

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

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

For HCERS use only
received JUN 11 1982
date entered

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

1. Name

historic Bauern Freund Print Shop

and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number Sunneytown Pike (Route 63) ^{PA} N/A not for publication

city, town Marlborough Township N/A vicinity of congressional district 5

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 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	N/A 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 Randy W. Granger and Sarah Anne McNear

street & number P.O. Box 89, Sunneytown Pike

city, town Sunneytown N/A vicinity of state Pennsylvania 18084

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse

street & number Airy and Swede Streets

city, town Norristown state Pennsylvania

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date April 27, 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records PHMC

city, town Harrisburg state Pennsylvania

7. Description

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

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Bauern Freund Print Shop is a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ story, three bay, two pile structure with gable roof. The first floor has large twelve-over-twelve windows, double shop doors and a separate side stair entrance. The second floor windows are six-over-six, as are the side third story windows. Two arched dormers in front are nine-over-six, with ship-lapped siding, applied moldings, fluted pilasters, and segmental pediments. There are two internal end chimneys; the northern chimney serves two second floor fireplaces, while the southern chimney is false. The main roof has cedar shingles and a box cornice. The brick work is common bond.

A front porch runs the length of the shop face and extends out 5'9". The porch's hipped roof is supported by two front corner posts. These are connected visually by round arches and, in the front, by a short scalloped curtain. Corner voids are filled with turned spindles radiating out from quarter-circle wedges, suggesting a sunburst or a spider web. The porch floor is tongue-and-grooved yellow pine with a large bulkhead below the shop window.

Other exterior details include raised panel doors and shutters, fluted door trim with corner blocks, and a cast iron gutter box, dated "1838".

The internal floor plan has partitioned straight stairs between the basement, first, second, and third floors. The original shop area on the first floor is a single, open room with one central support column. The second floor has two original rooms, each with fireplace. The third floor remains open and unpartitioned. Details of note include beaded board partitions, raised panel doors, board-and-batten doors, simple mantles with half-round, turned pilasters and applied moldings, recessed cupboards with raised panel doors, and random width common pine floor boards.

There have been no major additions or alterations to the building.

There is a small single story frame garage, unattached, on the south east side of the Print Shop.

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
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<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 1838 Builder/Architect Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Bauern Freund Print Shop, unaltered and on its original site, is significant for its association with the career of Enos Benner, German-American educator and printer. Between 1828 and 1858, Benner published Der Bauern Freund (The Farmer's Friend), a weekly Democratic organ that played an important role in the political, economic and social life of the German-speaking community in northern Montgomery County. Benner's shop also produced a variety of patriotic and religious tracts as well as a number of educational texts including two editions of a mathematics primer written by Benner for use in German language elementary schools. Architecturally, the Bauern Freund Print Shop is a distinctive example of an urban, commercial design successfully transplanted to a rural setting. The unknown builder adapted the earlier style of a Philadelphia mercantile row-house to suit a free-standing structure with a front porch, anticipating a typical mid to late 19th century design. The shop, combining elements of Georgian, Federal and Victorian architecture, presents a transitional appearance. The color and texture of local brick suggest an 18th century structure; its use in a building of this size and type, however, points to the latter 19th century and the extensive use of mass produced brick in Pennsylvania's growing towns. Federal detailing on the dormers and the turned, rather than jig-sawn, porch decorations contribute to the shop's transitional appearance.

List of significant publications issued from the Bauern Freund Print Shop by Enos Benner and Edwin Benner.

- 1826 German Arithmetic; two later editions issued in 1833 and 1848.
- 1830 Erlaeterung fur Herrn Caspar Schwenckfeld, etc. A vindication of the Schwenckfelders
- 1838 German Hymn Book for the Synod of the Reformed Church. Seven editions issued.
- 1839 Published the Augsburg Confession.
- 1842 The Lives of the Signers of the Declaration of the Independence, German text; copy-righted by Enos Benner.
- 1844 Prayer Book.
- 1845 The 98th Meeting of the German Ev. Lutheran Ministerium of Pa.
- 1846 Non-denominational catechism for German children.
- 1848 Das Neue Buchstabilir und Lesebuch.
- 1850 Appendix for 1838 Hymnal.
- 1852 Das Neue ABC und Buchstabilirbuch. A German elementary primer for the German public schools.
- 1859 Kleine Katechismus Dr. Martin Luther.
- 1876 Das Neue Buchstabilir und Lesebuch, zum Gebrauch Deutscher Volksschulen in Pa. und andern Staaten. Improved Edition.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Benner, Enos. German Arithmetic, Second Edition; Published by the editor, Sumneytown, Pennsylvania, 1833.
Scott, J.D. New Historical Atlas of Montgomery County, Pa.; Norristown: 1877.

