

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 Anthony Morris House

and/or common

2. Location

N of Norristown on Stump Hall Rd.
Northeast side of Stump Hall Road, 1/2 mile west of Valley Forge Road (Rt. 363) not for publication

city, town Norristown vic. Worcester Township vicinity of _____ congressional district 13th

state Pennsylvania code 42 county Montgomery code 091

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

4. Owner of Property

name William Spence and Myrtle Hewes Haines

street & number Stump Hall Road

city, town Worcester vicinity of _____ state Pennsylvania 19426

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse

street & number Airy and Swede Streets

city, town Norristown state Pennsylvania 19404

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Pa. Inventory of Historic Places has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 7 July 1980 federal state county local

depository for survey records Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

city, town Harrisburg state Pennsylvania

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

This two story house, 25 ft. square was constructed of coursed rubble; two bays wide and two deep, its original floor plan was two rooms over two. The land associated with this house, originally 158 acres, also bears the remains of a gristmill constructed in 1728.

The front of the house, facing southeast, is protected by a pent eave between the first and second floors. The original door at the left, removed about 1930, has been replaced by a Dutch door. Under the window to the right is an arched doorway giving access to a cold storage area. This door is reached via flagstone steps, and is also accessible from the inside. A flagstone terrace provides firm footing around the front door. The three windows along this wall are (as are all but the attic windows) double hung sashes, 6 over 6. Heavy stone lintels top all the exterior wall openings. Quoins are somewhat larger at the south corner than elsewhere.

The northeast wall is broken by three openings: one window on each floor at the left, and a casement window in the attic. This wall has been plastered, and a exterior stone chimney of recent construction stands just to the right of the gable peak.

The rear wall is broken by a window and a door on the first floor (the door is to the right) and two windows on the second floor.

The southwest wall has been altered considerably over the years. Originally both the first and second floors has a door to the left and a window to the right. A pent eave (or more likely a porch) at the second story level was partly protected by a water table above. Higher up in the gable was (and still is) a casement window. Over the years the exterior wood structures were removed, and both doors were converted to windows.

Atop this structure is a wood shingled roof with close verges and boxed cornices at the end of a slight kick in the roof. Just off center at the peak of the roof is a brick chimney.

Passing through the front door, one enters a wide hall separated from the rest of the first floor by the stairway and a fireplace. This fireplace, constructed of stone with a chestnut lintel, extends from the rear wall 12 feet to the center of the house. The original trammel bars remain. The chamfered chestnut ceiling beams rest on a summerbeam that runs southwest to northeast the entire length of the house.

Beyond the stairway is a large room that has been divided into a living room and kitchen by board partitions; cleats may be found at the bottom of these board partitions. Unlike the rest of the house (which has a floor of random-width tongue-and-groove pine boards) the living room floor is doubled, with thick oak flooring and a thin pine

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pine floor insulating the room from the damp storage area below. The storage area is accessible from the hall via flagstone steps. All electric wires and pipes are hidden behind plastered walls; there are no base boards.

The second floor, originally two rooms, has been divided by board partitions into two bedrooms on the southwest and a bedroom and bath on the northeast.

Most window sills retain traces of black paint. Most of the single needed batten doors still have their original iron strap hinges and latches.

Just to the east of the house stands a small stable, 16' 5" x 16' 7".

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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1717

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Morris Haines Manor House is a well preserved, very early Montgomery County residence of an important early settler.

Anthony Morris purchased 158 acres of land from Sarah Harsent of Worminghurst, England in 1717. The tract was situated in what later became Worcester Township. Here Morris reared his family of 15 children. Morris was a merchant brewer of Philadelphia, In addition to serving as a member of the Supreme Court, the Provincial Council and the Assembly, he was mayor of Philadelphia.

He had this house built in 1717. In 1721 at his death his son Anthony Morris Jr. and Israel Pemberton were named executors. Anthony Jr. continued his father's brewing business and was interested in iron industries at Colebrookdale and Dale Forge, Berks County.

Architecturally about 80% of the original building is intact with the exception of the doors to the outside. It has been restored with great care and dedication by the Haines. All electric wires, and water pipes are behind plastered walls. The paint was removed correctly and evidence of original black paint on window sills has been retained. Original local flagstone inside steps lead from the hallway down to the cold storage room. There are no baseboards. Cleats are along the board partitions.

