

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Swiftwater Inn

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Swiftwater Inn

CITY, TOWN

Swiftwater

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

10

STATE

Pa.

— VICINITY OF
CODE

42

COUNTY

Monroe

CODE

089

3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY. | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | PRESENT USE |
|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC | <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE | PUBLIC ACQUISITION | ACCESSIBLE | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr. and Mrs. William C. Cooper, Jr.

STREET & NUMBER

Swiftwater Inn

CITY, TOWN

Swiftwater

STATE

Pa.

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Monroe County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Stroudsburg

STATE

Pa.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Swiftwater Inn, Inc.

DATE

6/26/72

— FEDERAL — STATE COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Monroe County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Stroudsburg

STATE

Pa.

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

EXCELLENT DETERIORATED
 GOOD RUINS
 FAIR UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Swiftwater Inn is a complex of connecting white frame buildings with black, two-tiered verandas, and black shuttered windows. Originally built as a stockade fort along the banks of the Swiftwater Creek, the old inn was constructed of upright solid logs, chinked with mud and small stones and faced on the inside with heavy boards; the walls are eighteen inches thick. The original Inn had a combination kitchen-dining room, a gathering place or living room, a tavern room, and one bedroom on the first floor. Upstairs there were six bedrooms and the whole Inn was heated by fireplaces which are still there.

The original structure was built in 1778; it is three stories high and has a black, hipped gambrel roof. A two-tiered veranda extends across the front and around the side of the building. The veranda is supported by a plain, white colonnade, and there is a white railing on the second floor. The plain wood main entrances on the first and second floors of the veranda have flush light transom panels. The windows on all three floors are double sash, six-over-six lighted. The windows on the front and rear of the third floor roof have shed dormers. There is a tower section with a hipped roof to the rear.

Adjacent to the end of the original is a two-and-a-half story section that was originally a stable. Built in the early nineteenth century, this section has a medium gable roof and a veranda. At the other end and to the west is the three story section built in 1890, which includes a stagecoach underpass. This section now has a front central position within the whole Inn complex. The gable roof has an overhang on all sides, creating a roof for the second floor of the veranda. A gable end faces the front of the complex; the third floor of this end has a balcony. This end has a central wooden door in the first two floors and a wooden door with four lights in the balcony. On either side of the balcony, there is a double sash two-over-two lighted window, and directly over the door there is a nine light attic window. Two windows like those on the third floor are found on either side of the doors on both the first and second floors. The basement is exposed at the end and is enclosed by white latticework. The eastern rear of this structure has a short extension at a right angle. It is two stories high and also has a gable roof with overhang. The section to the western rear end of the 1890 addition was built in 1871 and was used mainly as a dining area. It adjoins at a right angle and is two stories high for the most part, except for a section which rises to three stories. The addition has a two-tiered veranda that extends to the end of the three-storied section. The addition has a two-story section without any verandas or balconies, and a one-story section at the far west end.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

built in 1778

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The construction of the Swiftwater Inn dates back to 1778, when it was built as stockade fort. Originally it was named Stanhope by members of the Samuel Powell family of Philadelphia; Samuel Powell was the last colonial mayor of Philadelphia. The first reference to the name of "Swiftwater" is dated 1867.

The Inn was a place where neighboring pioneers could join forces for protection from the Indians. For 200 years Swiftwater has had a continuing function as an inn. At the beginning it housed an occasional traveler or pioneer. Then it became a stage stop and began to flourish, as it still does today. Swiftwater Inn has provided travelers with shelter and entertainment continuously for 200 years.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Other than the deeds, which were photostated in the Office of Records and Deeds, in Easton, Pa., all other references were compiled personally from records which had been maintained at the site prior to and after the beginning of the present ownership.

Many are from newspapers and people who have taken an interest

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 28 acres

UTM REFERENCES

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| A | 18 | 4 7 2 4 7 0 | 4 5 4 9 0 4 0 | B | | | |
| | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING | | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |
| C | | | | D | | | |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE Mr. and Mrs. William C. Cooper, Jr., owners
Leilani Stewart, Student Aide

| | | | |
|-----------------|---|-----------|----------------------|
| ORGANIZATION | <u>None</u> | DATE | <u>Nov. 17, 1974</u> |
| | <u>Pa. Historical and Museum Commission</u> | TELEPHONE | |
| STREET & NUMBER | <u>Swiftwater Inn</u> | | |
| | <u>Box 1026, Wm. Penn Museum</u> | | |
| CITY OR TOWN | <u>Swiftwater</u> | STATE | <u>Pa.</u> |
| | <u>Harrisburg</u> | | |

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Executive Director DATE
Pa. Historical and Museum Commission

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|--|------|
| FOR NPS USE ONLY | |
| I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER | DATE |
| DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION | DATE |
| ATTEST: | DATE |
| KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER | |

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in the cause. Their research is in the form of personal letters and the like which denote their names and their reasons for undertaking such ventures.

