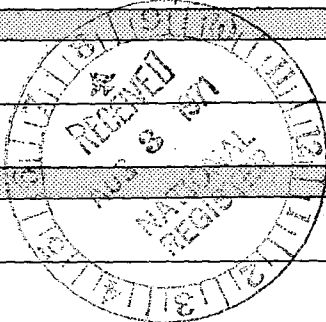


NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Pennsylvania	
COUNTY: Montgomery	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE



1. NAME

COMMON:
Hope Lodge

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
553 Bethlehem Pike

CITY OR TOWN:
Fort Washington

STATE Pennsylvania	CODE 42	COUNTY: Montgomery	CODE 091
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both 	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress 	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Administered by Pa. Historical and Museum Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN:
Harrisburg

STATE:
Pennsylvania

CODE:
42

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Court House Deed Books

STREET AND NUMBER:
Airy and Swede Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
Norristown

STATE:
Pennsylvania

CODE:
42

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: **1970** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
William Penn Memorial Museum

STREET AND NUMBER:
Third and North Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
Harrisburg

STATE:
Pennsylvania

CODE:
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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)		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

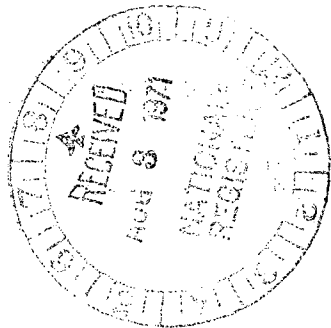
Hope Lodge is a two and a half story Georgian country mansion. The mansion is constructed of fieldstone, plastered over on three sides and faced with brick on the front. This brick facade, seven bays in length, has six high and narrow nine over nine sashed windows on both floors. Under a projecting triangular pediment is the paneled double door with an elegant blind Palladian brick arch in the wall above. The structure also has a coved cornice and a hip on gable roof with two medial brick chimneys and three dormers of a later date. The rear wall accommodates a large central portal and a smaller door near the southeast corner. Opposite this entrance is the kitchen wing.

The floor plan of the house is typically Georgian and consists of a central hall running the width of the house, flanked by two rooms on either side. On the second floor the front section of the hall is occupied by a dressing room.

The woodwork of Hope Lodge is outstanding in terms of design and preservation. The finest woodwork is located in the central hall on the first floor. The hall is bisected by an elliptical arch with fluted pilasters with bellflower capitals. This motif is repeated on either side of the two leaved, round arched doorways leading into the north and south parlors. The fireplace wall in the north parlor has wooden panels, with strips of applied bolelection molding. The fireplace opening is faced in native marble. The south parlor has triangular door pediments on either side of its fireplace.

The main staircase is also exceptional with its ramped and pilastered dado that rises between interior walls from the rear hallway on the first floor. Possibly unique among American Colonial staircases, its special feature is a balustraded opening on the second floor which floods the stairs with light.

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **Circa 1750**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

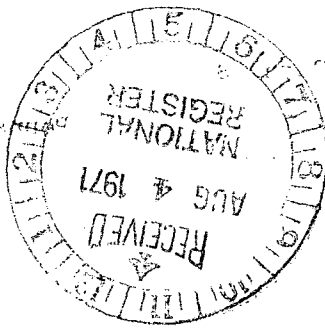
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Hope Lodge was built by a successful gristmill operator named Samuel Morris probably around 1750. Morris lived in the house until his death in 1770. At this time the property was sold to William West. During West's ownership the house figured in the military maneuvers around Philadelphia during the Revolutionary War. Tradition has it that the garret served as a military hospital after the Battle of Germantown.

In 1784 Henry Hope, to whom Adam Smith dedicated his work The Wealth of Nations and from whose family the famous Hope diamond derived its name, bought the property. His ownership established the present name of the property. Later Hope deeded the property to his cousin, James Horatio Watmough, as a wedding gift in 1832. In 1922 the property was acquired by William Degn who later bequethed it to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Degn, William, L. " The History of Hope Lodge " Bulletin of the Historical Society of Montgomery Township, Vol 1 (1936 - 1939)

Keast and Hemphill - Architects, Survey and Recommendations for Proposed Renovation of Hope Lodge.

