

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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**1. Name**

historic John Immel House

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number Flanagan Road not for publication

city, town Myerstown vic. vicinity of congressional district 16

state Pennsylvania code 42 county Lebanon code 075

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name American - Marietta Co.

street & number 123 S. Broad St. Ct. Corp. System

city, town Philadelphia vicinity of state Pennsylvania

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Lebanon County Courthouse

street & number South Eighth Street

city, town Lebanon state Pennsylvania

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Pennsylvania Inventory  
of Historic Places

has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date November 20, 1978  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

city, town Harrisburg state Pennsylvania

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## 7. Description

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**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 John Immel House is a 2 1/2 story L-shaped dwelling. Made of limestone, it is four bays wide and four bays long. The main section of the house measures 32 feet by 32 feet. Large limestone quoins appear. The gable roof with returns, is covered by wooden shingles, at each corner, and inside gable end brick chimneys are located at both peaks. The cornice, which is found on the front and rear of the main section, also extends along the entire eastern side.

There is a small section to the rear of the house which completes the L. Measuring 18 feet by 18 feet, it is 1 1/2 stories with a shed roof and an inside gable end chimney. There is a small entrance porch on the eastern side. On the western side the ends of the floor joists are exposed.

The facade of the house, which contains the main entrance, faces south. This classically designed entrance in the third bay has a full pediment. The door itself is recessed and is topped by a fan-shaped transom. A date stone is found between the second and third bays on the second story. Set in an arch of interspaced brick and limestone and decorated with a "Pennsylvania Dutch" motif, it reads, "Build by John and Elizabeth Immel 1814."

The wooden window frames on both floors are pegged and have wide keystone lintels. All first story windows are 2/2; all second story windows are 12/8.

There are four rooms on each floor and a full basement.

Only a small wooden shed remains of the original outbuildings. Foundations are present of a barn as well.

# 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 checked="" 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 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** 1814      **Builder/Architect** John Immel

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The architectural significance of the John Immel House lies in the fact that it is a good example of an early house of the area. This home, with its classical details, had a good location, being situated near the now abandoned Union Canal. Built by the descendent of one of the original Palatinate immigrants, it is a typical farmhouse, of this region, built of the limestone which is so abundant in the area. The Immels were a very influential family in Myerstown, serving in various governmental and religious positions.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Keller, Velma Byrum. Immel and Imel Families in America. Allentown, Pa.: Schlechter's, 1974.

Lebanon County Historical Society. Immel Family History.

Mohn, Viola Kohl. Shadows of the Rhine Along the Tulpahocken. Lebanon: Lebanon County Historical Society, 1970.

## 10. Geographical Data **UTM NOT VERIFIED**

Acreege of nominated property 2.68 acres

**ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**

Quadrangle name Richland, Pa.

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### UMT References

A 

1	8	3	9	1	9	7	10	4	4	6	9	2	8	10
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

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C 

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H 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Starting at a point on a public road, thence southwest for 312.5', thence northwest for 187.5', thence northeast for 625', thence southeast for 187.5', thence southwest for 312.5' to point of beginning.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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Pennsylvania Historical

organization and Museum Commission

date

street & number Box 286, Rt. 4

telephone 866-6241

city or town Myerstown/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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

ED WEINTRAUB, Director

title Office of Historic Preservation

date 12-10-79

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

Sally G. Olden  
Keeper of the National Register

date 4/17/80

Attest: Lynn A. Beebe  
Chief of Registration

date April 4, 1980

Property

Inmel, John House

80003548

State

Pa - Lebanon

Working Number

12-18-79 2965

**TECHNICAL**

Photos 4

Maps 1

**CONTROL**

**HISTORIAN**

Fine, intact, example of late 18<sup>th</sup>/early 19<sup>th</sup> c. residential architecture. A vernacular structure, the Inmel House is comparatively sophisticated for a rural dwelling, perhaps reflective of some degree of prosperity, a maturation of settlement, or of the transportation/communication function of the nearby canal. A good example of

Accept  
L. Beeke  
4/4/80

the stone architecture so characteristic of Pa., the Inmel House embodies the characteristics of its period in its proportions, massing, + detailing. The semi-circular, arched fanlight and the pedimented door enticement, and the keystoned flat lintels of the windows suggest the continuing impact of essentially Georgian design — although the attenuation of the door frame perhaps suggests the influence of the more current Federal style.

