

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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

1. NAME

COMMON:
The Morris Jarrett Farm

AND/OR HISTORIC:
The Landis Homestead

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Morwood Road at Cressman Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Salford Township

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Fifth District

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"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<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 <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" 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:
Morris and Elizabeth O. Jarrett

STREET AND NUMBER:
Morwood Road at Cressman Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Salford Township

STATE:
Pennsylvania

CODE:
42

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Montgomery County Courthouse, Deed Book 3365, p. 413

STREET AND NUMBER:
Swede and Airy Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
Norristown

STATE:
Pennsylvania

CODE:
42

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None

DATE OF SURVEY:
 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The main farm house on the Landis Homestead is a two-and-one-half story, stucco-over-stone structure with a medium pitch gable roof. Constructed in 1839, the house is four bays across the front elevation. The unusual fenestration features two windows and a door occupying approximately half of the front elevation with the remaining window centered in the other half. The front door is located slightly off the center axis. Though the house is of the central hallway type, the placement of windows and door gives rise to the suspicion that a transition in local architectural style is in evidence here. The windows on both the first and second story are six-over-six sash with panelled shutters on the first story and louvered on the second. An open porch runs the length of the front elevation while an enclosed porch is located between the rear of the house and the side of a kitchen addition.

Each gable end is two bays wide and contains an exterior chimney. The windows are identical in type to those on the front of the house. A later two story kitchen wing was added perpendicular to the main axis of the house to create a T-shape floor plan. The kitchen wing has a flat pitch roof and contains an interior gable end chimney and a fan light window on the second story. An exterior bake oven stands opposite the dorrway of the wing.

The farmstead's barn is of the typical Dutch cantilevered overhang style. This two-and-one-half story structure is clapboard covered and has a medium pitch gable roof. The gable ends each contain a single six-light attic window at the peak. Several outbuildings formerly on the property no longer exist. A long shed with a bell tower, the ruins of a forge building, and an arched spring house remain.

The farm house's interior workmanship is of excellent quality. The second floor, for example, features woodwork apparently preserved from an earlier period and an original fireplace mantel and facing characteristic of the first quarter of the nineteenth century.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" 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)

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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

The Landis family originally settled in Salford Township, Montgomery County, in 1727. The homestead stands on the original tract of land deeded to Jacob Landis in that year.

The Landis Homestead was the site of an industrial-agricultural operation that utilized stored water to an extensive degree. Numerous springs issue from the foot of Landis Hill, which, together with surface drainage, provide a year-round flow of water. Various theories have been advanced concerning the water retention and distribution system. Most center on agricultural uses, including the possibility of a well-developed irrigation system similar to that found on the Alexander Schaeffer Homestead in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, and the Reiff Homestead, also located in Montgomery County. The Landis Corn Plow and Cultivator, an important agricultural tool, was developed in the blacksmith shop that remains today on the property.

The farmhouse is representative of local vernacular architecture of the early nineteenth century. With the exception of the kitchen wing, added after 1850, the house remains in substantially original condition, including several of the original outbuildings. The several unusual architectural features mentioned in the above description are worthy of note.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bean, Theodore W., ed. History of Montgomery County, Pa. Philadelphia: Everts and Peck, 1884.
 Landis, Dorothy. (30) Notebooks on the Landis Family currently in the Lancaster Mennonite Library, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
 Landis, Henry S. Descendants of Jacob Landes. Souderton, Pennsylvania
 Landis, Ira. Landis Family Book. Lititz, Pennsylvania, 1950.

FORM NO. 101-101 (1969)

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		
CORNER	LATITUDE			LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	40°	19'	19"	75°	24'	53"
NE	40°	19'	19"	75°	24'	29"
SE	40°	19'	03"	75°	24'	29"
SW	40°	19'	03"	75°	24'	53"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 21.8 acres

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 AND TITLE:
Harvey Freedenberg, Student Aide

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
William Penn Memorial Museum and Archives Building

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 Executive Director, Penna. Historical and Museum Commission

