

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

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

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

JAMES MITCHELL HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

57 South Sixth Street

\_\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Indiana

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

12th

STATE

Pennsylvania

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CODE

42

COUNTY

Indiana

CODE

063

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

| CATEGORY  | OWNERSHIP  | STATUS  | PRESENT USE      |  |
|---|--|---|------------------|--|
| ___DISTRICT                                     | ___PUBLIC  | ___OCCUPIED   | ___AGRICULTURE   | ___MUSEUM                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED      | ___COMMERCIAL    | ___PARK                                    |
| ___STRUCTURE                                    | ___BOTH  | ___WORK IN PROGRESS                                 | ___EDUCATIONAL   | ___PRIVATE RESIDENCE                       |
| ___SITE   | <b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>                            | <b>ACCESSIBLE</b>                                   | ___ENTERTAINMENT | ___RELIGIOUS                               |
| ___OBJECT                                       | ___IN PROCESS  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | ___GOVERNMENT    | ___SCIENTIFIC                              |
|   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED | ___YES: UNRESTRICTED                                | ___INDUSTRIAL    | ___TRANSPORTATION                          |
|   |  | ___NO   | ___MILITARY      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: |

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME John Albarano Real Estate Agency

STREET &amp; NUMBER

836 Washington Blvd.

CITY, TOWN

Williamsport

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania 17701

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Indiana County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

8th and Philadelphia Streets

CITY, TOWN

Indiana

STATE

Pennsylvania

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

2/10/78

\_\_\_FEDERAL STATE \_\_\_COUNTY \_\_\_LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The James Mitchell house is a two and one half story painted brick structure with a gable roof. Double chimneys are located in the gable ends. A 2½ story frame wing was added to the circa 1850's brick structure making the layout of the Mitchell house L-shaped.

The front brick section is six bays by 4 bays. Windows today are 1 over 1 with stone lintels. The main doorway is located in the 4th bay. The paired doors were installed circa 1890 as well as the glass sidelights. A gable roofed porch shaded this doorway but has been removed recently.

The rear frame wing is two and one half stories with a gable roof and an interior brick chimney in the gable end. Windows in this 2 bay by 2 bay section are 1 over 1 double hung sash with wooden flat hoods. At the rear inner angle is an inset porch and second story room. A 2 bay dormer is located in the rear roof of the brick section.

The interior of the building is basically intact. The central hallway is flanked by 2 rooms on each side. Alterations to the interior consist of the replacement of the original fireplace mantels with those characteristic of the Victorian period and some alteration of the wooden molding in the front first story rooms.

# 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             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS              | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |
| <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 checked="" 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 circa 1849-59

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

**Abstract:** The James Mitchell house is of architectural significance to the town of Indiana because it is one of the few remaining vernacular Federal style buildings within the borough limits.

On August 14, 1849, James Mitchell purchased two lots, numbers 150 and 149 in the town of Indiana for \$100.00. On these lots he built his two and one half story brick house.

Tax assessment records for the years 1856-1860 indicate that James Mitchell's occupation was that of Innkeeper. It seems quite likely that he used his home as an Inn. It was during this period that commerce and transportation were rapidly expanding in Indiana County as a result of the completion of the Pa. canal and the Pa. railroad. An advertisement in the Democratic Messenger dated June 6, 1859, refers to James Mitchell as being the proprietor of the Mansion House. Apparently this was a hotel or a tavern. Since Mitchell's occupation was listed as Innkeeper, it may be assumed that this building was used as an Inn.

James Mitchell was a Borough councilman in 1847, 1853 and 1854. He owned Lots 149 and 150 from 1849 to April 5, 1859, the date of the recorded sale of the property to Hugh W. Weir, and Indiana attorney. In the deed for the transaction it states "... Upon which is erected a large brick dwelling house, frame stable, log house and other out buildings." Weir paid \$1910 for the lots and buildings. This indicates that the two story brick home was built sometime between 1849 and 1859.

In the deed of sale of the property from Hugh W. Weir to E. H. Wilson on May 9, 1870, there is again reference to a 2 story brick house. The house eventually came into the possession of H. E. Clark, who sold the property to Dr. Howard B. Buterbaugh on Sept. 8, 1903. Dr. Buterbaugh used the first floor of the building for many years as a doctor's office. It remained in the possession of the Buterbaugh family until January 15, 1969 when it was sold to John J. Albarano, the present owner.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

( See Continuation Sheet)

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .25

QUADRANGLE NAME Indiana, Pa.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES  
A 17 656430 4498200  
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B                    
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C                  

D                  

E                  

F                  

G                  

H                  

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots at northeast corner of the intersection of Church Street and 6th Street

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

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
|       |      |        |      |
|       |      |        |      |

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE  
Richard Burkert, Deidre McKosky

ORGANIZATION  
Indiana County Historical Society

DATE

STREET & NUMBER  
6th Street and Wayne Avenue

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN  
Indiana

STATE

Pennsylvania

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL   

STATE   

LOCAL X

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

*Ed Weintraub* 6-21-78

TITLE  
ED WEINTRAUB, DIRECTOR  
Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

### FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DATE 12-4-78

ATTEST: *Charles H. ...*  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER  
*W. J. ...*  
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE December 4, 1978

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CONTINUATION SHEET

ITEM NUMBER 9

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Arms and White. History of Indiana County, Pennsylvania: 1745-1880.  
Newark, Ohio: J.A. Caldwell, 1880.

