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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC BREEZEDALE

AND/OR COMMON
Sutton-Elkin House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Indiana University of Pennsylvania Campus

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Indiana 12th

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE
Pennsylvania 42 Indiana 063

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" 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	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

STREET & NUMBER
Indiana University of Pennsylvania

CITY, TOWN STATE
Indiana Pennsylvania 15705

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Indiana County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
8th and Philadelphia Street

CITY, TOWN STATE
Indiana Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE 11/20/78
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

CITY, TOWN STATE
Harrisburg Pennsylvania

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

"Breezedale", the Sutton-Elkin House, is Victorian in style with Italianate features. It is two and one-half stories in height, twenty feet wide at the front facade and thirty feet long. The main part of the house is built of brick. An addition has been made on the south side, it is approximately 12 feet deep and 18 feet long. There is an entry way to the house through this addition by way of classical portico porch. There are two brick extensions to the central core of the building; one on the west rear which contains the State Dining Room on the first floor and bedrooms on the second floor, this wing is approximately 13 feet by 9 feet. It contains a bay window facing the north. The other wing extends to the south and is also built of brick. This wing contains the kitchen on the first floor and servant quarters on the second floor.

The material from which the original Victorian structure was built is low-fired, red-orange brick and this includes the two wings to the rear of the structure. The addition is made entirely of wood.

The east elevation or front of the house is strictly symmetrical with the front door centered under doubled Victorian windows which are capped with cast iron decoration. Flanking the front door are two bay windows. Above the bay windows on the second floor are doubled Victorian windows with cast iron decorations. The corners of the structure are quoined with cut limestone blocks set into the red brick. The steep gable of the roof is surmounted by an octagonal cupola which is centered axially on the main structure of the building. The cupola is made of wood. The roof is slate shingled throughout the whole structure. There are five double flued brick chimneys. The peaks of the gables are surmounted by three-foot high wood finials. The deep set eaves are supported by paired, decorative, wooden bracketed cornices.

The floor plan is basically symmetrical with the front door centered on the axis. On the right is the parlor, containing a large fireplace of Italian marble. On the left, but behind the library is a Turkish Room, paneled in parquetry with a decorative love seat. There is also a fireplace of mahogany. At the end of the main, axial hall is the State Dining Room. It has parquetry floors, oak wainscoting, and a heavily oak-beamed ceiling, in addition to stained glass windows on the west. The wooden Edwardian addition on the south is entered through the Turkish Room through double, beveled glass doors. The room contains windows on three of its four sides, a stained glass skylight and a stained glass window on the west wall. The family dining room which is situated between the State dining room and the kitchen, has built in cupboards. The kitchen, just off the family dining room has no particularly distinctive features.

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The second floor is entered up a wide staircase from the main central hall. The entire second floor is given over to bedrooms. Each bedroom above the parlor, library, Turkish Room, and State Dining room have fireplaces. Above the Family Dining Room and kitchen are bedrooms and living quarters for the servants. The servants quarters are entered by a back staircase which is entered from the Family Dining Room.

From the second floor a flight of stairs rises to give entry to a small apartment above the servants quarters. This apartment contains a fireplace. A continuation of the main staircase rises into the finished attic and continues to rise in a tight spiral up into the cupola.

"Breezedale" was built in 1868 for James Sutton. The original building comprises all of the present brick structure. In 1899, "Breezedale" was sold to the Honorable John P. Elkin. By 1901 the major exterior alteration was the large wooden Solarium on the south side of the house, and a vast sweeping veranda porch. This porch began on the east wall of the Solarium, continued around the front of the house and ended on the north side of the parlor in a massive porte cochere. This porch was removed by Indiana University of Pennsylvania when "Breezedale" was purchased from the Elkin estate in 1947. Neither the Elkin porch nor the small victorian porch of the Sutton period exist today.

Other major alterations were made on the interior at the time of Elkins purchase of "Breezedale". These alterations include ceramic tile on the floor of the foyer, in addition to the wainscoting on its walls. Doorways were changed throughout the first floor and include; the double sliding doors to the parlor; the double sliding doors to the State Dining Room; and the single sliding doors to the library and the Turkish Room. The windows on the north side of the parlor were changed to large single windows with beveled glass transoms, and flank the fireplace. The library was modified to include the wainscoting and glass fronted bookcases. The Turkish Room was completely renovated by the Elkins and includes lavish parquetry on the floors and wainscoting, with a decorative loveseat, and mahogany fireplace. The Solarium contains major stained glass works as represented in the central skylight and in the "Bling Justice" window on the west wall. The State

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Dining Room was redecorated by the Elkins. These additions include the elaborate parquetry floor; heavily paneled oak wainscoting; and the massive oak beamed ceiling. Stained glass windows were added in the Edwardian window on the west wall. This window is flanked by mirror-backed, glass fronted china cupboards. The fireplace was modified in massive oak in the Edwardian Style.

"Breezedale's" auxiliary buildings no longer exist as the mansion is presently situated on the north end of the campus of Indiana University of Pennsylvania and is presently flanked by dormitories on three sides, but is open to the south by an expanse of lawn and gardens. "Breezedale" occupies less than one acre of ground.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1868

BUILDER/ARCHITECT James Sutton

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Breezedale was built in 1868 and represents a good example of the Victorian mansion as it applies to the small town architecture of the day. It served as the home of one of Indiana's most prominent citizens, James Sutton.

The house was built between 1865 and 1868. James Sutton (1815-1870) was the son of Thomas Sutton an attorney in Indiana, Pa. In partnership with his brother John Sutton, James Sutton conducted the business known as J. & J. Sutton Dry Goods. James was one of the founders of the First National Bank of Indiana. In 1864 he became it's President. In 1853 James Sutton was one of the co-founders of the Indiana Paper Mill. At the time of James Sutton's death, the mill had become known by the name of Sutton and McCartney Paper Mill. After the death of James Sutton in 1870, Sarah, his wife, lived in Breezedale until her death in 1899.

