

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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

*The Old Hoopes School*

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

*NE of Lewistown*

STREET & NUMBER

*5 miles north of Lewistown, Vira Road & Route 522 Intersection*

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

*Derry Township*

*Lewistown mi*

VICINITY OF

9

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

*Pennsylvania*

*42*

*Mifflin*

*087*

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

**ACCESSIBLE**

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

*Clifford G. Walters*

STREET & NUMBER

*125 East Logan Avenue*

CITY, TOWN

*Reedsville*

VICINITY OF

STATE

*Pennsylvania 17084*

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

*Mifflin County Courthouse*

STREET & NUMBER

*One West Market Street*

CITY, TOWN

*Lewistown*

STATE

*Pennsylvania*

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

*Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places*

DATE

*6/7/78*

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY 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 Old Hoopes School is a one and one half story brick structure with a cobble-stone foundation. The outside dimensions are 28' by 38'. The gable roof has a wide plain frieze, boxed cornices supported by brackets and returns. The original cedar shingle roof has been replaced with tin. There is a partial basement which was used as a woodshed and coal bin under the school.*

*The structure is 3 bays by one bay with one main entrance located in the east gable end. Windows are nine over nine with stone lintels. The doorway is shaded by a gable roofed porch. The door is panelled with a stone lintel. Small semi-circular ventilator windows are located in the gable ends.*

*The interior of the school house is one large room with the desks facing west. Natural slate blackboards line the entire width of the western wall. Waircoating lines the walls to window level. Coat pegs are located on the east wall. The interior has been kept in its school room appearance.*

*To the rear of the school are located the original frame outhouses which were constructed at the same time as the school.*

# 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 checked="" 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 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

C. 1873

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Key:  
Context

function  
design  
condition  
symbolic  
exemplary

*The Old Hoopes School is located on the road from Maitland (Strine's Mill) and Kellyville (Vira) about five miles from Lewistown on Jack's Creek. Maitland in the 1880's was a station on the Mifflin and Centre Railroad. It had a post-office, depot, school-house and a few dwellings. The Grist mill of Henry Stine was located near the school. This mill as well as a saw-mill was founded in 1798 by John Waggoner.*

*The Hoopes school was built circa 1873 and served the surrounding farms as well as the village of Maitland. Architecturally the school is an excellent example of a central Pennsylvania one-room schoolhouse and is in excellent condition. The one-room school house represents the standard educational facility for rural America throughout the history of education in this country until consolidation made them obsolete in the 1940's - 50's. The Hoopes school is an excellent example of a Pennsylvania one-room school house.*

J.F.T.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

*History of that part of the Susquehanna and Juniata Valleys embraced in the counties of Mifflin, Juniata, Perry Union and Snyder. Philadelphia: Everts, Peck & Richards, 1886, p. 540, 550-51.*

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY       .2      

QUADRANGLE NAME Burnham, Pennsylvania

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1, 8 | 2, 8, 8 | 10, 00 | 4, 5, 10, 16, 20  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B     |     |     |      
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C     |     |     |    

D     |     |     |    

E     |     |     |    

F     |     |     |    

G     |     |     |    

H     |     |     |    

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Starting at a point on the west side Vira Road then 150 feet southwest then southeast 75 feet then northeast 150 feet to Vira Road then 75 feet along west side of Vira Road to starting point.

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 / TITLE

*Clifford G. Walters / Susan M. Zacher*

ORGANIZATION

*/ Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission*

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

*125 East Logan Street / Box 1026*

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

*Reedsville / Harrisburg*

STATE

*Pennsylvania*

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

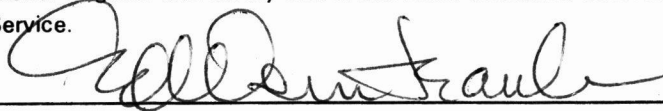
NATIONAL    

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



TITLE *ED WEINTRAUB, Director*  
 Office of Historic Preservation

DATE *10-16-78*

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

DATE *10-20-78*

ATTEST:

*for Charles Atkinson*  
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE *Dec. 19, 1978*

*Lynn D. Beebe*  
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

Property Old Hoopes School

78002431

State PA.

