

**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:  
PETER WENTZ HOMESTEAD

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
SCHULTZ ROAD

CITY OR TOWN:  
WORCESTER, WORCESTER TWP.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
THIRTEENTH

STATE: PENNSYLVANIA      CODE: 42      COUNTY: MONTGOMERY      CODE: 091

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
MR. ALBERT G. BOBB

STREET AND NUMBER:  
SCHULTZ ROAD

CITY OR TOWN:  
WORCESTER, PA. 19490

STATE:  
MONTGOMERY

CODE:  
091

**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:  
PENNSYLVANIA REGISTER OF HISTORIC SITES AND LANDMARKS

DATE OF SURVEY: 1966       Federal       State       County       Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
WILLIAM PENN MUSEUM, PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN:  
HARRISBURG

STATE:  
PENNSYLVANIA

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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

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THE PETER WENTZ HOMESTEAD CONSISTS OF A LARGE 2½ STORY, GEORGIAN HOUSE WITH REAR KITCHEN WING AND BAKE OVEN, A LARGE BARN, A GRIST MILL, AND NUMEROUS SHEDS AND OTHER OUTBUILDINGS. THE MAIN HOUSE IS 5 BAYS ACROSS AND 2 DEEP. THE TWO STORY KITCHEN WING CONTAINS ONE LARGE ROOM ON EACH FLOOR. THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT THE KITCHEN WAS ORIGINALLY A SEPARATE BUILDING JOINED TO THE MAIN HOUSE BY AN ARCHED ARCADE. THE FACADE OF THE HOUSE IS OF CUT, DRESSED, RED SANDSTONE WHILE THE REST OF THE HOUSE IS UNCUT SANDSTONE. PENT EAVES AND A PENT ROOF ENCIRCLE THE MAIN SECTION OF THE HOUSE. THE ROOF IS BROKEN IN THE CENTER FACADE BY A SMALL BALCONY WHICH LEAD OFF THE SECOND FLOOR CENTRAL DOOR. EXTERIOR DECORATION IS SIMPLE. THE MAIN DOORWAY IS UNADORNED EXCEPT FOR A SIMPLE TRANSOM. WINDOWS ARE CAPPED BY A PLAIN LINTEL. TWO SMALL, SQUARE ATTIC WINDOWS ARE LOCATED IN EACH GABLE. LARGE GABLE CHIMNEYS TOPPED THE STEEP PITCHED SHINGLE ROOF. A DATESTONE SET IN THE GABLE END CONTAINS A GERMAN "HOUSE BLESSING".

ALTHOUGH THE INTERIOR CENTRAL HALL ROOM ARRANGEMENT HAS BEEN CHANGED, THE HOUSE STILL CONTAINS MUCH OF ITS ORIGINAL WOODWORK. THE QUALITY OF THIS WOOD WORK IS ESPECIALLY FINE AND INCLUDES SEVERAL CORNER CUPBOARDS, AND A WIDE CORNICE DECORATED WITH EGG AND DART MOLDING AND DENTILS. SEVERAL ORIGINAL CORNER FIREPLACES ARE STILL IN GOOD CONDITION.

THE LARGE STONE AND FRAME BARN HAS A FULL FOREBAY. THE ORIGINAL BARN WAS SOMEWHAT SMALLER THAN THE PRESENT. AT LEAST ONE QUARTER OF THE PRESENT BARN IS A MID 19TH CENTURY ADDITION. THERE ARE ALSO SEVERAL 19TH CENTURY FEATURES SUCH AS A SQUARE CUPOLA AND HEX SIGN DECORATIONS. THE GRIST MILL IS A 2½ STORY, FRAME AND STONE BUILDING CONSTRUCTED ON THE FOUNDATIONS OF AN EARLIER STRUCTURE. ALTHOUGH THE MILL IS NO LONGER IN OPERATION MUCH OF THE ORIGINAL MILL EQUIPMENT IS STILL PRESERVED IN THE ATTIC.

ALTHOUGH THE MAIN HOUSE HAS UNDERGONE SEVERAL ALTERATIONS, IT STILL RETAINS ITS BASIC ORIGINAL APPEARANCE. THE LARGE GABLE CHIMNEYS HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY A SINGLE SMALLER CHIMNEY. THE SECOND STORY DOOR WHICH OPENED TO THE SMALL SECOND STORY BALCONY HAS BEEN REPLACED BY AN ADDITIONAL WINDOW. THE KITCHEN IS NOW JOINED COMPLETELY TO THE HOUSE AND A SECOND STORY WITH A FLAT ROOF AND BELL CUPOLA HAS BEEN ADDED.

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**8. 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)** : 1758, c. 1850

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation       | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |   | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |   | _____                                    |

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

THE PETER WENTS HOMESTEAD IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF A PROSPEROUS 18TH & 19TH CENTURY GERMAN FARMSTEAD. THE WENTZ HOUSE ITSELF IS A FINE EXAMPLE OF A RURAL GEORGIAN HOUSE. WITH ITS PENT EAVES AND SWALLOW TAIL JOINTS IN THE ATTIC, IT REFLECTS THE GERMANIC ORIGINS OF ITS BUILDERS. IT IS STILL AND IN GOOD CONDITION WITH MUCH OF ITS ORIGINAL WOODWORK STILL INTACT.

