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National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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

1. Name

historic John Casper Stoever Log House

and/or common NA

2. Location

street & number 200 West Main Street

NA not for publication

city, town New Holland

NA vicinity of

state PA

code 042

county Lancaster

code 071

3. Classification

Table with 4 columns: Category, Ownership, Status, Present Use. Includes sub-sections like Public Acquisition and Accessible.

4. Owner of Property

name Susan B. Severs

street & number 1288 Barclay Drive

city, town Lancaster

NA vicinity of

state PA 17601

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Lancaster County Recorder of Deeds

street & number Court House

city, town Lancaster

state PA

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Architectural-Historical Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes X no

date 1983 federal state X county local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County

city, town Lancaster

state PA

7. Description

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

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

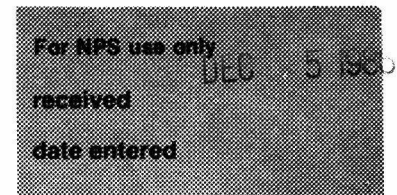
The John Casper Stoever Log House is a 1½ story log building located at the southwest corner of West Main Street and Custer Avenue in New Holland Borough, Lancaster County. It abuts a late eighteenth century brick dwelling. It is in an urban environment of a small east Lancaster County town of just over 4,000 residents. When it was constructed in the 1730's, it was located on a 295 acre parcel of land that was intended to be part of a new community of Central European immigrants.

As built, the 36½' x 22' building was a traditional continental plan dwelling of four rooms placed around a large central hearth. (see figure 1). While this floor plan is very common in the Germanic settlement areas of Southeast Pennsylvania, the construction technique is less common. This particular log building makes use of corner posts with the horizontal logs mortised and tenoned into the posts. The gap between the logs varies from one to three inches and is chinked with small pieces of wood, clay and some straw. The logs were cut straight on the inner and outer surfaces, while the tops and bottoms were left in the round. Diagonal bracing was not used on the exterior face of the logs to tie the corner post to the sill or to the plate.

On the interior, hand-split lath were placed in diagonal rows and secured by well formed handmade rose-head nails. Evidence of a wide chair rail in each room is shown by the close laid horizontal lath. The rooms were plastered throughout. The log walls extend above the first floor and into the upper half story about thirty inches. At this point, they form a plate for the rafter feet. A knee wall is formed where the logs stop. The gable roof rises above this point. The rafter blades are formed by squared timbers tenoned together. There is no evidence of purlins or cross bracing. The gable ends were half-timbered. The west gable end is mostly intact as it rests against the outside wall of the adjoining brick building. The infill material on the east gable has been removed but the supporting timbers remain. The roof has two dormers on its north

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face. The roof covering is presently metal sheets.

The exterior covering is asbestos shingle over novelty siding. The original treatment of the outside face of the logs has not been determined at this time.

The entire building sits on a stone foundation. A basement keeping room is located under the west portion. Entrance to this area was through an exterior bulkhead located on the south side of the building.

The building retained its original appearance until sometime in the late nineteenth century. At this time, perhaps in the 1880's a one story rear addition was added and the Germanic floor plan converted to a center hall plan. (see figure 2) The affect of the modernization was to convert the "old fashioned floor plan" to a modern arrangement. The work was done in such a fashion so that the needed changes could be made with the least amount of effort and expenditure. The major change was the removal of the central hearth. Its original location and size can be determined by examining the base which still remains. The new wing, which contained a new kitchen, covered the original entrance to the basement. This required that an interior stair be added. The wing has a stone foundation and a keeping room under its eastern half. Access is by a trap door. New access was also needed to the upper floor due to the removal of the original stair in the kitchen. The new stairs include an open stair on the east end and a small back stair on the west end.

Within the original block of the building, the interior room arrangement was altered by adding a central hall. This required that the original partition between the front and rear rooms be partially removed. A new wall on the east side of the hall was tied onto the original dividing wall. The hall's west wall was formed by the original wall that split the house into east and west sections. Its original material can be seen where modern coverings and plaster have been removed. The original front

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entrance to the building was converted into a window and the two front doors were added, one replacing a window and one being a new opening. Most of the windows were converted into 2 over 2 sash. Their width is the same as the original but they extend a short distance lower down the wall. The present dormers were built to replace the originals and are larger than the former ones. The glass entranceway was added during the 1920's.

PRESERVATION ACTIVITY

The Stoever Log House was purchased in 1975 by its present owner. Her plans are to restore the building to its original appearance and to keep the building for her own use. Restoration work has proceeded slowly since a great deal of research has been need to document the building. It is the owner's intention and desire that the building remain true to its original character and that it not be made overly "German-Colonial".

NPS COUNTING INFORMATION

This property contains one contributing building.

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 checked="" 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. 1740 **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The John Casper Stoever Log House is a rare example of an eighteenth century corner posted log building. As such it is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under criterion C in that it illustrates a little used construction technique of the early Pennsylvania German settlement and it also includes a rare surviving example of half-timbering. The log house is also significant for its association with John Casper Stoever, Jr. (1707-1779), one of the first Lutheran ministers to serve in this country.

Log construction in Southeast Pennsylvania is readily associated with the Germanic settlement of that region. They were its most common users and helped transmit its use to other cultural groups. By the end of the eighteenth century, log buildings were the most common shelters used to provide housing, worship, and agricultural needs in the Mid-Atlantic States. Almost without exception, the type of log construction employed meant the use of horizontal logs with the corners notched to accept and lock into place the rows above and below as well as the perpendicular walls. The choice of corner notching and manner of log preparation is varied depending on the skill and cultural background of the builder. Much less common than corner notching was the use of corner posts with the horizontal logs mortised into tenons cut into the corner posts.

