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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC

ENOCH MATLACK HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

250 East Main Street

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Hummelstown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

17th

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania

CODE

42

COUNTY

Dauphin

CODE

043

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 type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL | <input type="checkbox"/> PARK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE | PUBLIC ACQUISITION | ACCESSIBLE | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Dr. Shahane T. Kirman

STREET & NUMBER

138 Circle Drive

CITY, TOWN

Hummelstown

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Dauphin County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Front and Market Street

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

2/14/78

___ FEDERAL STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

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

The Enoch Matlack House is located on the main street of Hummelstown. This two and one-half story brick house is built on a T plan with a two story rear section and cross-gable roof. Each side of the rear section has a second story balcony. The cornices are ornamented with heavy paired brackets, dentils and carved scroll-work. Two brick chimneys are located in the center gable area.

The house is three bays by six bays. The front facade has a center door with segmental arch doorway and fanlight. [The (paired) first story windows have carved frames and six over one lights.] The second story has a double 10 light window flanked by 6 over 1 windows with wooden shelf hoods. A small, 6 over 1, window with a wooden shelf hood is located in the front gable.

A one story porch lines the front and east facades. Double wooden columns with brownstone pedestals support the flat roof porch. This porch does not date from construction of the house but was added after 1875. A small one story brick addition was made to the west facade by Dr. Earnest as his office.

The interior is in harmony with the exterior in period and style. The open central stairway has turned balusters, newel and a mahogany rail. Original moulded baseboards and cornices are still extant. The finished wood floors are solid oak supported on wood framing.

A small summer kitchen is located to the rear of the house and contains a built in oven. A modern three-car garage is located on the rear of the lot.

*no description
of the plan*

| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
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| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Enoch Matlack

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Hummelstown is one of Pennsylvania's older towns. It was established in the early 1700's by Frederick Hummel and thrived due to its proximity to transportation modes such as the Swatara Creek and, in subsequent years, the Union Canal, two turnpikes, and the Reading Railroad.

Many of Hummelstown's early buildings remain--some beautifully preserved, many with substantial modifications. Of the structures built in the latter part of the 19th century, the Enoch Matlack house stands out as one of the truly impressive examples. Even in its day it was considered sufficiently outstanding to be pictured in the 1875 Combination Atlas Map of Dauphin County. It is the only house of its type in the borough.

The Enoch Matlack house was the home of several prominent business and professional men over the years. Mr. Matlack, himself, was a tanner. His tannery was located along the banks of the Swatara not far from his home.

William and Mary Fox were occupants of the house from 1887 to 1907, a period of 20 years. Mr. Fox was co-owner of the firm of Walmer and Fox, carriage makers, and was active in the borough in various capacities.

The Foxes sold the home to Dr. Simon F. Earnest, a prominent Ear, Nose and Throat physician who lived and practiced in the home until his death in 1935.

Currently the building is being considered for use as the Hummelstown Community Library.

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ENOCH MATLACK HOUSE, Dauphin County

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#8 Significance

The Enoch Matlack House has changed little since its construction. This structure was pictured in the 1897, Combination Atlas Map of Dauphin County and barring the small brick addition and the porches, the structure is identical. The changes made to the Matlack House are reflective of the use of the structure and the development of the town during the early 20th century.

Architecturally, the Matlack House is a prestigious house of large proportions. Hummelstown is rich architecturally with the Matlack House being one of perhaps ten larger mansion type structures. Brick, limestone and brownstone are the major building materials used in these structures. The Matlack house is the only one of its style in Hummelstown and is clearly reflective of the money available for building during the height of the quarrying industry of Hummelstown brownstone.

10 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(See Continuation Sheet)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Nancy M. Cladel

