Director
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
Box 1026
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Regional Director, Mid Atlantic
Region

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4-7-75

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: Gray, John, House
 2 OTHER NAMES:
 3 date of entry: 4-3-75
 4 county code: 072

5 LOCATION street & number: E. of Port Matilda off PA 550, S of U.S. 220
 city / town: Port Matilda
 vicinity of: Port Matilda
 state: PA
 county: centre
 6 NPS REGION: Midatlantic

7 OWNER: PRIVATE STATE MUNICIPAL COUNTY MULTIPLE FEDERAL (agency name)
 8 ADMINISTRATOR:
 9 EXISTING SURVEYS: HABS HAER NHL
 10 FUNDED? YES NO
 11 CONGRESS. DISTRICT: 23
 12 SOURCE of NOMINATION: STATE FEDERAL

13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES, NAME NO
 14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES, NAME NO
 15 ACREAGE: 6
 if state who prepared form? SHPO
 LOCAL PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

16 CONDITION:
 excellent
 good
 fair
 deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed
 unexcavated
 altered
 unaltered
 reconstructed
 excavated
 original site
 moved
 unknown

17 features:
 INTERIOR: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1
 NOT INTACT-0
 UNKNOWN-4
 NOT APPLICABLE-7
 EXTERIOR: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2
 NOT INTACT-0
 UNKNOWN-5
 NOT APPLICABLE-8
 ENVIRONS: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3
 NOT INTACT-0
 UNKNOWN-6
 NOT APPLICABLE-9

18 ACCESS: YES - Restricted YES - Unrestricted No Access Unknown
 19 ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO
 20 SAVED? YES
 IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? yes no

21 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:
 ARCHEOLOGY - prehistoric-2
 ARCHEOLOGY - historic-1
 AGRICULTURE-3
 ARCHITECTURE-4
 ART-5
 COMMERCE-6
 COMMUNICATIONS-7
 CONSERVATION-8
 ECONOMICS-9
 EDUCATION-10
 ENGINEERING-11
 ENTERTAINMENT-26
 EXPLORATION-12
 HEALTH-27
 INDUSTRY-13
 INVENTION-14
 LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15
 LAW-16
 LITERATURE-17
 MILITARY-18
 MUSIC-19
 PHILOSOPHY-20
 POLITICS / GOVT.-21
 RELIGION-22
 SCIENCE-23
 SOCIAL / HUMANITARIAN-24
 SOCIAL / CULTURAL-30
 TRANSPORTATION-25
 RECREATION-28
 SETTLEMENT-29
 URBAN PLANNING-31
 OTHER (SPECIFY)

22 CLAIMS: explain
 'first'
 'oldest'
 'only'

23 functions:
 WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: ~~XXXXXX~~ House
 CURRENTLY: House
 24 dates of initial construction: 1793
 major alterations: 20th c. rear addition
 historic events:
 25 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

26 architectural style(s): Vernacular with Georgian elements
 27 architect:
 28 master builder:
 29 engineer:
 30 landscape architect / garden designer:
 31 interior decorator:
 32 artist:
 33 artisan:
 34 builder / contractor:

35 NAMES give role & date
 PERSONAL:
 EVENTS:
 INSTITUTIONAL:

36 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP
 Stone (~~xxxx~~ coursed ashlar front facade), 2½ stories over raised basement, rectangular, gabled roof, interior end chimneys, front center entrance with transom, 1-story wraparound porch, boxed cornice with applied lozenges; 1-story rear board-and-batten 20th C. wing; interior stairway features unusual sawn flat balusters and gouged ornament on stair string facings. Fine example of late 19th C. rural PA architecture based on traditional Georgian floor plans; little changed since it was built by early settler John Gray.