

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Pennsylvania	
COUNTY: Montgomery	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
The Dielman Kolb Homestead

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Kinsey Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Lederach

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42 COUNTY: Montgomery CODE: 091

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Philip Detwiler

STREET AND NUMBER:
Kinsey Road

CITY OR TOWN: Lederach STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Montgomery County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:
Swede and Airy 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: 1972 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Penn Memorial Museum

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN: Norristown 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 Dielman Kolb House bears similarities to the Germanic house common to this area in the eighteenth century. The house is located on Kinsey Road, in Lower Salford Township, near Lederach, in a slight hollow of land at the head of a small tributary of the West Branch of the Skippack Creek.

The house is a gambrel roofed house of the central fireplace Continental type. The floor plan is altered from the normal three room configuration because of the shape of the house. The kitchen is at the far end, parallel to the gable. Two of the first floor gable windows and the single rear window light a large, nearly square room which in most houses is the formal room. To the right of the two gable windows is the area which served as the downstairs sleeping quarters.

Two windows are to the left of the front door. The eaves of the gambrel roof may be seen in all exterior views to be continued across the gables as pent eaves.

A small summer kitchen is attached to the east corner of the house. This gable wall has not quite been completely painted. There is question as to the original organization of space at this end of the first floor, as the pre-restoration kitchen has not been removed. It is probable that the original kitchen extended across the entire gable from front to back. There is evidence that a door was once located at the back of the kitchen just west of the east corner.

The house contains an eighteenth century staircase of which only the first three steps are original. The staircase does, however, match exactly the dimensions of the original. It was believed to have come from a cabin in either Montgomery or Bucks County.

The cellar features an unusually wide staircase on the east side suggesting that bulk commodities were lowered through the doorway. Within a portion of the cellar there may originally have been flowing water. The cellar, in addition, boasts a fine door post and lintel as well as possessing very small windows. The windows are placed high on the wall and slightly splayed. They are sloped to permit more light to fall on the floor.

The house's gambrel was rebuilt underneath the late roof. When the house was remodeled in the late nineteenth century, the rafters up to the break in the roof line were straightened to a vertical position, forming vertical walls. An A-frame roof was placed on top of this.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian; 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input 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 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

Dielman Kolb was an early settler in the Skippack Creek area. In December, 1717, he purchased a 150 acre tract on whose west corner he built his home. The house is located some twenty to forty feet below surrounding hilltops as is normal; the corners are located on the cardinal points of the compass, giving the front of the house a southern exposure, and the original building complex is suitably located in relation to water and meadow grass, making it a thoroughly normal Germanic settlement site.

German architectural proportion is generally found to be governed by geometric ratios, which are controlled in size by the predetermined dimensions of certain features within the plan. The geometry of this system results in buildings which present the highly-favored proportions of the Renaissance. These are generated through the manipulation of the diagonal of a square, with the result that the dimensions throughout the plan are expressible in terms of certain fixed ratios. The Kolb house is a 1:1 house, or a square, but it is a generated square.

Within this square we find a modified central fireplace-floor plan. Fenestration across the front and back are normal for the three room plan; fireplace location, slightly off center, is also normal.

The Kolb House conforms to the Germanic three room plan in outline, but not in detail. The kitchen is in the correct location. The front of the Germanic house is generally on the southern exposure, thus, the door on the southwest side is accepted as the front door, placing the central fireplace to the left as one enters the kitchen. It is normal for the inside partition of the kitchen to be located at the fireplace back, and it is so located on the far, or northwest, side. On the southeast side, the partition is drawn much closer to the gable, so that the kitchen in the front half is only half the normal width for a kitchen.

Normally the front room on the south exposure is the formal room, nearly square. In this house the large square room is on the north side, with no fireplace. The reason for this is not known.

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8. Significance

This places the formal room at the rear of the house if we accept the southwest door as the front door. The entire front half of the house, along the southwest wall, is divided by two partitions into three areas not normally seen. The central area is wide; the two side areas are somewhat narrower. The purpose of this floor plan is not known, though research is being conducted on room utilization in the house.

