

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

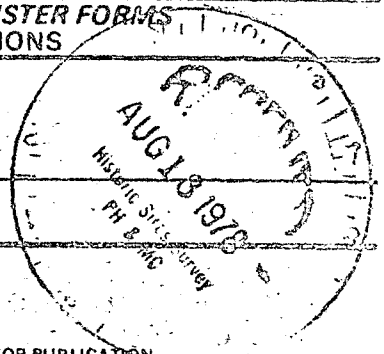
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Schoonover Farm

AND/OR COMMON Schoonover Mountain House (Preferred)



2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER T-633

CITY, TOWN vicinity of Bushkill

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 10th Pennsylvania

STATE Pennsylvania

VICINITY OF CODE 42

COUNTY Monroe

CODE

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input 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 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)
National Park Service

STREET & NUMBER 143 South Third Street

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

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Headquarters

CITY, TOWN Bushkill

STATE Pennsylvania

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Historic Structures Report, Part 1: Architectural Data Section
on Historic Buildings in the Delaware Water Gap National
Recreation Area. Philadelphia: National Park Service, Mid-
Atlantic Region,

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 Schoonover Mountain House is a large, rambling 2 story L-shaped frame house built into a bank, over a rough field-stone basement, which is exposed at one end. The core of the house dates to ca. 1850-1860, and the house was enlarged in at least three stages between that date and 1900. The house has clapboard siding, with beaded flush siding on part of the porch. The roof is covered with patterned slate, except for one shed addition, which is covered with standing seam metal. The house is five bays wide on the front. The second story extends over a recessed porch along the front facade. The porch continues along one side with an attached roof. The porch is adorned with chamfered posts with delicately cut brackets. There are three brick chimneys, two externally applied to either gable end of the L-wings, and one near the intersection of the wings. The interior has some original details, including random width floor boards, beaded door and window trim, and 6-panel mid-19th century interior doors. The house is immaculately kept, and in excellent condition.

Also on the property are three barns, and several shed and garage buildings, of no special architectural or historical importance in and of themselves, but which greatly contribute to the unity and visual integrity of the site as a whole. There is a small, dammed farm pond near the road, on a stream which cuts through the property.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" 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 Schoonover Mountain House is significant for its association with the activities of one of the oldest families still resident in Bushkill vicinity, and as an architectural document recording some of the important changes in the economy and structure of society in the Upper Delaware Valley area. The immaculate condition of the house itself, and evident care lavished on the site as a whole, are a kind of monument to the strong and symbiotic relationship which developed between man and land (natural resources) in the region, within the context of those changes.

Members of the Schoonover family have resided and been prominent landowners in the Bushkill and Middle Smithfield areas of Monroe County, Pennsylvania since at least the mid 19th century. A 1875 map of Monroe County shows that the tract of land on which this house stands belonged to a member of that family in that year. The date coincides closely with the construction date for this house. Other properties in the vicinity also belonged to members of the family. Prior to the 1870's, the house probably consisted of little more than the frame central portion. During that decade the house was enlarged to accommodate a boarding house. A June, 1879 advertisement in a Milford, Pennsylvania news paper referred to the "Buena Vista House, H. M. Schoonover, Proprietor" located in the general vicinity of this house. This may or may not have referred to this particular structure.

Later in the 19th century, the Schoonover House was enlarged on at least two more occasions, as the resort and vacation boom in the Pocono Mountains continued to blossom. The house was known as the "Mountain House", and featured a riding stable in addition to the traditional appeal of scenic beauty, fresh air, and fresh garden vegetables on the dinner table.

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As the 20th century progressed, the vacation trade was increasingly absorbed by larger and more specialized operators. The Schoonover family, like many of those who had participated in and benefited from its initial stages, returned to the agricultural pursuits which had continued to be their principal occupation. While the larger profits went to the later specialists, families like the Schoonovers benefited to the extent of having significantly larger houses.

This house is a document for the obscure and early history of an important historical phenomenon--the transition of the Upper Delaware Valley from a purely agricultural district to a resort area. It is a lovingly maintained and cared for structure, whose upkeep and surroundings testify to the social stability and continuity which has been maintained in the region, even in the face of sometimes radical economic changes.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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

Souder, Norman W. Historic Structures Report, Part 1: Architectural Data Section on Historic Buildings. 1967, pp. 27.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.8

UTM REFERENCES

A	18	4988810	4547310	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

4/22/77

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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The Schoonover Mountain House is located on United States Army Corps of Engineers TIL Tract #2700, which includes a total of 49.96 acres. The boundary of the nominated portion of this property begins along the northern edge of the right of way of local road T-633 at a point where the road crosses a small, unnamed creek (Point A). From this point, the boundary extends southwest along said right of way for approximately 400' to Point B. From this point, the boundary extends, perpendicular to the right of way, for approximately 400' to Point C, where it intersects with the boundary between the Army Corps of Engineers Tocks Island Reservoir Project land and that of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, as indicated on the enclosed Army Corps of Engineers Tract Map. From this point, the boundary turns to the east, and extends for approximately 440' to Point D, on the western bank of the small creek named above. From this point, the boundary turns to the southeast, and follows the bank of the creek for approximately 200' back to Point A.



LEHIGH MOUNTAIN

Winona Falls

MCA DAM

PIPELINE

Bushkill

DELE

Lehigh Mtn

Kill

PIKE CO.
MONROE CO.

Sand Hill Ch.

Shoemakers

Creek

Werry Lake

Sand Hill

Litcho Lake

Litcho Villa

DINGMANS FERRY II M.

4549

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