

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:
Andreas Rieth Homestead

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Geryville Pike

CITY OR TOWN:
Pennsburg R.D.

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" 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"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) stored as a private residence.

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Arthur Sullivan

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Woxall STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

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: 1972 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
William Penn Memorial Museum

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN: Harrisburg STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" 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 Andreas Rieth site is located along the Geryville Pike to the east of Macoby Creek. The two buildings are oriented toward the southeast and are situated along the north slope of a tributary running east and west.

The smaller of the two structures on the site is a one and one-half story stone bank house which was originally a dwelling and has been converted to serve as a barn. The structure is nearly square in shape. In all probability its original front was at the southeast gable, indicated by the location of the date stone. The rear, or northwest, gable is inserted into the bank. At the ground level the door enters a room which is the full size of the building. There is no evidence at present of its having been divided. In the right hand corner on the far gable is the fireplace foundation. The lower level has windows on two sides unusual for their large size.

The plan of the interior of the small structure conforms to a geometric formula commonly employed in laying out Germanic farmhouses. All the interior partitions of the house have been removed, and the inside plaster has nearly all fallen away, leaving bare stone walls. The fireplace, staircase, and a single partition seam scar remain as evidence to make possible the future reconstruction of the original floor plan.

The Rieth farmhouse, now in the process of restoration, represents a Federal period Pennsylvania farm dwelling. The two and one-half story stone structure has two end chimneys, three six-over-six sash windows on the first story and five on the second, and pent eaves. The present owner has restored the front door frame, hood, cornice and shingle roof. The house, originally constructed in the Germanic style, was carefully enlarged and given its symmetrical facade around the turn of the nineteenth century. A kitchen addition, believed to be a summer kitchen, is attached to the rear of the house and has been largely restored. The bake oven within has been completely reconstructed.

In its present form, the dwelling is a central hallway house. This is most likely the result of remodelling. The moulding, chair rails, window framing, and joists are consistent in detail throughout the house. While this could indicate that the entire structure was built at the same time, it is more likely that beading, moulding, etc. were copied from the old section of the house to provide a unity of detail throughout the entire structure.

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8. 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 checked="" 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 | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Andreas Rieth site is one of considerable importance to the understanding of the native architecture of southeast Pennsylvania. Its two buildings are linked to both traditional patterns of folk architecture and a developing American style of construction. The smaller of the two buildings presents an organization and proportion which mark it as a rare building. The large house seems very clearly to have been a Germanic house conservatively organized around folk-life traditions, but which was skillfully remodeled at the end of the eighteenth century to a house of Georgian proportion, plan, and symmetry, remaining today as an early Federal period house. Both these buildings should definitely be preserved for future study.

The Rieth barn was perhaps at one time a house-barn combination. As such, it is extremely valuable to the study of Pennsylvania farm architecture as well as possessing cultural merit. The main dwelling represents the effective conversion of a building constructed in the vernacular, or folk tradition, to a farm which expresses the values of high culture, or Georgian architecture. In this sense, the dwelling is an excellent example of the architectural expression of changing values as the community became acculturated.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	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		
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: five (5)

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: Executive Director, Pa. Historical and Museum Commission