ORGANIZATION

Hummelstown Community Library

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

434 East Main

TELEPHONE

717-566-3134

CITY OR TOWN

Hummelstown

STATE

Pennsylvania 17036

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 6-21-78

TITLE

*Ed Weintraub
Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission*

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

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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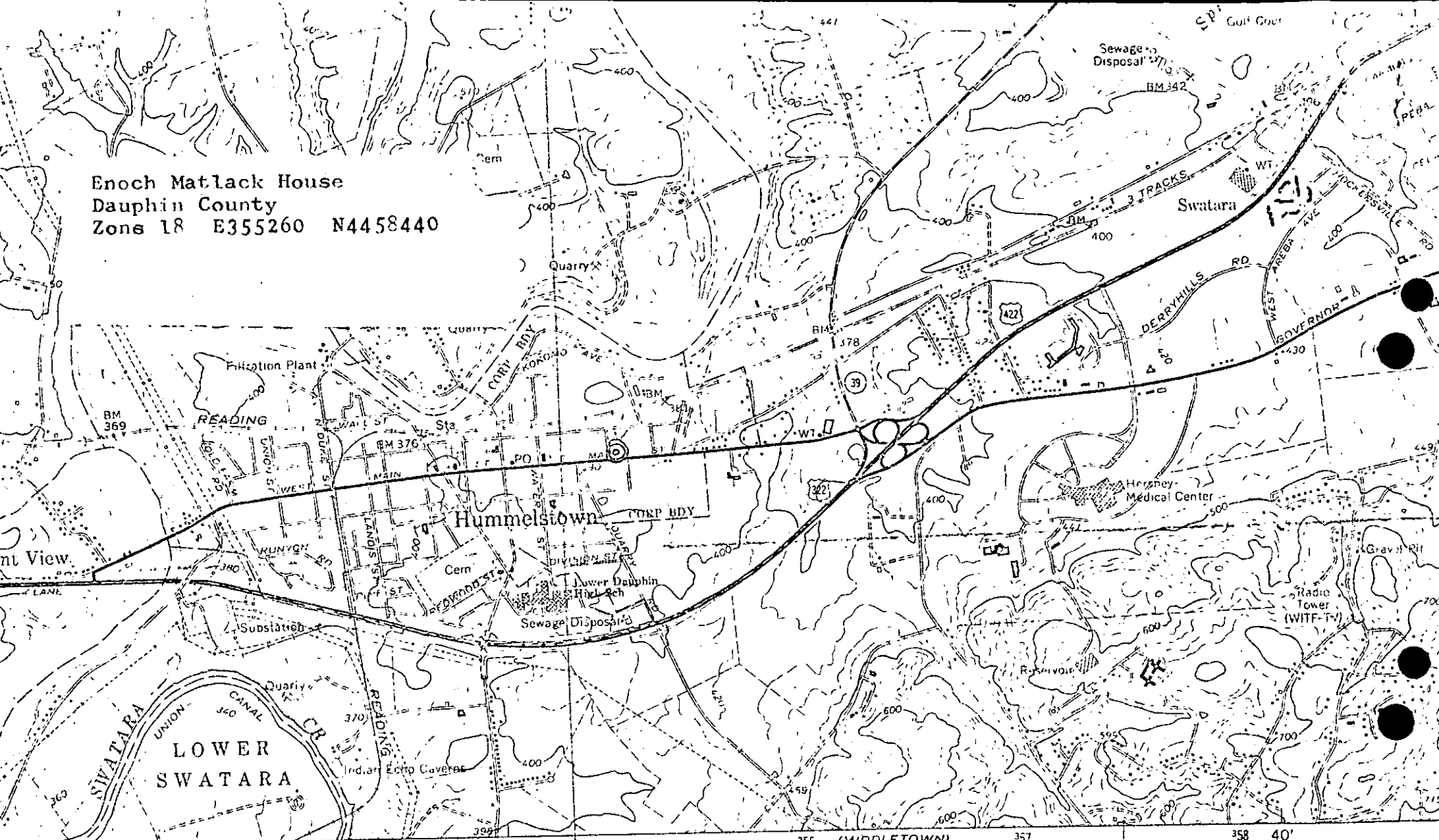
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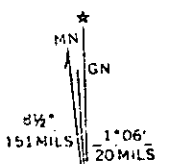
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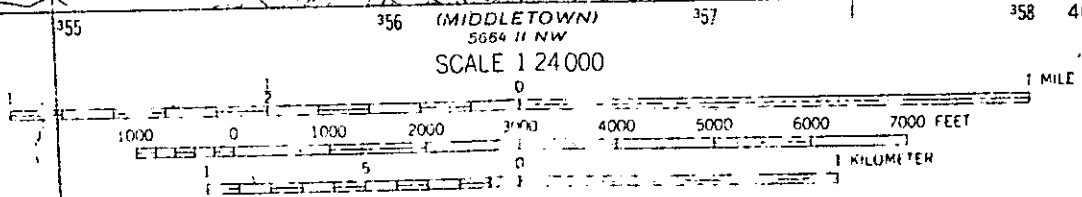


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THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACT
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