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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC DR. WILLIAM HENDERSON HOUSE
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 31 East Main Street
CITY, TOWN Hummelstown VICINITY OF 17th
STATE Pennsylvania COUNTY Dauphin CODE 42 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 043

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" 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	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Richard and Mary Fox
STREET & NUMBER 31 East Main Street
CITY, TOWN Hummelstown VICINITY OF STATE Pennsylvania 17036

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Dauphin County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER Front and Market Streets
CITY, TOWN Harrisburg STATE Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places
DATE September 7, 1978
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
CITY, TOWN Harrisburg STATE Pennsylvania

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

The Dr. William Henderson House is a three story, Federal style, town house. Excellently preserved, the house is brick laid in common bond with a stone foundation. It has a gable roof with gable end brick chimneys. The house has a three story rear extension with a shed roof and two story porch on the east side. A one story frame addition was added to the rear circa 1918 and was later raised to two stories. The heavy front cornice is decorated with heavy dentils.

The original brick house is three bays by four bays. Window sills, lintels and stoop are made of Hummelstown brownstone. Windows are six over six, many with original glass. Third story windows are eyebrow windows of three lights. Small fanlight windows are located in the gable ends.

The front door is located in the first bay. This deeply set doorway has panelled jambs and a heavy classical entablature decorated with small dentils. The stone lintel covered by the entablature has the carved names of the builders: Dierdorf and Pamler, and the date of construction: 1829.

The interior of the house is in an excellently preserved state with original flooring, plaster, fireplaces and some hardware. The side stairs have fine oak banisters and round handrail which extends to the third floor. Double fireplaces are located in the west wall on the first and second stories. The eastern chimney is blind, merely decorative. Between these small fireplaces are located built in the wall cupboards. Heavy sliding doors separate the livingroom from the dining room. The kitchen is located on the first floor of the rear section. A heavy firewall is located between the sections. A large walk-in fireplace is located in the rear wall of this section. Double stairways are located to the left of the fireplace. One stairway leads to the full stone lined cellar with dirt floor. The other leads to the second floor bedroom.

All rooms are original in size and shape and have been little altered. The second floor front clothes room has been converted to a modern bathroom. At the rear of the lot is a modern garage built over the site of the original carriage house.

① 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
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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
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<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 1829

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Dierdorf & Pamler

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Lot Number 10 on the plan for Hummelstown, now 31 East Main Street, belonged in 1820 to Dr. Duncan King, and in that year his widow Catherine Luther King, and her brother Cornelius Luther and children of Dr. John Luther, applied to the Orphan's Court to sell the property to satisfy Dr. King's debts. At a public sale on January 24, 1820 the property with a two story log house was sold for \$870.00 to Dr. William Henderson. Born in Cumberland County in 1795, William Henderson read medicine with Dr. Sampson of Shippensburg and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1818. He set up practice in Hummelstown in the same year and continued practice until his death in 1849. His wife was Mary Wolfersberger of Cambellstown, Lebanon County.

He built his fine three story brick house in 1829. Because of its size and grandeur his home was often referred to as a mansion.

Upon Henderson's death the property was sold to a Henry Miller. In 1877, it was purchased by George R. Fox, the grandfather of the present owner. The Henderson house is a finely preserved Federal style house both on its exterior and interior.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Dauphin County Records of Deeds.

Egle, A. H. Commemorative Biographical Encyclopedia of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. Chambersburg, Pa.: J.M. Runk & Company, 1896.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

A	18	354820	4458370
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C			

B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Starting at a point on East Main Street then west for 60 feet along East Main Street then south for 190 feet to Long Alley then east for 60 feet along Long Alley then north for 190 feet to starting point.

