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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 THE SATURDAY CLUB

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
117 West Wayne Avenue

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN
Wayne

VICINITY OF

13th

STATE
Pennsylvania

CODE
42

COUNTY
Delaware

CODE
045

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY:	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Federated Woman's Club

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME THE SATURDAY CLUB

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CITY, TOWN
Wayne

VICINITY OF

STATE
Pennsylvania

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Delaware County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
West Front Street

CITY, TOWN
Media

STATE
Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE
2/8/77

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission
William Penn Memorial Museum, P. O. Box 1026

CITY, TOWN
Harrisburg

STATE
Pennsylvania

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Saturday Clubhouse erected in 1899 is located at 117 West Wayne Avenue in Wayne, Pennsylvania, with an exterior appearance patterned after Shakespeare's Birthplace, located at Stratford-upon-Avon, England.

The building is a one and one-half story structure approximately 55 feet in length and 75 feet in width, with gable roof and three gabled dormers in the front elevation facing West Wayne Avenue and one dormer at the rear over the fireplace alcove.

The exterior walls are typically English, half timber and stucco construction. The stucco is on metal lath. In the center portion of the front elevation is a frame and glass enclosed one story porch. Running the entire length of this enclosed porch is an eight foot wide reinforced concrete deck with steps full length and four wrought iron hand rails from the deck to parking area for easy access. At the rear and west end, there are three one story additions with metal covered flat roofs and a basement boiler room.

The enclosed porch, board room, stage extension and kitchen were added in 1912.

The main roof is covered with fireproof shingles. A basement excavated to basement window sills, extends under all but the porch and the west end of the building (stage) which is supported on stone piers. The windows are in wood sash.

First Floor: The first floor contains a large, 50' x 28' auditorium or meeting room with beamed ceiling, fireplace alcove; stage; an office and two dressing rooms; lavatory, board room and enclosed porch.

Finish & Equipment: The walls of the auditorium are wood panelled to a point nine feet above the floor and plastered above. Ceiling has exposed beams and rafters stained to match the wall panelling. Floors are good grain pine in excellent condition. Porch floor is covered with carpet. A large brick fireplace with wood mantel is an alcove of the auditorium. Doors and woodwork are stained. Other rooms on the first floor have plaster walls.

A dumb waiter and two stairways provide access to the basement. The stage which is about four feet above the floor level, extends into the one story section and is equipped with footlights.

Basement: The basement contains a large meeting room or dining room, with cupboards and cabinets along the walls; kitchen, storage room; and boiler room. The foundation walls are all of stone. Walls and ceiling are plaster. The kitchen is well equipped with commercial type stove and refrigeration.

First floor is carried on a girder, supported by steel columns. Floor joists are 2 x 10 on 18" centers. Wiring is in BX cable. The building

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is steam heated with conventional type exposed radiators supplied by a low pressure boiler. During the cold months the boiler supplies domestic hot water. During the off season domestic hot water is supplied by a gas hot water heater.

There are two outside cellar stairways.

The building contains approximately 69,000 cubic feet.

81 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"/> 1700-1799	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1899

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Saturday Club, a women's club, was created in 1886, as an organized center of thought and action; to keep abreast of all educational and progressive movements of the times. The clubhouse was erected in 1899.

The club joined the General Federation of Women's Clubs in 1891, the state Federation in 1895. The club was incorporated in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1895.

The Junior Saturday Club for younger women was formed as part of the senior club in 1907.

In 1960, to fill a long felt need in the community an Evening Section was organized. Through evening meetings the fifty-eight women who made up this section helped to enlarge the work and scope of the Saturday Club.

The Quarter Century Club was started in 1975 with twenty-eight ladies who had been members of the Saturday Club for 25 years or more. One past president has been a member for 60 years.

All meetings of these groups are held in the Saturday Club building.

The club through the years has taken an active part in the philanthropic activities of county, state and general Federation of Women's Clubs.

Art works have graced the walls of the clubhouse, pictures being supplied by members and community and county artists.

The club has sponsored art contests for local schools. In the area of health services the club has been active over the years.

In conjunction with the Mother's Association (now the Parents! Association of Radnor Township) the club sponsored a series of First Aid classes in the clubhouse.

In 1934 seventy volumes or twelve books of braille were prepared in the clubhouse by the club members. This was an outstanding achievement in a seven year program.

During the 1917 influenza epidemic the building was filled with cots, thus turning it into a hospital for those who could not gain admittance

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to regular hospitals, because of crowded conditions. The children's unit was a big tent outside the clubhouse.

The Red Cross became active following the disaster at Pearl Harbor. The clubhouse was set up and staffed as a ten bed emergency hospital by the club members, under the direction of the Red Cross. This was the only Women's Club Hospital in the county. The members met regularly in the clubhouse to make surgical dressings. A total of 17,000 dressings were turned over to the Red Cross.