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property .25

Quadrangle name Perkiomenville, PA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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H

Zone				Easting				Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification

See enclosed continuation sheet

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

state NA code NA county NA code NA

state NA code NA county NA code NA

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Sarah Anne McNear

organization N/A

date 1/7/82

street & number Box 89, Sumneytown Pike

telephone 215-234-8986

city or town Sumneytown

state PA 18084

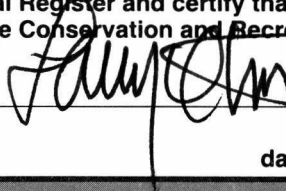
12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

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

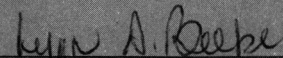


Larry E. Tise, Executive Director
title Pa. Historical & Museum Commission

date 6/7/82

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



date July 26, 1982

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

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The Bauern Freund newspaper was published in Sumneytown from 1828 to 1858. The Bauren Freund was the second German weekly to be published in Montgomery County, preceeded by "Der Advocate," also a Sumneytown paper which ceased publication after only six months due to its unpopular political commentaries. The principal editor of the Bauern Freund was Enos Benner, a printer and teacher from Charlestown (Trumbauersville), Bucks County, who relocated to Sumney town in 1827. Originally Benner operated his presses in his house, but by 1845 he had moved next door to the Print Shop where he issued routing printing requests, the Bauern Freund, and several special pulications. The newspaper contributed to and encouraged commercial activities in and between the German communities of northern Montgomery County. Prior to publication of the Bauren Freund, local residents relied on the Reading Adler for their news. Although a German paper, the Adler failed to express the needs and concerns of the local communities. Benner's sensitivity to those needs is evident throuthout his career as printer and publisher in Sumneytown.

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Continuation sheet

Item number 10

Page 2

Copied from Deed, 8/2/80 issued to Sarah Anne McNear and Randy W. Granger:

"Beginning in the bed of Sumneytown Pike (Pa. Rt. #63 L.R. 198) measured at a point 305 feet more or less from the center line of Geryville Pike, thence extending from said point and place of beginning along said Sumneytown Pike North 25 degrees 25 minutes 37 seconds West 75.90 feet to an iron pin at corner of parcel #2; thence extending along said parcel North 72 degrees 18 minutes 55 seconds East 151.79 feet to an iron pin in the bed of Geryville Pike; thence extending along said Pike South 16 degrees 41 minutes 5 seconds East 75.22 feet to an iron pin at corner of land of John S. Burke; thence extending along said land South 72 degrees 18 minutes 55 seconds West 140.25 feet to the first mentioned point and place of beginning"

Parcel Number: 45-00-02629-00-8

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Substantive Review

82003801

Working No. 6/11/82-1750

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.6.83

Date Due: 7-8-82 / 7-26-82

Action: ACCEPT 7/26/82
 RETURN
 REJECT

Bauern Freund Print Shop,
Montgomery County,
PENNSYLVANIA,

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Federal Agency: _____

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Locally significant property associated with important printer in the County during the mid 19th c. Also very good intact example of vernacular ~~wooden~~ three-bay structure of the period — ~~see~~ particularly a commercial structure that has ~~been~~ retained so much integrity

Recom./Criteria A C - Accept
 Reviewer L. Beene
 Discipline Arch Historian
 Date July 27, 1982
 see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

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

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

Photos & description don't seem to address any changes made to convert this bldg to residence (photos date from 1980)
 — See teletype report 7/26/1982

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- OK
- _____ summary paragraph
 - _____ completeness
 - _____ clarity
 - _____ applicable criteria
 - _____ justification of areas checked
 - _____ relating significance to the resource
 - _____ context
 - _____ relationship of integrity to significance
 - _____ justification of exception
 - _____ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UMT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 - 272 - 3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



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PV BAUERN FREUND PRINT SHOP: Front
Sumneytown Pike, *Montgomery County*
Sumneytown, Pennsylvania 18084

PC Photographer: R.W. Granger

PO 6/1/80

NL Negatives filed with owners
Sandy McNear + Randy Granger
Sumneytown Pike, P.O. Box 89
Sumneytown, PA 18084



