

DATA SHEET

Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Pennsylvania	
COUNTY: Clearfield	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE JUN 5 1975	

1. NAME

COMMON: St. Severin's Old Log Church	
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION *W of Cooper Settlement # PA 53*

STREET AND NUMBER: Pennsylvania Route 53			
CITY OR TOWN: Cooper Settlement, Cooper Township		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 23rd	
STATE: Pennsylvania	CODE: 42	COUNTY: Clearfield	CODE: 033

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY <i>(Check One)</i>	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	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" 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 <i>(Check One or More as Appropriate)</i>			
<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 type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(Specify)</i> not presently in use

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

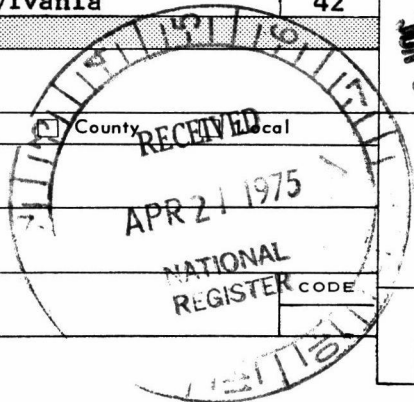
OWNER'S NAME: Bishop of the Diocese of Erie (The Most Reverend Alfred N. Watson)		
STREET AND NUMBER: Chancery Office, 205 West Ninth Street		
CITY OR TOWN: Erie	STATE: Pennsylvania	CODE: 42

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Clearfield County Register & Recorder's Office		
STREET AND NUMBER: Clearfield County Courthouse		
CITY OR TOWN: Clearfield	STATE: Pennsylvania	CODE: 42

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: None		
DATE OF SURVEY:	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County	
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:		
STREET AND NUMBER:		
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	



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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

- Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

- Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

- Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

St. Severin's Church is a one and one-half story log structure with a gable roof and steeple. The building measures approximately forty feet in length and twenty-four feet in width and rests upon a rock foundation.

The church is constructed of square-hewn, white pine logs and features two sills which run the entire length of each side. Peaked cornering characterize the sills while the logs above feature both squared tenons as well as dovetail joints, often referred to as half-dovetail. Planks fill in the gable ends and hand-split shingles cover the roof. The church originally featured a stone center chimney which was later removed. An inset steeple presently rises above the church and has four openings on each side. The steeple features a steep-pitched octagon roof.

The church has three window openings on either side, each one over one, double hung sash. The entrance features a double-leaf, three panelled door with an interesting triangular design. The interior of the church contains one large room with a loft. A partial restoration was conducted in 1967 and consisted primarily of rethinking the cracks between the logs with cement.



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3. 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 | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1851**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---|---|--|
| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St. Severin's Old Log Church was built by German Catholic settlers who had immigrated to the area during the 1840's. St. Severin's was dedicated by the Bishop of Pittsburgh, Michael O'Conner, on September 2, 1851. The original parishioners consisted of thirty-five families, the "first family" being that of Severin Nebel (Neabel, Neable). According to belief, Nebel was a prominent Alsatian immigrant, and the church was named for his namesake, St. Severin, believed to be Romain Severin of Bordeaux, Bishop of Cologne.

Also located on the church property are the ruins of a rectory and a cemetery, blessed on July 26, 1852, which contains the graves of many of the original settlers. The property was conveyed to the Benedictine Society of Westmoreland County in 1855. In 1864, the title was passed to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie. The church served until about 1880 when a larger church was erected nearby.

Architecturally, the church is one of the few remaining early log structures in northcentral Pennsylvania.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Aldrich, Lewis Cass (ed.), History of Clearfield County Pennsylvania, Syracuse, N.Y.: D. Mason & Co., 1887, pp. 611-612.

Swetnam, George, "Historic Restoration," The Pittsburgh Press, (November 3, 1968), pp. 20-21.