The Executors of Morris Sr. sold the property in 1728 to Johannes Beehn, a weaver of German ancestry who later built a grist mill on the small stream, an affluent of the Zacharias Creek, which flows near the house. This stream propelled the grist mill, the foundations of which are still visible, and also was utilized to ret the flax that was used in the weaving industry.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Registry of Deeds, Montgomery and Philadelphia County Courthouses.
Heebner, Anne K., A History of Worcester Township, 1978, p. 397.
Scott, J.D., Atlas of Montgomery County, 1877.

10. Geographical Data

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property 2 acres

Quadrangle name Lansdale, PA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

A

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Verbal boundary description and justification

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

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 Mary E. Butler, Research Historian/ Paul H. Barner

organization Towamencin Hist. Soc. / PHMC

date

street & number Box 261/ Box 1026

telephone (215) 368-2480

city or town Kulpsville/Harrisburg

state Pennsylvania 19443/17120

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 10/21/80

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

Sally G. O'Leary

date 12/3/80

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

BEGINNING at the intersection of Township Line Road and a private lane, along the north side of the lane northeast 450 feet to a stone, then northwest 142 feet to a stone, then southwest 431 feet to an iron pin in the middle of Township Line Road, then along the middle of the road southeast 342 feet to the place of beginning.

PROPERTY OF

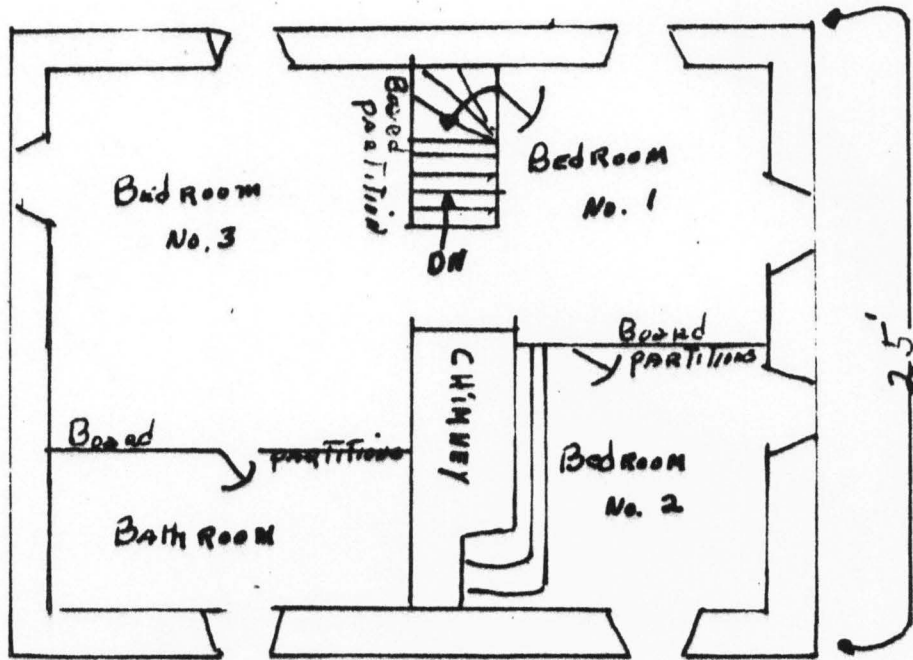
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AND WIFE
MYRTLE HEWES HAINES