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PV

BAUERN FREUND PRINT SHOP : ~~XXXX~~ -West corner

Sumneytown Pike, Montgomery County

Sumneytown, Pennsylvania 18084

PC Photographer: R.W. Granger

PD 6/1/80

Nh Negative filed with owners

S. McNear, R. Granger

Sumneytown Pike, Box 89

Sumneytown, PA 18084



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PV BAUERN FREUND PRINT SHOP: East corner
Sumneytown Pike, *Montgomery County*
Sumneytown, Pennsylvania 18084

PC Photographer: R.W. Granger

PD 6/1/80

NL Negatives filed with owners

*S. McNear, R. Granger
Sumneytown Pike, Box 89
Sumneytown, PA 18084*

*File @ 17
HJ*



④

PU: BAUERN FREUND PRINT SHOP: Rear

Sumneytown Pike, *Montgomery County*

Sumneytown, Pennsylvania 18084

PC Photographer: R.W. Granger

PD 6/1/80

NL Negatives filed with owners

S. McNear, R. Granger

Sumneytown Pike, Box 89

Sumneytown, PA 18084



⑤^{PU} BAUERN FREUND PRINT SHOP: First floor shop

Sumneytown Pike, *Montgomery County*

Sumneytown, Pennsylvania 18084

PC Photographer: R.W. Granger

PD6/1/80

/// Negatives filed with owners

*S. McNear, R. Granger
Sumneytown Pike, Box 89
Sumneytown, PA 18089*



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PO BAUERN FREUND PRINT SHOP: First floor shop

Sumneytown Pike, *Montgomery County*

Sumneytown, Pennsylvania 18084

PC Photographer: R.W. Granger

PO 6/1/80

N2 Negatives filed with owner *S. McNear, R. Granger*
Sumneytown Pike, Box 89
Sumneytown, Pa 18084



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PV BAUERN FREUND PRINT SHOP: Second floor front
Sumneytown Pike , *Montgomery County*
Sumneytown, Pennsylvania 18084

PC Photographer: R.W. Granger

PD 6/1/80

NL Negatives filed with owners

S. McNear, R. Granger
Sumneytown Pike, Box 89
Sumneytown, Pa. 18084



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PD: BAUERN FREUND PRINT SHOP: Second floor rear
Sumneytown Pike, *Montgomery County*
Sumneytown, Pennsylvania 18084

Pc: Photographer: R.W. Granger

PD: 6/1/80

NL: Negatives filed with owners *S. McNear, R. Granger*
Sumneytown Pike, Box 89
Sumneytown, Pa. 18084