Date: 7/20/72

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

ATTEST: Keeper of The National Register

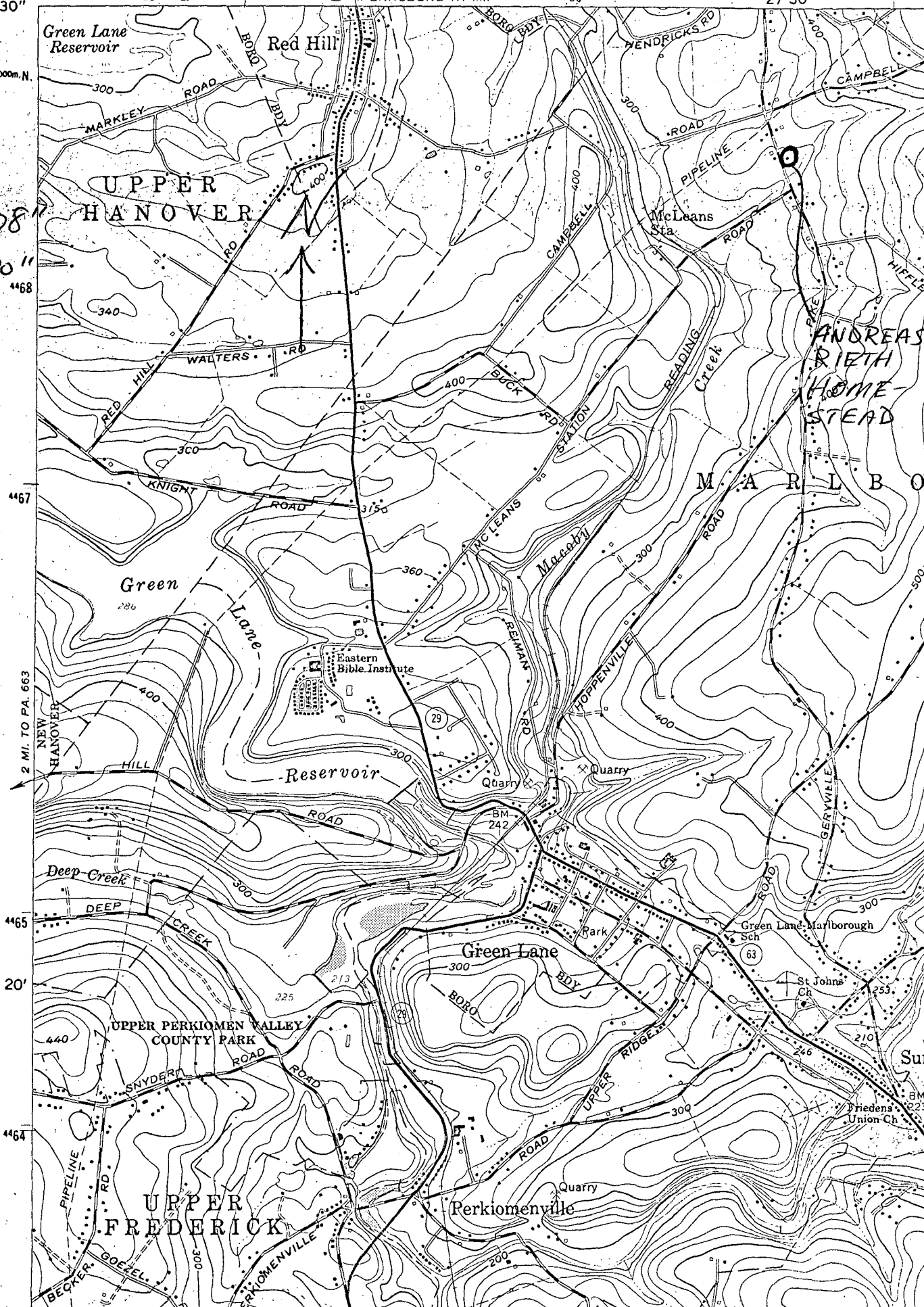
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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40°22'08"
75°27'30"



4469000m N

4467

2 MI. TO PA. 663
NEW HANOVER

4465

20'

