

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 CAPTAIN JACOB SHOEMAKER HOUSE
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER (off) LR-45012
CITY, TOWN
STATE Pennsylvania
VICINITY OF Bushkill
COUNTY Monroe
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 10th Pennsylvania
CODE

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 AGENCY

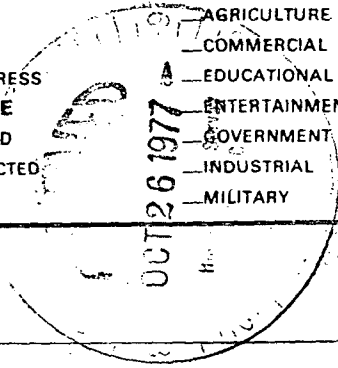
REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
STREET & NUMBER 2nd and Chestnut Streets - Custom House
CITY, TOWN Philadelphia
VICINITY OF
STATE Pennsylvania

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Monroe County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN Stroudsburg
STATE Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Historical Architectural Survey of Delaware Water Gap NRA
DATE 1975
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Headquarters
CITY, TOWN Bushkill
STATE Pennsylvania



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Classified Structure Field Inventory Reports, 1976, Federal.
Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Headquarters,
Bushkill, Pennsylvania.

7 DESCRIPTION

| | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Captain Shoemaker House is a 1½ story split fieldstone structure, built ca. 1810, over a bank-constructed stone basement. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles installed over wood shingles. There are two odd-shaped 20th century dormers in the roof on the front of the building, and at either gable end, slightly recessed, two original brick chimneys. At the rear of the structure is a two story porch over a heavy concrete slab at the first floor level. The porch is supported at the first floor level by tapered stone piers, and at the second by wooden posts. There is a decorative, narrow spaced railing around the porch at the second floor level, which at one end continues around the side of the house to form a winding stairway to the lower level. The condition of the porch is generally poor. The windows on the main level are 6/6 with original beaded trim and mouldings, both on the exterior and the interior. In the gables, the windows are 6-light. There are original beaded panels in the front and rear door recesses. The original exterior doors are missing, but all original 6 panel doors in the interior rooms are present, some with their original hardware. There are undamaged random-width floor boards throughout the house. There is a center stair with good detailing, leading to sleeping quarters in the attic. Throughout the first floor there are original beaded wainscot, chair rails and moldings. In the lower level keeping room (kitchen) there is a 10 foot fireplace and oven. There are also original chair rail and wainscot throughout.

The house is currently on the grounds of a large motel complex with numerous unimportant 20th century buildings, which constitute intrusions on the site integrity of this structure. Immediately to the rear of the house is an elongated man made pond. Other than the motel buildings, which are generally to one side and not clearly visible from the house, the environment is one of open fields and wooded areas to the west of the house.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <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 type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER |
| <input checked="" 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Captain Shoemaker House is significant for its association with the activities of the Shoemaker family, who were prominent settlers in the area on both sides of the Delaware River from about the time of the Revolution until the mid-to-late 19th century, and as perhaps the largest and best preserved of the 18th and early 19th century stone houses on the Pennsylvania side of the river.

Captain Jacob Shoemaker was an early immigrant to the Upper Delaware Valley, arriving in the vicinity probably from somewhere in southeastern Pennsylvania, before the American Revolution. He acquired a measure of local prominence for his activities during the revolution in the local militia. Shortly after the end of the conflict, Shoemaker was granted 1100 acres upon which he farmed, and at the beginning of the 19th century, proceeded to build his homestead. Other members of the Shoemaker family settled along the river in Pennsylvania, and most notably, in Walpack and Pahaquarry Townships, New Jersey, where they acquired large, productive farms, and built several notable stone houses. The village of Shoemaker(s) in northwestern New Jersey commemorates the role the family has played in the valley's development.

In addition to its historic association with the activities of the Shoemaker family, the house is in an exemplary state of preservation. While it has been meticulously maintained over the years, this work has been carried on with its historic and architectural qualities in mind, and with care not to reduce or damage those qualities. The house is, in the opinion of one local historic architect, "the best preserved house of its period and style in the Project Area.... (and) ... we believe that it contains more original details than any other structure within... (this) area."¹ (Italics from original) This quality of preservation and detail

¹Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, Historical Architectural Survey, Volume 1, 1974. John B. Dodd.

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makes this structure a valuable link in the historic
architectural record of this region.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Dodd, John B. "Historical Architectural Survey of Delaware Water Gap National Recreational Area," Vol. 1., 1975.