Anthony Morris House
Montgomery County
Floor Plans

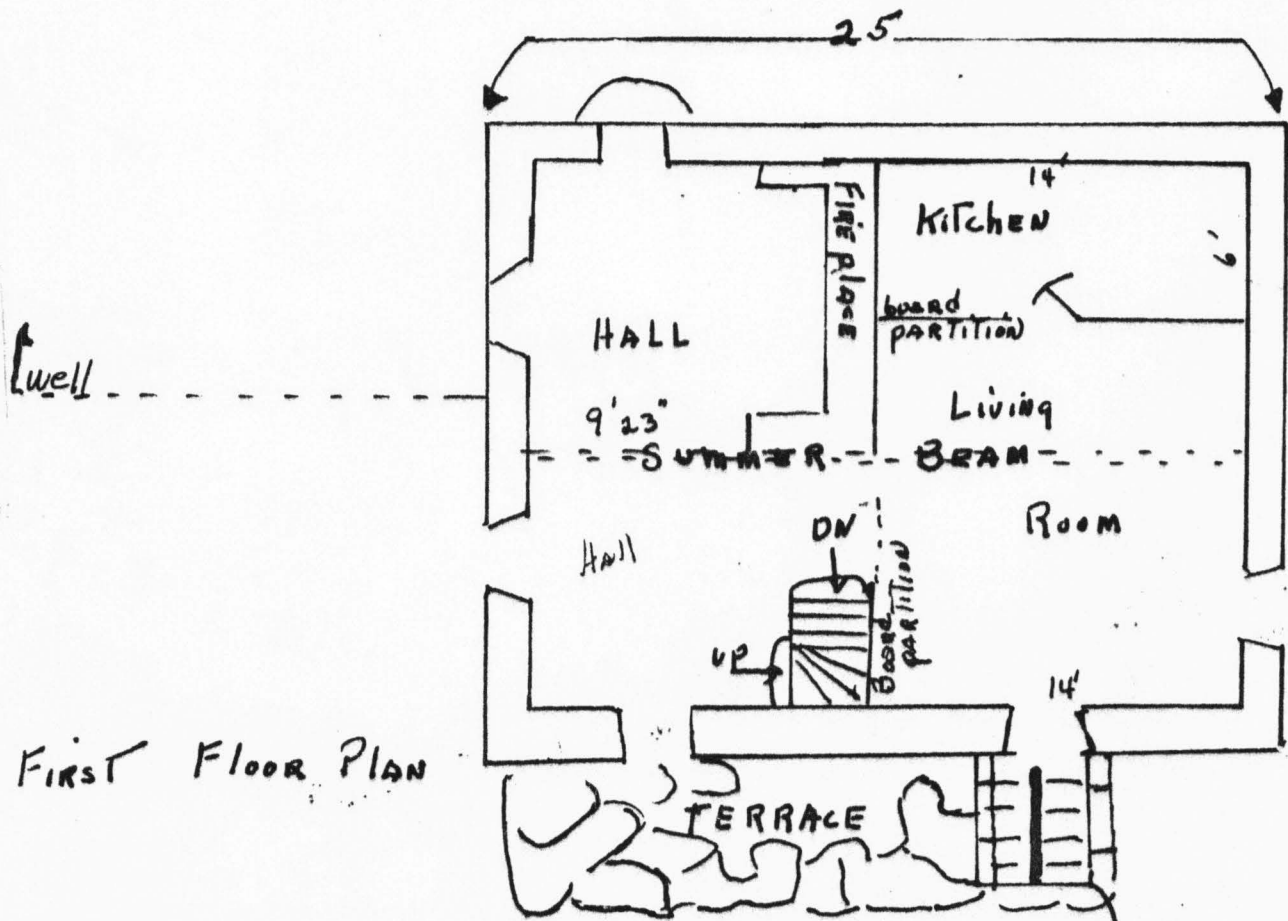
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Anthony MORRIS

WORCESTER, Township



SECOND FLOOR PLAN



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

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Montgomery County
Copy of deed search

PROPERTY OF WILLIAM SPENCE HAINES AND MYRTLE HEWES HAINES

Stump Hall Road, Worcester Township

WILLIAM PENN, Esq., True & Absolute Proprietary and
Governor-in-Chief of the Province of Pensilvania
and Territories Thereunto Belonging

	9/7-8/1681	Sarah Hersent, Worminghurst, County of Sussex Warrant dated 12/10/1684 from Commissioners and Survey	500 A
Phila. F-9-247	2/6-7/1716	Anthony Morris Warrant dated 3rd mo./1/1717 Resurvey - 5th mo./4/1717 Richard Hill, Isaac Morris, & James Logan, Commissioners of the Province of Pennsylvania Issued Patent dated 7/25/1718 to Anthony Morris, Philadelphia, Merchant, in the 4th year of the Reign of King George of Great Britain. Recorded in Pat. Bk. A, Vol. 5, p. 379	558 A
		Anthony Morris, Jr. and Israel Pemberton, Exec. of the Estate of Anthony Morris, Sr. Dec'd.	
Montg. 850-137	12/27/1728	Johanes Beehn Died. Will dated 1/14/1746/7 W.B. 4-243 Probated 4/10/47. Real Estate to Sons, Henry & John. Release of Henry Been and Catherine, his wife.	158-3/4 A
Phila. H-16/470	5/26/63	John Been Died. Will dated 3/10/1800. Probated 4/9/1800. Real Estate to Son, John	79 A 60 P
Montg. W.B. 2-151	4/19/1800	John Bean Died. Will dated 1/7/1839. Probated 4/3/1847	
" W.B. 8-526	4/3/47	Jacob H. Bean Died. Will dated 1/20/1877. Probated 3/20/1883	
" W.B. 16-513	3/20/83	Isaac J. Bean Died 12/7/1928 Will Dated 6/19/1909 Probated 1/9/1929 - W.B. 69-635 Urias K. Bean & Elmer K. Bean, Exec. of Isaac J. Bean, deceased, and Mary R. Bean, widow to	57 A 47 P
" 1180-475	8/1/1934	William Spence Haines/Myrtle Hewes	2 A 60 P
" 1299-486	8/1/39	William Spence Haines - Myrtle Hewes	