History of Clearfield County, published by Matt Savage, Clearfield, Pa.: Public Spirit, 1896, pp. 218-219.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

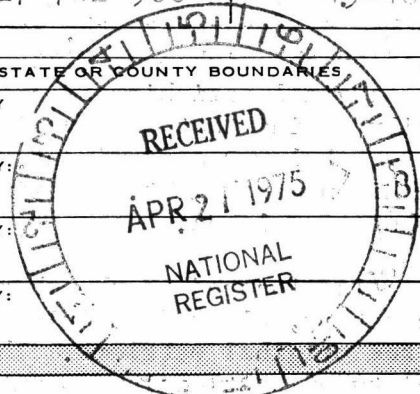
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **five**

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: **Joseph A. Dague, Jr., President; David M. Berman, Curator**

ORGANIZATION: **Clearfield Co. Hist. Soc.; Pa. Hist. & Museum Comm.** DATE: **Dec 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER: **104 East Pine St.; Wm. Penn Memorial Museum, Box 1026**

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

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
Executive Director
Pa Historical & Museum Commission

Title: _____

Date: 4/15/75

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

AT Montross
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 6/5/75

ATTEST: _____
W. Montross
Keeper of The National Register

Date: **JUN 3 1975**

Property St. Severin's Old Log Church

75001633
clearfield

State Pennsylvania Working Number 4.21.75.708

TECHNICAL

Photos 2
Maps 1

CONTROL

OK ^{cm} 4.22.75

HISTORIAN

The cemetery appears to be included in the nomination's five acres, although no mention of it is made on form.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ACCEPT
H. J. Dwell 4/30/75

On a local level of significance can we accept the cemetery - it contains the graves of the original settlers of the area?

ARCHEOLOGIST

Accept
M. B. BARWES
30 Apr 75

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
COLZ
4.30.75

BRANCH CHIEF

Accept
H. J. Dwell
6.3.75

KEEPER

[Signature]
JUN 3 1975

National Register Write-up _____ Send-back _____ Entered JUN 5 1975
Federal Register Entry 8-5-75 Re-submit _____

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St. Severin's Church, interior view, looking toward the rear.

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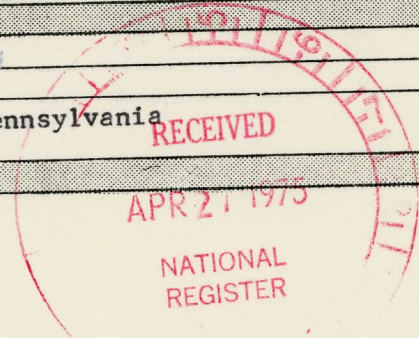
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DATE OF PHOTO: 1974			
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. interior view			
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St. Severin's Church, exterior view of the side.