Date 9/17/73

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

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

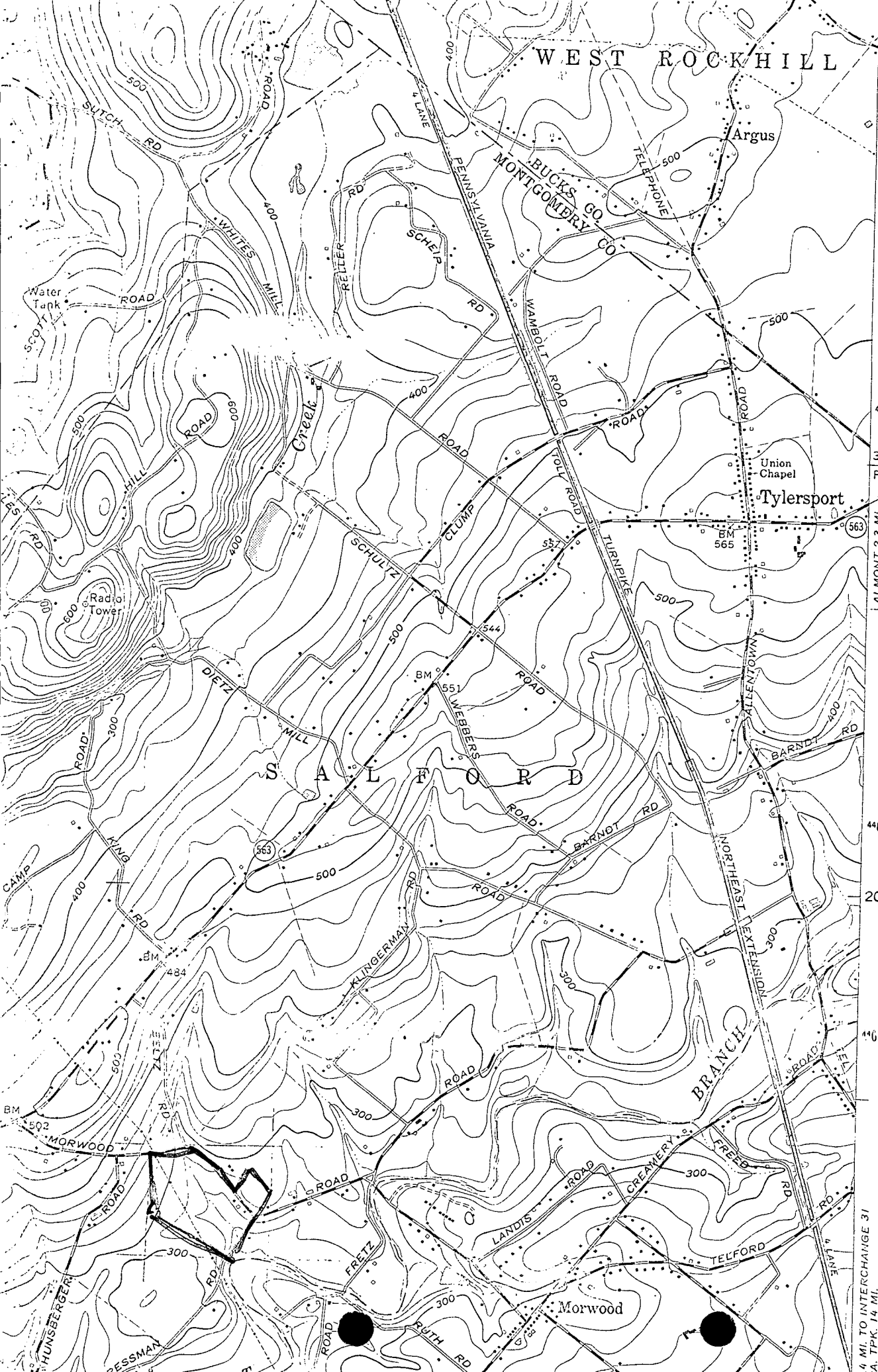
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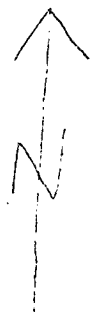
Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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Carrollville
1969



Harris Jarr... Farm (Lanlis... stand)
 Latitude
 NW 40°19'19"
 NE 40°19'19"
 SE 40°19'03"
 SW 40°19'03"
 Longitude
 75°24'53"
 75°24'29"
 75°24'29"
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