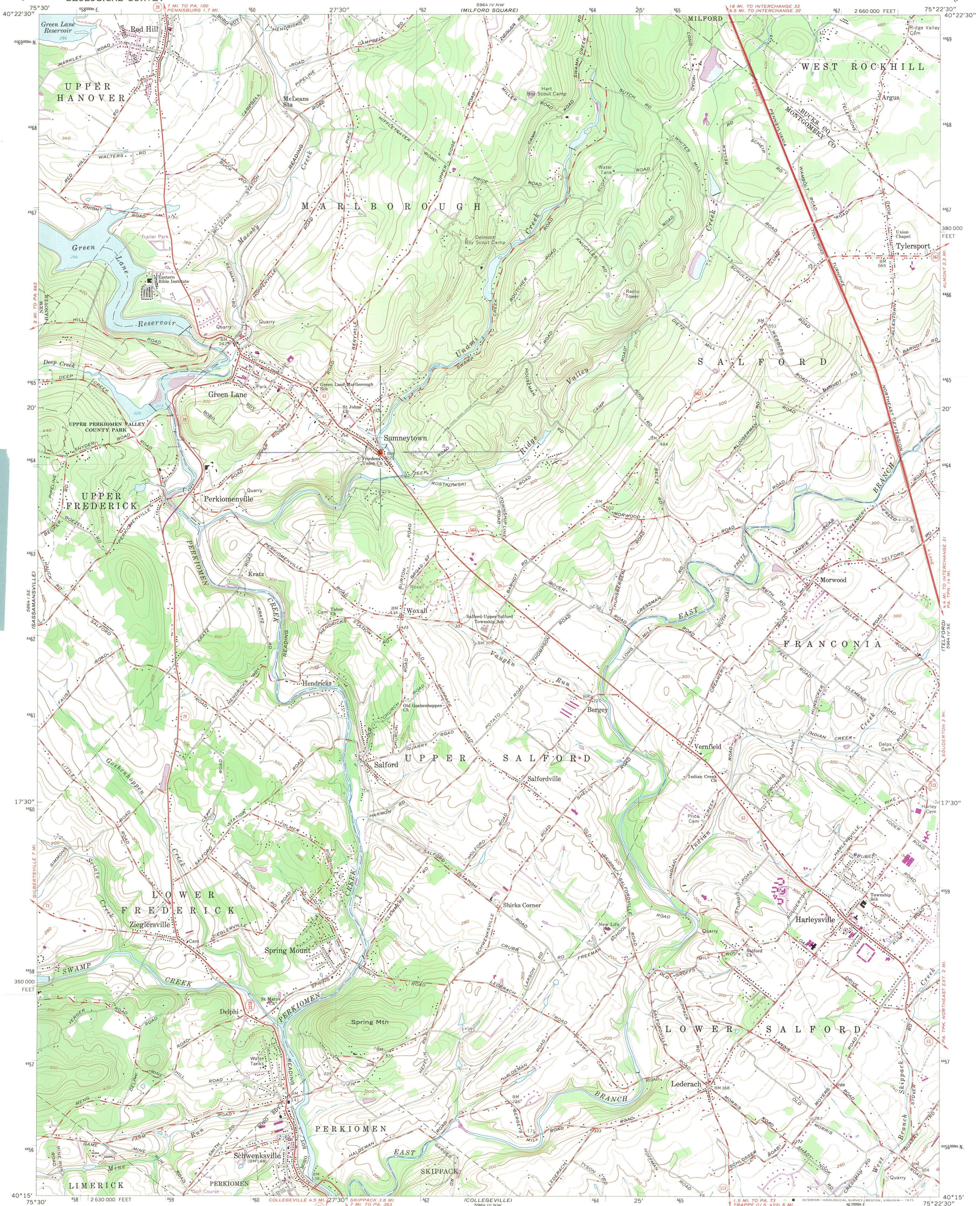
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PV. BAUERN FREUND PRINT SHOP: Third floor
Sumneytown Pike, Montgomery County
Sumneytown, Pennsylvania 18084

PC: Photographer: R.W. Granger

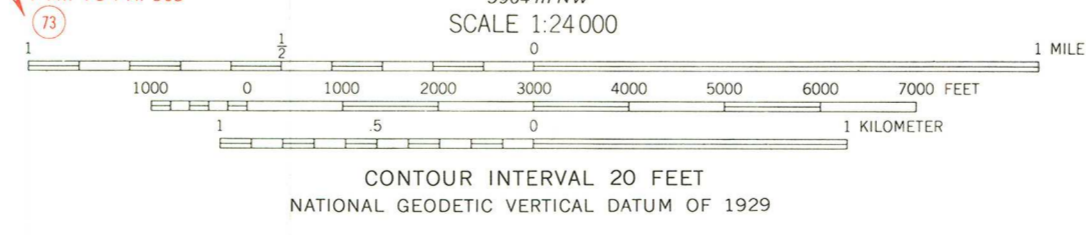
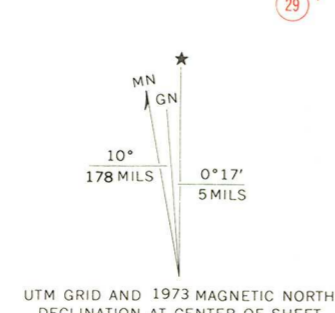
PD: 6/1/80

NL: Negatives filed with owners *S. McNear, R. Granger*
Sumneytown Pike, Box 89
Sumneytown, Pa 18084