The rarity of examples of corner post log construction is such that it has been generally overlooked by architectural historians and material culture scholars. Over the past thirty years, a great deal of research on vernacular architecture has been published. The two major works on log construction, Kniffen and Glassie "Building in Wood in the Eastern United State: A Time-Place Perspective" and Glassie's Pattern in the Material Folk Culture of The Eastern United States do not identify corner posting as a technique used in America except in French settlement areas. A recent work by Terry Jordan American Log Buildings lists

9. Major Bibliographical References

SEE ATTACHED SHEET

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1/3

Quadrangle name New Holland

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A	1 8	4 06 8 90	4 43 9 34 0
	Zone	Easting	Northing
C			
E			
G			

B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing
D			
F			
H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

SEE ATTACHED 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 Stephen G. Del Sordo, Historian

organization Private Consultant

date July, 1986

street & number 305 Oakley Street

telephone 301-228-8982

city or town Cambridge

state MD 21613

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 Officer

date 11/25/86

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

Entered in the National Register date 1-6-87

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

Chief of Registration

date

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the Golden Plough Tavern in York, Pennsylvania as his only example and states "corner posting is rare" (p. 92).

A recent study of Pennsylvania corner posted log buildings by Nancy Shed has tentively identified about 100 such buildings across the state. In Lancaster County, there are five such buildings including the Stoever House. While this high number of examples across the state would tend to argue against the importance of the Stoever House, most of the examples reported in the study are not from the period of first settlement as is the Stoever House. The fact the much larger number of examples found in central and western Pennsylvania and dating during the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries would demonstrate the extreme importance of early examples such as the Stoever House. Lancaster County was a pathway for settlers moving to the west and to the south into inland Pennsylvania and into Maryland and Virginia. As immigrants came through the Germanic areas of settlement they observed and absorbed the material culture and a number of other cultural traits from the Germanic settlers. Therefore the Stoever House and the other log buildings of southeastern Pennsylvania help illustrate the dissemination of cultural traditions along western and southern paths of settlement.

The Stoever House is also important in that it is one of the few intact examples of eighteenth century half-timbering in the region. This form of exterior covering is very fragile and must be renewed on a periodic basis. When it has been observed in the recent past, all that has remained on the majority of buildings has been some traces of plaster on the adjoining timbers.

John Casper Stoever, Jr. was the son of John Casper Stoever, Sr. Both were Lutheran ministers and they arrived in this country in 1728. They had left their home in the Rhine Valley in Germany because of religious persecution. The elder Stoever had been ordained in Germany

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but his son was not ordained until 1733. The elder Stoever did not stay in Pennsylvania but rather moved to Virginia almost immediately after landing in Philadelphia. The younger Stoever had been practicing his ministry in East Lancaster County and in New Holland starting in 1730. Stoever, Jr. remained in New Holland until 1745 or 1746.

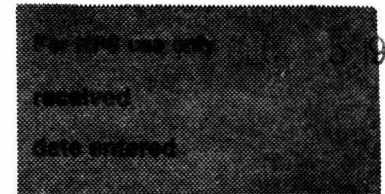
The land on which the house is sited was surveyed to Stoever, Jr. in 1735 and deeded to him in 1741. Early records of New Holland and of the Lutheran Church indicate that Stoever did not have a meeting house separate from his dwelling. Most likely he conducted services in his home. This pattern is similiar to that used by other Germanic religious groups in the first half of the eighteenth century. In fact the pattern, both of use and of floor plan, is exactly that of the Hans Herr House near Lancaster.

John Casper Stoever, Jr. was a prominent figure in the development of the Lutheran Church. As a young man he had a difficult time being ordained because of conflicts among the small group of Lutheran ministers in this country. Ministers in Delaware, New Jersey and New York refused to consider him for ordination. When he was finally ordained, it was by Christian Schulz who had arrived in America only a short time before the ceremony. Schulz returned to Germany soon afterward. This left the younger Stoever the only German Lutheran minister in Pennsylvania. While Stoever, Jr. would later be overshadowed by the arrival of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, and with whom he would argue frequently, Stoever was the senior German Lutheran minister in Pennsylvania until his death in 1779.

The Lutherans in and around New Holland were Stoever's first permanent congregation. Prior to his arrival there he served small groups of Lutherans in the immediate Philadelphia area. When he left New Holland in the mid-1740's he went into the Lebanon, PA area to practice his

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calling. While in Lebanon, Stoever also took up farming and operated a mill. According to letters of Muhlenberg, in later life Stoever had acquired a small fortune and did not depend on his congregations for support.

When Stoever left New Holland, he sold his property to Wendle Zwecker, a trustee of the Lutheran church in New Holland. It remained in the Zwecker family until 1770 when it was sold to Henry Peter of Philadelphia. Following Peter's ownership, until 1904 title to the property was transferred several times. In 1904 it was sold to the Varns Family of New Holland. Their occupancy til 1975 is the longest period that it was owned by a single family line.

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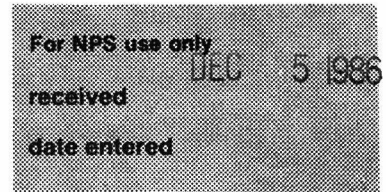
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Verbal Boundary Description and Justification

The nominated acreage is the legal parcel on which the log building is sited. While originally built on a 295 acre parcel, it was intended to be located on a small town lot. The boundaries are as follows:

