

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Pennsylvania
COUNTY: Dauphin
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ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Simon Cameron House and Bank

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
30 East Main Street (House) 28 East Main Street (Bank)

CITY OR TOWN:
Middletown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
17th

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42 COUNTY: Dauphin CODE: 043

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure 	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress 	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Gary D. Barkley Katherine R. Judy

STREET AND NUMBER:
30 East Main Street 28 East Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Middletown

STATE:
Pennsylvania

CODE:
42

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Dauphin County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Front and Market Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
Harrisburg

STATE:
Pennsylvania

CODE:
42

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE OF SURVEY: 4/74 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
William Penn Memorial Museum/Historic Preservation

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box #1026

CITY OR TOWN:
Harrisburg

STATE:
Pennsylvania

CODE:
42

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Simon Cameron House and Bank are two early nineteenth century structures forming a traditional business with an attached residence.

The house is a ca. 1833, two and one-half story, three bay brick building constructed in the typical half Georgian plan. On the east wall of the house are two large brick fireplace chimneys. At the rear of the house there is a single large brick chimney which services a large fireplace in the original basement kitchen. The windows in the first floor parlor are six over nine light. All other sash is six over six light. Most of the original glass is intact.

Adjoining the brick structure is a similar two and one-half story, three bay, rubble stone building which housed the Cameron Bank. This structure is also a half Georgian plan and was most likely constructed in the late eighteenth century. The window frames are wide and pegged in the early fashion and the first floor windows display brownstone lintels and keystones. An interior chimney stack is located on the west end. Also on the west end is a modern concrete block exterior chimney.

The interior of both structures have retained all the original six panel doors, moldings, and fireplace mantels. In the Cameron house the chairrail on the first and second floor is original except for several sections that were damaged and repaired.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Simon Cameron, Sr. was a politician, businessman, and partner in various industrial undertakings and banking ventures. Cameron played a major role in the control of the Republican party in Pennsylvania, served as Secretary of War to Abraham Lincoln, and was a United States Senator for twenty years.

In 1832, the Pennsylvania Legislature chartered a bank for the Village of Middletown. Site for the bank was the older stone structure located at 28 East Main Street, Middletown. Simon Cameron was the founder of the bank as well as the cashier. In 1833, Cameron built the structure adjoining the bank at 30 East Main Street. This building served as the private residence of Simon Cameron and his family from 1833 until 1855.

Cameron's children Margaret, Virginia, Simon Jr., and J. Donald Cameron were born in this house. J. Donald Cameron became Secretary of War to President Grant and served in the United States Senate for twenty years.

Architecturally, this structure represents a well preserved example of an early nineteenth century home and financial institution. The Cameron house is original throughout and offers a look at the life-style and business of one Pennsylvania's most noted citizens.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Mutchinson, C. H., The Chronicles of Middletown, 1906.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

A

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ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING			

B

ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

David C. Stacks, Historic Preservation / Madeline L. Cohen, Curator

ORGANIZATION

Pa. Historical & Museum Commission

DATE

July 9, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

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TITLE

Executive Director
Pa. Historical & Museum Commission

DATE

8/9/76

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

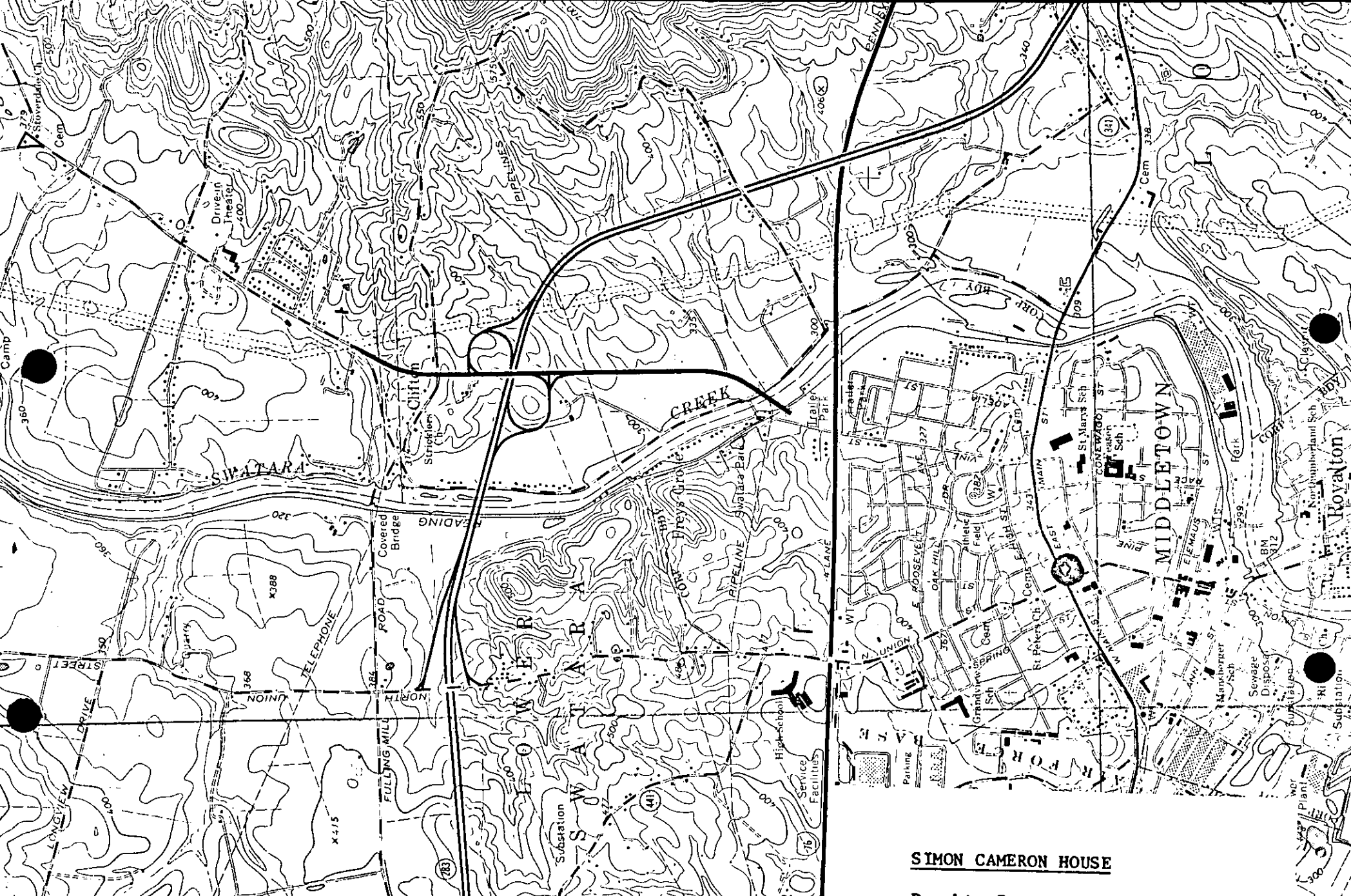
DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



4450'000" N.

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STEELETON 3 MI.

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CARLISLE 27 MI.
2.3 MI. TO INTERCHANGE 19

SIMON CAMERON HOUSE

Dauphin County
Zone 18

352 680

4451 150