Dodd, John B. "Classified Structure Field Inventory Reports," April, 1976.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.8

UTM REFERENCES

| | | | | | | | |
|---|------|-----------|-------------|---|------|---------|----------|
| A | 1,8 | 49,73,2,0 | 45,4,55,1,0 | B | | | |
| | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING | | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |
| C | | | | D | | | |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

(See continuation sheet)

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

Wayne K. Bodle - Park Technician

ORGANIZATION

National Park Service

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bushkill

STATE

Pennsylvania

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES ___ NO ___ NONE ___

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is ___ National ___ State ___ Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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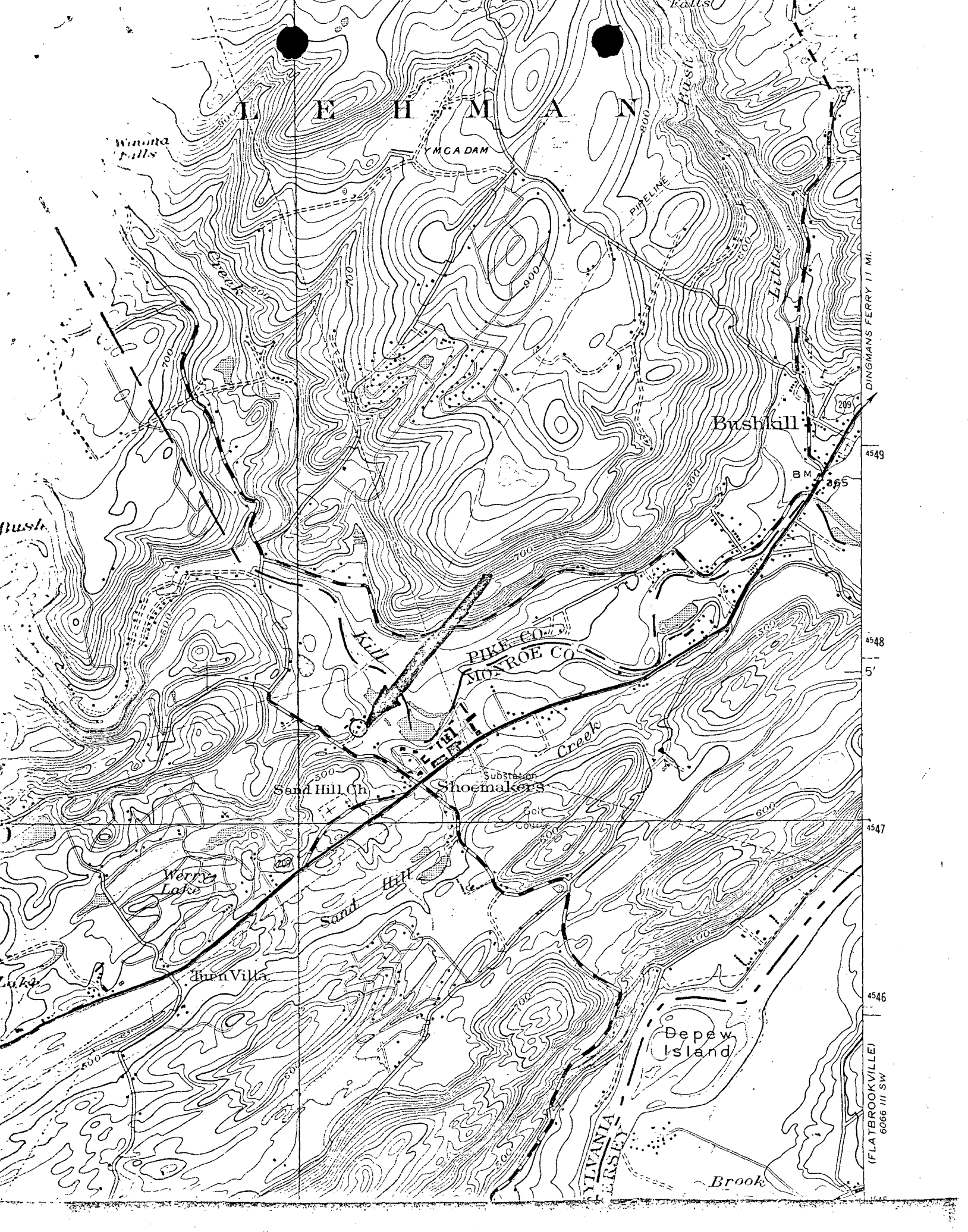
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The Captain Jacob Shoemaker House is located on United States Army Corps of Engineers TIL Tract #2919, which includes a total of 59.45 acres. The boundary of the nominated portion of this property includes the bank of a small pond which lies immediately to the north and east of the house, and a pair of lines which intersect at Point A, to the west of the house, and which touch the pond at Points B and C, to the north and south of the house, respectively. Line A-B is approximately 400' in length. Line A-C is approximately 160' in length.



LEHIGH VALLEY

Lehigh Falls

MGA DAM

PIPELINE

Lehigh Falls

Lehigh Falls

Bushkill

B.M. 365

Bushkill

KILL

PIKE CO.
MONROE CO.

Sand Hill Ch.

Substation
Shoemakers

Creek

Werry Lake

Sand Hill

Juniata

Depew Island

PENNSYLVANIA
MARSEY

Brook

DINGMANS FERRY 11 MI.

4549

4548

4547

4546

(FLATBROOKVILLE)
6066 III SW