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Property

Morris, Anthony House

80003581
DUE
1/6/81

State

P.A. Montgomery

Working Number

11.6.80.2776

TECHNICAL

Photos

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Maps

1

CONTROL

HISTORIAN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

*Eligible for architecture & for association
with locally significant person*

Accept
S. Oldham
12/3/80

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OTHER

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Federal Register Entry

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EXHIBIT

1

South West View - (Corner)

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Anthony Morris House
Montgomery County
PD: 1980 PC: M. Butler, R. Martin
NL: with owners
PV: front and side elevations

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EXHIBIT
2

West view -

Above and floor windows - paint have to be
Resurfaced

Attic window Frame to be Replaced

Windows - 1st + 2nd floor - to the left appear to
have been formerly done.

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NL: with owner
PV: side elevation

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PHOTO BY
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North End Corner

Anthony Morris House
Montgomery County
PD: 1980 PC: R. Martin
NL: with owners
PV: rear and side elevations

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CASE

Exhibit
4

South view - Front of house

Front door removed - 50 yrs ago.

Smaller Dutch Door Re-created -

Some original Flag Stone walk.

X Cold Storage on So. side

Pent Eave Restored - Wood shingle Roof

Anthony Morris House
Montgomery County
PD: 1980 PC: R. Martin NOV 6 1980
NL: with owners
PV: detail of front door DEC 3 1980

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Exhibit
5

Hallway -

Original Floors - Tongue & Groove

Inside view of Re-created smaller Front door

Anthony Morris House
Montgomery County
PD: 1980 PC: R. Martin
NL: with owners
PV: interior detail, hall floor

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EXHIBIT
6

Hallway - 2nd Floor -

Original Floors -

GM
Anthony Morris House
Montgomery County NOV 6 1980
PD: 1980 PC: R.Martin DEC 3 1980
NL: with owners
PV: interior detail, 2nd floor
hall floor



EXHIBIT

7

Living Room -
original / board partition + door .

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Montgomery County
PD: 1980 PC: R. Martin
NL: with owners
PV: interior detail, living room
door

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EXHIBIT
8

Living Room -

Original summer beam - RAFTERS & FLOORS
a double Rooded board PARTITION
To Kitchen

Anthony Morris House
Montgomery County
PD: 1980 PC: R.Martin
NL: with owners
PV: interior detail, livingroom
ceiling

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2nd Floor Bedroom #3 on Floor plan

Original summer beam

" board partitions + door

" ATTIC Floors

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Montgomery County PD: 1980 PC: R. Martin NOV 6 1980
NL: with owners
PV: interior detail, 2nd floor bedroom ceiling
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EXHIBIT
10

Fire place - original
Chimney tree is chestnut over 400 years old
measures 12' by 20" in size

Anthony Morris House
Montgomery County
PD: 1980 PC: R. Martin
NL: with owners
PV: interior view, fireplace
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DEC 3 1980 6/14