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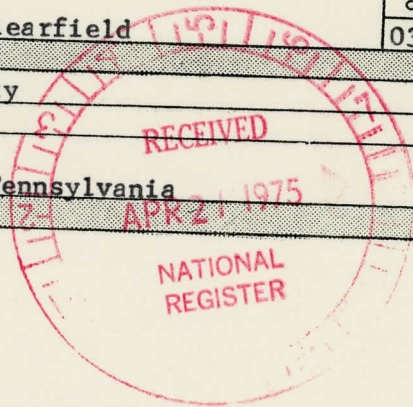
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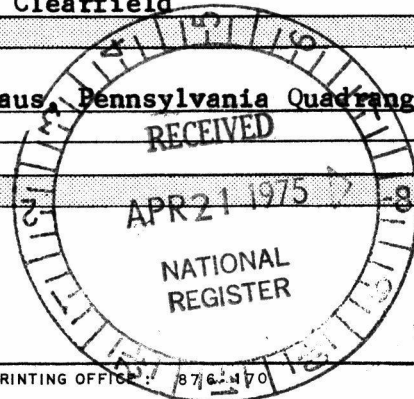
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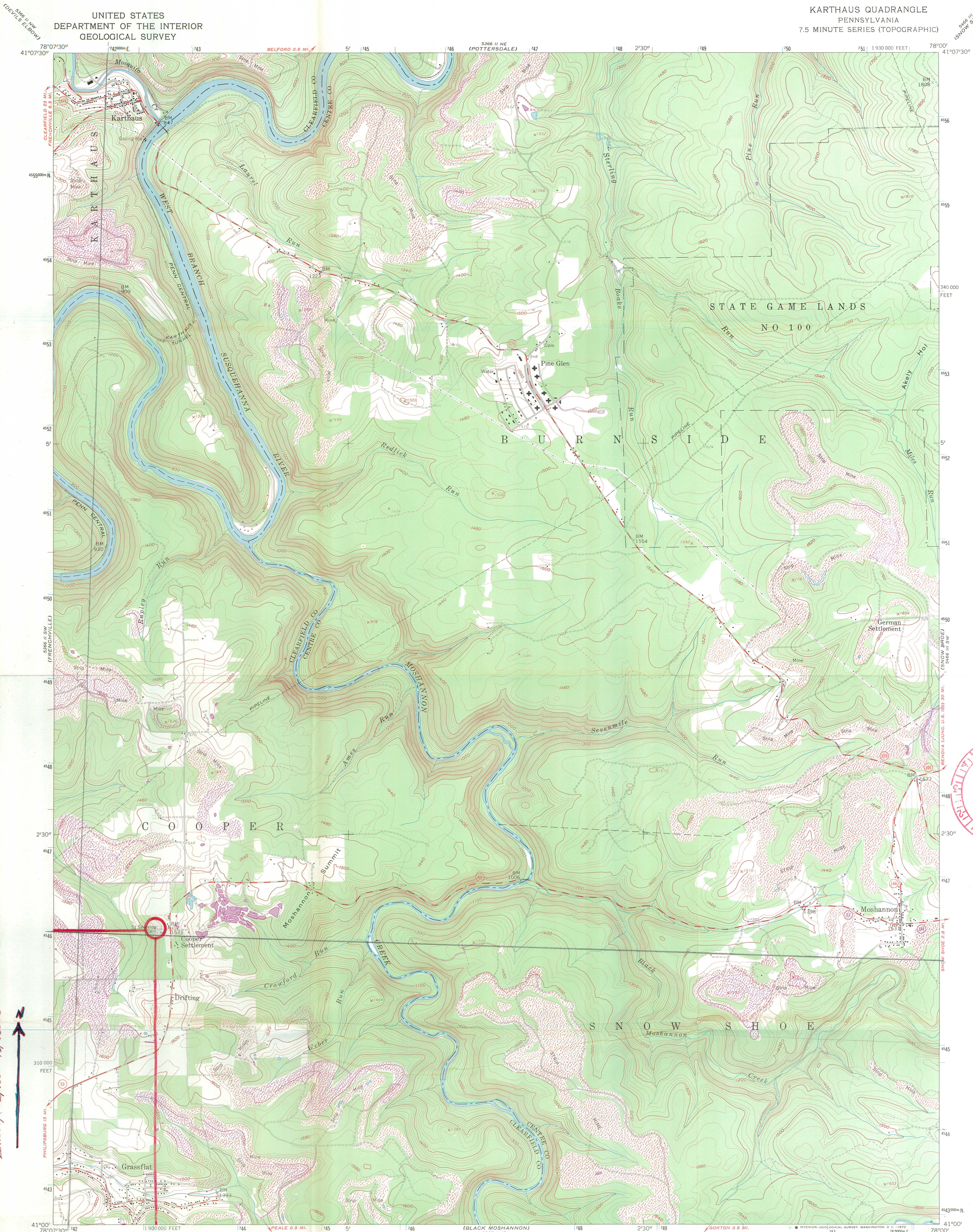
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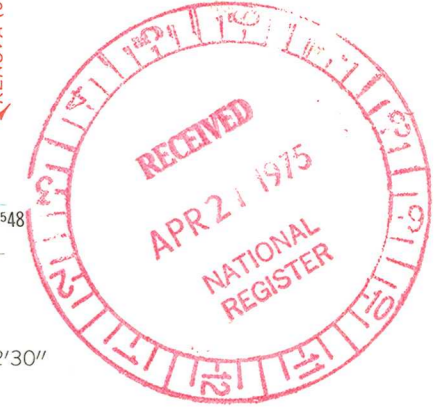
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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:			
USGS 7.5 minute series, Karthaus, Pennsylvania Quadrangle			
SCALE:			
1:24,000			
DATE:			
1959, 1971			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
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2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

