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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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

1. Name

historic Linden House (Traditional Name)

and/or common Linden House

2. Location

street & number 606 East Market Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Marietta N/A vicinity of

state Pennsylvania code 042 county Lancaster code 071-

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	N/A being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: vacant

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. & Mrs. Brian Schulman

street & number Box 434 - R.D. 1

city, town Elizabethtown (17022) N/A vicinity of state Pennsylvania

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Register of Deeds, Lancaster County Courthouse (U-68-250)

street & number 50 North Duke Street

city, town Lancaster state Pennsylvania

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title To be included in current Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no
of Lancaster County Architecture, commenced by the Historic
date Preservation Trust of Lancaster County in 1982. federal state county local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County

city, town Lancaster 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

Standing on the northeast corner of East Market and Bank Streets in Marietta, Linden House is a large, three story brick mansion with overall L - shape. The structural system consists of bearing brick walls, with wood joists and interior framing. The brick walls of the facade, facing East Market Street, and the west gable end, facing Bank Street, are laid in Flemish bond; the other exterior brick walls are laid in common bond. There is a brick water table on the facade and the west gable end, and the facade has a simple corbelled brick cornice.

The facade is three full stories in height, with a five bay elevation and a central doorway with sidelights and large fanlight. The west gable end of the front or main block of this house has a symmetrical four bay elevation on three stories, with a lunette giving light to the attic above the third floor. All sills and lintels of the window openings in the main or front block of the building are of cut sandstone; the lintels have roundels at the corners. All window sash are six over six. The rear wing has smaller window openings than the front section, with wood sills and lintels, and six over six sash. The west elevation of this rear wing is three full stories in height; the shed roof of this wing slopes to the east. On the second floor level of this east side of the rear wing, there are remains of a balcony.

The floor plan of the front or main block of Linden House consists of a wide central hall with two rooms on each side of this hall. This floor plan appears on all three main floors. The rear wing has two rooms on the first and second floors, with a secondary, enclosed staircase between these rooms. Entering through an elegant doorway with fanlight on the facade, the viewer sees an elliptical-form archway with reeded pilasters enframing the vista of a broad spiral, continuous handrail staircase leading to the third floor. Most of the original moldings remain in this front section, in addition to original eight panel doors, interior window shutters, most floor boards, cupboards, and panels in the window recesses. In this front or main block of Linden House are eight fireplaces, the majority of which survive with the original mantels. Some mantels employ a design with Tuscan Order engaged columns supporting the shelf, whereas the most elaborate mantel features paired, Doric Order engaged columns on each side of the opening. In all the principal rooms, the corners of windows and doorways are adorned with turned roundels.

Despite the need for some repairs and cosmetic attention, the design, structure, and ornament of Linden House are about 85% intact to the original appearance. The present roof of the front or main block, and the gable ends at the attic level, are reconstructions done after a fire in the early 1970's. The three dormers facing East Market Street are not original.

Key To Photographs:

1. Exterior of Linden House, as seen from the southwest
2. Facade of Linden House
3. Rear wall and rear wing of Linden House, as seen from the northeast
4. Front doorway
5. Front doorway from the interior; all original, except the door
6. First floor center hall, with staircase
7. Spiral or continuous handrail staircase, as seen from the third floor
8. Representative interior door and moldings
- 9 and 10. Representative mantels