EXHIBIT

11

Living Room window

Original sill + board painted black above window

Anthony Morris House
Montgomery County

PD: 1980 PC: R. Martin

NL: with owner

PV: interior detail, livingroom
window

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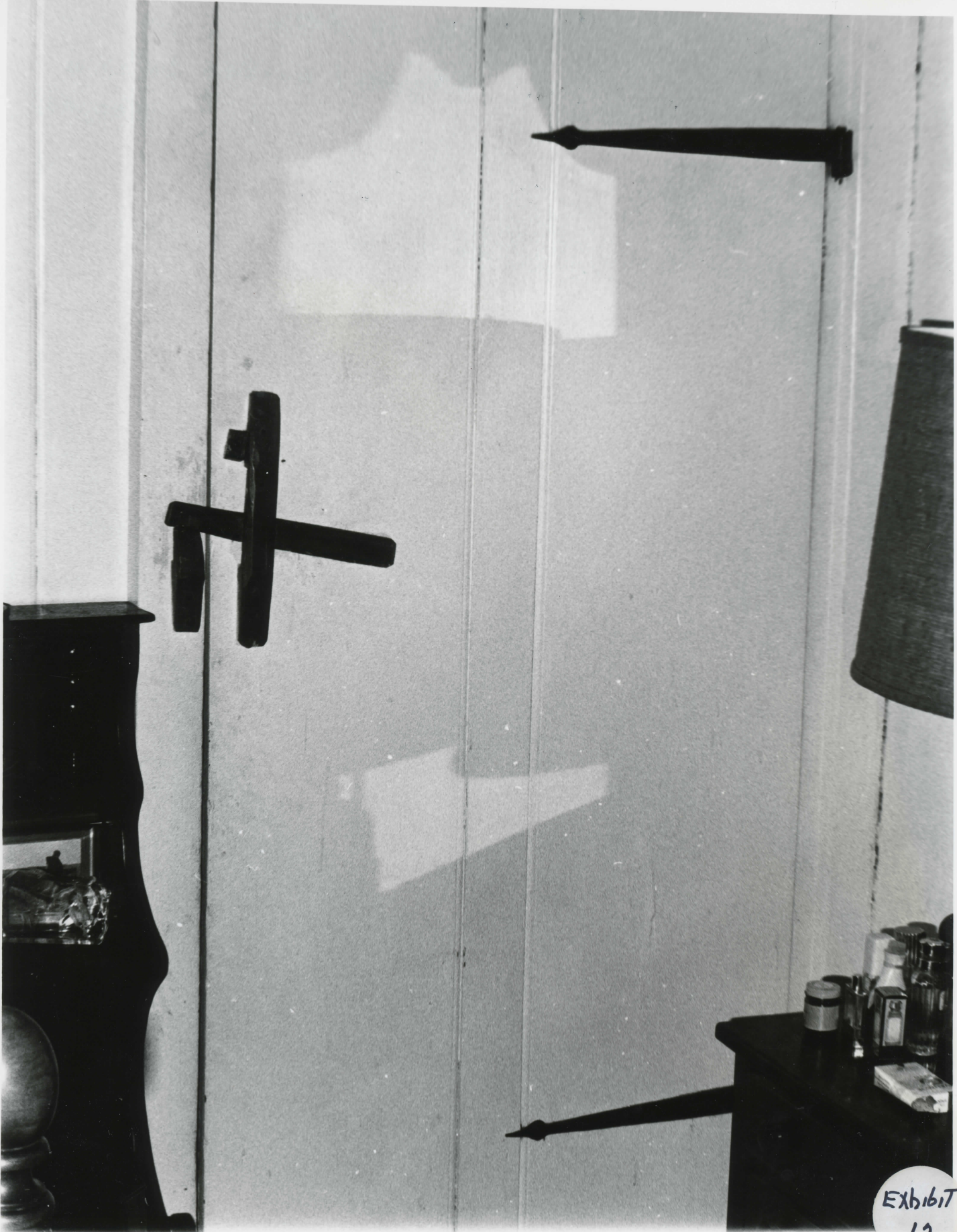
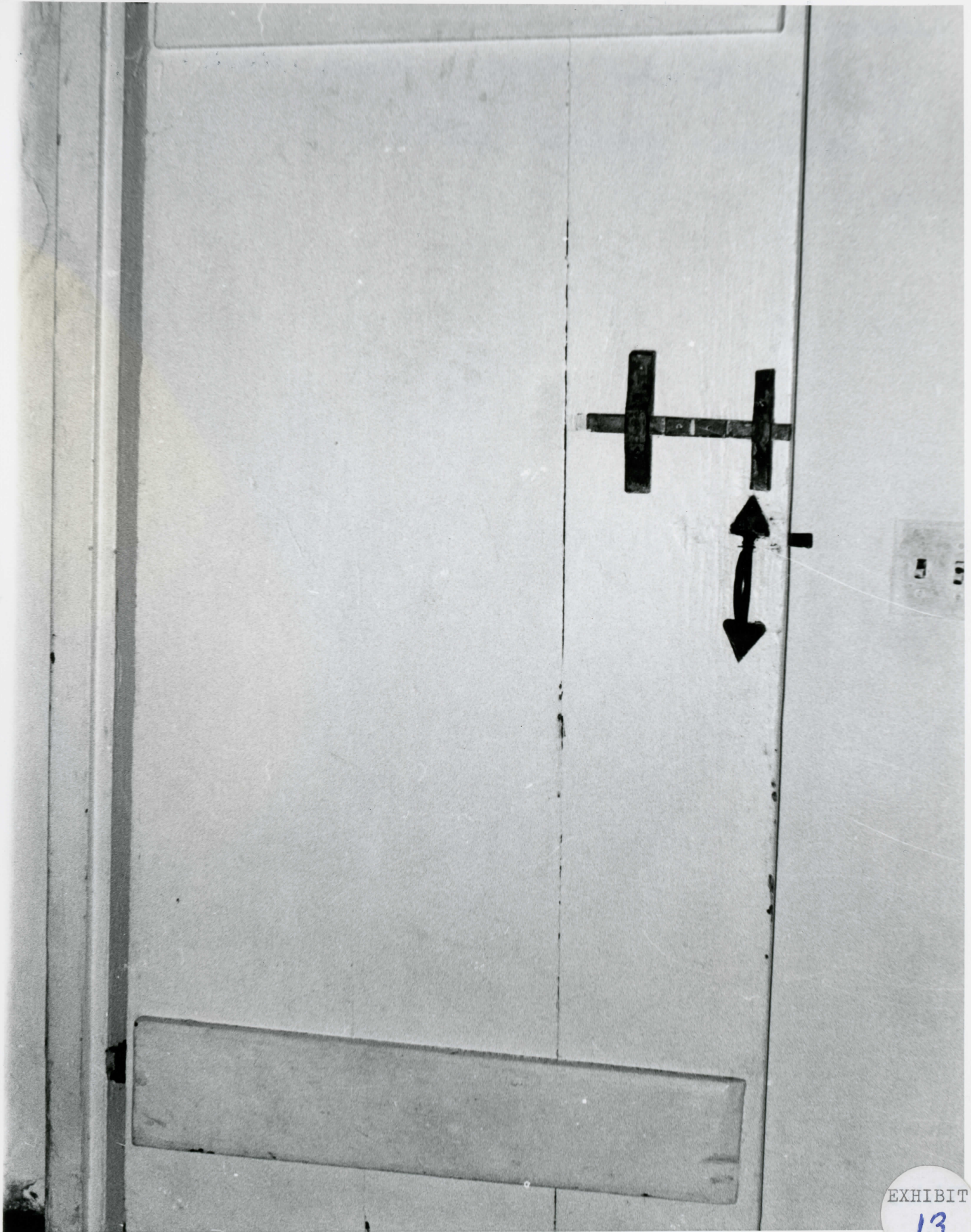