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

Susan M. Zacher

ORGANIZATION

Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

DATE

8-21-78

STREET & NUMBER

Box 1026

TELEPHONE

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

Ed Weintraub 8-29-78

TITLE

ED WEINTRAUB, Director
Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

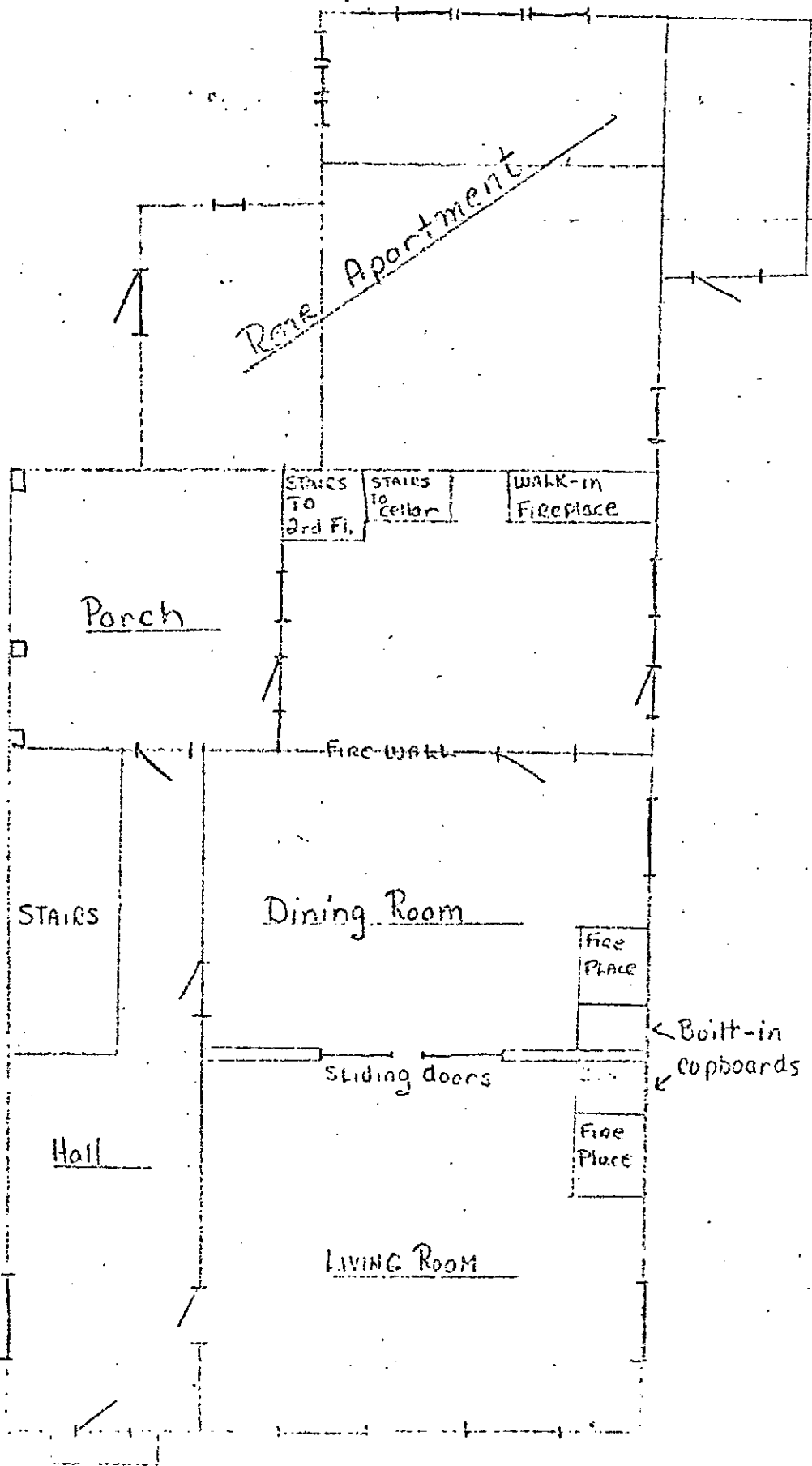
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KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Dr. William Henderson House
Dauphin County