During the latter part of the twenties the Saturday Club has a most interesting and active Drama Department. The interest was so keen in the community that in 1930 the group dissolved its affiliation with the club and became known as Wayne's Little Theatre, "The Footlighters".

The clubhouse continues to be a center of community interest. What has been described in this statement of significance is a small segment of the entire history of The Saturday Club and the way the clubhouse has played a valuable part in the life of the community.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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 / TITLE

Jennie P. Vosburg/Susan M. Zacher, Curator

ORGANIZATION

/Pa. Hist. & Mus. Comm.

DATE

October, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

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TELEPHONE

717-787-4363

CITY OR TOWN

Ctrafford, Wayne/Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

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TITLE WILLIAM J. WEWER, Executive Director
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DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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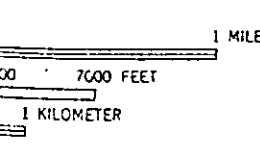
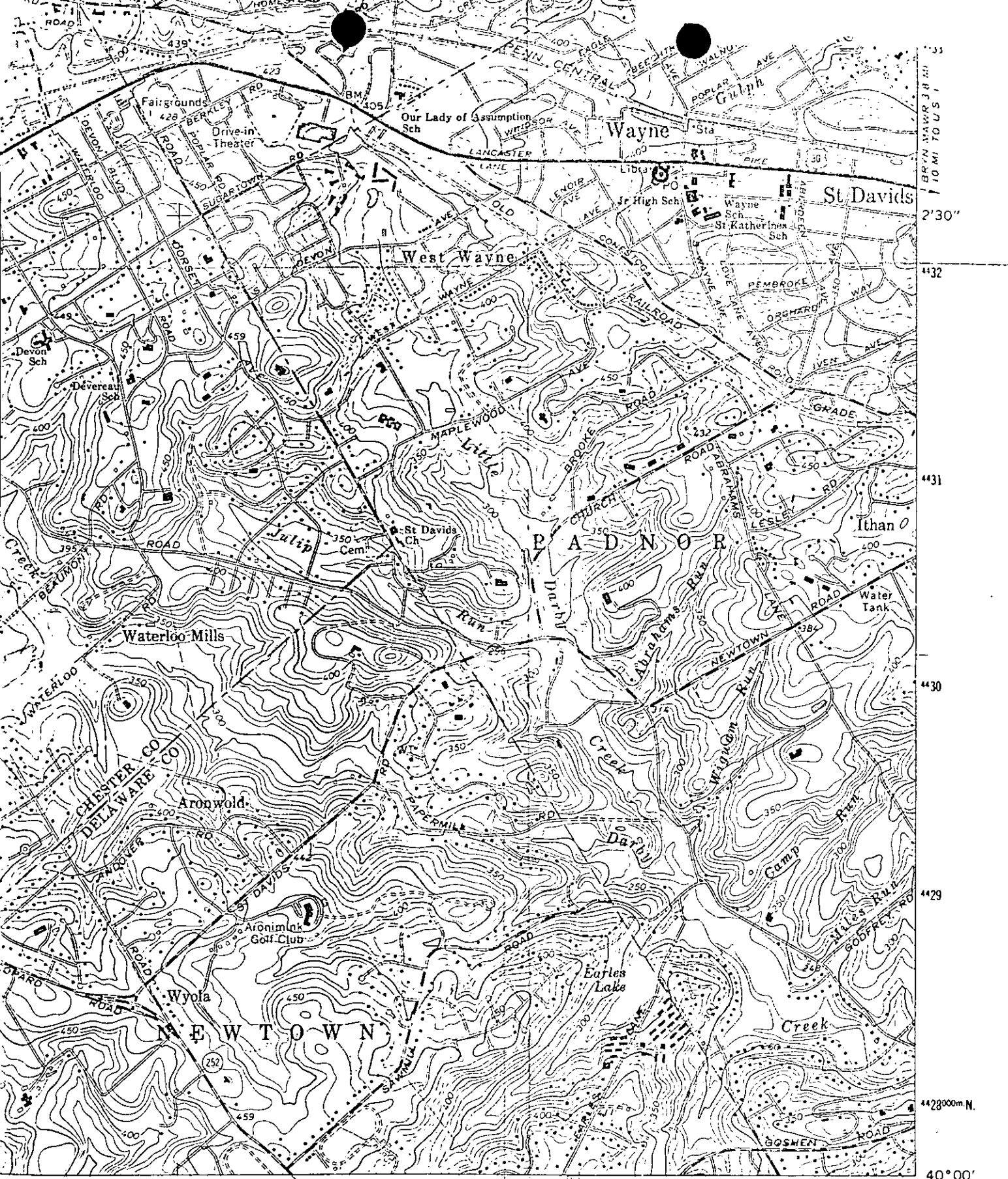
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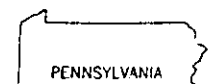
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- Light-duty _____
- Unimproved dirt _____
- Interstate Route
- ◻ U. S. Route
- State Route

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