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Door To ATTIC 2nd floor

ORIGINAL wooden LATCH &
Keeper

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Anthony Morris House
Montgomery County
PD: 1980 PC: R. Martin NOV 6 1980
NL: with owner
PV: interior detail, attic door
DEC 3 1980



EXHIBIT

13

Hallway -

Door To 2nd Floor STRING STAIR

ORIGINAL WOODEN LATCH

Anthony Morris House

Montgomery County

PD: 1980 PC: R. Martin

XL: with owners

V: interior detail, hallway door

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EXHIBIT
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South view

Cold Storage - (Under Living Room -)

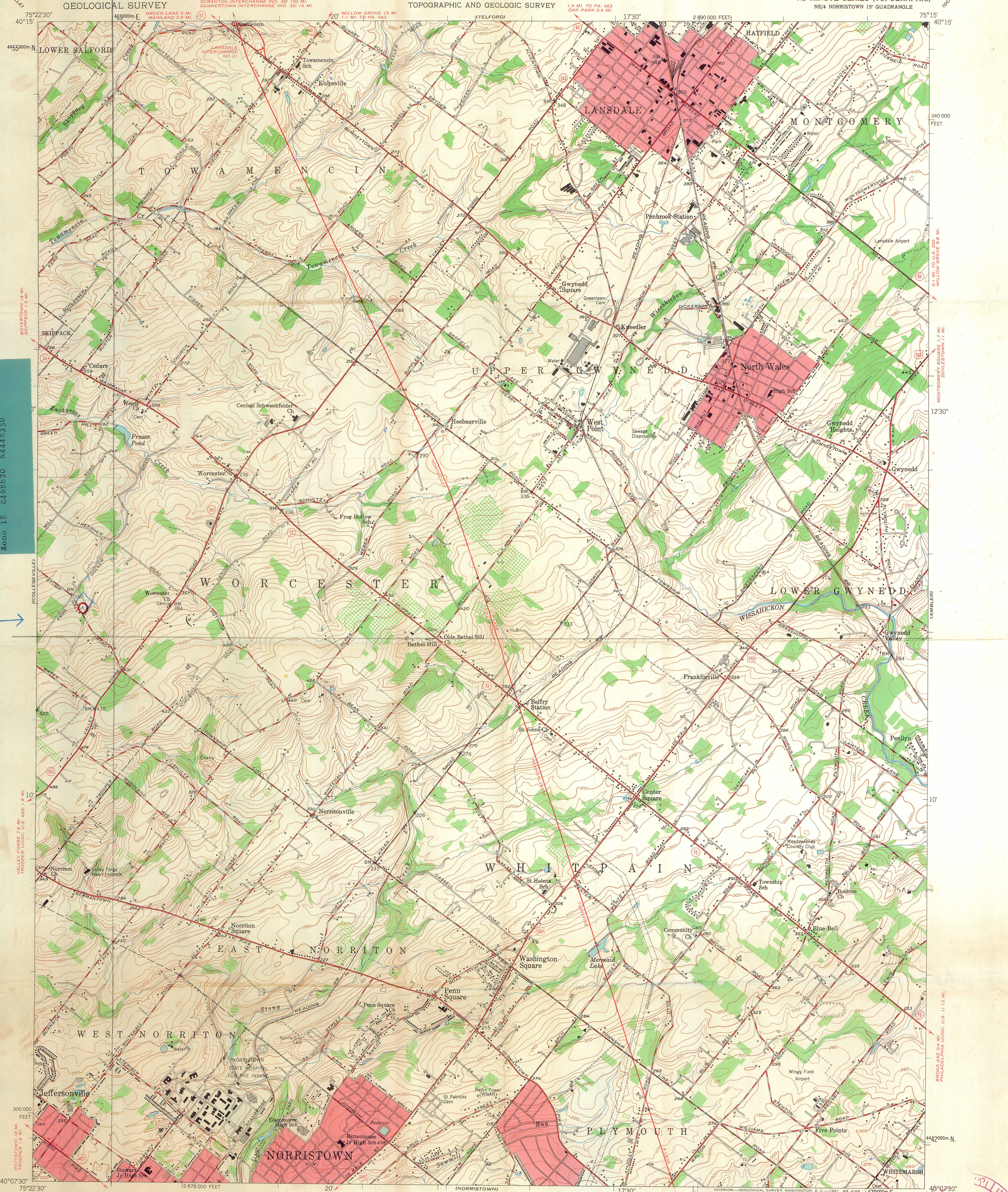
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PV: door to cellar area

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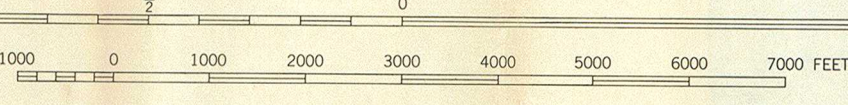
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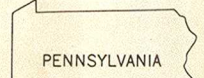
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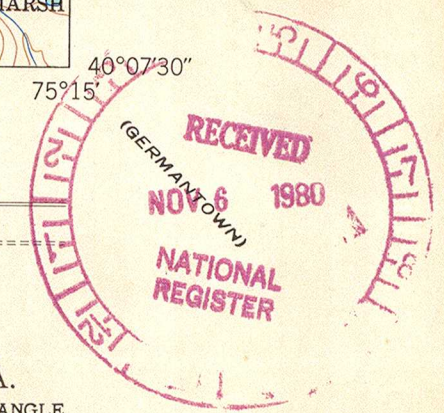