Working Number 10.23.78.4302

TECHNICAL  
Photos 4  
Maps 1

CONTROL  
pl  
OK 10.24.78

*Significant as well-preserved example of a one-room schoolhouse that represents the type of educational facility once common in rural America. Architectural statement could have been more explicit.*

HISTORIAN  
Accept  
Lightner  
12-13-78

*#8 could have used additional analysis (architectural), but since form does seem to establish historical significance →*

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN  
Accept  
L. Beek  
12-19-78

ARCHEOLOGIST

*Discussed w/ Leborich + Beek. This is locally significant as one of the few original + surviving public bldgs. in a rural cross roads which has grown little since the 1870s. This is a good example of a once basic institution now vanished from American culture, + a good example for Pennsylvania. Brief, but since hits keywords:*

OTHER  
ACCEPT  
12-13-78  
Joe Tower  
Historian  
HAER

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept  
L. Beek  
12-19-78

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Register Entry 2.6.79

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_  
Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

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VIEW OF SCHOOL HOUSE TAKEN  
FROM CENTER OF ROAD LEADING  
FROM U.S. RTE 522 TO VIRA, PA.

The Old Hoopes School

Mifflin County

PD: 1978

PC: C.G.Walters

PV: view taken from center of road

DEC 20 1978  
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VIEW OF FRONT LEFT CORNER  
OF INTERIOR OF SCHOOL ROOM

