

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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| STATE: Pennsylvania |
| COUNTY: Greene |
| FOR NPS USE ONLY |
| ENTRY DATE |

1. NAME

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| COMMON: Greene County Historical Society |
| AND/OR HISTORIC: Green Hills Farm |

2. LOCATION

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| STREET AND NUMBER: Alternate Route 21, approx. 2½ miles east of Waynesburg | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Waynesburg | | CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Twenty-Sixth | |
| STATE: Pennsylvania | CODE: 42 | COUNTY: Greene | CODE: 059 |

3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" 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 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) <u>library</u> |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

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| OWNER'S NAME: Greene County Board of Commissioners- 100 yr. lease to Hist. Soc. | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: R.D. #2 | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Waynesburg | STATE: Pennsylvania | CODE: 42 |

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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| COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Greene County Courthouse | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Waynesburg | STATE: Pennsylvania | CODE: 42 |

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

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|---|--------|-------|
| TITLE OF SURVEY: none | | |
| DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local | | |
| DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: | STATE: | CODE: |

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7. DESCRIPTION

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| 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 Greene County Historical Society Museum and Library was built in 1861 as a Georgian style farm house. It was originally a large 2½ story brick structure with cellar, gable roof, boxed cornice and chimneys at each gable end (one on each side of the roof peak). The house was nine bays across the west (front) elevation, with centrally located double doors and four bays deep. A single story porch supported by six columns with railing extended across the middle five bays of the west elevation.

The floor plan consisted of a large center hallway with stairway leading to the second floor. There were two large living rooms (connected by a doorway) to the right of the hall and three rooms to the rear on the left. The upstairs housed several bedrooms complete with mantels, fireplaces and high ceilings.

In the 1880's, after the county purchased the property for use as a home for the aged, a 2½ story brick addition with a gable roof was added to the east elevation. This addition consisted of a large dining room and five smaller rooms. A large brick kitchen was connected to this wing by an enclosed passageway. The kitchen had a room-size brick oven with iron door and gates.

About 1900, another brick addition was built and attached to the former addition. This section was 2½ stories high with hip roof and cupola. This portion was comprised of small rooms with a large tiled bathroom. Outside walls and crosswalls were constructed of hand molded bricks 13 " thick.

In 1969, the Greene County Historical Society began renovation of the building. For the most part, the halls and stairways were in good repair but interior changes were made to house the Museum collection and library. Two small rooms to the left of the hallway were made into one large reading room for the library. The two large parlors to the right of the hallway were refurnished in Mid-Victorian motif as well as the second story bedrooms. The dining room serves as a display and assembly room with the five smaller rooms of this section and the kitchen are display rooms. The 1900 addition is in the same floor plan as it was when built. Little renovation has been done withstanding the usual maintenance. Some of the brick work needs repointing and the entire build- is in need of painting.

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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) 1861

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 type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural design is the main point of significance for the Greene County Historical Society Museum and Library. It is a good example of a late brick Georgian style building. It was built in a rural area (Greene County) in 1861 which indicates the late use of the Georgian style. Georgian buildings of this late date are rare in Pennsylvania especially in keeping to the strict Georgian style.

Originally the building was used as a farm house. In the 1880's it was converted into a home for the aged which it served as until 1964. During the interim, it was added to in the interests of enlarging the home. No additions were made after 1900 and it was changed little in the ensuing years. Today it is being brought back to its original flavor by the Greene County Historical Society.

The building is worthy of preservation because it well illustrates the use of a large structure as a public building with little modification to its integrity. It also shows the pattern of additions to an early rural structure.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Letters, papers, news articles and photographs provided by the Greene County Historical Society.

"The Greene Hills Echo", Vol.1, No. 1, February, 1971- official publication of the Greene County Historical Society.

