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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Passavant House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

243 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Zelienople

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

25th

STATE

Pennsylvania

VICINITY OF

CODE

COUNTY

Butler

CODE

019

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. Lester R. Mohr

STREET & NUMBER

121 Arthur Street

CITY, TOWN

Zelienople

VICINITY OF

Pennsylvania

STATE

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Butler County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Butler

Pennsylvania

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

1976

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

Pennsylvania

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT DÉTERIORATED
 GOOD RUINS
 FAIR UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Passavant House was built in 1809 as a wedding present for Zelig Basse Passavant. The house is a rather simple 2½ story brick building on a sandstone foundation. The house is three bays wide and two deep. The main facade has a centrally located doorway whose elegance and grace is highlighted by the austerity of the rest of the house. The recessed doorway is flanked by two reeded pilasters supporting a full pediment. The panelling on the door, and entrance way, the sunburst transom is reminiscent of the doorways of Georgian Philadelphia.

The windows have simple stone sills and lintels. Those on the front have panelled shutters. (Early drawings of the house show shutters of a batten construction). A brick stringcourse runs across the main facade providing the only exterior decoration. Small square windows are located in the attic level of the gables.

Circa 1820 a two story frame addition was added to the rear of the house. The addition was three bays long and effectively double the size of the house. In 1915 a two story bay window arrangement was added to the north gable end and a classic Greek revival porch added to the north side of the addition. Aside from these items the house has been little altered.

The interior of the house has most of its original wood work including flooring, panelling and fireplace mantles.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1809

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Frederick William Detmar Basse

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The "Baron" Frederick William Detmar Basse suffered severe financial losses in Germany during the early Napoleonic wars. In 1802 in an attempt to recoup his fortunes he purchased 10,000 acres of Depreciation Lands in what is now Butler County. By 1808 he had sold a large tract of his land to the Harmony Society, and developed farming and mercantile interest throughout the area. He laid out a town which he named after his favorite daughter Zelig. He persuaded Zelig and her new husband Philippe Passavant to immigrate and in 1809 constructed the subject house as a gift for them.

The Passavant House is the oldest house in Zelienople and is well preserved. Its fine "Philadelphia" doorway is particularly noteworthy.

Mention should also be made of Dr. William A. Passavant, Zelig's son. Dr. Passavant was widely known for his work in establishing educational and eleemosynary institutions. He founded the Passavant Hospital in Chicago and Pittsburgh, the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, the Lutheran Children's Home in Zelienople, Thiel College and many others.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of Butler County, Pennsylvania, Chicago: Waterman, Watkins and Company, 1883.

Gerberding, G. H. D. Life and Letters of W. A. Passavant.

Stot, Charles, An Architectural Survey of Western Pa. Pgh.: Univ. of Pgh. Press, 1966

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY One acre *less than 1*

UTM REFERENCES

A 17 51721820 45151920
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B 121376
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

William K. Watson, Acting Director, Office of Historic Preservation

ORGANIZATION

Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 1026

TELEPHONE

717-787-4363

CITY OR TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

William K. Watson

TITLE

Executive Director
 Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

DATE

Nov. 1, 1976

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

CHIEF

[Signature]

DATE

4/11/77

ATTEST:

[Signature]
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

3.18.77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Property Passavant House

State Penn.

Working Number 11.10.76.4527

Butler
co. 77001133

TECHNICAL

Photos 2
Maps 1

CONTROL

OK
11.11.76

HISTORIAN

accept
B. Grovum
11/15/76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

accept
Call
12.13.76
Should be less than one acre - Color agreed
12.13.76

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Col
3-18-77

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Accept
for inventory
3-18-77

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 5-3-77

Send-back _____
Re-submit _____

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Refinished
Furniture

Antiques

Call for
OPEN

FRONT VIEW

Main Street - Zelienople, Pa
Passavant Home
Summer - 1975

PASSAVANT HOUSE
Butler County

NOV 10 1976

Photo Credit: Zelienople Historical
Society
211 E. Grandview Ave.
Zelienople, Pa.

Photo Date: 1975

View: View of Front Facade.

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SPEED
LIMIT
25

L-HAUL

STOP

VIEW FROM NORTH

Passavant Home
Zelienople, Pa.
Summer - 1975

PASSAVANT HOUSE
Butler County

NOV 10 1976

Photo Credit: Zelienople Historical
Society
211 E. Grandview Ave.
Zelienople, Pa.

Photo Date: 1975

View: View of North Elevation.