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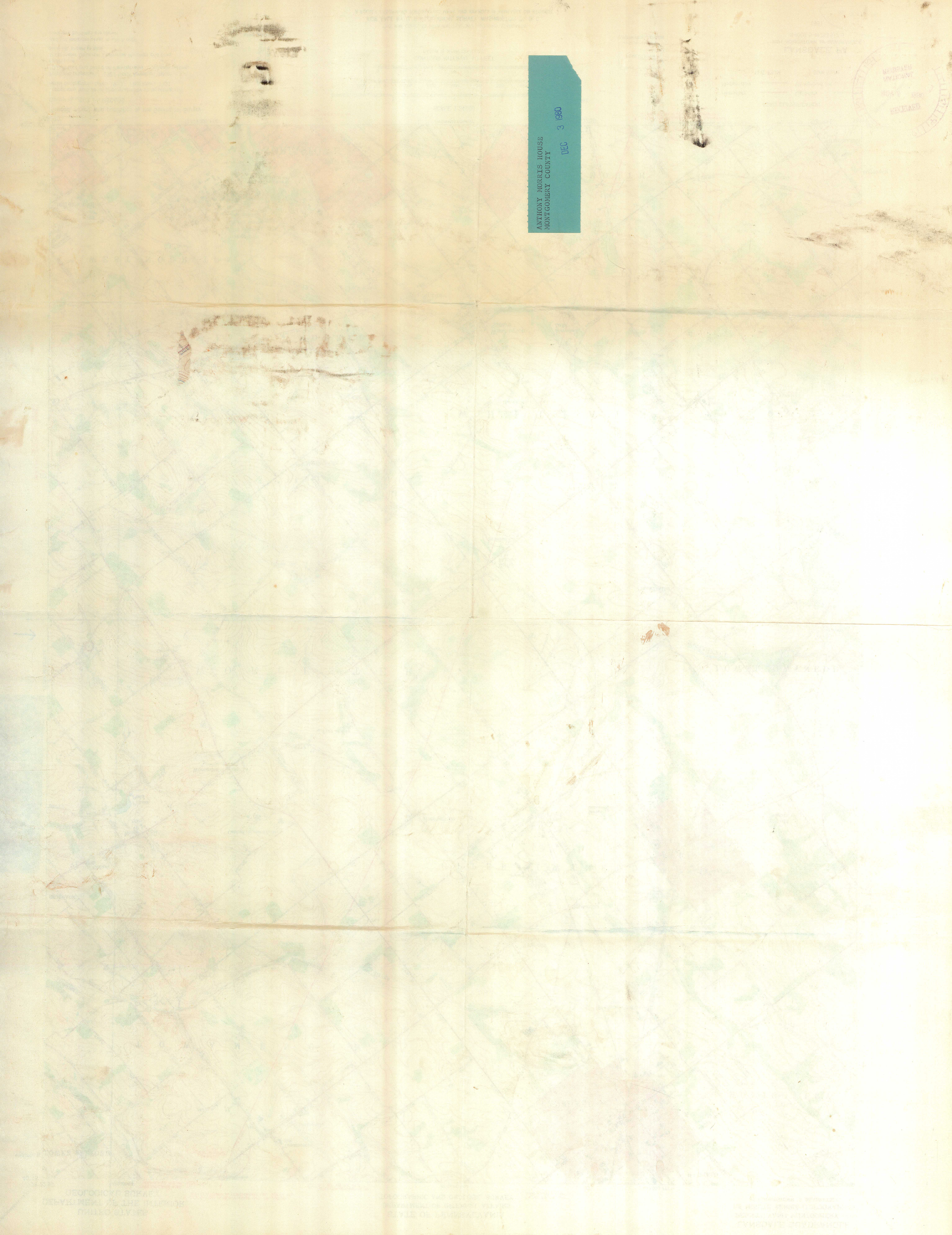
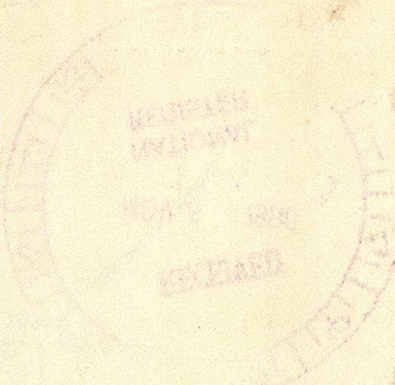
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<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Little Jerusalem (BenSalem) A.M.E. Church	Cornwells Heights Bucks County
Franklin Hose Company No. 28	Philadelphia Philadelphia County
Seel, William, Building	Harrisburg Dauphin County
Morris, Anthony, House	Norristown vicinity Montgomery County
Comerford Theater	Wilkes-Barre Luzerne County
Easton House	Easton Northampton County

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