Bauren Freund Print Shop
Montgomery County
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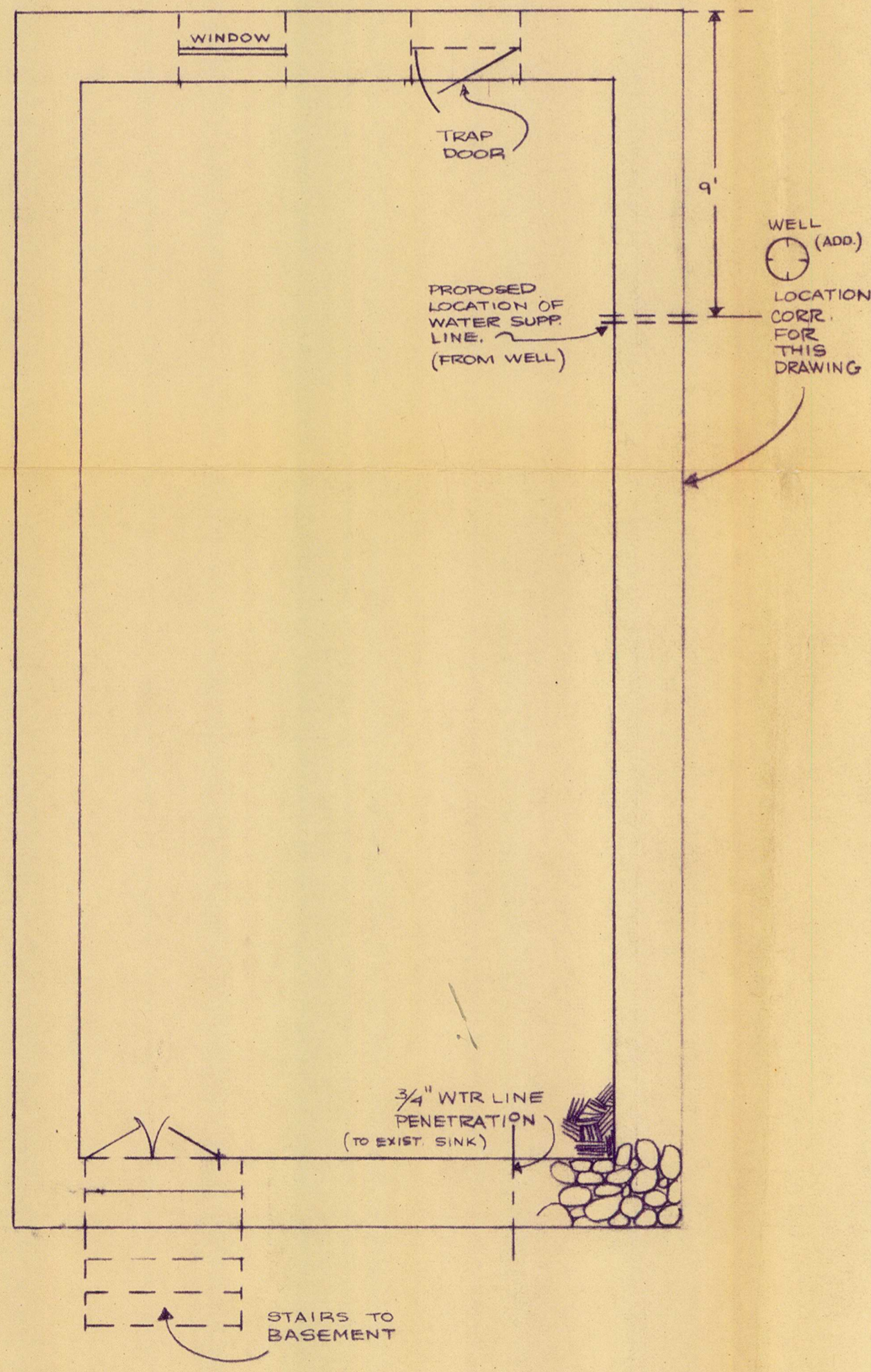