THE PETER WENTZ HOUSE WAS USED AS GEORGE WASHINGTON'S HEADQUARTERS BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER THE BATTLE OF GERMANTOWN. WASHINGTON STAYED AT THE WENTZ HOUSE ON OCTOBER 2-4, AND 16 - 21, 1777. IT WAS HERE THAT HE PLANNED HIS STRATEGY FOR THE FORTHCOMING BATTLE.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

WENTZ, HELEN. A RECORD OF SOME DESCENDANTS OF PETER WENTZ. KENNETT SQUARE, 1939.  
 SOCIETY OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, SKETCHES, VOLUME IV, 1910.

**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	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: LESS THAN TEN

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: WILLIAM K. WATSON HISTORIAN

ORGANIZATION: PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION DATE: NOVEMBER, 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 STATE LIAISON OFFICER

Title DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
PA. HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: William K. Watson  
 STATE LIAISON OFFICER

Title: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
PA. HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION

Date: 2/20/72

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Keeper of The National Register

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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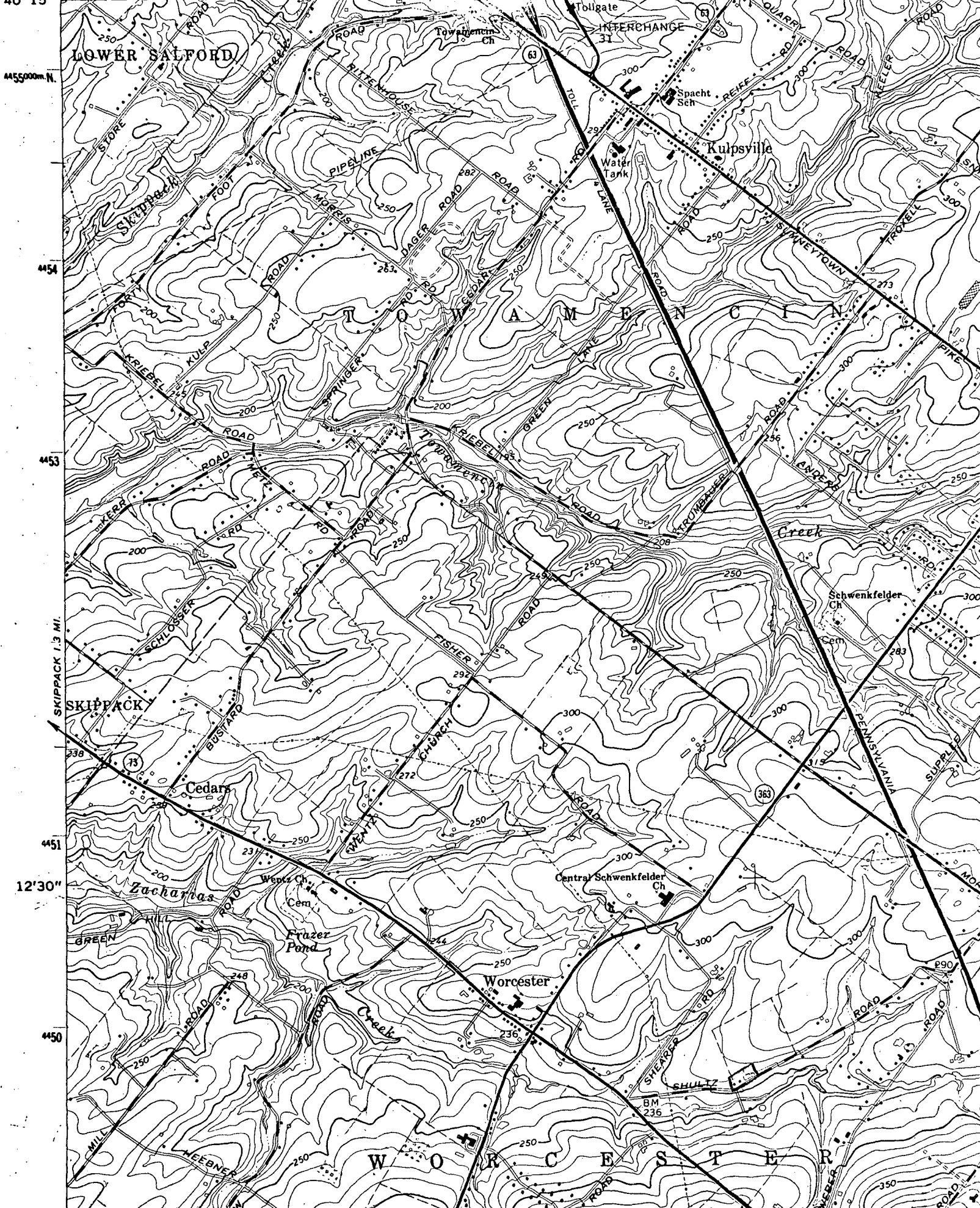
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