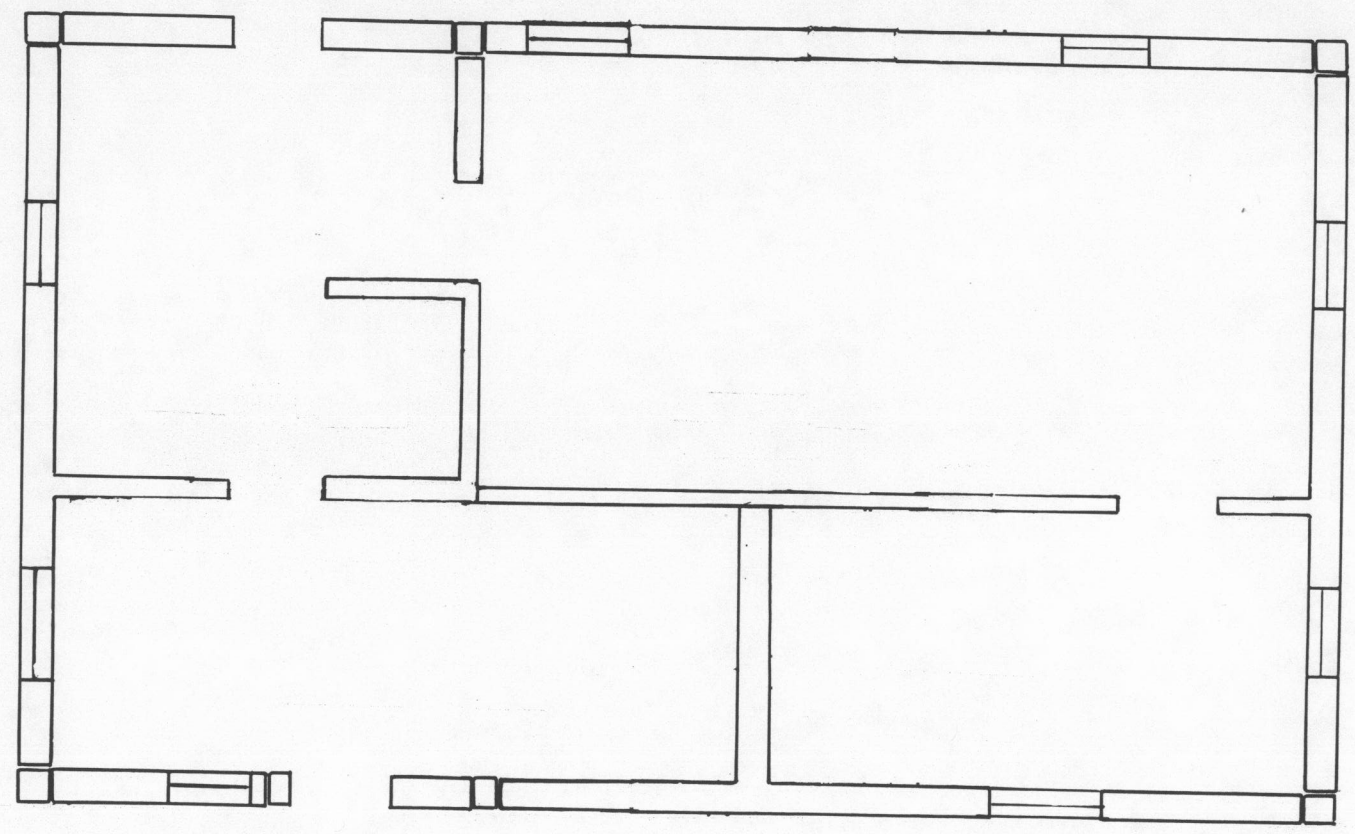
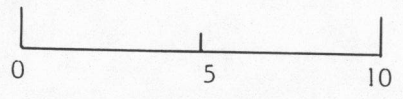
Beginning at the curb line on the southwest corner of Custer and West Main Streets and proceeding south along the west curb line of Custer Avenue to the rear lot line of the parcel and then proceeding west along the south rear lot line approximately forty feet and then proceeding north along the west lot line passing between 200 west Main Street and the adjoining brick building to the south curb line of west Main Street and then proceeding east along the said curb line to the place of beginning.

