

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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received _____
date entered _____

1. Name

historic TAYLOR, PHILLIP, HOUSE

and/or common Pennsylvania Memorial Home

2. Location

street & number Euclid Avenue

NA not for publication

city, town Brookville

NA vicinity of

congressional district 12

state Pennsylvania

code 42

county Jefferson

code 065

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	na in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	na being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: vacant

4. Owner of Property

name Pennsylvania Memorial Association Board of Directors

street & number Euclid Avenue

city, town Brookville

NA vicinity of

state PA 15825

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Jefferson County Court House

street & number Main Street

city, town Brookville, PA

state Pennsylvania

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Pennsylvania Inventory

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 12/15/00

federal state county local

depository for survey records Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

city, town Harrisburg

state Pennsylvania

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved

date

N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Phillip Taylor House is a 2-story Italian Villa residence, executed in brick. In its present state, it consists of three rectangular units: the original section with a hipped roof and glazed belvedere (photo 1), a 2-story brick section to the right of the main portion, and a wood frame section appended in the angle of the ell formed by the intersection of the first two units (photo 2). The facade is essentially unaltered from the original and features a symmetrically-arranged 5-bay configuration highlighted by an elaborately-ornamented open wood porch (photos 3 and 4). The porch itself is richly decorated with bracketry, molded pillars, consoles, and pendants. The main door is centered on the facade and features a round-arched void, trimmed with classically-inspired mouldings and an elaborate keystone. The doorway itself consists of double doors, paneled, with the upper panel of each being glazed. Fenestration on the original section consists of segmental-arched voids with 2/2 sash and elaborate surrounds with Renaissance-derived full entablature heads, some with triangular and others with segmental pediments. An elaborate cornice features paired brackets and a frieze trimmed with paneled mouldings and dentils. The peak of the hipped roof is crowned with an extremely fine glazed belvedere, typical of the period. The belvedere is ornamented with three closely-set round-arched windows on each side, and has paired brackets and its own hipped roof with center gables.

The brick section to the left of the main house is slightly smaller in scale than the older portion. It, and the wood frame section appended to it, have flat-arched windows. The wood frame section was built no doubt well after the other sections, perhaps when the complex was converted for use as a resort, or later when it became a retirement center. When the complex was converted for use as the Memorial Home, a mansarded section of brick was built behind the Italian Villa unit. This later section was removed in the mid-1970s when the property ceased to be used as a nursing facility. Great pains were taken to accurately reproduce the window surrounds when the rear of the house was exposed.

No historic outbuildings remain, although the area was apparently dotted with dependencies in the early days. When the new nursing facility was built to the left and rear of the older building, the site was compromised to some extent, but photo 1 amply demonstrates the commanding setting that remains with the house, including the orchard and sweeping yards to the front. The nominated property includes only the Taylor house and the adjoining vacant land.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates c. 1841

Builder/Architect Phillip Taylor

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Phillip Taylor House is nominated primarily for its architecture and for its association with an early lumber industrialist. The house is a magnificent example of Italian Villa architecture, a style which swept the East and Midwest in the period immediately preceding the Civil War. While Brookville has more than its share of fine residences, this is clearly one of the finest; its rich detailing and essentially uncompromised facade and belvedere make it a landmark of unquestioned significance to the town. It also derives a secondary significance from its long association with humanitarian concerns in Brookville, since from 1890 until the 1970s it was used as a nursing facility for the aged.

The house was built by Phillip Taylor (1812-1872) a York County, Pennsylvania native who came to Brookville in 1841 and very shortly thereafter erected his mansion on a knoll commanding a spectacular view of Sandy Lick Creek and Brookville itself. An 1878 atlas account maintains that "the view from any direction is lovely . . . Art and nature are well combined, and it is a home of which any man of aesthetic tastes might be proud." Taylor came to Brookville to set up lumber mills and operated two, the "Red" Mill and Tunnel Mill for many years. In 1856 he became a director of the Red Bank Navigation Co., and was charged by the State Legislature to clear Red Bank, Sandy Lick, and North Fork Creeks of all obstructions for transportation. The significance of the lumber industry to the area cannot be overemphasized: in 1854 lumbering in the Red Bank valley along was estimated to exceed 20,000,000 feet per year. Taylor excelled in his endeavors, and was an organizer and the first president of the National Bank of Brookville. From 1866 to 1871 he served as an associate judge. After his death in 1872, the property remained in the family for a time, but was eventually converted to the "Hotel Longview," serving as a resort and hostel to persons arriving in Brookville by train--the station being located a short distance from the site. In 1889, the Women's Relief Corps of the Department of Pennsylvania, an offshoot of the Grand Army of the Republic, paid \$30,000 for the property and turned it into a soldiers' home. In one form or another, it has retained that usage until very recently.

9. Major Bibliographical Reference

McKnight, W. J. Jefferson County, Pennsylvania: Her Pioneers and People (Chicago: J. H. Beers, 1917).
 Scott, Kate M. History of Jefferson County, Pennsylvania (Syracuse, New York: D. Mason & Co., 1888).