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 | | |
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| CORNER | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | |
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| NE | ° ' " | ° ' " | | 80 | 07 | 29 |
| SE | ° ' " | ° ' " | | | | |
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5

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

| STATE: | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Charles Dunlevey

ORGANIZATION: Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission DATE: Oct. 25, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN: Harrisburg STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 12

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: William J. Wewer

(William J. Wewer)

Title: Deputy Executive Director

Date: 2/22/73

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: _____

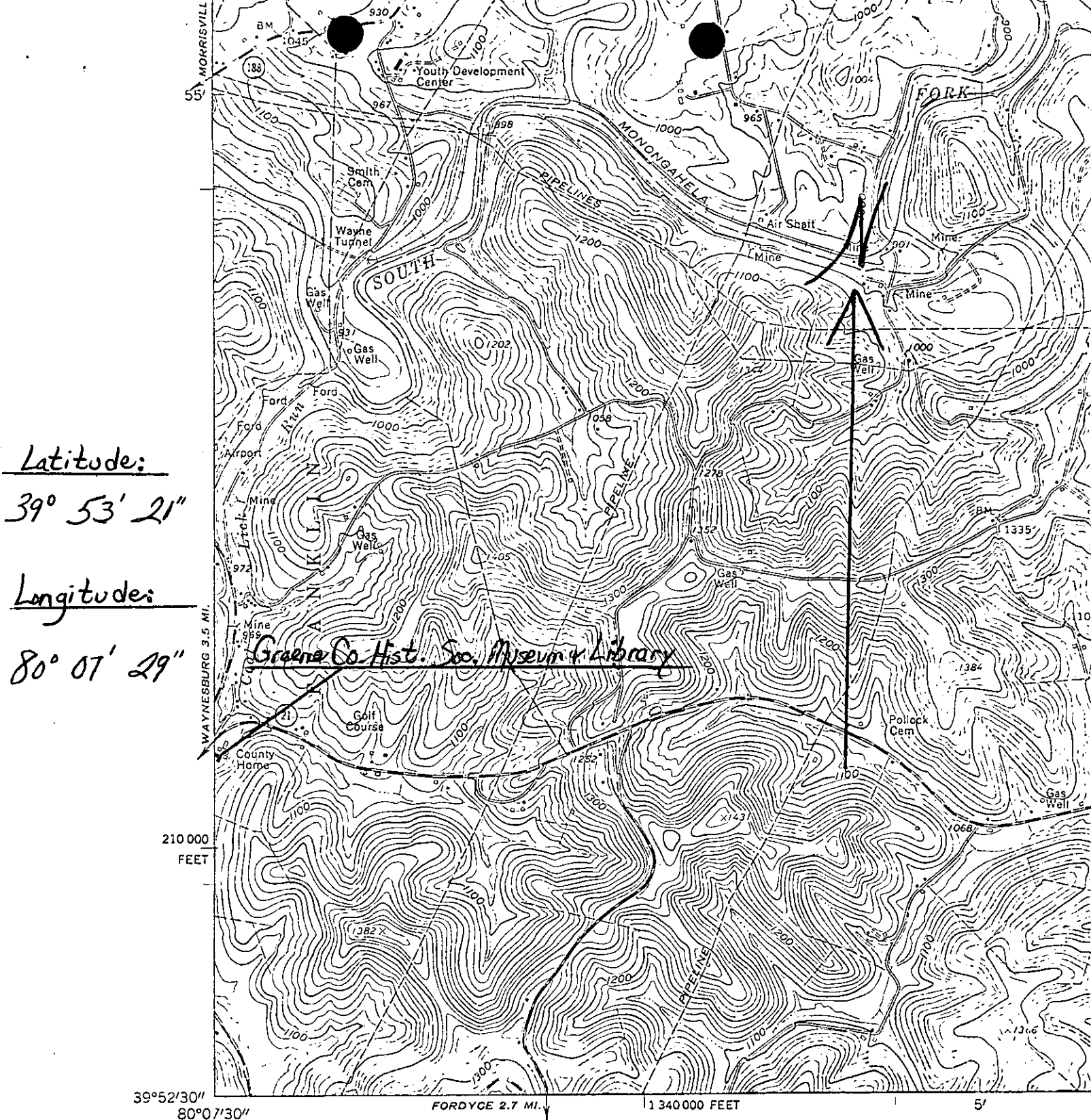
ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____

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Latitude:
 39° 53' 21"
Longitude:
 80° 07' 29"



Greene Co. Hist. Soc. Museum & Library

(OAK FOREST)

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
 Control by USGS, USC&GS, and USCE
 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,
 south 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

Mather, Pa.
NW 1/4 Waynesburg 15' Quad.
1961.
Scale 1:24000

5'
 TRUE NORTH
 MAGNETIC NORTH
 APPROXIMATE MEAN
 DECLINATION, 1961

