

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM  
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES  
(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

Pennsylvania  
COUNTY:  
Mercer  
FOR NPS USE ONLY  
ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:  
New Hamburg Historical Area (Shenango River Lake)  
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Located on both banks of the Shenango River, 7 miles south of Greenville, Pennsylvania, via Pennsylvania State Route 58 and  
Legislative Route 43096.  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 24th  
STATE: Pennsylvania CODE 42 COUNTY: Mercer CODE 085

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. AGENCY

U.S. Government - Under jurisdiction of: U.S. Army Engineer District, Pittsburgh, Corps of Engineers  
FEDERAL BLDG.  
1000 Liberty Avenue  
CITY OR TOWN: Pittsburgh STATE: Pennsylvania CODE 42

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Mercer County Court House or above address (Block 4)  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
CITY OR TOWN: Mercer STATE: Pennsylvania CODE 42

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
No survey of this site has ever been made according to the  
DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
State Liaison Officer in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

 Excellent     Good     Fair     Deteriorated     Ruins     Unexposed

(Check One)

 Altered     Unaltered

(Check One)

 Moved     Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The New Hamburg Historical Area comprises an area of about 159 acres at the site of the Village of New Hamburg. All sites of historical significance were in ruins prior to the construction of the Shenango River Lake Project.

The Hamburg Iron Furnace, which was located on the right bank of the Shenango River, was connected to the Shenango Division (Erie Extension Canal) canal and town on the left bank by a railroad. The bed of the railroad, on both river banks, and a canal loading bay at the end of it are still visible. Adjacent to the furnace was a grist mill with a mill race that is preserved in fair condition. On the left bank near the roadbed, earth mounds on which a canal lock was constructed are evident along the well-preserved canal and towpath. Several old building foundations of the canal era have been located in New Hamburg, one of these being the remains of a canal official's dwelling. All of these sites are shown on the attached hand-drawn sketch.

Presently, no major development is planned for the area; however, a development plan to compliment the historical features of the area is a possibility. An abandoned road formed by the millrace could serve as a trail to the mill, furnace site and related features where interpretive signs could be located.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input 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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The village of Hamburg was the most important community in Delaware Township during the canal era in Pennsylvania. It was founded in 1834 by Peter Beil. The community did not begin to develop, however, until 1840 at which time Peter Beil, George Kamerer and Eli George established the first store.

Because of its location on the canal, New Hamburg became a thriving community. Coal from the area was shipped to Erie as a source of fuel for the large lake freighters. It was later found that coal from this area produced the best grade of pig iron in the world. As a result, the Hamburg Furnace was built by the Mills and Lowry Company in 1846, but was not a remunerative business and was later sold at a sheriff's sale.

This iron furnace, together with many individually owned furnaces in the area, were the forerunners of the large steel mills which are so important to the present economy of Western Pennsylvania.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hiking with History Along the Erie Extension Canal. - by Fred J. Brenner, Ph.D (1967) Page 14

History of Mercer County. - Published by Brown, Runk & Co. in 1888 Page 193

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	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	41 ° 19' 33"	80 ° 20' 50"		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	41 ° 19' 33"	80 ° 19' 07"				
SE	41 ° 18' 56"	80 ° 19' 07"				
SW	41 ° 18' 56"	80 ° 20' 50"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 159 Acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Colonel N. G. Delbridge, District Engineer		DATE: 9 May 1973
BUSINESS ADDRESS: Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army		
STREET AND NUMBER: Federal Bldg., 1000 Liberty Avenue		PHONE: 412-644-6800
CITY OR TOWN: Pittsburgh	STATE: Pennsylvania 15222	CODE: 037

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

Yes  
 No  
 None

\_\_\_\_\_  
*State Liaison Officer Signature*

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Federal Representative Signature*      \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Title

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

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*Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation*

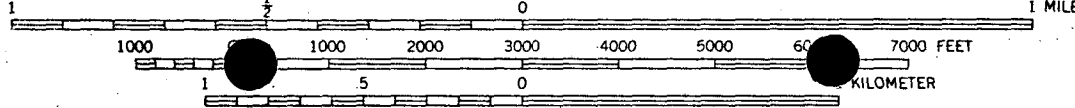
Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET  
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

Lat. NW 41° 19' 33"  
 NE 41° 19' 33"  
 SE 41° 18' 56"  
 SW 41° 18' 56"

Long. NW 80° 20' 50"  
 NE 80° 19' 07"  
 SE 80° 19' 07"  
 SW 80° 20' 50"

FREDONIA QUADRANGLE  
 PENNSYLVANIA - MERCER CO.  
 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
 SE/4 SHENANGO 15' QUADRANGLE