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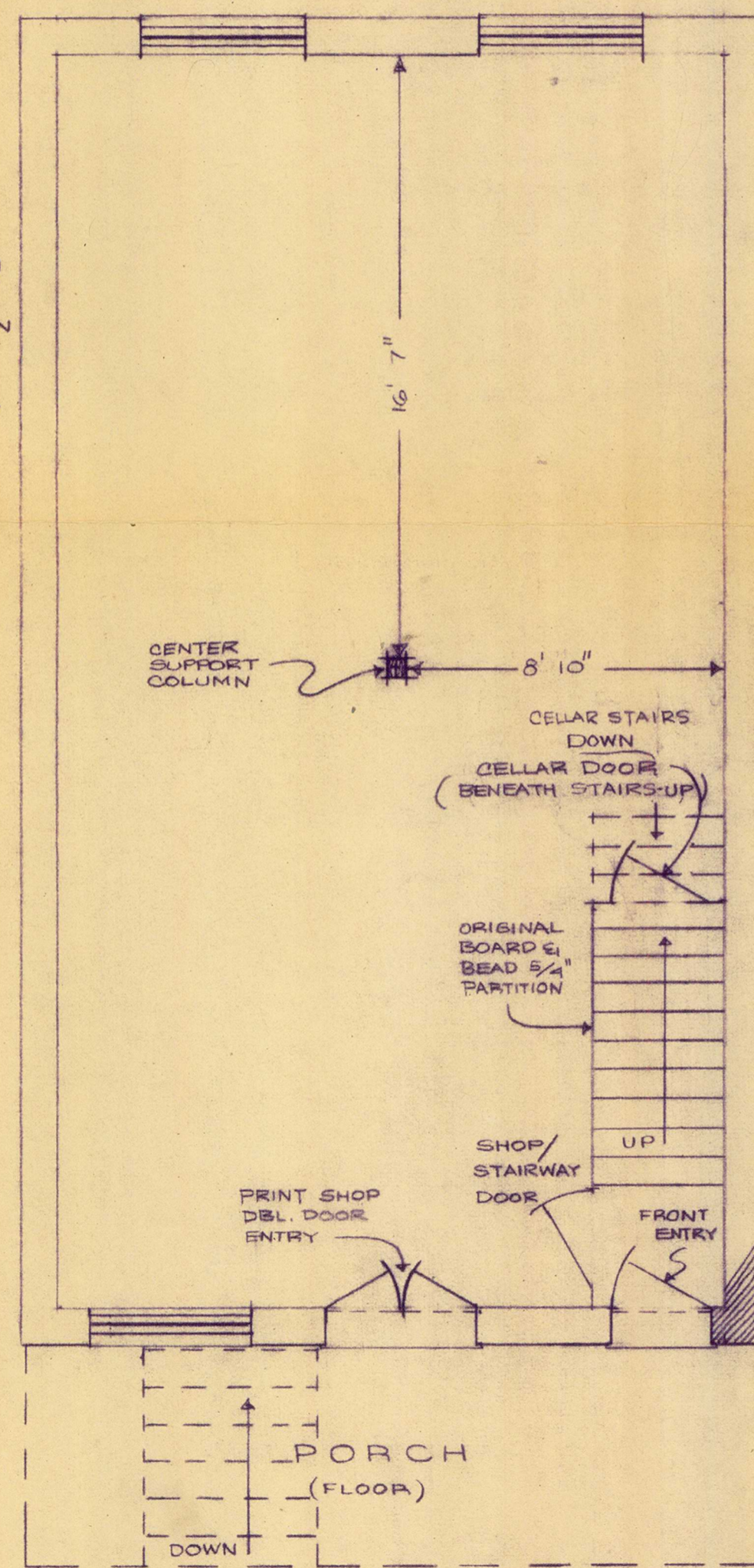
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BAUERN FREUND PRINT SHOP