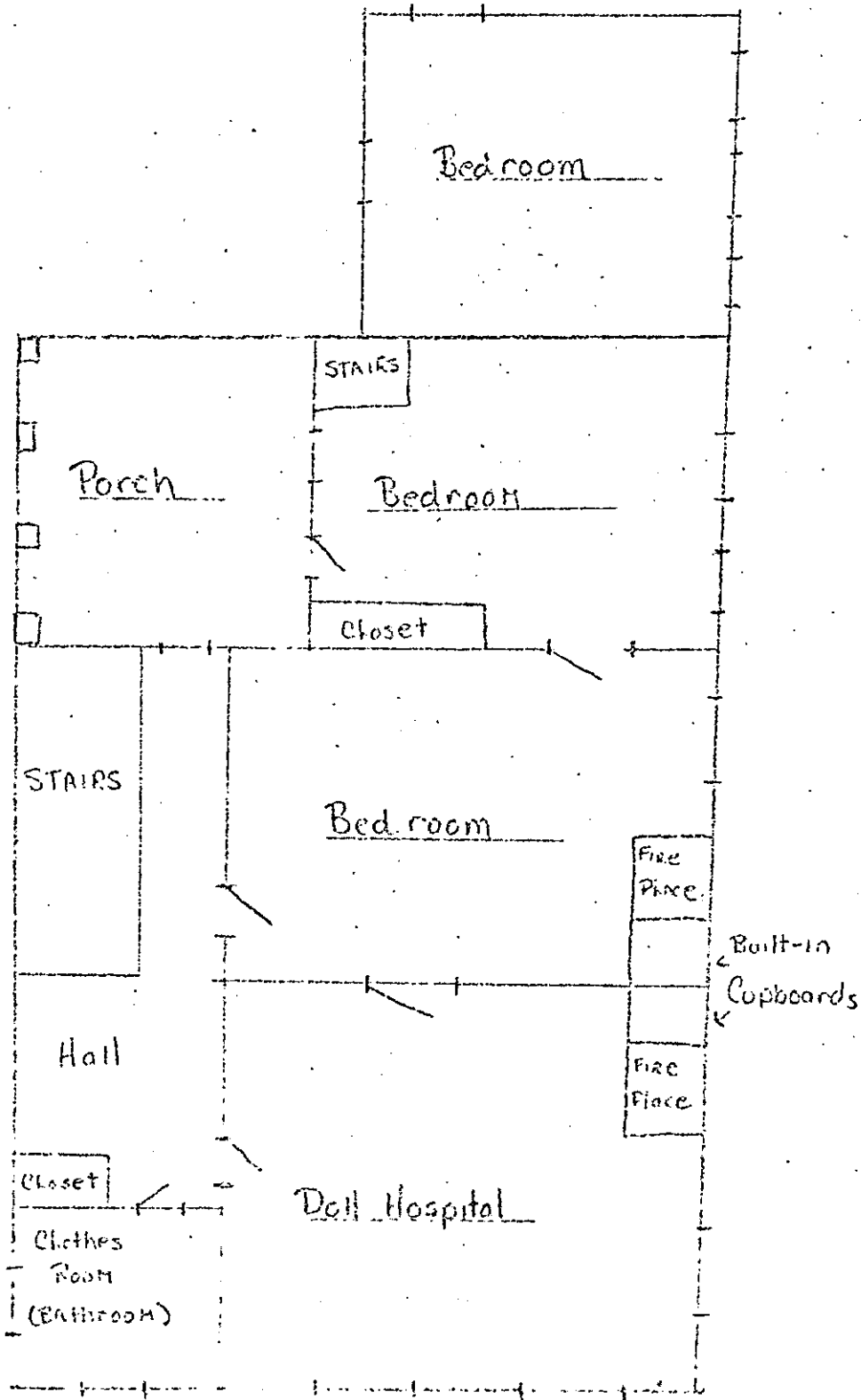
Floor Plan-- First Floor



East Main Street

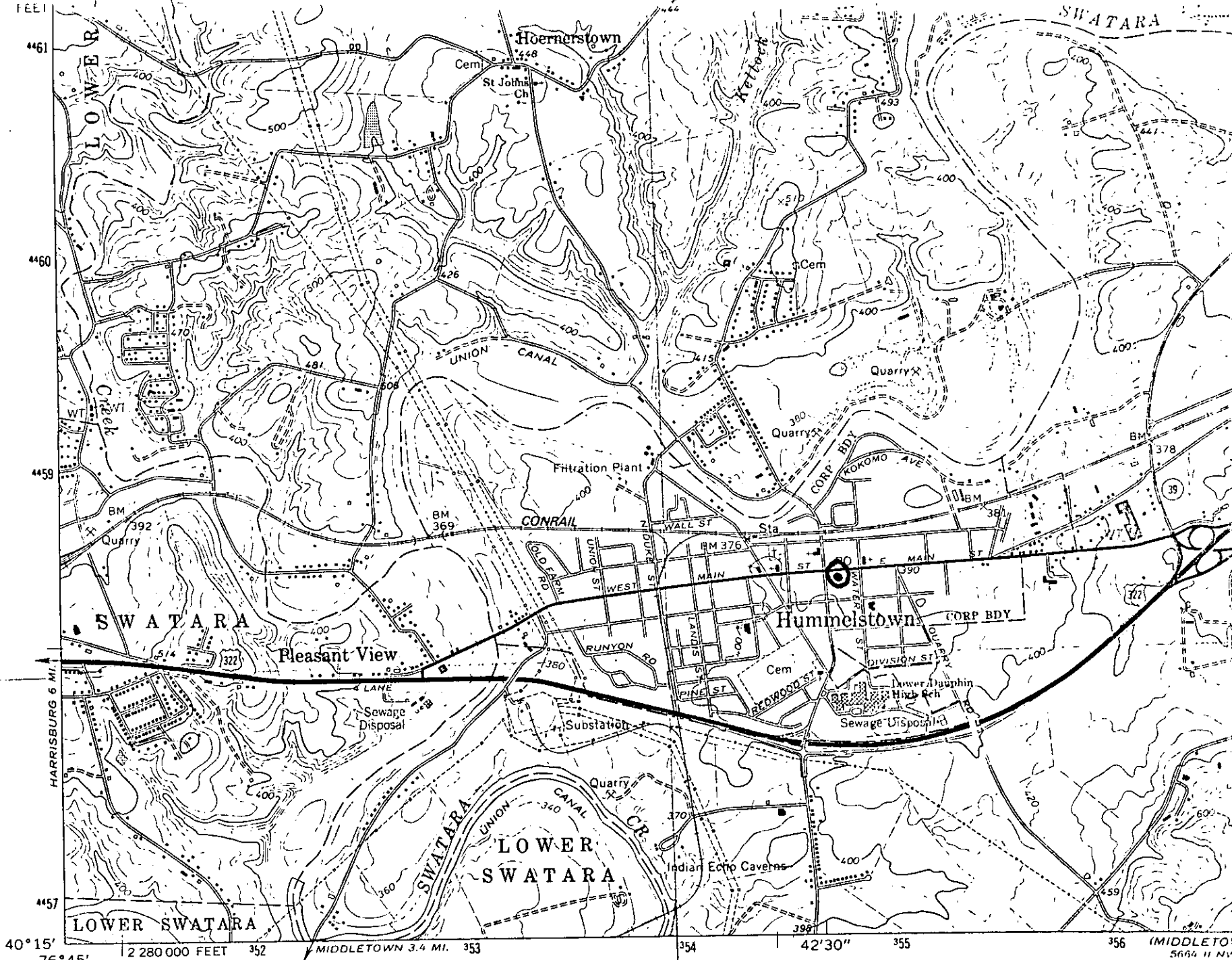
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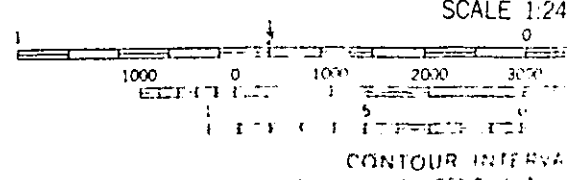
EAST MAIN STREET

Dr. Willis Henderson House
 Dauphin County
 Zone 18 E354820 N4458370



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 HARRISBURG 6 MI. 4461 4460 4459 4457

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 Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
 photographs taken 1968. Field checked 1969
 Supersedes Army Map Service Hummelstown map dated 1947



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 5664 III NY

CONTOUR INTERVAL
 100 FEET