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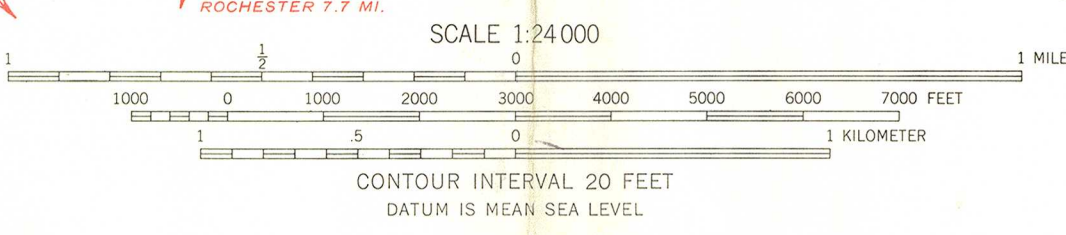
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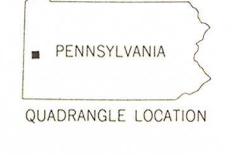


PASSAVANT HOUSE
Butler County
ZONE 17 572 820 4515 920

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Topography from aerial photographs by ER-55
Aerial photographs taken 1952. Field check 1958
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 17, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines
visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Unchecked elevations are shown in brown
Contours in strip mine areas compiled from 1952 photography



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



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ZELIENOPLE, PA
SW 1/4 ZELIENOPLE 15' QUADRANGLE
N 4045-W 8007.5/7.5
1958



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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

PENNSYLVANIA

STATE

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Logan Furnace Mansion	Bellefonte vicinity Centre County
Sunrise Mill	Schwankville vicinity Montgomery County
Neff, Major John, Homestead	Centre Hall vicinity Centre County
Passavant House	Zalienople Butler County
Brockerhoff Hotel	Bellefonte Centre County
Tunkhannock Viaduct	Nicholson vicinity Wyoming County
Cass House	Chambersburg vicinity Franklin County

Also Notified

Hon. H. John Heinz, III
Hon. Richard S. Schweiker
Hon. Joseph S. Ammerman
Hon. Richard T. Schulze
Hon. Gary A. Myers
Hon. Joseph M. McDade
Hon. Bud Shuster

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Mr. William J. Wewer
Executive Director, Pennsylvania
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Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Regional Director, Mid Atlantic Region

4/18/77

Mott

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NR Data Sheet

DATE: 11/15/76
Reviewer

INITIALS: 86

NR

DOE

APR 11 1977

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Passavant House

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER 243 S. Main St.

CITY, TOWN Zelenople

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 25th

STATE N Pennsylvania 42

VICINITY OF

COUNTY code

Butler 019

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST

SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

INTERIOR
✓ Substantially intact-1
- unknown - 4
- not applicable - 7

EXTERIOR
✓ Substantially intact-2
- unknown - 5
- not applicable - 8

ENVIRONS
- Substantially intact-3
✓ unknown - 6
- Not applicable-9

- Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION -
✓ EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR

- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED
- Unexcavated

- UNALTERED
✓ ALTERED
- Reconstructed
- Excavated

✓ ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED
- Unknown

ACCESS -
Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- house

now- house

SIGNIFICANCE:

- ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC

- ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC

- AGRICULTURE

✓ ARCHITECTURE

- ART

- COMMERCE

- COMMUNICATIONS

- CONSERVATION

- ECONOMICS

- EDUCATION

- ENGINEERING

- EXPLORATION

- INDUSTRY

- INVENTION

- LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

- LAW/Gov't/politics

- LITERATURE

- MILITARY

- MUSIC

- PHILOSOPHY

- POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

- RELIGION

- SCIENCE

- SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN

- TRANSPORTATION

- OTHER (SPECIFY)

- entertainment

- health

- recreation

✓ settlement

✓ socio/cultural

- urban & commun planning

Claims

"first"? YES NO

"oldest"? ^{town's oldest house} YES NO

"only"? YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

architect/m.builder: *Frederick William Detmar Basse* engineer:
landscape/garden designer: artist/artisan:
interior decorator: builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP: *German*

NAMES:

(label role & appropriate date)

personal *Frederick William Detmar Basse - built house for daughter + husband - German immigrant, founder of town.*

events

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): *1809*

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS: *1820; 1915*

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S): *1809*

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

1.0

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

BRICK 2STORY, GABLE, STRAWCOURSE, SHUTTERS, FEDERAL DOOR ARCHITRAVE, 2 STORY 3 SIDED BAY ON SIDE; FRAME, 2STORY, GABLE SECTION PERPENDICULAR TO FRONT, COLUMNS PORCH WITH CURVED CENTER, CONVEX

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

~~*German immigrant built by Frederick William Detmar, Basse, town's founder, for daughter Zelic, for whom he named the town, and her husband, Philippe Passavant; town's oldest house.*~~ The Passavant house is the oldest house in Zelinople, with good Federal doorway, and a grandson of the builder was a prominent. The house is an interesting amalgam of Federal, Greek Revival and classical revival elements