

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Pennsylvania	
COUNTY: Mercer	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Johnston's Tavern

AND/OR HISTORIC:
New Lodge Inn

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
U.S. Route 19 (Six miles south of Mercer)

CITY OR TOWN:
Schollard

STATE Pennsylvania	CODE 42	COUNTY: Mercer	CODE 085
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3. CLASSIFICATION

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

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Administered by Pa. Historical and Museum Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN:
Harrisburg

STATE: Pennsylvania	CODE 42
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Court House Deed Books

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Mercer

STATE Pennsylvania	CODE 42
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Building Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: **1958** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Department of the Interior

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE: D.C.	CODE 11
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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The appearance of Johnston's Tavern has changed little since its completion of 1831. The tavern contains four rooms on the first floor and four bedchambers on the second floor. The tavern is a two story five bay structure, constructed of fieldstone, with chimneys on either end. The fireplace flues are rather interesting. The chimneys split at about the roof line in order to form two flues. There is a window directly below the chimney opening. The windows have been restored to the original six over six sashes. The entrance is also important and consists of a finished fieldstone arch with a sunburst transom. The ten panel door is flanked with Greek Revival molding. This same molding is used to trim all the windows.

The interior of the tavern is unadorned and reflects the simple tastes of the early settlers of the area. The walls are finished with smooth plaster and the flooring is random in width. The kitchen has exposed beams in the ceiling.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1831

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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 checked="" 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

Johnston's Tavern has been a landmark in Mercer County since its completion in 1831. In the early days of Mercer County the inn was one of the main stage stops on the Pittsburgh - Erie Turnpike. The inn also served the needs of nearby Springfield Furnace, which was probably the earliest ironmaking furnace in Mercer County.

The tavern was built by Arthur Johnston. Johnston was issued a license in 1827 and opened his tavern in 1831. Johnston called it the New Lodge Inn. In December, 1836, a post office was established for the area with the innkeeper as postmaster. Johnston held both jobs until he sold the inn in 1842. The post office was retained until 1845, when the office was removed to Leesburg. The property was later restored through a gift from Mr. and Mrs. George M. Henderson and the Cassandra Mellon Henderson Foundation of Pittsburgh. These funds were made available to the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy who later conveyed the property to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Johnston's Tavern is significant for several reasons. It is an excellent example of the rapidly disappearing country Greek Revival architectural style in Western Pennsylvania. The inn is also important because it was one of the few taverns that provided food, refreshment, and lodging along the Pittsburgh-Erie Turnpike.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Stotz, Charles, M. The Architectural Heritage of Early Western Pennsylvania. Pittsburgh: The University of Pittsburgh Press, . 1966

Water Land and Life. " Johnston Tavern Restoration Completed; Mercer County Inn To Be Given To State " Pittsburgh: The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, Vol VIII, No 4, December 1966

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		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
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NE	41°	9'	1"	80°	13'	17"
SE	41°	8'	58"	80°	13'	17"
SW	41°	8'	58"	80°	13'	28.7"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **16.25**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks**

ORGANIZATION: **Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission** DATE: **July, 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Third and North Streets**

CITY OR TOWN: **Harrisburg** STATE: **Pennsylvania** CODE: **42**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____
State Liaison Officer
 Title **Executive Director**
Pa. Historical and Museum Commission
 Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Prosorvation