FIGURE 1

JOHN CASPER STOEVER
LOG HOUSE
c1730s

200 West Main Street
Lancaster County
New Holland, PA

1730's configuration

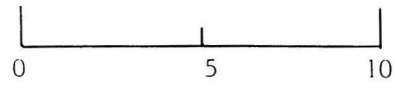


s.g. del sordo, 12/85

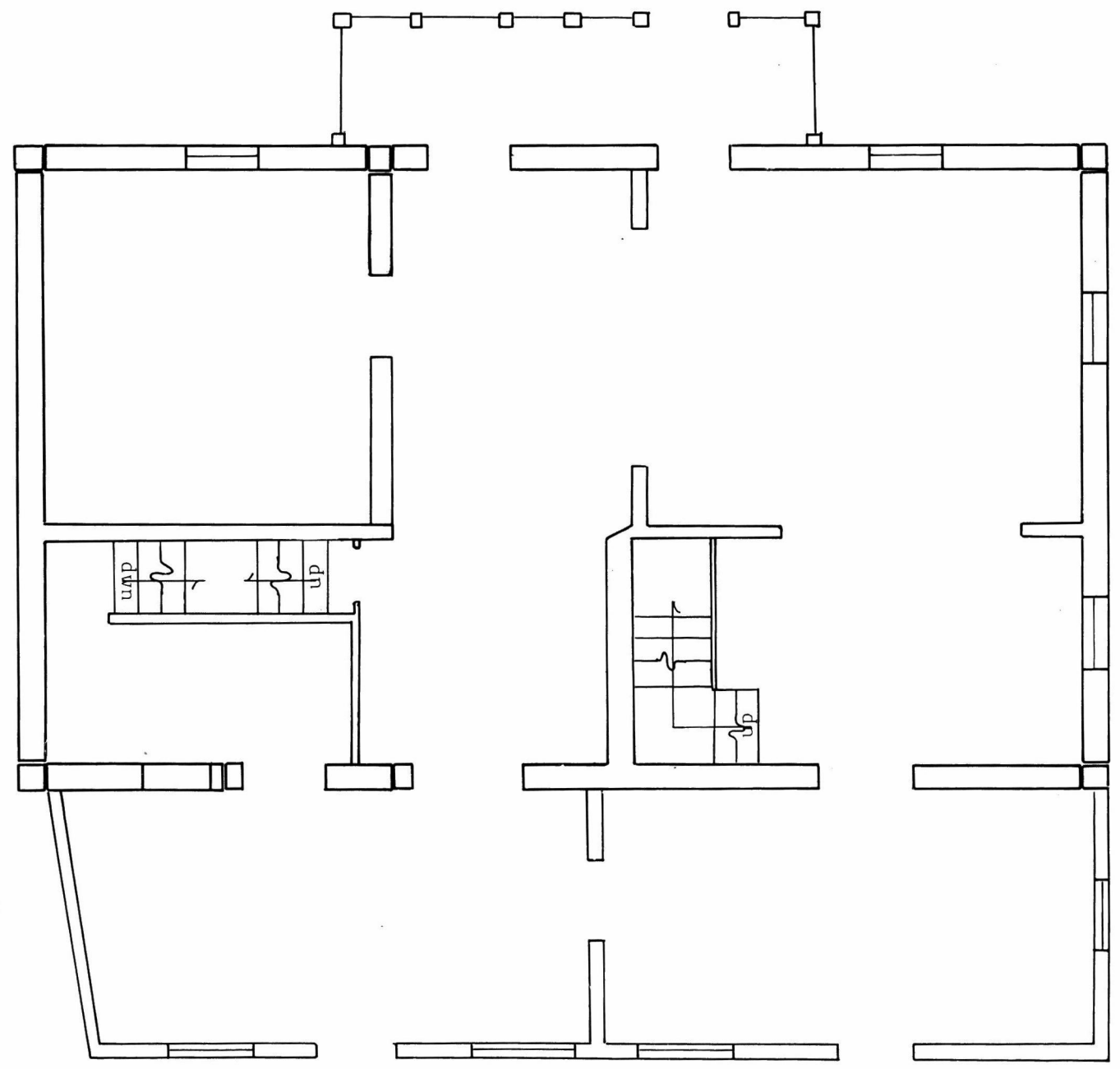
FIGURE 2

JOHN CASPER STOEVER
LOG HOUSE
c1730s
200 West Main Street
Lancaster County
New Holland, PA

1985 configuration



s.g. del sordo, 11/85



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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Stoever, John Casper, Log House
Lancaster County
PENNSYLVANIA

Working No. DEC 5 1986

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/88

Date Due: 1/2/87 - 1/19/87

Entered in the National Register
Action: ACCEPT 1-6-87
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 REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria accept none
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

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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: _____



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John C. Stoever Log ^{House} ~~Blgd.~~
Lancaster County, Pa.
Exterior NE Corner
William M. Stauffer, c1905
Orig. Plate: Stauffer Fam.

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NAME: John Casper Stoever Log ~~Building~~ *House*

Location: 200 West Main Street, New Holland, PA

Photographer: *Lancaster County*
Stephen G. Del Sordo

Date of Photograph: Feb., 1986

Location of Negative: 305 Oakley Street, Cambridge, MD

Description: view from northeast

Photograph Number: 2 of 11



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NAME: John Casper Stoever Log ~~Building~~ *House*

Location: 200 West Main Street, New Holland, PA

Lancaster County

Photographer: Stephen G. Del Sordo

Date of Photograph: Feb., 1986

Location of Negative: 305 Oakley Street, Cambridge, MD

Description: view from southeast

Photograph Number: 3 of 11



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Lancaster County

Photographer: Stephen G. Del Sordo

Date of Photograph: Feb., 1986

Location of Negative: 305 Oakley Street, Cambridge, MD

Description: central hall, first floor

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Location: 200 West Main Street, New Holland, PA

Photographer: Stephen G. Del Sordo
Lancaster County

Date of Photograph: Feb., 1986

Location of Negative: 305 Oakley Street, Cambridge, MD

Description: original interior partition wall and front wall

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Location: 200 West Main Street, New Holland, PA

Photographer: Stephen G. Del Sordo

Date of Photograph: Feb., 1986

Location of Negative: 305 Oakley Street, Cambridge, MD

Description: northeast corner room showing log wall and lath

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Location: 200 West Main Street, New Holland, PA

Photographer: Stephen G. Del Sordo
Lancaster County

Date of Photograph: Feb., 1986

Location of Negative: 305 Oakley Street, Cambridge, MD

Description: northeast corner room; detail of wall

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Location: 200 West Main Street, New Holland, PA

Lancaster County

Photographer: Stephen G. Del Sordo

Date of Photograph: Feb., 1986

Location of Negative: 305 Oakley Street, Cambridge, MD

Description: rear room of main block; east stair

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Location: 200 West Main Street, New Holland, PA

Lancaster County
Photographer: Stephen G. Del Sordo

Date of Photograph: Feb., 1986

Location of Negative: 305 Oakley Street, Cambridge, MD

Description: second floor; northeast corner room

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Location: 200 West Main Street, New Holland, PA

Photographer: *LANCASTER COUNTY*
Stephen G. Del Sordo

Date of Photograph: Feb., 1986

Location of Negative: 305 Oakley Street, Cambridge, MD

Description: west gable end; detail of half-timbering

Photograph Number: 10 of 11

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NAME: John Casper Stoever Log ~~Building~~ *House*

Location: 200 West Main Street, New Holland, PA

Lancaster County

Photographer: Stephen G. Del Sordo

Date of Photograph: Feb., 1986

Location of Negative: 305 Oakley Street, Cambridge, MD

Description: basement keeping room; main block

Photograph Number: 11 of 11

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From: Bill Sisson

To: Dan Deibler

Re: Proposal to move the John Casper Stoever Log House

Date: September 11, 1989

Ms. Susan B. Severs, owner of the Stoever Log House in New Holland Borough, Lancaster County, has requested that the Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Board approve moving the Stoever Log House so that the house can be on the National Register. This house was listed on the National Register on January 6, 1987. This move must be approved by the Historic Preservation Board and the National Register office if the house is to remain listed on the National Register.

The house will be moved because the Borough of New Holland will be widening the southwest corner of West Main street and Custer Avenue, on which the house is situated. The Borough has been trying to widen this intersection since at least 1970 in order to accommodate heavy vehicular traffic, particularly truck traffic. Traffic flow through this intersection was recently measured at 15,000 vehicles per day. The Borough and the owner have been involved in negotiations and litigation for the past six years. The Borough has pursued its goal of widening the intersection under the power of eminent domain. The owner has pursued preservation of the house through National Register listing and litigation.