4464

Green Lane Reservoir

Red Hill

UPPER HANOVER

Green Lake

Reservoir

UPPER PERKIOMEN VALLEY COUNTY PARK

UPPER FREDERICK

Perkiomenville

ANDREAS RIETH HOME-STEAD

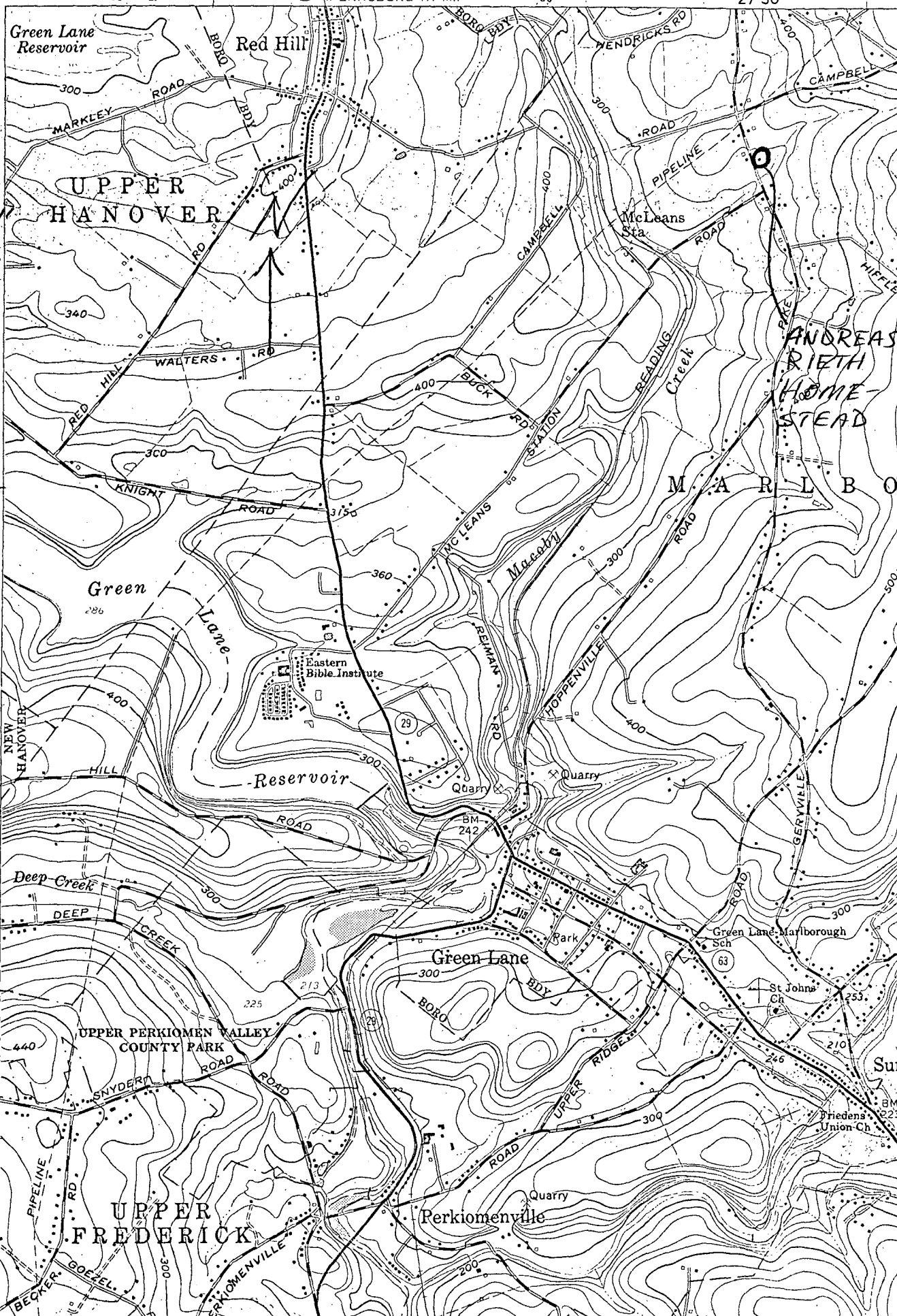
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Green Lane

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St John's Ch

Friedens Union Ch



PERKIOMENVILLE
SW/4 QUAKERTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE
1:24000
1943 (PHOTOREVISED 1960)

LATITUDE $40^{\circ}22'08''$ N
LONGITUDE $75^{\circ}27'30''$ W