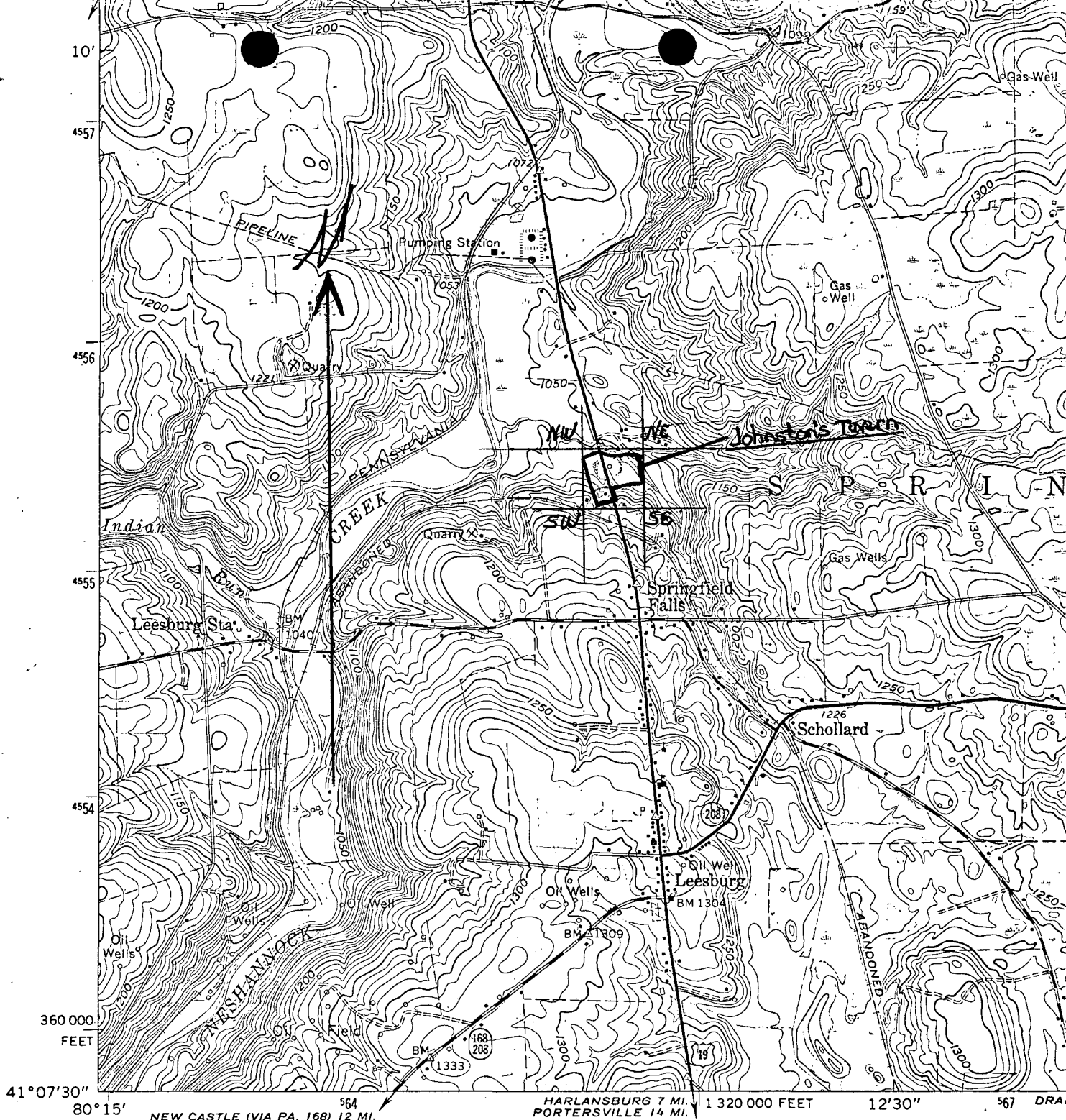
Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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80°15'

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HARLANSBURG 7 MI.
PORTERSVILLE 14 MI.

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12'30"

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DRA

(NEW CASTLE NORTH)
4966 III SE

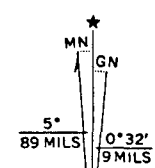
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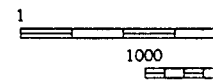
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1958. Field checked 1961

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Pennsylvania coordinate system, north zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 17, shown in blue

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



UTM GRID AND 1961 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



MERCER QUAD
1961

FOR
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Latitude:

NW - $41^{\circ} 9' 1''$

NE - $41^{\circ} 9' 1''$

SE - $41^{\circ} 8' 58''$

SW - $41^{\circ} 8' 58''$

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NE - $80^{\circ} 13' 17''$

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