

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:
LONG MEADOW FARM

AND/OR HISTORIC:
PLANK HOUSE AND BARN (CURRENT NAME)

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
ROUTE 73

CITY OR TOWN:
FREDERICK

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 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) _____ _____ _____
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
JOHN PLANK

STREET AND NUMBER:
ROUTE 73

CITY OR TOWN: FREDERICK STATE: PENNSYLVANIA CODE: 42

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE

STREET AND NUMBER:
AIRY AND SWEDE STREETS

CITY OR TOWN: NORRISTOWN STATE: PENNSYLVANIA CODE: 42

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

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)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input 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

PAST APPEARANCE:

THE PLANK HOUSE WAS A 2½ STORY COLONIAL BRICK DWELLING PROBABLY BUILT IN THE MID 18TH CENTURY AND EMPLOYED THE GERMANIC PRE-METRIC STANDARD OF MEASUREMENT. THE ~~TWO~~^{THREE} BAY FRONT WITH CENTRAL HALLWAY, SYMMETRICAL FACADE, AND USE OF BRICK WITH GLAZED HEADERS AT THE GABLES WERE VERY ATYPICAL FOR THE AREA AND PERIOD. IT HAD A GABLED ROOF, END CHIMNEYS AND A BOXED CORNICE WITH RETURN.

THE FLOOR PLAN CONSISTED OF A CENTRAL HALLWAY WITH A STAIRCASE AT THE FAR END AND TWO ROOMS ON EITHER SIDE. THERE WERE TWO FIRE PLACES DOWNSTAIRS, (SEE FLOOR PLAN) ONE DIAGONALLY LOCATED AND THE OTHER AGAINST THE OPPOSITE GABLE WALL. THIS PATTERN WAS REPEATED UPSTAIRS.

A 2½ STORY, GABLED ADDITION WAS ATTACHED PERPENDICULARLY TO THE REAR OF THE MAIN SECTION AND CONTAINED BEDROOMS AND A LARGE KITCHEN WITH A BRICK WALK-IN FIREPLACE AT THE GABLE END. THE DATE OF ITS CONSTRUCTION IS NOT SPECIFICALLY KNOWN BUT WAS PROBABLY BUILT IN THE MID-19TH CENTURY. IT WAS ALSO BUILT WITH GLAZED HEADERS, RANDOM STRINGER COURSES, AND A BOXED CORNICE WITH RETURN. PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN BEFORE 1915 SHOW THAT THIS ADDITION HAD AN EXCEPTIONALLY WIDE "FRENCH" DOOR WITH TRANSOM AND A SECOND STORY GALLERY THAT WAS SUPPORTED BY THE BRICK OF THE FIRST LEVEL AND CANTILEVERED OVER THE INTERIOR LONGITUDINAL BEAM.

TO THE LEFT OF THE LARGE WALK-IN COOKING FIREPLACE WAS A NARROW STAIRCASE LEADING TO THE SECOND FLOOR. IMMEDIATELY ABOVE THE WALK-IN FIREPLACE WAS A GEORGIAN FIREPLACE WITH STOVE. THIS FIREPLACE WAS ORIGINALLY IN THE SOUTH CORNER OF THE ROOM WHEN THE SECOND STORY GALLERY WAS INTACT. THE INTRICATE DETAIL OF THE FIREPLACE WAS REPEATED IN THE CHAIR RAIL ALONG THE WALLS OF THIS UPSTAIRS ROOM.

THE WOODWORK AND PANELLING THROUGHOUT THE HOUSE WAS FINELY CRAFTED, AND THE SECOND FLOOR WINDOWS OF THE MAIN SECTION WERE MOST INTERESTING BECAUSE OF THE FLUTED PANELS OF THE WINDOW

FRAM 5

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three?
x

on end?
at right
angles?