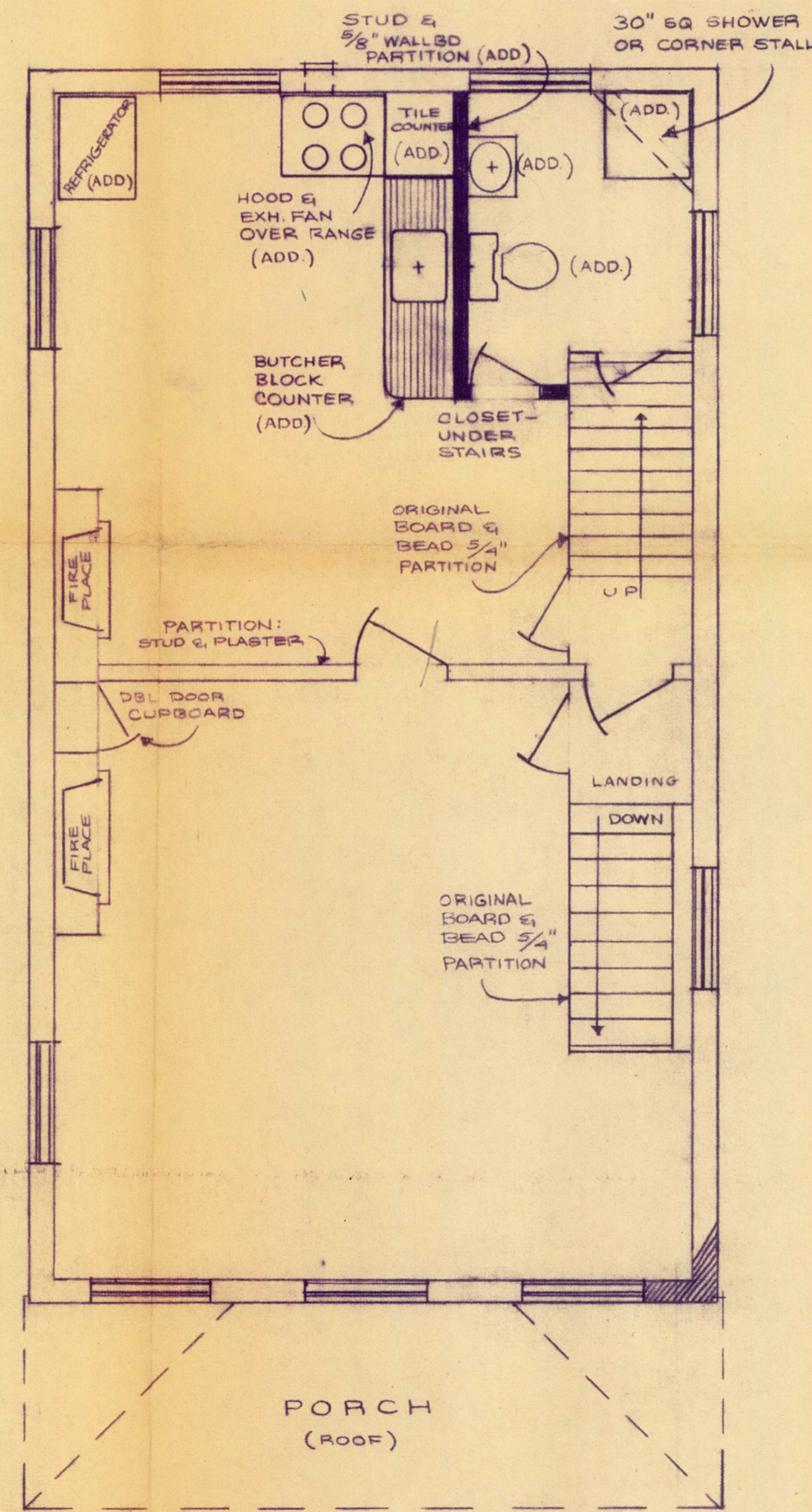
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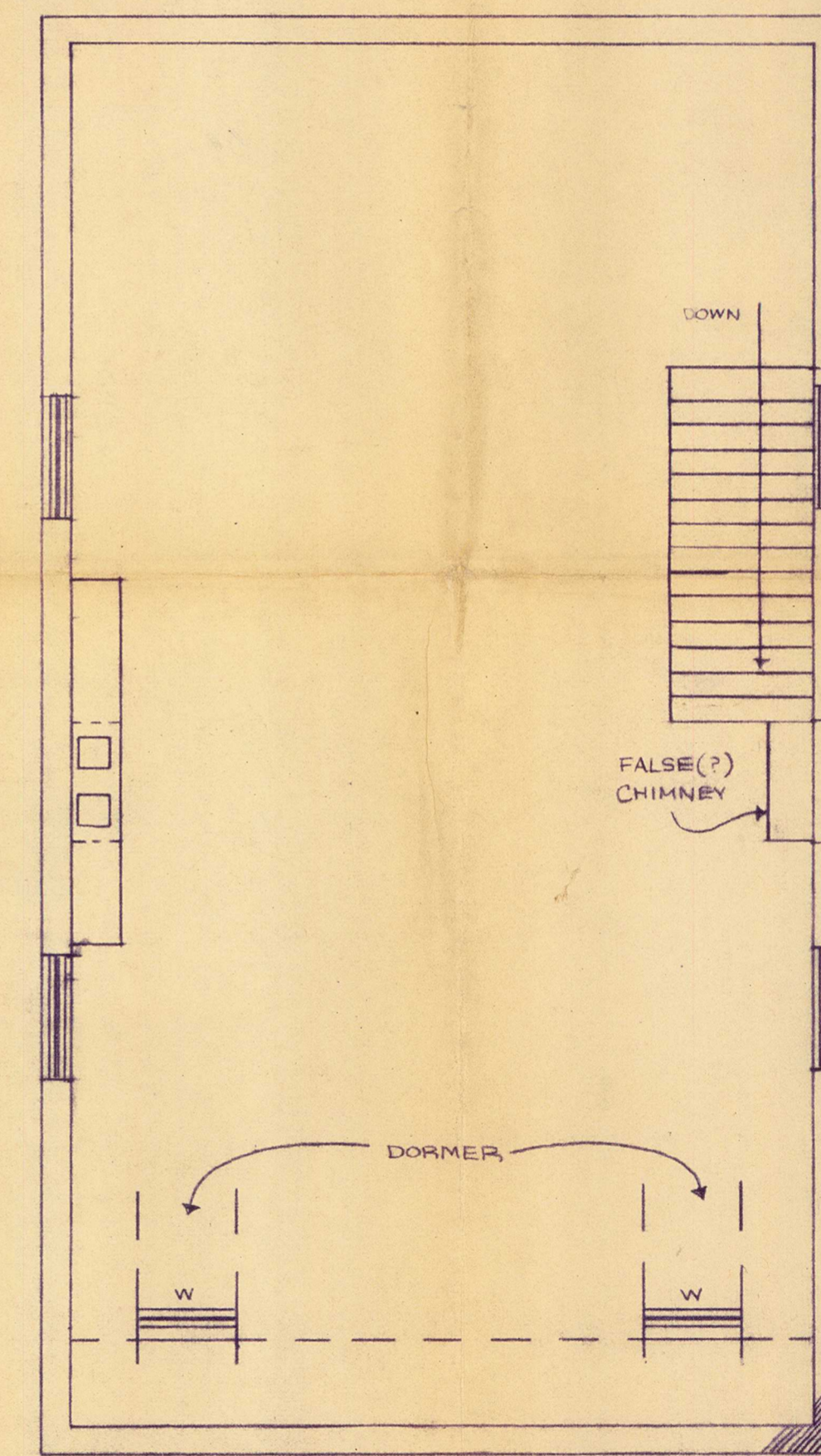
BASEMENT PLAN.