Van Trump, James, D. " History in Houses, Whitemarsh, Pennsylvania. New York: Antiques, April, 1966

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES								
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NE	40°	7'	40"	75°	12'	54"						
SE	40°	7'	26"	75°	13'	02"						
SW	40°	7'	32"	75°	12'	46"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 40.77

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

ORGANIZATION

DATE

July, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER:

Third and North Streets

CITY OR TOWN:

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

CODE

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12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name

S. K. Stone
State Liaison Officer

Title

Executive Director

Pa. Historical and Museum Commission

Date

July 29, 1971

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

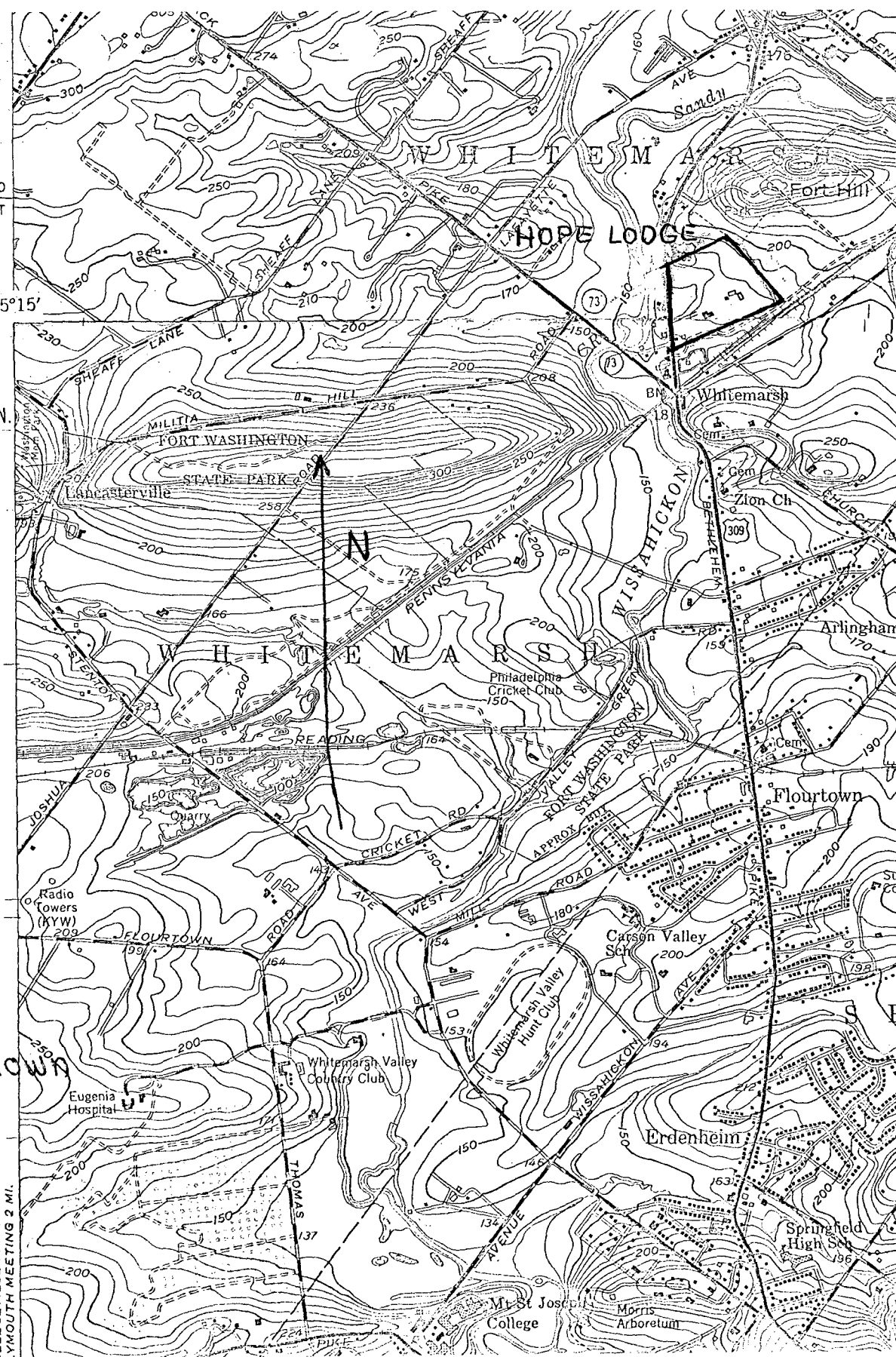
ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date

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