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <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 type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| <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 checked="" 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

THE PLANK HOUSE AND BARN ARE FINE EXAMPLES OF GERMANIC HOME-STEAD CONSTRUCTION. THE HOUSE IS OF PARTICULAR ARCHITECTURAL VALUE BECAUSE IT COMBINES BOTH GERMANIC AND GEORGIAN DESIGN. IT FOLLOWS THE GERMANIC SYSTEM OF MEASUREMENT BASED ON A PRE-METRIC FORMULA, AND, AT THE SAME TIME, ADOPTS GEORGIAN CHARACTERISTICS SUCH AS THE USE OF BRICK, BOXED CORNICE, SYMMETRICAL FACADE AND INTERIOR WOODWORK. THIS WOULD SUGGEST THAT A CONSCIOUS EFFORT WAS MADE BY PENNSYLVANIA GERMANS TO ADAPT TO THE STYLE AND CULTURE OF ENGLISH PHILADELPHIA. THE PLANK HOUSE POSSIBLY REPRESENTS ONE OF THE EARLIEST ATTEMPTS TO BLEND STYLES BY THE GERMANIC POPULATION OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY. THE BARN IS TYPICAL OF EARLY GERMANIC BOTTOM BARN CONSTRUCTION THAT PRECEDED THE LATER BANK BARN DESIGN IN THIS AREA.

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FRAMES (PHOTOGRAPH #3).

THE PLANK BARN (PHOTOGRAPH #4) WAS A FRAME AND STONE BOTTOM BARN WITH VERY SMALL WINDOWS AND PURLIN ROOF WITH KICKED EAVES. THE FLOOR PLAN OF THIS BARN TYPE CONSISTED OF A CENTRAL THRESHING AREA WITH STABLING AREAS ON EITHER SIDE. THE STABLING PORTIONS HAD A COBBLE STONE FLOOR, AND ONE OF THE AREAS WAS SOMEWHAT LOWER THAN THE OTHER. ABOVE THE STABLING AREAS WERE MOWS OR LOFTS FOR THE STORAGE OF HAY AND GRAIN. THE FRAMED TRUSS WAS COMMON IN GERMANIC ROOF STRUCTURE AND OCCURRED IN THE HOUSE.

PRESENT APPEARANCE:

ALTERATIONS, ESPECIALLY TO THE EXTERIOR OF THE PLANK HOUSE, ARE EVIDENT WHEN COMPARISONS ARE MADE OF PHOTOGRAPHS 1 AND 2. THE MAIN STRUCTURE HAS BEEN STUCCOED AND WHITEWASHED AND WINDOW FRAMES ENLARGED, BUT THE BOXED CORNICE AND ROOFLINE ARE UNALTERED. THE SECOND FLOOR GALLERY OF THE NEWER ADDITION HAS BEEN ELIMINATED, THE FENESTRATION CONSIDERABLY ALTERED, AND THIS PORTION ALSO STUCCOED AND WHITEWASHED.

INTERIOR WOODWORK, ROOF STRUCTURE AND BEADED CEILINGS ARE LARGELY EXTANT EVEN THOUGH ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE.

THE MID-18TH CENTURY PLANK BARN REMAINS IN RELATIVELY GOOD CONDITION WITH ITS BASIC THREE BAY FLOOR PLAN AND FRAME TRUSS ROOF STRUCTURE INTACT. A MAJOR CHANGE HAS BEEN THE ADDITION OF A RECENT SHINGLE ROOF AND SHINGLES TO ONE OF THE GABLE ENDS.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	40 ° 18 ' 36 "	75 ° 32 ' 29 "						
NE	40 ° 18 ' 36 "	75 ° 32 ' 16 "						
SE	40 ° 18 ' 26 "	75 ° 32 ' 16 "						
SW	40 ° 18 ' 26 "	75 ° 32 ' 29 "						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 13 ACRES

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

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: [Signature]
State Liaison Officer