The Old Hoopes School  
Mifflin County

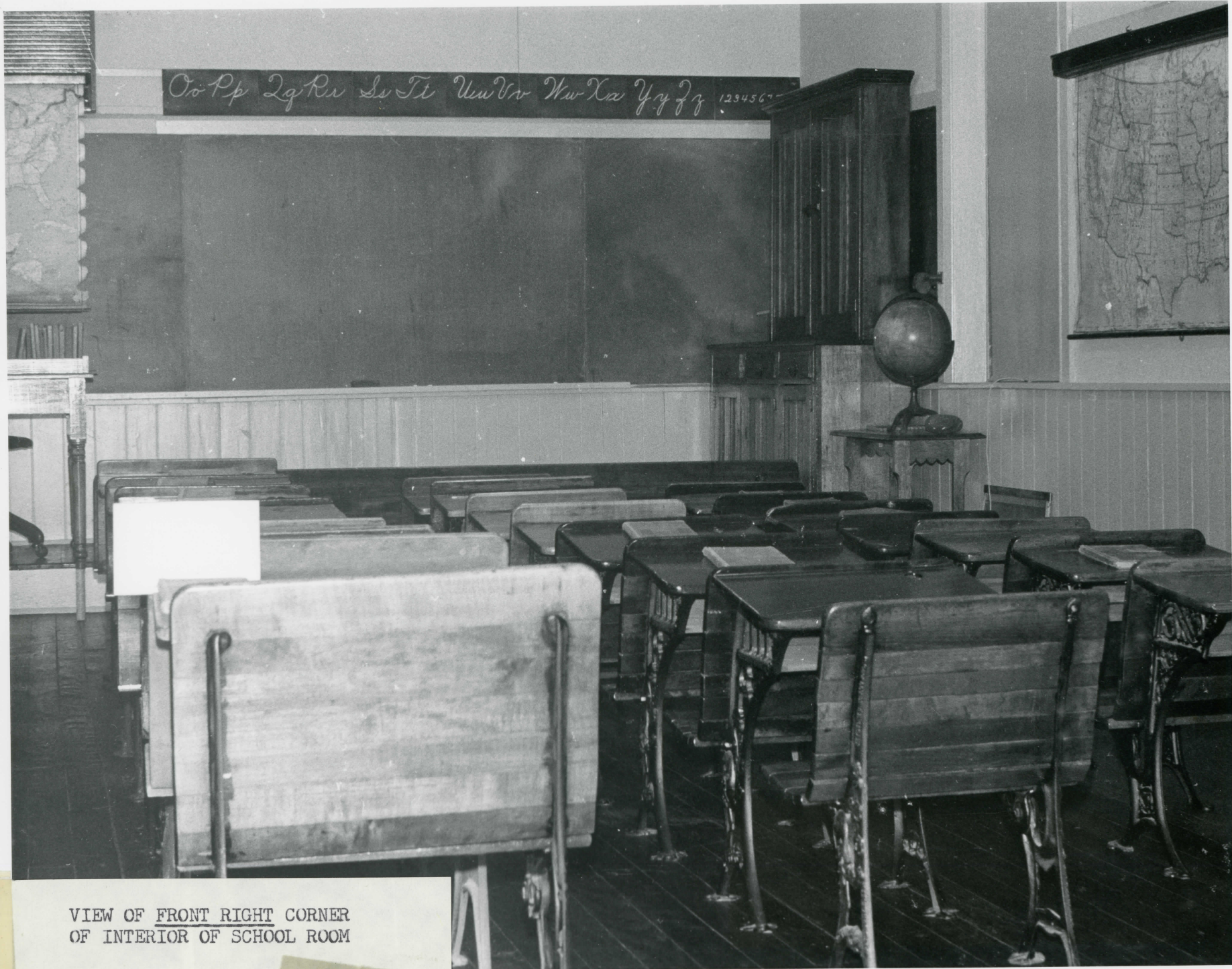
PD: 1978

PC: C.G.Walters

PV: view of front left corner, interior

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VIEW OF FRONT RIGHT CORNER  
OF INTERIOR OF SCHOOL ROOM

The Old Hoopes School  
Mifflin County  
PD: 1978  
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PV: view of front right corner, interior

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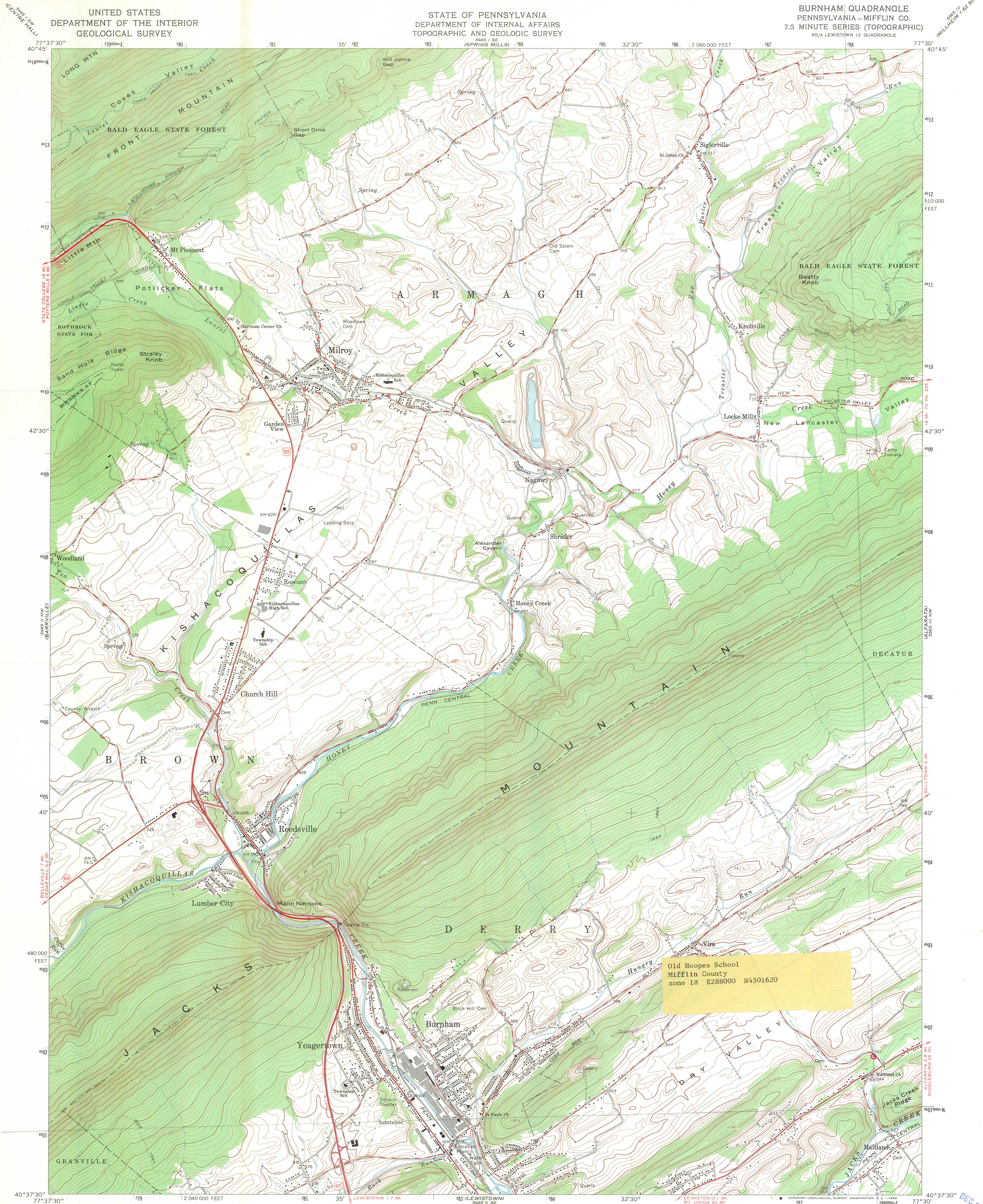


