

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

COLD SPRING FARM SPRING HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

T-515

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Middle Smithfield Twp. VICINITY OF Bushkill

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

10th Pennsylvania

STATE

Pennsylvania

CODE

COUNTY

Monroe

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	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 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: No present use.

**4 AGENCY**

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers

STREET & NUMBER

U. S. Custom House, 2nd & Chestnut Streets

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

Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE

1970

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Library of Congress

CITY, TOWN

Washington, D. C.

STATE

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"Historical Architectural Survey of Delaware Water Gap National Recreational Area," 1975, Federal. Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Headquarters, Bushkill, Pennsylvania.

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Historic Structures Report, Part 1: Architectural Data Section on Historic Buildings in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, 1967, Federal. Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Headquarters, Bushkill, Pennsylvania.

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Cold Spring Farm Spring House is a one story rectangular structure built ca. late 19th century. Its dimensions are approximately 12' by 24'. The spring house is built on a small, unnamed stream, into the embankment of an unimproved rural road approximately 2½ miles south of Bushkill, Pennsylvania, near the Delaware River. The original farmhouse which the spring house served has been demolished.

The spring house is constructed of fieldstone, with a more recent replacement wood shingle roof, and a small cupola at the crest of the roof in the center. Despite its recency, the roof is in poorer condition than the stonework, which remains quite solid. There are a large number of vines growing on the roof, which contribute to its tendency to decay. There is a board and batten door, again a replacement, and also in poor condition, in the unframed doorway to the right on the front facade. In front of the spring house, a concrete dam built ca. 1909, impounds the stream and forms a watercress bed, 29' by 22'. Along the edge of this bed is a slate walk which leads to the door of the spring house. Below the dam are the rusted parts of a small waterwheel which operated a butter churn, which was formerly housed in a small shed next to the wheel. The stone foundations of the shed are still visible. The springhouse is in relatively good condition, with the exception of the roof. The masonry of the watercress bed needs repair.

# 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Settlement
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The spring house has become an all-but-forgotten piece of rural Americana. To a generation born and raised in the cities and suburbs--some of whose members attain adulthood without understanding the connection between cartons of milk and cows--such a structure can hardly be said to have any meaning at all.

Prior to the spread of rural electrification during the 1930's however, the spring house was but one of a small host of devices by which rural populations subsisted and even prospered in the absence of cheap power. The structure allowed for the utilization of yet another of the seemingly unlimited uses to which cold running fresh water, an almost universal rural resource, could be put.

This particular structure is probably about typical of the spring houses which once must have dotted the countryside of the Upper Delaware Valley. Its picturesque setting, and the artifactual remains of some of the auxiliary uses which could be extracted from such a building--the watercress bed, butter churn etc.--increase its value as an interpretive device and a structural document; a monument to a scale of life based on an entirely different conception of energy and resources from our own.