The litigation was resolved by an agreement reached August 1, 1989. According to this agreement (see attached copy), the Borough will acquire a small strip of land on the east and north sides of Ms. Severs property to accommodate the widened streets and a sidewalk. Because the house abuts the present street corner, the taking of this land would require the removal of seven feet of the north side of the house at its northeast corner, and six feet of the east side of the house (see attached map). The Borough and the owner have agreed that the taking of the land and removal of the corner of the house would result in severe damage to or complete destruction of the house if the building was left in place. They have concluded that the only alternative to such damage is moving the house back from the widened intersection. The staff of the BHP concurs with this conclusion, as does the Lancaster County Planning Commission (see attached letter).

The house will be moved by means that will ensure its preservation as best as possible. The Borough has agreed to take measures that will help ensure the preservation of the house during the move. Stephen Del Sordo, a consultant who has inspected the house and written the National Register nomination for the property, has independently made recommendations to the owner concerning the move (see attached letter). Many of Del Sordo's recommendations are in keeping with the measures agreed to by the Borough. The Borough has hired Crouse House Movers of Littlestown, Pennsylvania. This house mover is experienced and will be insured, in keeping with Del Sordo's written recommendations. The owner and Borough have agreed that the house will be moved approximately

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thirty-five feet south on its lot, and rotated almost ninety degrees so the front elevation will face Custer Avenue. The house will also be moved as far back from Custer Avenue on the lot as possible. This new siting will preserve the house's orientation toward a street. It will also move the house as far away from the vibrations and pollution of street traffic as possible. In addition, the topography and landscaping of the proposed site is very similar to the original location. Thus the integrity of the setting will be largely preserved. The new siting will also allow construction of a driveway to the south of the house if the owner should so desire. (See enclosed photos of the proposed siting.)

In making the move, the Borough has agreed with the owner that the house will be placed on a solid masonry foundation, again in keeping with Del Sordo's recommendation. This foundation may possibly be faced with stone. During the move the owner may also have the rear 1880s addition removed in order to accomplish two goals: 1. to help return the log cabin to its original appearance; 2. to enable the house mover to locate the building as far back from Custer Avenue as possible. Del Sordo has verbally recommended to the owner that the rear addition can be removed for these reasons. However, the owner will not have this rear frame addition removed if removal will structurally endanger the original log section of the house. Del Sordo has also verbally recommended to the owner that should the rear addition be taken down, any part of the rear wall that is exposed and is not currently covered by asbestos shingles or German siding be covered with German siding. German siding will be in keeping with the earliest known siding found on two other sides of the house, and will help protect the log structure underneath.

The Borough will also take care not to damage the adjoining brick house or the east gable end of the log house, again in keeping with Del Sordo's recommendations. It is not known what siding covers the east gable end of the log house. Should this end be presently uncovered, Del Sordo has verbally recommended to the owner that it be sided with German siding for the reasons mentioned above.

Before the move is completed, the Borough will have a pictorial record made of the house. After the move is completed, the Borough will provide utilities, in keeping with the recommendations made by Del Sordo.

Further details of the move, including a decision on whether the rear porch will be removed, should be settled at a meeting of the owner, Borough and Crouse House Movers on September 14, 1989. The Borough hopes to move the house in late October, 1989.

The site to which the house will be moved has not been systematically tested for archaeological remains. The owner ran a metal detector over the site and found nothing. In digging holes for several bushes on the site, the owner again found no remains. Historic maps indicate no structures stood on the site. A Victorian-era shed stood immediately north of the site between the site and the house, and a stable or barn structure stood just south of the south end of the

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property parcel. Thus the limited evidence gathered so far would indicate little archaeological potential. However, the archaeological potential of the site has yet to be conclusively ascertained.

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AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 1st day of August, 1989, by and between the BOROUGH OF NEW HOLLAND, a Pennsylvania municipal corporation with offices situate at 12 North Railroad Avenue, New Holland, Pennsylvania, 17557, (hereinafter called Borough), and SUSAN B. SEVERS, 1288 Barclay Drive, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, 17601 (hereinafter called Severs):

WHEREAS, Severs is the owner of certain premises situate within the Borough of New Holland, at the Southwest corner of the intersection of South Custer Avenue and West Main Street, being premises as set forth in a deed recorded in the Lancaster County Recorder of Deeds Office in Record Book K, Volume 67, Page 418; and

WHEREAS, an Eminent Domain proceeding was instituted by Borough for the condemnation of a small portion of the premises of Severs, the purpose of the condemnation being the improvement of the aforesaid intersection; and

WHEREAS, the taking of the premises by Borough would result in either severe damage to, or complete destruction of, an existing structure on the premises of Severs; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Preliminary Objections filed by Severs in the Eminent Domain proceeding, and legal proceedings and appeals in the matter, the Preliminary Objections of Severs are now before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to set forth their Agreement regarding the moving and preservation of the aforesaid structure on the premises of Severs, and termination of the appeal and any other legal proceedings in the Eminent Domain action:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration, of the mutual covenants as contained herein, and intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Borough agrees to retain the services of a qualified individual or corporation of Borough's choice for the purposes of moving the existing log structure on the premises of Severs from its present location to another location on the same premises. Severs shall designate the exact location on the remaining portion of the property of Severs for placement of the log structure subject to applicable zoning requirements. The specific location shall be designated on or before July 28, 1989. New Holland agrees to assume responsibility and to pay any and all costs incurred in moving the log structure to such other location on the premises of Severs, including the costs and expenses charged by the house mover, costs and expenses incurred in the construction of a new foundation as required by the house mover, and costs and expenses incurred in relocation of utility services to the premises.

2. Prior to commencement of any work by the mover, the parties agree to a complete inspection of the premises, and videotaping of the premises, by representatives of Borough, and representatives of Severs as she may designate.