VIEW OF REAR LEFT CORNER  
OF INTERIOR OF SCHOOL ROOM

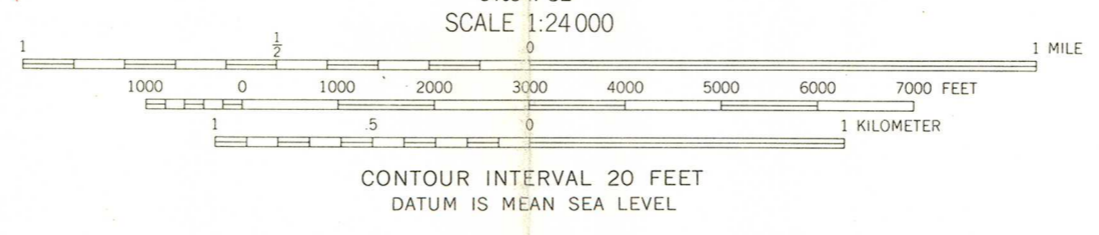
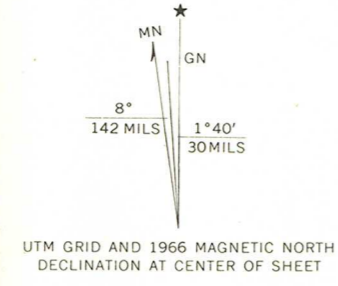
The Old Hoopes School  
Mifflin County  
PD: 1978  
PC: C.G.Walters  
PV: view of rear left corner, interior

DEC 20 1978

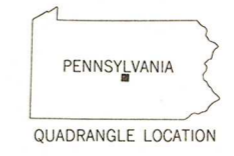
OCT 23 1978



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey  
Control by USGS and USC&GS  
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial  
photographs taken 1964. Field checked 1966.  
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  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where  
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



Old Hoopes School  
Mifflin County  
zone 18 E288000 N4501620



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

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NATIONAL REGISTER  
BURNHAM, PA.  
NE/4 LEWISTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE  
N4037.5—W7730.5  
1966  
AMS 5465 II NE—SERIES V831

Old Hoopes School  
11-7-78

15 November 1978

Clifford G. Walters  
125 E. Logan Street  
Reedsville, PA 17084

Dr. William J. Murtagh  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Dr. Murtagh,

Thank you for your letter of November 8 acknowledging the nomination of the Old Hoopes School for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

I wish to give you a brief summary of why I own the Old Hoopes School. As a child, I received all my eight years of elementary education in a one-room country school quite similar to the Old Hoopes School. Shortly after leaving this school (1945) to go to high school and in subsequent years, I began to realize just how valuable the education was that I received there, and I began to reminisce about the hardships and inconveniences of the teachers who taught in one-room schools.