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

(See review notes).

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_

Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

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**BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Register Entry

2.3.81

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_

Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

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Clearly eligible property on basis of architectural merit  
Significance statement is minimal —

establishes signif. as example of residential  
architecture of the early period of settlement in  
the area —

refers only to material (limestone typical of area)  
and classical details (no specifics)

in #7 there is mention of classical  
doorway w/ pediment + fan-shaped transom;  
also keystoned lintels, 12/8 windows

Statement could have addressed:

① context — how many of these survived?  
how common was this form? (#8 implies  
quite common)

② fuller characterization of this type/style —  
e.g. massing, proportions, details such as  
pent roof, scale, integrity.

How does this compare w/ other examples  
in area? Seems to be fairly sophisticated  
for vernacular, stone, agrarian residence —  
perhaps reflective of some degree of prosperity,  
or maturation of settlement, or of  
transportation/communication function of nearby  
canal (as network for transmission of ideas/design)

Significance statement establishes certain basics but does not articulate significance as fully as is desirable.

Good to see staff experiment with one-paragraph format. There is a need to make the substance of that paragraph more explicit, more articulate, more of a summary of analysis.



*Immel, John House*

John Immel House

Lebanon County

PD: 1978

PC: Lebanon County Survey

PV: View from southeast

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*Immel, John House*

John Immel House

Lebanon County

PD: 1978

PC: Lebanon County Survey

PV: View from west

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*Immel, John House*

John Immel House

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PD: 1978

PC: Lebanon County Survey

PV: View from south

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*Immel, John House*

John Immel House

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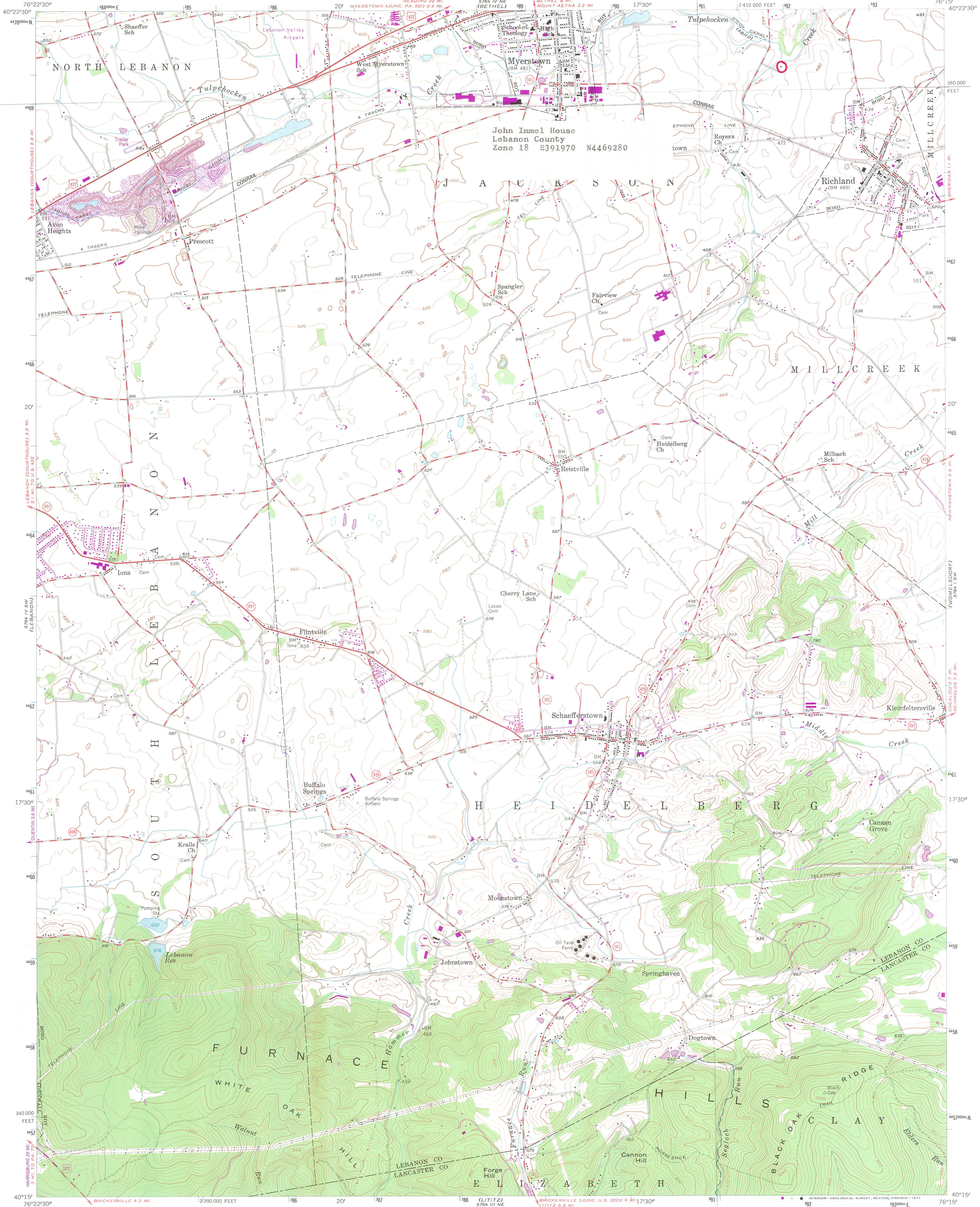
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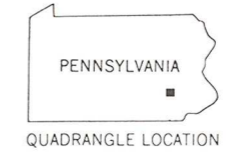
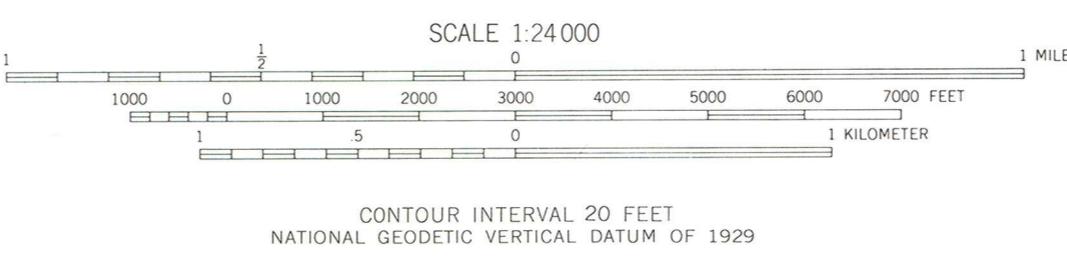
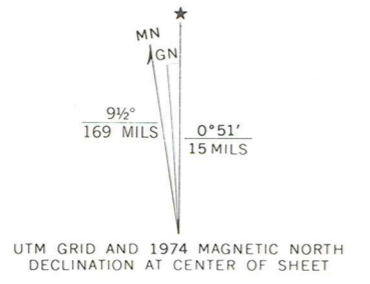
PC: Lebanon County Survey

PV: Datestone on facade

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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  
Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with State of  
Pennsylvania agencies from aerial photographs taken 1969 and 1974.  
This information not field checked



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty
- Medium-duty
- U.S. Route
- Improved dirt
- State Route

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STATE PENNSYLVANIA

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McGees Mills Covered Bridge	Mahaffey vicinity Clearfield County
Stirling	Reading Berks County
Grand Army of the Republic Hall	Johnstown Cambria County
Immel, John, House	Myerstown vicinity Lebanon County
Lancaster County House of Employment (Old County Hospital)	Lancaster Lancaster County

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