3. Borough agrees to require any individual or corporation providing moving services to carry adequate insurance to cover the costs of repair of any damage to the structure itself resulting from the move of the structure. Such insurance shall be in an amount not less than Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$250,000.00) Dollars. Such insurance shall name Severs as additional insured.

4. Borough, and the house mover, shall be in sole control of moving of the structure. Severs shall have the right to observe the house being moved, but shall have no right to direct the house mover in the performance of his or its duties.

5. As additional consideration Borough agrees to install and/or replace sidewalk and curbing on the premises of Severs along West Main Street, and along South Custer Avenue, or to provide for the same, at no expense to Severs. Such sidewalk and curbing shall be constructed in accordance with all applicable ordinances and regulations of Borough. In addition, a driveway entrance shall be provided along South Custer Avenue at such location as designated by Severs in accordance with the previously approved permit from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

6. Borough shall provide all services necessary for relocation of utility services, including water and sewer laterals, and storm water management facilities, at no expense to Severs. Borough shall be responsible for relocation of electrical service and telephone service to the structure.

7. Severs agrees to execute a deed unto Borough, in lieu of condemnation, dedicating that portion of the premises of Severs subject to the Eminent Domain proceedings to the public use. Severs agrees to withdraw the Preliminary Objections to the Eminent Domain proceedings, and to the withdrawal of the existing appeal to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. The parties hereto agree to the execution of a stipulation terminating the Eminent Domain proceedings. The termination of such proceedings, and this Agreement, shall satisfy all requirements of Borough for payment of damages unto Severs for the taking of the premises, and in full satisfaction of damages or sums which may be due unto Severs pursuant to the Eminent Domain Code.

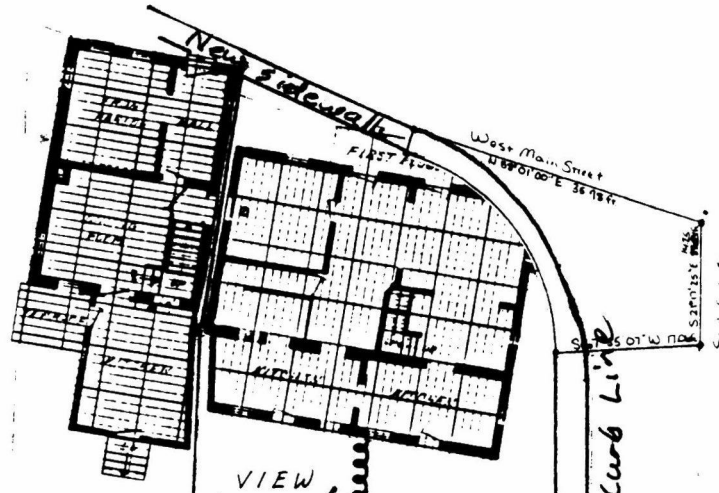
8. Prior to moving of the house, a new foundation shall be constructed. Such new foundation shall be of such materials as is deemed proper and appropriate by Borough, and shall be constructed in accordance with all normally accepted standards for foundation construction as set forth in the applicable BOCA Code regarding foundation construction. Borough shall provide treatment for any termite infestation upon completion of construction and completion of the move of the structure. However, Borough shall not be liable for costs of repairs of damage caused by previous termite infestation.

9. This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties hereto.

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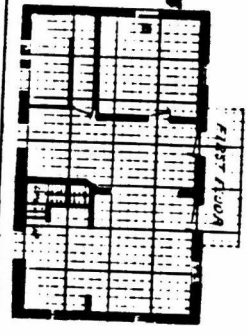
Neighboring Brick House



Current Location of House

VIEW #2

~ 35'



New Location of House, minus its rear addition

VIEW #5

Property Line

New Sidewalk

VIEW #3

Property Line

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Stoever Log House
Lancaster County
Proposed Move

VIEW #4

SCALE 1"=20'
SEVERS 1989

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STEPHEN G. DEL SORDO

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ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY
PRESERVATION PLANNING
INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY

26 April 1989

Frank J. Vargish, III
Blakinger, Byler, and Thomas
28 Pine Square
Lancaster, PA 17603

Dear Mr. Vargish:

Susan Severs has been keeping me informed of the progress of the suit to prevent the moving and/or demolition of the Stover House in New Holland. My concern is with what would be best for the house. Demolition would be the worst thing that could happen to such an important historic building. Also the moving of the house is not a recommended technique for preservation.

For an early eighteenth century building, the Stover House is in very good condition. The reason for this state of preservation is the extensive stone foundation under the building and the heavy framing system of the corner-posted log building. Because the two function together to counteract the forces of nature, they should remain together.

However, if the only way to preserve this building is to move it back on the existing lot, I have several recommendations to make. These are based on my skills in architectural history and my experience with moving two other eighteenth century buildings. First, the house-mover should be bonded and experienced. Second, the house-mover's work should be reviewed someone who represents Ms. Severs prior to the actual move of the building. That person or yourself should have the authority to make the house-mover and/or the borough to take whatever steps are needed to protect the house during its move. Third, the house should be placed on a solid masonry foundation that is faced with stone to resemble the existing foundation. Fourth, new utilities should be included with the new site. Fifth, adequate provision should be made to protect the adjoining brick house from damage that might be caused by the move of the log house. Sixth, the Stover House and the brick house should be drawn and photographed prior to the move on the chance that serious damage might be done to either house.