Atlas of Indiana County, Pa: From actual surveys by and under the  
Direction of F. W. Beers. New York: F. W. Beers & Co. 1871.

Deed Book, Indiana County, Pennsylvania. Book 2 p. 348; Book 5, p. 583-  
584; Book 10, p. 317-320; Book 17, p. 415-417; Book 18; Book 24,  
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Genealogical Society, Indiana, Pa.

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York: William J. Barker, 1856.

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2, p. 27.

Property

Mitchell, James, House

78002407

State

PA.

Working Number

6.30.78.3504

TECHNICAL

Photos

5

Maps

1

CONTROL

OK PL  
7.6.78

Mitchell was a businessman and community leader in a period of growth in the town of Indiana. The bldg. has been used as residence, inn, & professional office. Weak, but...

HISTORIAN

Accept  
11-29-78  
J. Tomlin

#8's weak - ~~to~~

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

accept  
Braham  
3.28.78

ARCHEOLOGIST

Documentation is weak on contextual data. SHPO has stated that house is one of the few remaining vernacular Federal style bldgs. in the borough of Indiana. On basis of photos the structure meets criteria because it exemplifies early <sup>mid</sup> 19th c. ~~late~~ domestic design + construction techniques. Built ca. 1849-59, it is quite a late use of Federal design scheme, with some later detailing (esp. interior). As one of the few vernacular Federal style bldgs. in Indiana it demonstrates the endurance of earlier bldg. traditions and the ~~late~~ mid-19th c. identity of Indiana. (Form should have provided more contextual data on hist. + archt. development of area)

Arch Hist

OTHER

HAER

Inventory

Review

Accept - L. Beebe

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF 12/4/78

Accept  
L. Beebe  
12/4/78

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up

Send-back

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Federal Register Entry

2-6-79

Re-submit

INT:2106-74



James Mitchell<sup>1</sup>House  
Indiana County

PD: 1977

PC: M.Baker

PV: front facade (west) view

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James Mitchell House  
Indiana County

PD: 1977

PC: M. Baker

PV: rear (east) elevation

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James Mitchell House  
Indiana County

PD: 1977

PC: M. Baker

PV: chimney wall (south wall)

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James Mitchell House  
Indiana County

PD: 1977

PC: R.Burkert

PV: entrance way (west)