It was during this period (1940-1950) that the one-room country school began to fade from the American scene as an educational facility. Many were converted into homes, storage sheds, etc., while others were completely torn down or left to rot away. I decided at that time that I would really like to have one of these old schools to restore and keep strictly for myself as a reminder of the things I experienced during my childhood.

In 1974 I finally had the opportunity to purchase such a school house, the Old Hoopes School. It was completely stripped of its furnishings except for the stove. Months went by and I gradually restored the exterior of the building and acquired replacement furnishings. In 1975 I began to think about the approaching American Bi-centennial, and I thought that this could be my personal Bi-centennial project so I increased my efforts in refurbishing and refurnishing the interior.

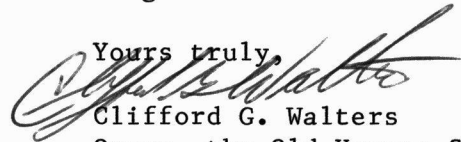
I had originally set Memorial Day as my target date to open the building to the public. However, I became involved in my local Bi-centennial committee and was unable to make this opening date. I decided to make the 4th of July my next target date, and this date was met successfully. Many people came to view the school

and reminisce and enjoy their memories of their childhood days spent in a one-room school. It was then that I realized that I should not keep it strictly for myself, so I have opened the school for free public viewing on all 4th of July and Labor Day week-ends since, and other times by appointment. People still come and view and reminisce.

I know that there are still some schools such as this one available to public viewing. However, it is my intention to make the Old Hoopes School the most authentic of all as regards to furnishings such as books, slates, slate pencils, desks, pencil boxes, lunch boxes and toys such as wooden blocks, jacks, jump ropes, marbles, etc. All these things I can remember very well as being common items in the old school that I had attended, and they bring favorable comments from the public. These things are not found in most old schools available for public viewing.

These reasons, along with the information on the nomination application, are why I think the Old Hoopes School should be listed in the National Register of Historic Places, and I would like to thank you and your staff for any consideration given to it.

Yours truly,



Clifford G. Walters

Owner, the Old Hoopes School



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE PENNSYLVANIA

Date Entered DEC 20 1978

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Hammersly-Strominger House	Lewisberry vicinity York County
Old Hoopes School	Lewistown vicinity Mifflin County
McCullough, John, House	Newville vicinity Cumberland County

Also Notified

Honorable H. John Heinz, III  
Honorable Richard S. Schweiker  
Honorable William F. Goodling  
Honorable E.G. (Bud) Shuster

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

NR Byers/bjr 1/16/79

For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.

# NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: Old Hoopes School  
 ② OTHER NAMES:  
 ③ date of entry: DEC 20 1978  
 ④ county code: 087

⑤ LOCATION street & number: NE of Lewistown  
 city / town: Lewistown  
 vicinity of: Lewistown  
 state: PA  
 county: Mifflin  
 ⑥ NPS REGION: NE

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: 9  
 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  
 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  
 ㉑ IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT?  yes  no

㉒ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:  
 ARCHEOLOGY - prehistoric-2  
 ARCHEOLOGY - historic-1  
 AGRICULTURE-3  
 ARCHITECTURE-4  
 ART-5  
 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)

㉓ CLAIMS: explain  
 'first'   
 'oldest'   
 'only'

㉔ functions  
 WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT:  
 CURRENTLY:  
 ㉕ dates of initial construction:  
 major alterations:  
 historic events:  
 ㉖ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

㉗ architectural style(s):  
 ㉘ architect:  
 ㉙ master builder:  
 ㉚ engineer:

㉛ landscape architect / garden designer:  
 ㉜ interior decorator:  
 ㉝ artist:  
 ㉞ artisan:  
 ㉟ builder/contractor:

㊱ NAMES give role & date  
 PERSONAL:  
 EVENTS:  
 INSTITUTIONAL:

㊲ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP