

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

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

received JAN 30 1986

date entered FEB 27 1986

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

1. Name

historic N/A

and/or common 200 W. North Avenue

2. Location

street & number 200 W. North Avenue N/A not for publication

city, town Pittsburgh N/A vicinity of

state Pennsylvania code 42 county Allegheny code 003

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>N/A</u> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<u>N/A</u> being considered	<input checked="" 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 W. William Peterson / Henry Beal

street & number 200 W. North Avenue / 1050 George Street, Apartment 19F

city, town Pittsburgh / New Brunswick N/A vicinity of state PA 15212 / N.J. 08901

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Allegheny County Courthouse

street & number Ross Street

city, town Pittsburgh state PA

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Pennsylvania Historic Resource Survey Form has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1985 federal state county local

depository for survey records Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

city, town Harrisburg state PA

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

Prominently sited at the northwest corner of North Avenue and Arch Street, this three-story Queen Anne brick house anchors a row of simpler, earlier rowhouses along North Avenue, across from Allegheny Commons. A circular bay with a conical roof at the southeast corner of the building accentuates the building's corner site. Though the overall condition of the building is only average, its architectural integrity is excellent. The building is currently being restored and converted to a bed and breakfast inn. Behind the house is the original carriage house, enlarged to accommodate automobiles.

The house consists of a main, front section with a flat roof and a gabled rear section. Ribbed chimneys, varied fenestration including stained glass and gable dormers, and an elaborate, wood front porch contribute to the house's decorative exterior.

On the interior, a central hall runs from the front (south) of the building towards the rear of the house. On each floor, there is a detailed wood archway at the hall's north end. The main staircase is located on the east side of the building and a small, enclosed stair runs between the first and second floors on the west side. Interior doors feature transoms and elaborately molded surrounds. Mantels are marbleized and highly decorative. A tiled kitchen (walls, floor, and ceiling) and pantry with cabinetry are intact.

The only apparent alterations to the house include an alteration to the staircase at the first floor, the introduction of large transomed french doors on the first floor and the enclosure of the balustrade of the front porch. (The porch railing, presently obscured, remains intact). The staircase appears to have been changed some time ago to begin at the side door rather than from the center hall. Current plans for the house call for the restoration of the original staircase configuration and a full restoration and repair of the porch.

The only apparent additions to the house were the introduction of a glass-like tile in the vestibule, first floor powder room, and kitchen--probably in the 1940s--and a partition on the third floor. Plans call for the retention of the kitchen tile and the removal of the tile elsewhere, as well as the removal of the third floor partition.

The brick carriage house/garage, at the rear of the site, has a pyramidal roof and a projecting front parapet which was added later.

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"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<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 c.1890 **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

This house is architecturally significant as one of Pittsburgh's best examples of a Queen Anne townhouse. Sited in the heart of what was originally the City of Allegheny (now Pittsburgh's North Side), the house exhibits the asymmetry, variety, and ornamentation of the Queen Anne style as applied to the house of a successful businessman of the late 19th century. J.M. Porter, owner of the property from 1887–1903 and the probable owner for whom it was built c.1890, was secretary/treasurer of Savage Fire-Brick Company, with offices at Three Smithfield Street in Pittsburgh. With the erection of the substantial house on 200 W. North Avenue, Mr. Porter underlined his stature in the business world just as the house itself anchored a block of sturdy, but more modest, Victorian rowhouses.

A corner turret reinforces the house's anchor position in its row of attached houses, an unusual function for a Queen Anne feature more often found in the detached houses of Pittsburgh's East End. Other Queen Anne features distinguishing the exterior include an elaborate wood porch framing the front door, the Arch Street side door topped by a large, arched stained glass window, and an assortment of other window types. The exceptionally intact interior includes woodwork in the halls on all floors, transomed french doors on the first floor, and highly decorative slate and marble mantels. The tiled kitchen is intact. In an urban area such as the North Side, where most houses have been subdivided, it is highly unusual to find such complete integrity.

Stylistically unlike its plainer neighbors, the house is nevertheless related to them historically. Samuel Gordon, a successful dry goods merchant of Allegheny City whose store was located on nearby Federal Street, owned this lot and the three to the west in the 1860s. At that time a detached "cottage house" (so-called in Gordon's Will) was located on the corner lot; Gordon and his wife lived two doors down in the center of the three rowhouses Gordon owned. His daughter Margaret Findley inherited the "cottage house" at Gordon's death in 1869. This structure is pictured on the 1882 Atlas. In 1887 Findley sold the lot to Jasper M. Porter, an executive with Savage Fire-Brick Company, makers of fire-brick and tile for blast furnaces, glass houses, coke ovens, and iron and steel works. Porter owned the property until 1903 when he sold it to R.H. Boggs, another important North Side merchant who founded Boggs & Buhl department store. It does not appear that Boggs ever occupied the house. The lot was sold to Jeannie MacLachlan in 1905. The present structure appears on an atlas of 1907, pointing to the building's probable construction by Porter.

The house remains an excellent and unusual example of a Queen Anne townhouse of the late nineteenth century, and in its rowhouse context, suggests the ways in which Allegheny's prosperous businessmen displayed their success through architecture.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Deed and Will Books, County Office Building, Ross Street, Pittsburgh.

Atlas of the Cities of Pittsburgh, Allegheny, and Adjoining Boroughs, 1872. (Philadelphia: G.M. Hopkins & Company, 1872).

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property .09

Quadrangle name Pittsburgh West

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

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B

Zone			Easting				Northing							

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F

Zone			Easting				Northing							

G

Zone			Easting				Northing							

H

Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property consists of a corner lot of 40'x96', corresponding to block 23K, lot 270 of the Allegheny County Block and Lot System, described as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of North Avenue and Arch Street, proceed west forty feet along the

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

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Christina Schmidlapp

organization Landmarks Design Associates
400 The Landmarks Building

date September 13, 1985

street & number One Station Square

telephone 412/391-7640

city or town Pittsburgh

state PA 15219

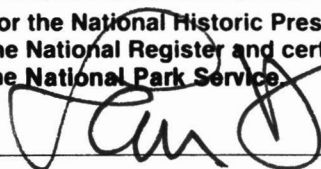
12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

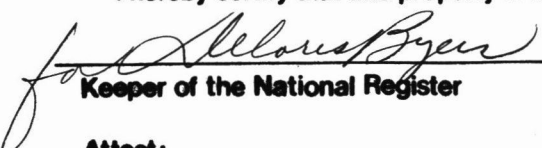


title Dr. Larry E. Tise, State Historic Preservation Office

date 11/17/86

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


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National Register

date 2/27/86

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

**United States Department of the Interior
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Continuation sheet 200 W. North Ave.

Item number 9 and 10

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9. Bibliographical (contd.)

Atlas of the Cities of Pittsburgh and Allegheny, 1882. (Philadelphia: G.M. Hopkins & Company, 1882.) Plate 33.

Real-estate Plat Book of the City of Allegheny, Vol. I. (Philadelphia: G.M. Hopkins & Company, 1907).

Pittsburgh and Allegheny City Directories, various years, 1869-1902.
Available at Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation, Pittsburgh, PA.

Pennsylvania Historical Review: Cities of Pittsburgh and Allegheny, Leading Merchants and Manufacturers. (New York, Philadelphia, and Chicago: Historical Publishing Company, 1886), p.109.

10. Geographical Data (Contd.)

north side of the sidewalk of North Avenue to a point. Proceed north ninety-six feet, then east forty feet, then south ninety-six feet to the point of origin.

This lot includes the house and its garage and is the original lot laid out in the mid-nineteenth century by Wm. Robinson, Jr. in his "Plan of Lots north of the Commons in the City of Allegheny".

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

House at 200 W. North Ave.
Alleghany County
PENNSYLVANIA

Working No. JAN 30 1986
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87
Date Due: 2/27/86 - 3/16/86
Action: ACCEPT 2-27-86
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

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

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ 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

- excellent
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____
Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- 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

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM 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: _____



200 W. North Avenue, Pittsburgh
Allegheny County
PD: 1985
PC: Christina Schmidlapp
NL: Landmarks Design Associates
PV: Front (south) and east elevations
#1



200 W. North Avenue, Pittsburgh
Allegheny County
PD: 1985
PC: Christina Schmidlapp
NL: Landmarks Design Associates
PV: East elevation, showing carriage
house/garage

#2



200 W. North Avenue, Pittsburgh
Allegheny County

PD: 1985

PC: Christina Schmidlapp

NL: Landmarks Design Associates

PV: Side door, east elevation

#3



200 W. North Avenue, Pittsburgh
Allegheny County
PD: 1985
PC: Christina Schmidlapp
NL: Landmarks Design Associates
PV: Front porch, south elevation
#4



200 W. North Avenue, Pittsburgh
Allegheny County
PD: 1985
PC: Christina Schmidlapp
NL: Landmarks Design Associates
PV: Foundation detail, southeast corner
#5



200 W. North Avenue, Pittsburgh
Allegheny County
PD: 1985
PC: Christina Schmidlapp
NL: Landmarks Design Associates
PV: Iron fence, east elevation
#6



200 W. North Avenue, Pittsburgh

Allegheny County

PD: 1985

PC: Christina Schmidlapp

NL: Landmarks Design Associates

PV: Center hall, first floor, looking north

#7



200 W. North Avenue, Pittsburgh
Allegheny County
PD: 1985
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NL: Landmarks Design Associates
PV: Entry vestibule
#8



200 W. North Avenue, Pittsburgh

Allegheny County

PD: 1985

PC: Christina Schmidlapp

NL: Landmarks Design Associates

PV: First floor, east room, looking south

#9



200 W. North Avenue, Pittsburgh

Allegheny County

PD: 1985

PC: Christina Schmidlapp

NL: Landmarks Design Associates

PV: First floor, east room, marbelized mantel
mantel

#10



200 W. North Avenue, Pittsburgh
Allegheny County

PD: 1985

PC: Christina Schmidlapp

NL: Landmarks Design Associates

PV: First floor, middle room, marbelized
mantel

#11



200 W. North Avenue, Pittsburgh
Allegheny County
PD: 1985
PC: Christina Schmidlapp
NL: Landmarks Design Associates
PV: Kitchen ceiling, tile detail
#12



200 W. North Avenue, Pittsburgh
Allegheny County
PD: 1985
PC: Christina Schmidlapp
NL: Landmarks Design Associates
PV: Staircase detail

#13



200 W. North Avenue, Pittsburgh

Allegheny County

PD: 1985

PC: Christina Schmidlapp

NL: Landmarks Design Associates

PV: Stained glass window in stair hall

#14



200 W. North Avenue, Pittsburgh
Allegheny County

PD: 1985

PC: Christina Schmidlapp

NL: Landmarks Design Associates

PV: Second floor hall, looking north

#15



Parade

Metropolitan

200 W. North Avenue, Pittsburgh

Allegheny County

PD: 1985

PC: Christina Schmidlapp

NL: Landmarks Design Associates

PV: Second floor, west room, shutter detail
#16



200 W. North Avenue, Pittsburgh
Allegheny County

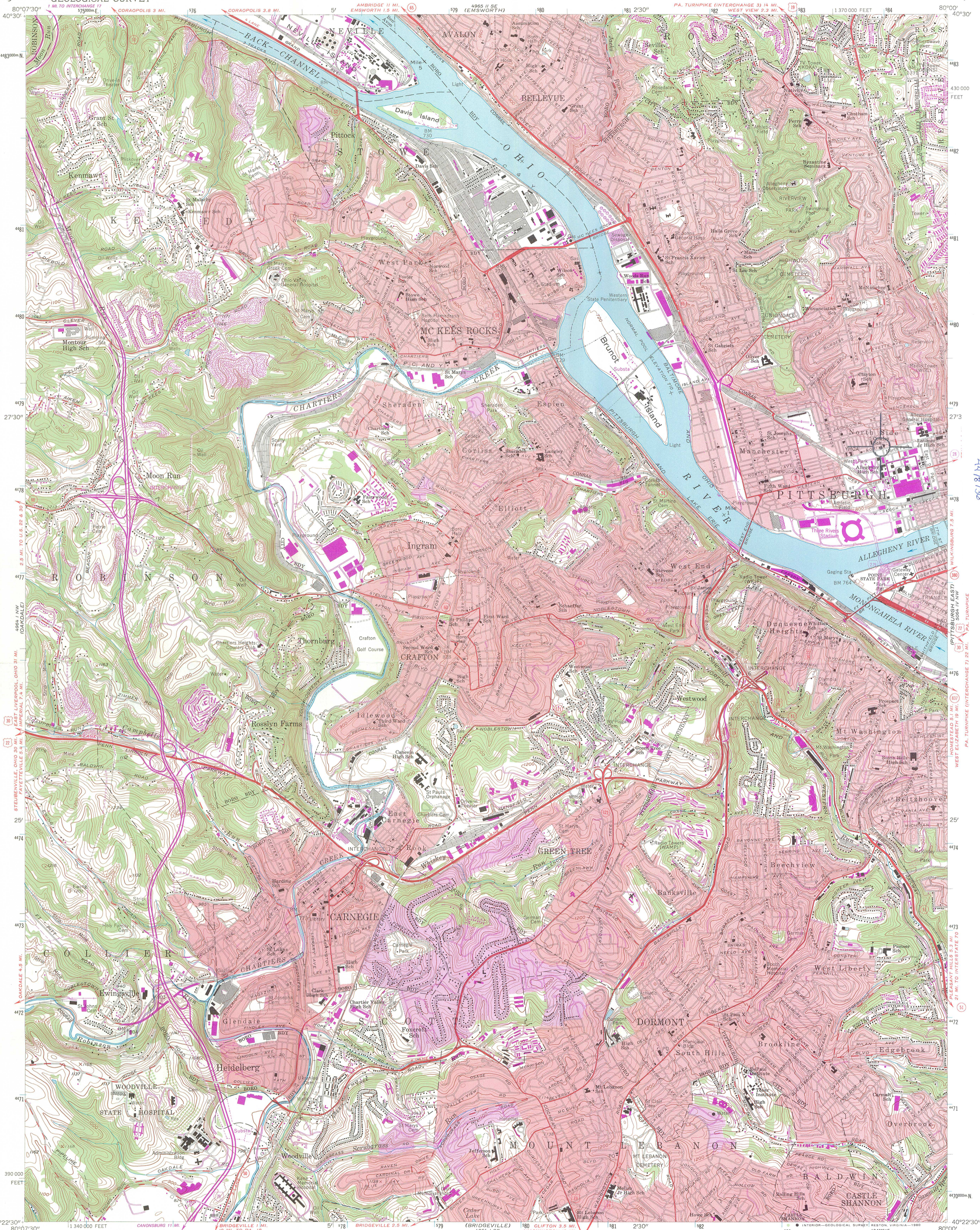
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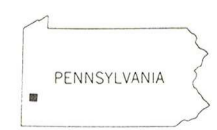
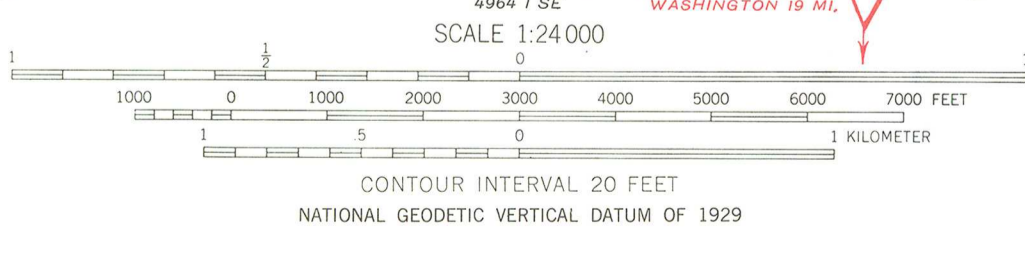
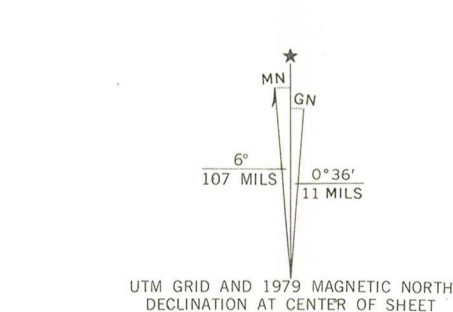
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room, looking towards hall

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200 W. NORTH AVENUE
Allegheny County
Pittsburgh West Quadrangle
Zone 17
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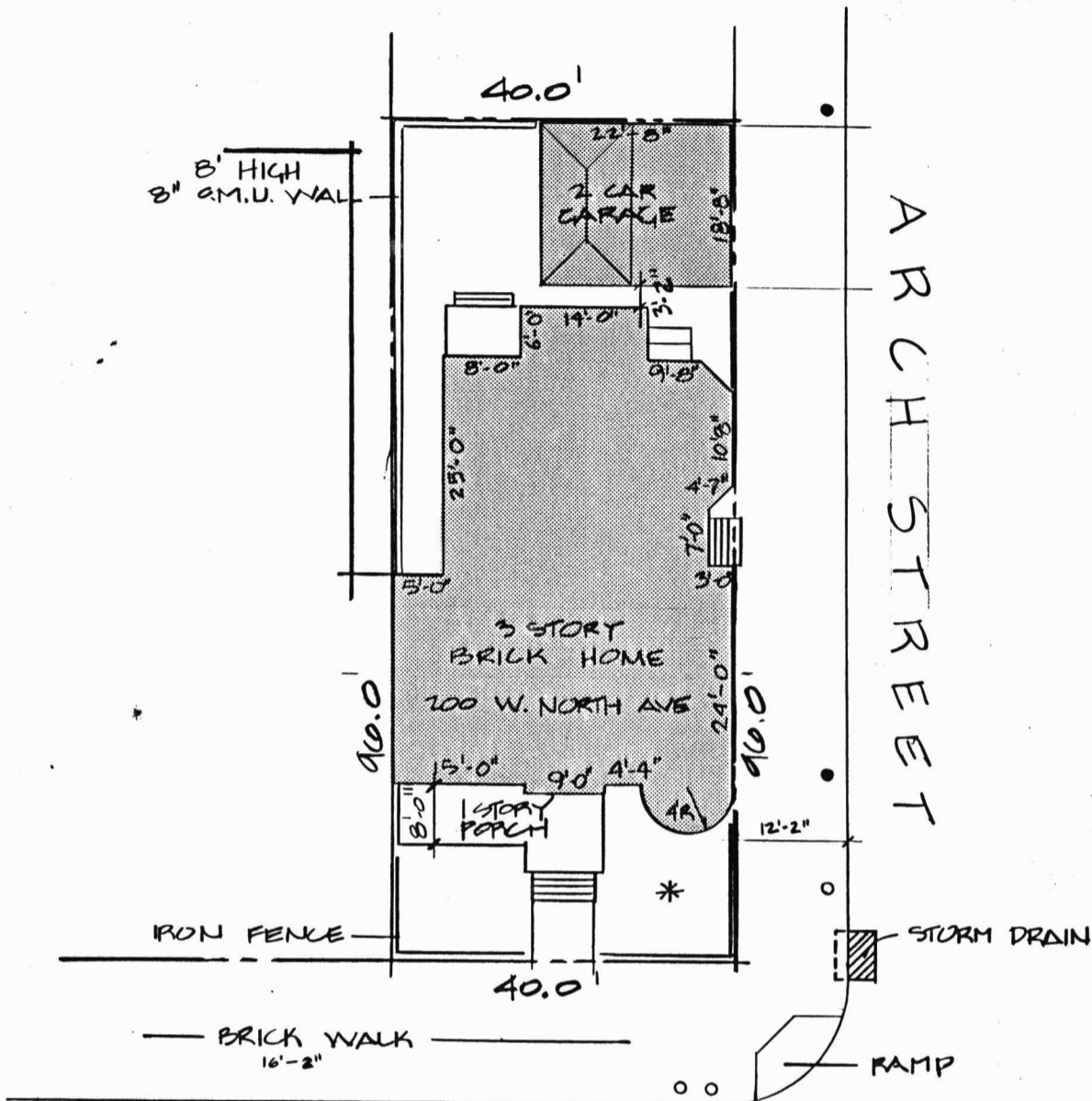
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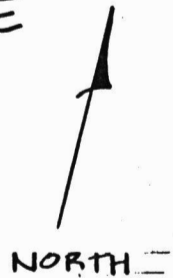
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200 W. North Avenue
Allegheny County



WEST NORTH AVENUE

- UTILITY POLE
- * TREE
- TRAFFIC SIGNAL POLE



PLAN OF PROPERTY
OF
MR. WILLIAM PETERSON / MR. HENRY BEAL
BEING
BLOCK 23K LOT No 270
IN

22 WARD - CITY OF PITTSBURGH - ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PA.

RECORDED IN PLAN BOOK VOLUME 485 PAGE 320

SCALE 1" = 20'-0" MAY 22, 1985

PREPARED BY: LANDMARKS DESIGN ASSOCIATES



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION
BUREAU FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION
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National Register of Historic Places
US Dept. of Interior
Carol Shull, Chief of Registration
P.O. Box 37127
Washington, D.C. 20013-7127

Re: NR Nomination Forms

Dear Ms. Shull:

The following National Register nomination forms are being submitted/resubmitted for your review and response:

see attached list

The proposed action is:

XX listing in the National Register

_____ determination of eligibility (owner objection)

If you have any questions regarding the nominations please call us at (717) 783-8947.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Ramsey".

Greg Ramsey, Chief
Division of Preservation Services

GR:sk

Etters Bridge
Cumberland and York Counties

200 W. North Avenue
Allegheny County

Stanley Theater and Clark Building
Allegheny County

Penns Park Historic District
Bucks County

White House Inn
Franklin County