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .6

UTM REFERENCES

A	18	498400	4545450	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

## 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

DATE

TITLE

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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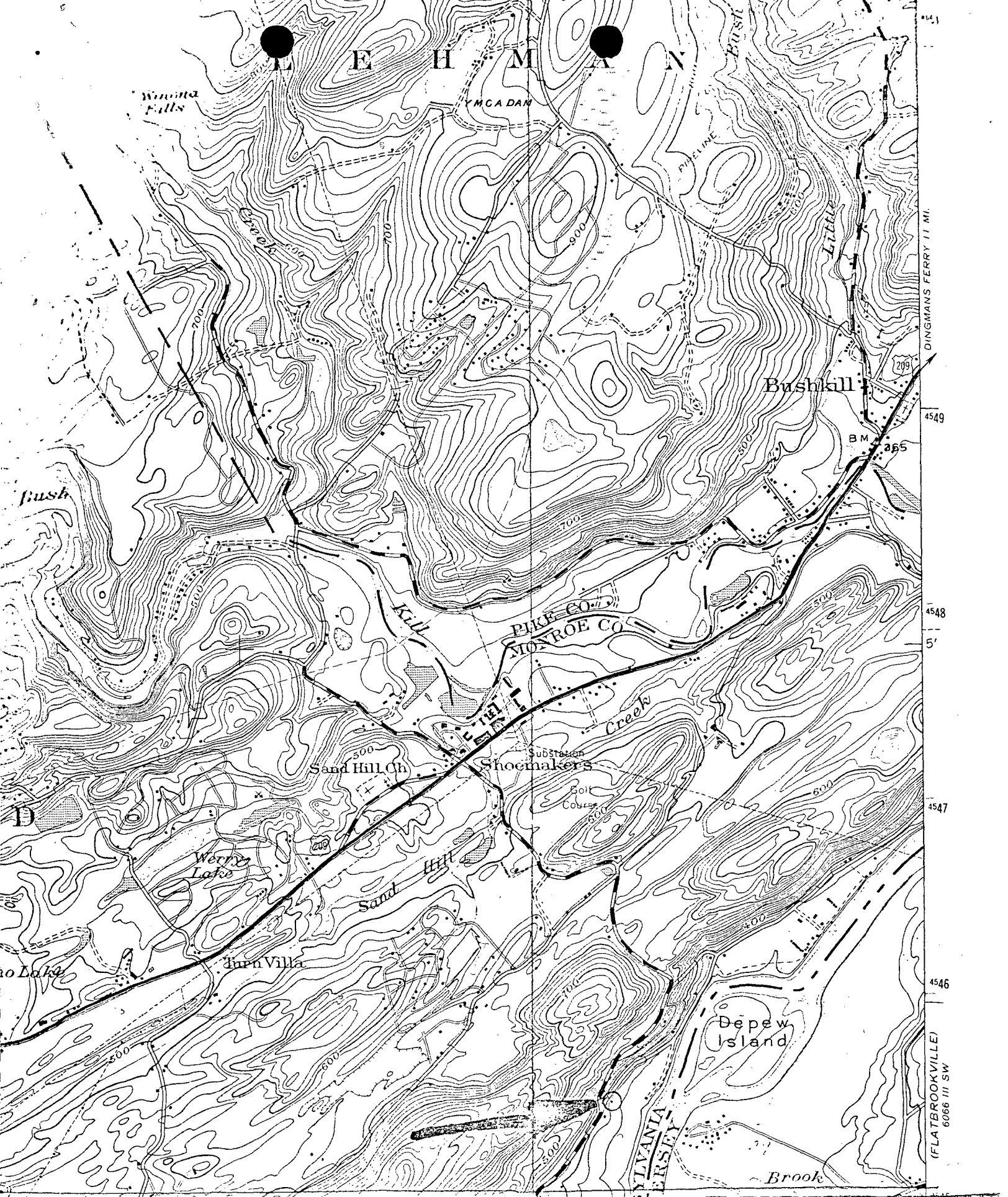
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The Cold Spring Farm Spring House is located on United States Army Corps of Engineers TIL Tract #2123, which includes a total of 93.80 acres. The boundary of the nominated portion of this property begins on the southeastern edge of the right of way of local road T-515, directly across the road from the intersection of that road with another local road, LR-45012 (Point A). From this point, the boundary extends to the southeast, perpendicular to the T-515 right of way, for 100' to Point B. From this point, the boundary turns to the northeast at a right angle, and extends, parallel to the T-515 right of way, for 200' to Point C. From this point, the boundary turns to the northwest, again at a right angle, and extends for 100' back to the T-515 right of way (Point D). From this point, the boundary turns to the southwest and follows the edge of the T-515 right of way for 200' back to Point A.



L E H M A

Winona Falls

YMCA DAN

Bushkill

Sand Hill Ch

Shoemakers

Werry Lake

Sand Hill

Depew Island

4549

4549

4548

4547

4546

(FLATBROOKVILLE)  
6066 III SW

DINGMANS FERRY 11 MI.

PYVANIA  
ERSEY

Brook

Bush

D

ao Lake

Turn Villa

PIKE CO.  
MONROE CO.

Substation  
Golf Course

Bush

Little

Kill

Creek

PIPELINE