The Kolb House is in the process of restoration. While it is definitely within the local Germanic building tradition, it shows characteristics of unusual interest which have been seen in no other local building and are worthy of further architectural investigation.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: (two)

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

ORGANIZATION: Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission DATE: June, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:
 Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN: Harrisburg STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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: William J. Wewer
 Title: Deputy Executive Director
 Date: 7/20/72

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

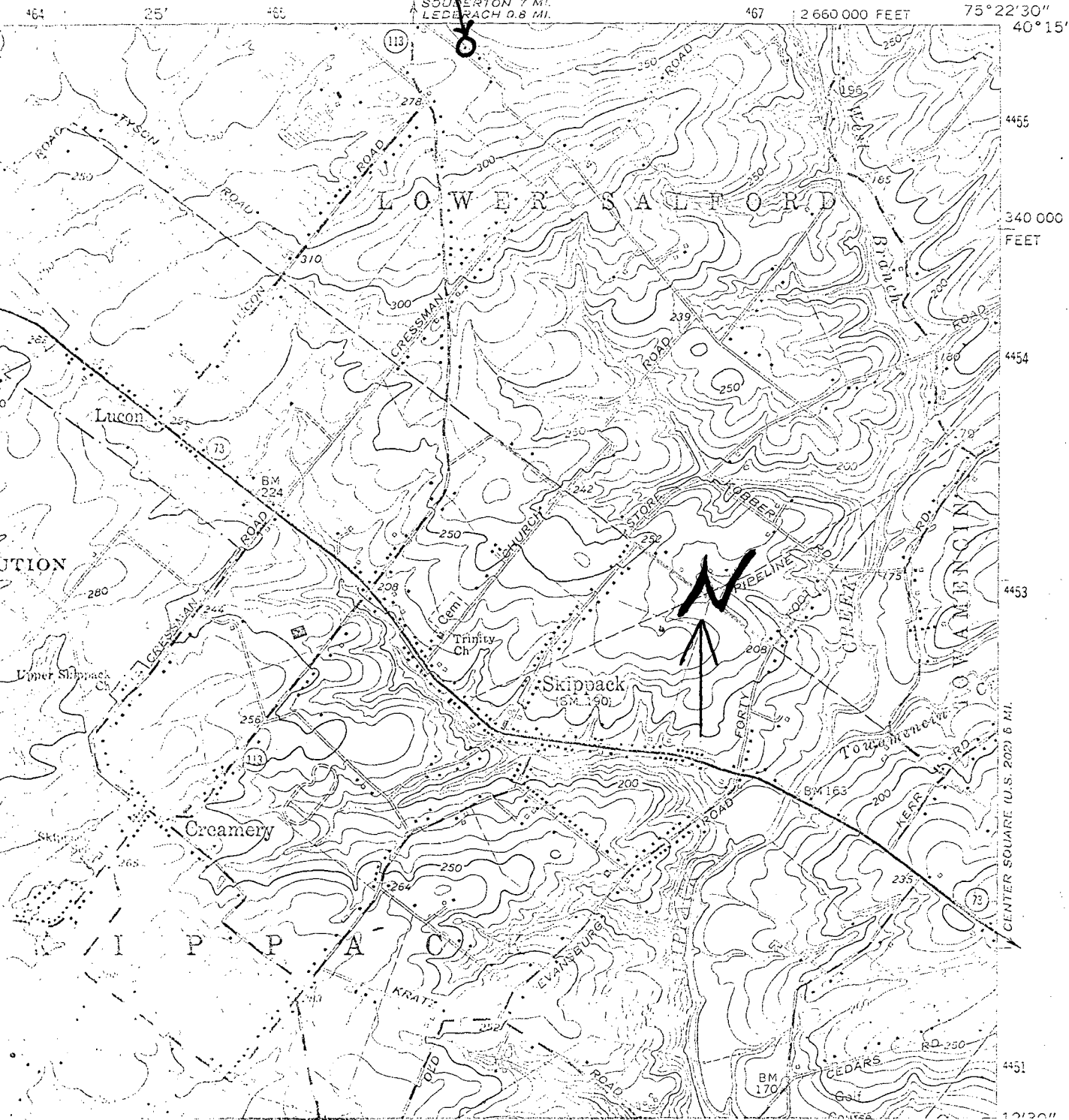
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 Date: _____
 ATTEST:
Keeper of The National Register
 Date: _____

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DIELM. KOLB
FARMSTEAD

COLLEGEVILLE QUADRANGLE
PENNSYLVANIA
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
NW/4 NORRISTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE

595' 11" SE
(TEL FORD)



SQUABERTON 7 MI.
LEDBERACH 0.8 MI.

2 660 000 FEET 75° 22' 30" 40° 15'

CENTER SQUARE (U.S. 202) 6 MI.