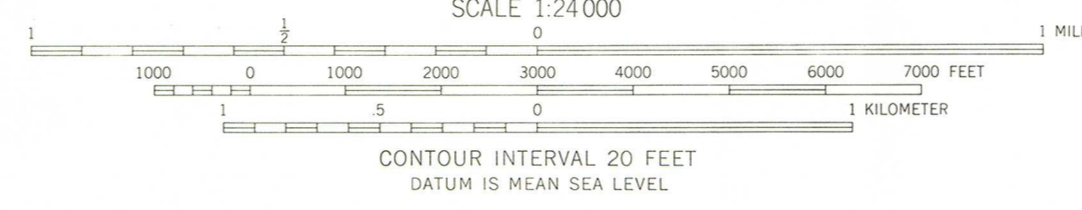
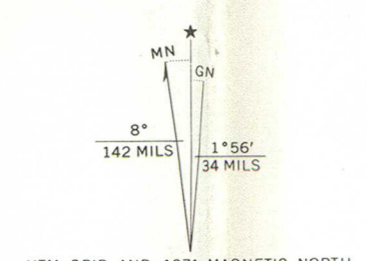




ST. SEVERIN'S OLD LOG CHURCH
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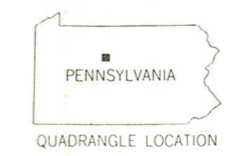


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Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
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north zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 17, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with
State of Pennsylvania agencies from aerial photographs
taken 1971. This information not field checked



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
	State Route



KARTHAUS, PA.
N 4100—W 7800/7.5
1959
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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE PENNSYLVANIA

Date Entered JUN 5 1975

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Twin Trees Farm	Richboro Bucks County
Baker Mansion	Altona Blair County
St. Severin's Old Log Church	Cooper Settlement, Cooper Township Clearfield County

Also Notified

Hon. Hugh Scott	State Historic Preservation Officer
Hon. Richard S. Schweiker	Mr. William J. Wewer
Hon. Edward G. Blester, Jr.	Executive Director, Pennsylvania
Hon. Bud Shuster	Historical and Museum Commission
Hon. Albert W. Johnson	Box 1026
	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Regional Director, Mid Atlantic
Region

PR MMOTT: pl 6/10/75

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NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: **St. Severin's Old Log Church** 2 OTHER NAMES: 3 date of entry: **6-5-75** 4 county code: **033**

5 LOCATION street & number: **W. of Cooper Settlement of PA 53** city / town: **Cooper Settlement PA** vicinity of: **Clearfield** state: **PA** county: **Clearfield** 6 NPS REGION: **Mid-Atlantic**

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

13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO 14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO 15 ACREAGE: **5** if state who prepared form? **David M. Gorman** LOCAL PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

16 CONDITION deteriorated altered original site excellent ruins unaltered moved good unexposed reconstructed unknown fair unexcavated excavated 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 NO IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? yes no

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

23 functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: **Church** CURRENTLY: **not in use** 24 dates of initial construction: **1851** major alterations: **1967 rethatched** historic events: 25 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION: **German**

26 architectural style(s): 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: **Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, owned property since ~~1853~~ 1864.** INSTITUTIONAL: **Benedictine Society of Westmoreland Co. owned property 1855-1864.**

36 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP **DRESSED LOG CONSTRUCTION, STONE FOUNDATION; 1 1/2 STORIES, RECTANGULAR, GABLED ROOF WITH SHINGLED FRONT RIDGE BELFRY, GABLE END CENTER ENTRANCE IN DEEP REVEAL; INTERIOR GALLERY; MINOR ALTERATIONS. VERNACULAR.**

An early log structure built by German Catholic immigrants, one of few such structures remaining in north central PA.