FIRST FLOOR PLAN.



SECOND FLOOR PLAN.



GARRET PLAN.

NOTES:

LEGEND:

- FIELD STONE FOUNDATION
- BRICK
- EARTH FLOOR
- TO BE ADDED BY PURCHASER
- WINDOW
- RED ELECTRICAL
- BLUE PLUMBING
- YELLOW
- GREEN HEATING

SCALE: 1/4" = 1' 0"

BAUERN FREUND
PRINTING SHOP.
MAIN ST.
SUMNEYTOWN, PA.

DRAWING BY:
R.W. GRANGER
DATE: JUNE 1, 1980

DRAWING 1

BAUERN FREUND PRINT SHOP
Sunneytown Pike, *Montgomery Co.*
Sunneytown, Pennsylvania 18084
Floor plans
6/1/80



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION

WILLIAM PENN MEMORIAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES BUILDING

BOX 1026

HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120

June 7, 1982



Ms. Carol Shull, Acting Keeper
National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
440 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20243

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed for your review and consideration for placement on the National Register of Historic Places are: Bauern Freund Print Shop, Montgomery County; Springer Farm, Fayette County; Horace Jayne Residence, Philadelphia; William J. Barnard Residence, Chester; Boonecroft, Berks County; 1900 Rittenhouse Square Apartment, Philadelphia County; and Uptown Theater, Philadelphia County; and Phillip Taylor House, Jefferson County.

Also enclosed are two forms, one is a resubmittal for the Michael Jack Estate in Centre County for placement on the National Register and Aldie, William Mercer Residence which has an owner rejection and should be processed as a Determination of Eligibility.

If you have any questions concerning the following nominations, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Susan M. Zacher
National Register Coordinator
Bureau for Historic Preservation

Enclosures

SMZ/tlg

DATE 7/26/1982

TELEPHONE REPORT

TIME OF CALL

AM
PM

1. CALL TO: FROM (Name)

Donna Williams

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

Pa sttpo staff

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Bauern Freund Print Shop, Montgomery Co., Pa

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

Donna reported, in answer to my question about any alterations to convert to residence (since photos, dated 1980) —

- no alterations on 1st floor; former shop area is being used as woodworking shop
- limited alterations on second floor; bathroom added in one corner. The blueprints/floor plans included in submission do show all the work done in the conversion.

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

TITLE

OFFICE

L. Beebe

Bill

I was about to accept
this but then noticed it
now supposed to be a residence
& the photos date from 1980 <sup>(which is ok
but we
don't
know if changes
have been made)</sup>
Tried to reach Donna to check
out this point (in case of any significant
integrity issues) — but couldn't.
Would someone call her?

Lynn