I have given Ms. Severs a draft copy of an article that I wrote on house-moving for the OLD HOUSE JOURNAL. You are welcome to review the copy that she has since the article will not appear in print until the end of this year. If you have any questions about this, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Stephen G. Del Sordo

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

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Stoever, John Casper, Log House Lancaster County, PENNSYLVANIA

PROPOSED MOVE APPROVAL

Keeper

Linda McClelland
11/10/89

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: PROPOSED MOVE

PROPERTY NAME: Stoever, John Casper, Log House

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: PENNSYLVANIA, Lancaster

DATE RECEIVED: 9/26/89 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 10/11/89
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 10/27/89 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 11/10/89
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 86003561

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

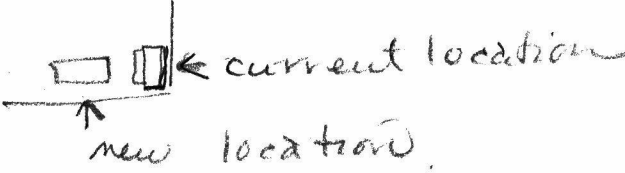
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OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 11/10/89 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*Sign. 1700's log structure
1850s kitchen to be removed from house
during relocation - not significant
- moved around corner to make
way for intersection widening
- new masonry foundation proposed.
- Architectural
significant for
18th-century
construction + form.*



new location

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept None
REVIEWER [Signature]
DISCIPLINE [Signature]
DATE 11/10/89

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

count resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

historic current

DESCRIPTION

architectural classification
 materials
 descriptive text

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage verbal boundary description
 UTM's boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



Stoever Log House
Lancaster County

August, 1989

Severs
negatives at Severs
Present location
from North

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Stoever Log House

Lancaster County

August, 1989

Severs

negatives at Severs

Proposed relocation site

from North

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negatives at Severs
Proposed relocation site
from West

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Proposed relocation site
from South

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Lancaster County
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Severs

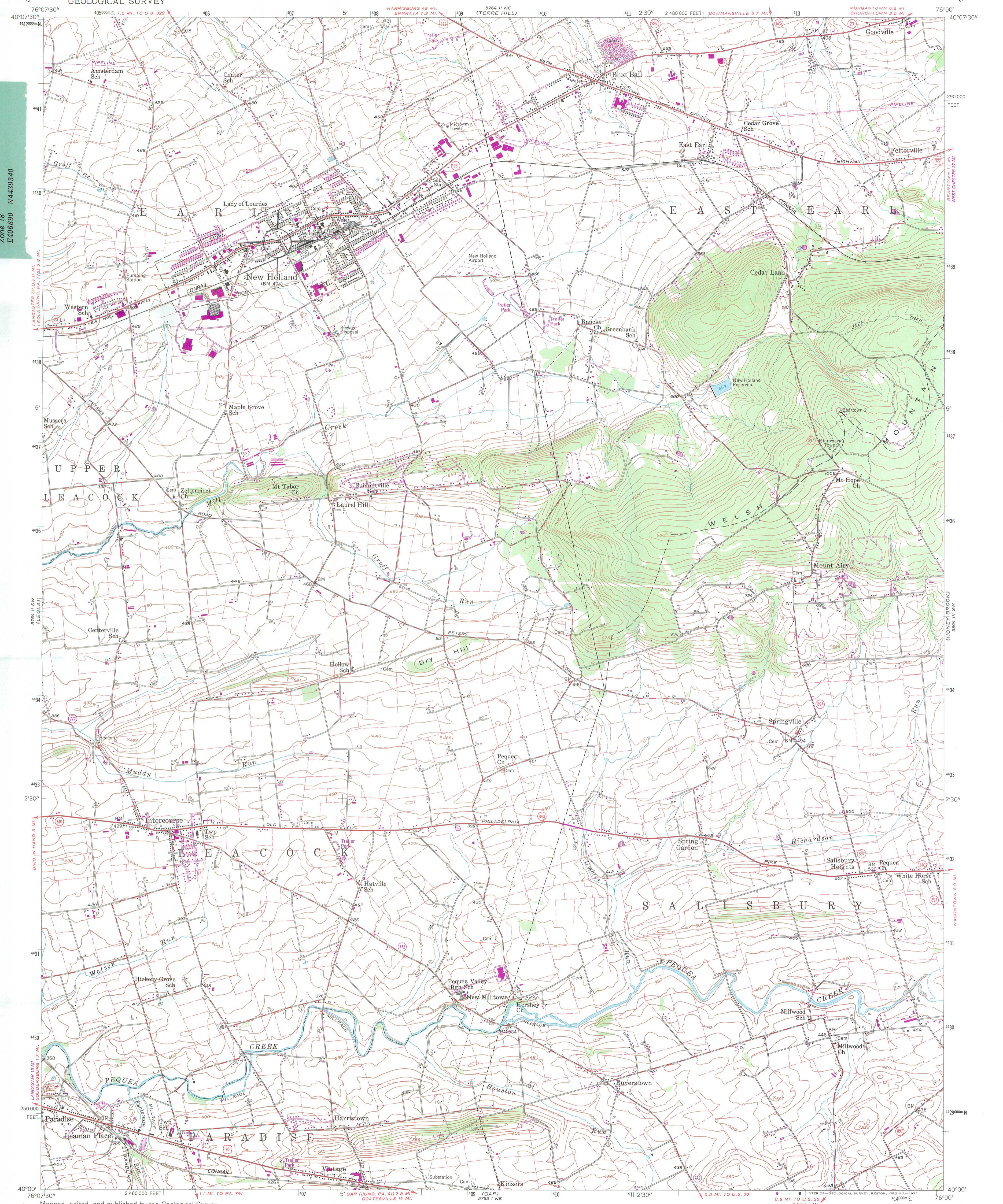
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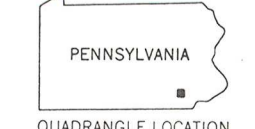
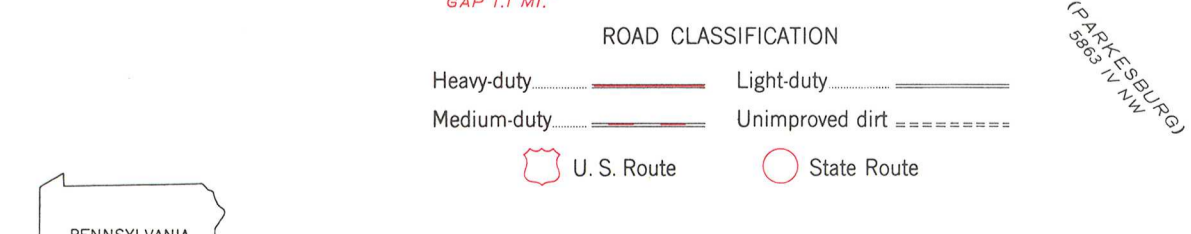
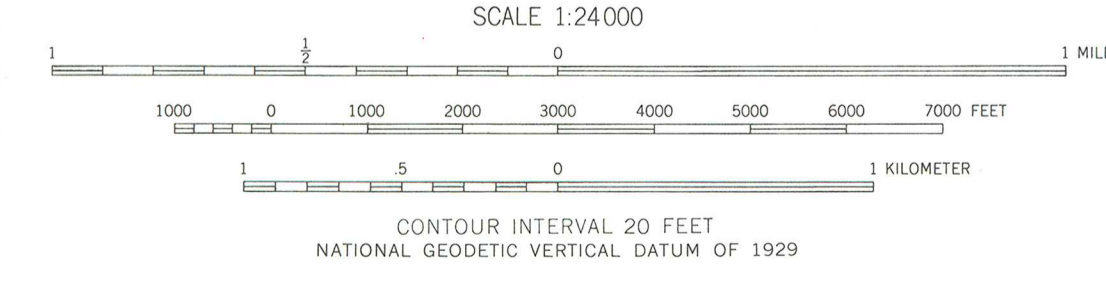
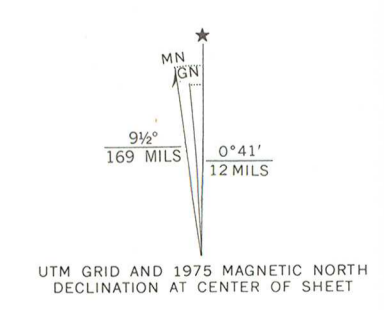
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JOHN CASPER STOEYER LOG HOUSE
Lancaster County
New Holland Quadrangle
Zone 18
E406890 N4439340