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property ca. 1.5 acres
 Quadrangle name Brookville, Pennsylvania Quadrangle scale 1:24000
 UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Beginning at the intersection of Euclid Avenue and Mabon Street, then S ca. 300' to a point; then E c. 200' to the new Memorial Home building; then N c. 400' to the S side of Euclid Avenue; then SW along Euclid Ave. c. 200' to the place of beginning.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	N/A	code	N/A	county	N/A	code	N/A
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Dayid L. Taylor
 organization Columbus Lands Foundation date 9 October, 1980
 street & number 22 North Front St. telephone 614-221-0227
 city or town Columbus state OH 43215

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title Larry E. Fiso, State Historic Preservation Officer date

For HCRS use only I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	date
Keeper of the National Register	date
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	

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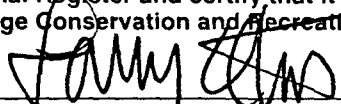
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State Historic Preservation Officer signature



title Larry E. Tise, State Historic Preservation Officer date 6/7/82

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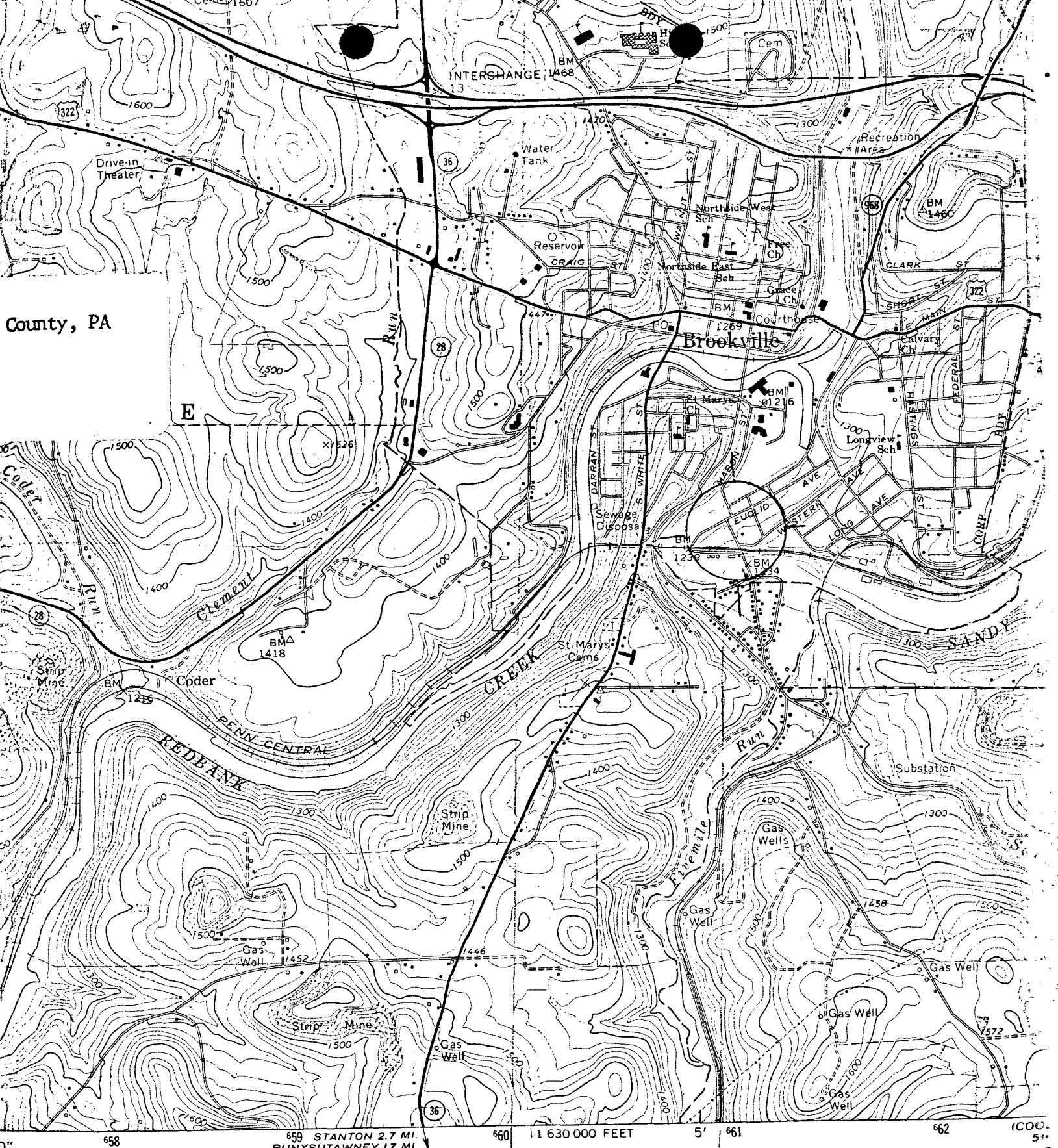
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 Conic projection. 1927 North American datum
 1000-foot grid based on Pennsylvania coordinate system, north zone
 10-metre Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 17.
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 Red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where

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