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<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 1813-1814 Builder/Architect Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Marietta's elegant Federal mansion traditionally known as Linden House was erected as the residence for Henry Cassel (1776 - c. 1859 ?) about 1813-1814. The significance of this structure pertains to architecture, commerce, economics, education, and industry. Linden House is a major surviving example of domestic architecture of Lancaster County from the Federal period (c. 1795-1830). The contemporaries considered this residence, which cost about \$16,000, to be one of the finest houses in the southern Susquehanna Valley. Today, it is the most intact of all brick, three story, five bay facade Federal period houses in Lancaster County.¹ The interior woodwork of Linden House is distinguished in design and scale, and the spiral staircase is the largest example of this form surviving in this region. This woodwork shows clear derivation from two important architectural pattern books: the 1810 edition of Owen Biddle's The Young Carpenter's Assistant, and the 1811 edition of Asher Benjamin's The American Builder's Companion. As the home of Henry Cassel for about seven years after 1814, Linden House possesses associations with commercial and economic history. Cassel was one of the first coal and lumber merchants on the Susquehanna, and he was a developer of the present east end of Marietta. In December, 1813, Cassel opened his own bank, which was subsequently chartered as the Marietta and Susquehanna Trading Company; this was Lancaster County's first bank outside Lancaster City. Linden House acquired another dimension of importance in 1840, when a boys' boarding school was opened there; this school, named the "Susquehanna Institute", lasted for several years. Between 1850 and 1889, Linden House was the residence of several wealthy ironmasters, including Dr. Peter Shoenberger (1782-1854), Henry Miller Watts (1805-1890), and Henry Musselman (1798-1875). It was in this exact period that Marietta was one of the leading iron-producing centers in the State; thus Linden House gained an association with Pennsylvania's industrial history.

1. The less intact examples of three story, brick, five bay facade, Federal houses in Lancaster County include a mutilated building in Mount Joy; the 1814-1815 Hamilton-Reynolds House on the first block of Lancaster's West King Street; the pre-1823 Bank of the Marietta and Susquehanna Trading Company near East Market and Elbow Streets in Marietta; and the c. 1813-1815 Hiestand House on the southwest corner of Marietta's Square.

9. Major Bibliographical Reference

See attached detailed listing

10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name Columbia West Quadrangle

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

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Zone			Easting				Northing							

B

Zone			Easting				Northing							

C

Zone			Easting				Northing							

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Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification - Located on the northeast corner of East Market and Bank Streets in Marietta, this property fronts 78 feet on East Market Street, and extends 178 feet along Bank Street. It is bounded by East Market Street on the south, Bank Street on the west, Prospect Avenue on the north, and the property lately owned by David Heidigh on the east.

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

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date August 2, 1982

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city or town Lancaster

state Pennsylvania 17603

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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title Larry E. Tise, State Historic Preservation Officer date 11/12/82

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

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Books:

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- Daniel Kolb Cassel, A Genealogical History of the Cassel Family in America, Norristown, Pennsylvania, Mortan R. Wills, 1896.
- Franklin Ellis and Samuel Evans, History of Lancaster County, Philadelphia, Everts and Peck, 1883.
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- F. Lyman Windolph, "A Mysterious Bank Robbery", Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, vol 94, no. 3, 1970, pp. 384-395.

Newspapers:

- Lancaster, The Lancaster Journal, for the following dates: July 16, 1813; August 6, 1813; August 27, 1813; September 17, 1813; March 4, 1814; July 26, 1816; July 31, 1816.
- Marietta, The Marietta Pilot, for the following dates: December 7, 1813 and January 4, 1814.

Both these newspapers are available at the Lancaster County Historical Society, Lancaster.

Manuscripts and Other Unpublished Sources:

The following are located at the Lancaster County Courthouse, North Duke and East King Streets, Lancaster:

- Deeds: O-84-16 (1982); U-68-250 (1975); I-6-123 (1837); EE-529 (1786); 7-89 (1814); G-13-375 (1899).
- Estate Bond Book S-1-12.
- Wills: Jacob Neff Will G-1-451, proven 1798; and Edward Brien Will L-1-555, proven 1816.

The following are located at the Lancaster County Historical Society, Marietta and President Avenues, Lancaster:

- Appearance Docket for the Lancaster County Court of Common Pleas, 1821.
- Cassel and Neff Genealogical Files.

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Direct Taxes of 1798 and 1815.

Donegal Township (Lancaster County) Tax Lists for the period 1790-1830.

Marietta Information Files

"Marietta Scrapbook" - consisting chiefly of clippings of and from Marietta, most of the period c. 1870-1920.

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