In that same year 1899 the house and land was purchased by the Honorable John P. Elkin (1860-1915) and his wife Adda Prothero Elkin. As a young man, John Elkin taught school in Smicksburg, which at the same time attending Indiana State Normal School. He graduated from that school in 1880. In 1884 he graduated from the Law School of the University of Michigan and in the same year married Adda Prothero, the daughter of the President of the First National Bank of Indiana. In 1885 he was admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar, and became a member of Pennsylvania State Legislature, in which capacity he served two terms. He was appointed Deputy Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1895, and in 1902 he was appointed to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court for four years. He assumed judicial duties in Indiana in 1905 until his retirement from political life in 1910. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Indiana State Normal School for a number of years. He was involved in many of the civic affairs of the area and took an interest in the development of the coal fields of Indiana County. He died in 1915 in Indiana.

The third owner of Breezedale is now the State of Pennsylvania; and the house is situated on land forming the campus of Indiana University of Pennsylvania. The University "transformed" Breezedale into a dormitory. Later Breezedale was to be the home of Music, Foreign Languages, and the Art Department of the University.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.25

QUADRANGLE NAME _____ QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
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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
Robert C. Wilburn, President

ORGANIZATION _____ DATE _____

STREET & NUMBER _____ TELEPHONE 412-357-2200

CITY OR TOWN _____ STATE _____

Indiana _____ Pennsylvania

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL _____ STATE _____ LOCAL X

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE _____

TITLE ED WEINTRAUB, Director DATE _____

Office of Historic Preservation

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

DATE _____

ATTEST: _____ DATE _____

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

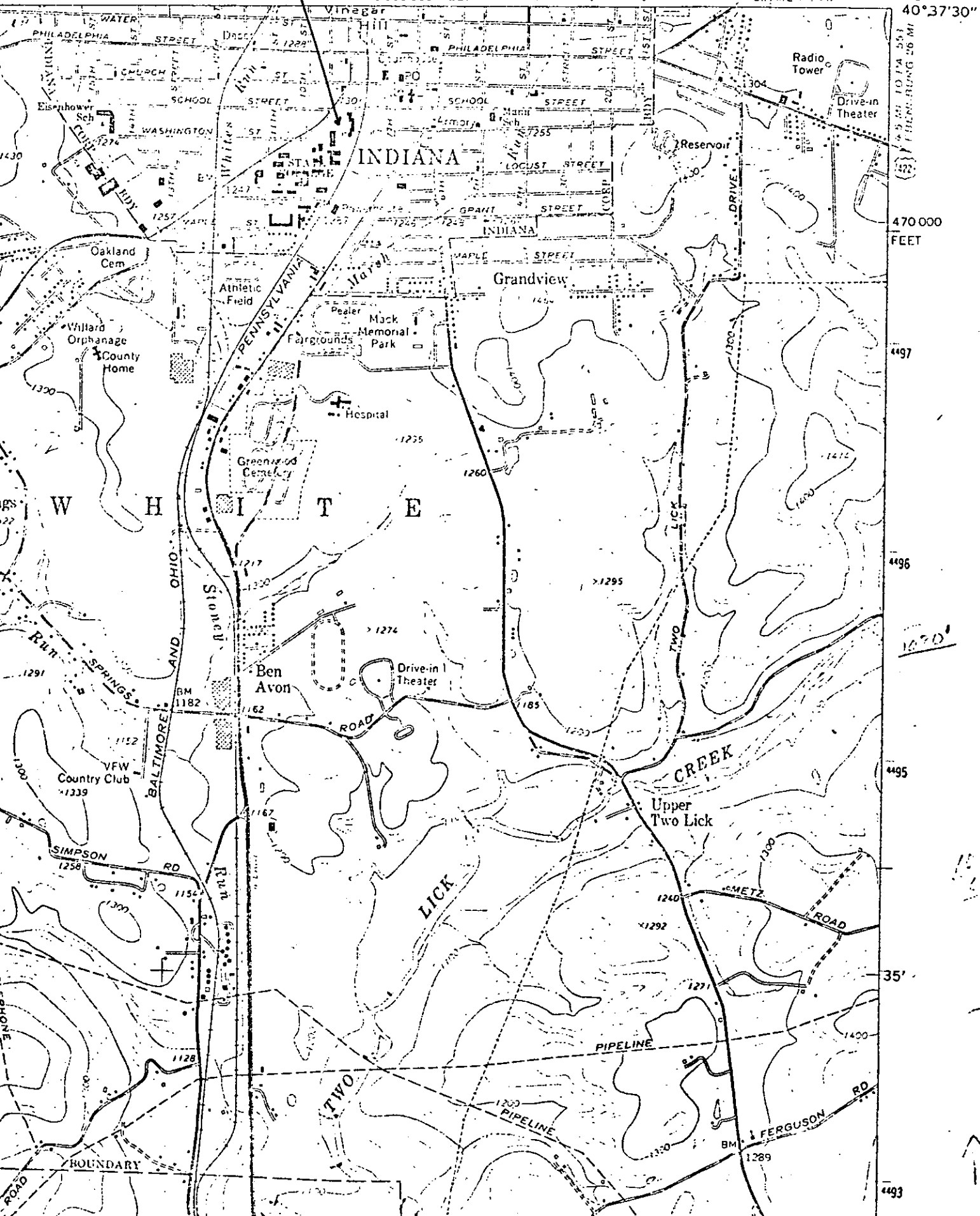
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