Title: Executive Director, Pa. Hist. and Museum Commission

Date: 4/19/73

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

[Signature]
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

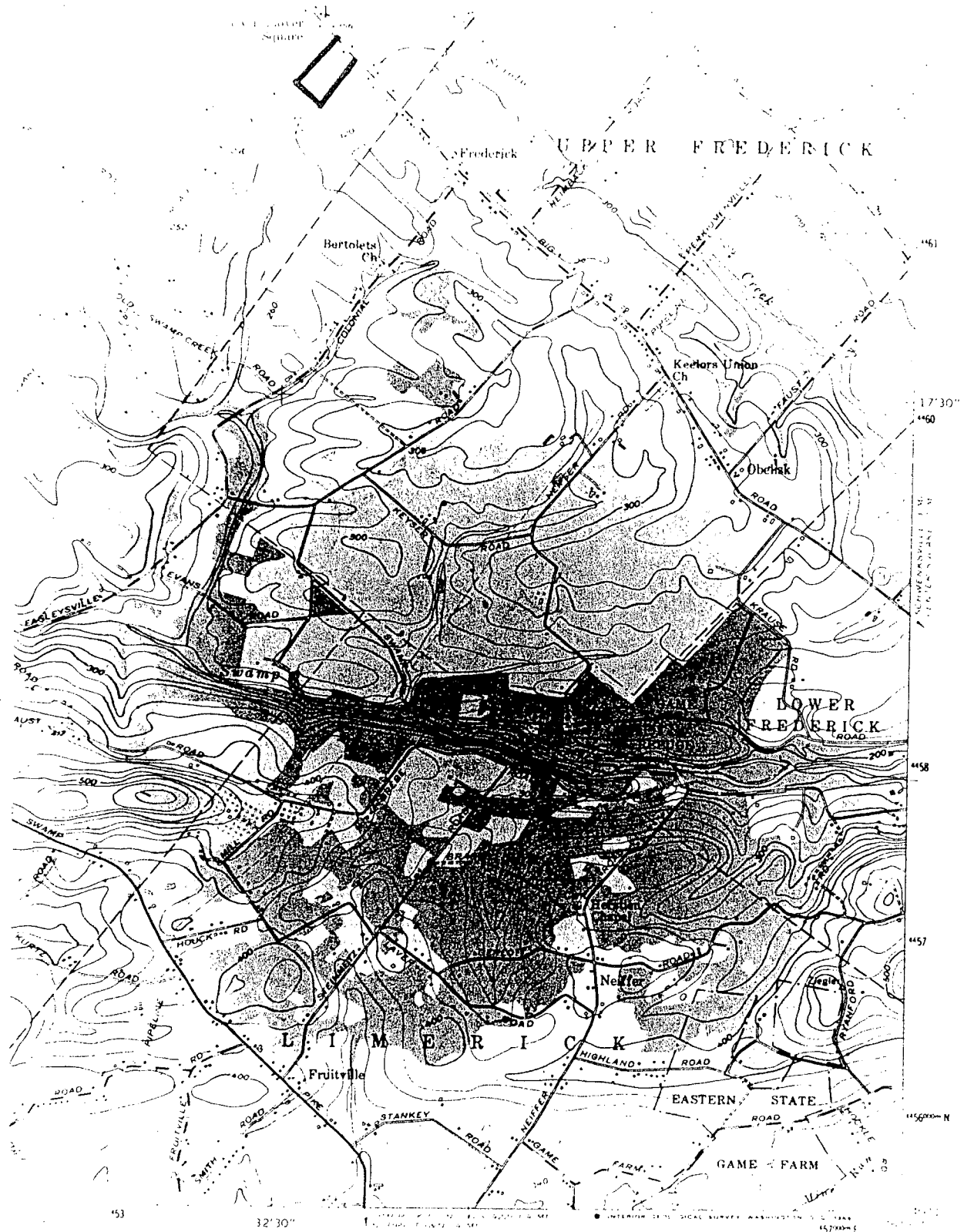
Date: _____

ATTEST: _____

[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____

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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy duty ————
- Medium duty - - - - -
- Light duty _____
- Unimproved _____

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