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south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
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NEW HOLLAND, PA.
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TELEPHONE: 717-299-8333
RONALD T. BAILEY
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August 15, 1989
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Dr. Brent Glass
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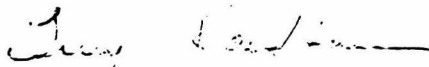
Re: Stover Cabin Relocation
New Holland Borough

Dear Dr. Glass:

On behalf of the Lancaster County Planning Commission, I would like to express our support for the relocation and preservation of the Stover Cabin. The Stover Cabin is currently listed on the National Register and the Lancaster County Planning Commission supports the Cabin's owner, Susan Severs, in her efforts to maintain that registration. In the Borough of New Holland, street and intersection width improvements have been made necessary by greatly increased traffic volumes and public safety concerns. These street widening improvements threaten the preservation of the Stover Cabin.

The Borough of New Holland and Ms. Severs have agreed upon a relocation plan that will allow the cabin to be moved out of the path of the street improvements and at the same time keep the structure on the original tract of land. The Planning Commission believes that if the plans agreed upon by the Borough and the property owner are approved the cabin would be both protected and returned to a resemblance of its original setting. We hope that the Review Board will approve the retention of National Register status if the proposed move is undertaken.

Sincerely,



Terry Kauffman
Chairman

TK/DMB/jar

cc: Ms. Susan Severs



**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION
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September 20, 1989

National Register of Historic Places
U.S. Dept. of Interior
Carol Shull, Chief of Registration
Box 37127
Washington, D.C. 20013-7127

Re: Proposed move of Stoever Log
House, Lancaster County

Dear Ms. Shull:

We are submitting the enclosed documentation concerning the proposed move of the Stoever Log House for your review. We request that your office approve the proposed move so that the building can remain listed on the National Register. We have concluded that the only alternative to demolition of this building is moving the structure. The proposed move will not severely harm the integrity of the building.

The proposed move has been reviewed and approved by the Pennsylvania National Register review board. Notifications of the property owner and local elected officials were made as required in 36 CFR 60.14.3. As required by this regulation, we will submit further documentation concerning the house, such as photographs of the house in its new location, after the house is moved.

If you have any questions concerning the proposed move, please call Bill Sisson of our staff at (717) 783-8946.

Sincerely yours,

Dan Deibler, Chief
Division of Preservation Services

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE

DATE

10/14/89

TELEPHONE REPORT

TIME OF CALL

AM
PM

1. CALL TO: FROM (Name)

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

Bill Jesson

PA - S#PD
717-783-8946

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Stevens, John Casper, Log Home

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

Proposed name

Will send power letter signed
by S#PD or designated person
to sign memoranda

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

TITLE

OFFICE

D. Byers



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October 12, 1989

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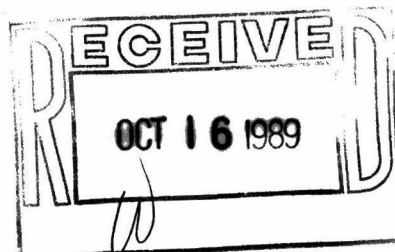
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Sincerely,

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Brenda Barrett, Director





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National Register of Historic Places
US Dept. of Interior
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Re: NR Nomination Forms

Dear Ms. Shull:

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

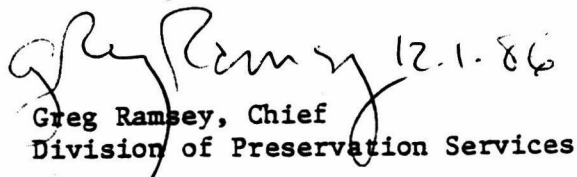
see attached

The proposed action is:

- 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,

 12.1.86
Greg Ramsey, Chief
Division of Preservation Services

GR:sk

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Bradford County

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Montour County

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Bucks County

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Monroe County

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Middishade Clothing Factory
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Teller Cigar Factory
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