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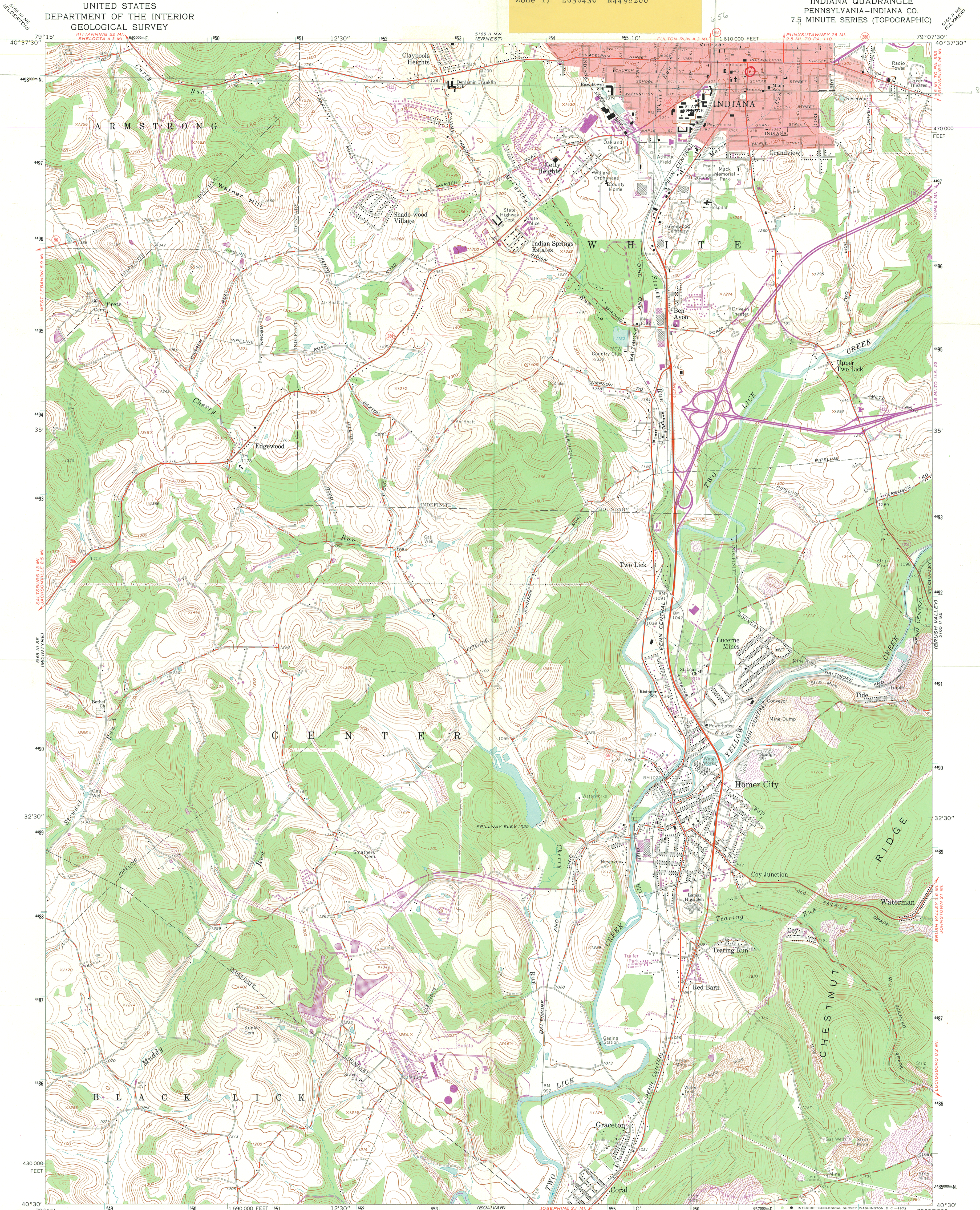
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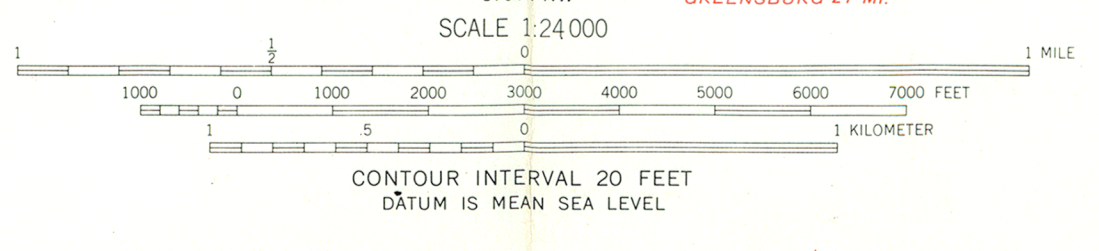
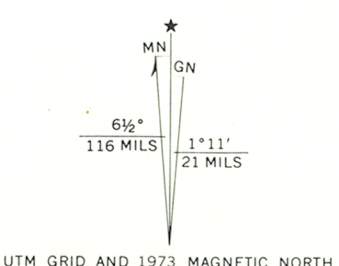
James Mitchell House  
Indiana County  
PD: 1977  
PC: R. Burkert  
PV: interior stairway

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Control by USGS, USC&GS, and USCE  
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial  
photographs taken 1961. Field checked 1963  
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 where  
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked  
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown  
Area below elevation 975 is subject to controlled inundation  
by Conemaugh Dam



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

INDIANA, PA.  
N4030-W7907.5  
1963  
PHOTOREVISED 1973  
AMS 5165 II SW-SERIES V831

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NEW FLORENCE  
5 1/4 IN. WIDE  
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THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with  
State of Pennsylvania agencies from aerial photographs  
taken 1973. This information not field checked

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE PENNSYLVANIA

Date Entered DEC 4 1978

| <u>Name</u>            | <u>Location</u>            |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Mitchell, James, House | Indiana<br>Indiana County  |
| Boal Mansion           | Boalsburg<br>Centre County |

Also Notified

Honorable H. John Heinz, III  
Honorable Richard S. Schweiker  
Honorable John P. Murtha  
Honorable Joseph S. Ammerman

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Mr. Ed Weintraub  
Executive Director, Pennsylvania  
Historical and Museum Commission  
P.O. Box 1026  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

# NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: Mitchell, James, House  
 ② OTHER NAMES:  
 ③ date of entry: DEC 4 1978  
 ④ county code: 63

⑤ LOCATION street & number: 57 S. 6th St.  
 city / town: Indiana  
 vicinity of:  
 state: PA  
 county: Indiana  
 ⑥ NPS REGION: MA

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: 12th  
 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: Richard Burkert  
 if state who prepared form?  
 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: CURRENTLY:  
 ㉔ dates of initial construction: major alterations: historic events:  
 ㉕ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION:

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:  
 INSTITUTIONAL:

㊱ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP