

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Pennsylvania	
COUNTY: Luzerne	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Weiss Hall
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: South River Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Wilkes-Barre			
STATE Pennsylvania	CODE 42	COUNTY: Luzerne	CODE 079

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) residence hall for Wilkes College <input type="checkbox"/> Comments Women's

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Wilkes College	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN: Wilkes-Barre	
STATE: Pennsylvania	CODE: 42

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

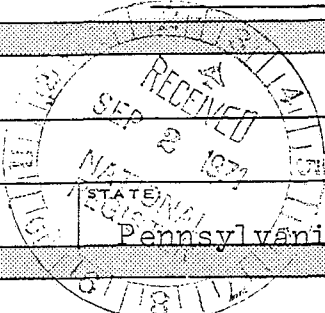
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Luzerne County Courthouse	
STREET AND NUMBER: North River Street	
CITY OR TOWN: Wilkes-Barre	STATE: Pennsylvania
	CODE: 42

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks	
DATE OF SURVEY: 1970	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: William Penn Memorial Museum	
STREET AND NUMBER: Box 1026	
CITY OR TOWN: Harrisburg	STATE: Pennsylvania
	CODE: 42

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

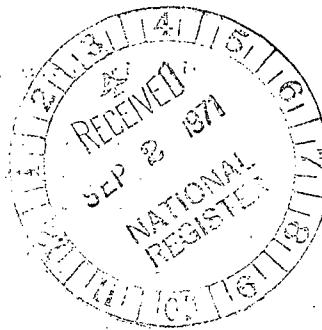
Altered Unaltered Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Weiss Hall is a two and one-half story structure built of various materials--stone, brick, and shingles. It has a tower on the southwest corner, a recessed balcony on the third floor front, steep gables, large dormers, Elizabethan chimneys, large side porch, stained glass windows, and ornate turnings all typical of the Queen Anne period. The windows vary in design but all are large in size. The main portion of the house is brick. The tower is stone on the first floor and shingled from there up to the top. The area under the eaves is shingled. Stone again is used around the entrance.

On the interior, the entrance hall is panelled in oak with an ornate fireplace. The stairway also of oak is handsomely curved. The fireplaces in the first floor rooms have interesting tile decorations.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

ca. 1890-1894

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



The Weiss House, built ca. 1890-1900, is a fine example of Queen Anne architecture which was copied from the building of the British exhibit at the Exposition of 1876. This building, now a women's residence hall for Wilkes College, has all the features of the style that was so popular in the United States in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The building has a recessed balcony, sharply pitched gables and roof, large dormers, ornate turnings on the balustrades, oak used freely on the inside, stained glass and large window panes, ornate brassware, wide entrance hall with a fireplace, and several materials covering the exterior--brick, stone, and shingles. The Queen Anne style in any of its various forms was eagerly reproduced by the Americans of the later nineteenth century who were anxious to display their new wealth. This building is not the only example of Queen Anne architecture in Wilkes-Barre. It is, however, one of the finest examples still in existence recording this flamboyant era in American social history.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Files.

Sturdevant, W.H. Atlas of the City of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Philadelphia: J.L. Smith, 1894.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				C R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"	41°	14'	49"
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"	75°	53'	12"
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"			
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

ORGANIZATION: Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission DATE: August, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN: Harrisburg STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 S. K. Steyer
State Liaison Officer

Title Executive Director, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

Date August 30, 1971

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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WILKES-BARRE WEST QUADRANGLE

PENNSYLVANIA-LUZERNE CO.

15 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

NW/4 WILKES-BARRE 15' QUADRANGLE

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(PITTSBURGH)

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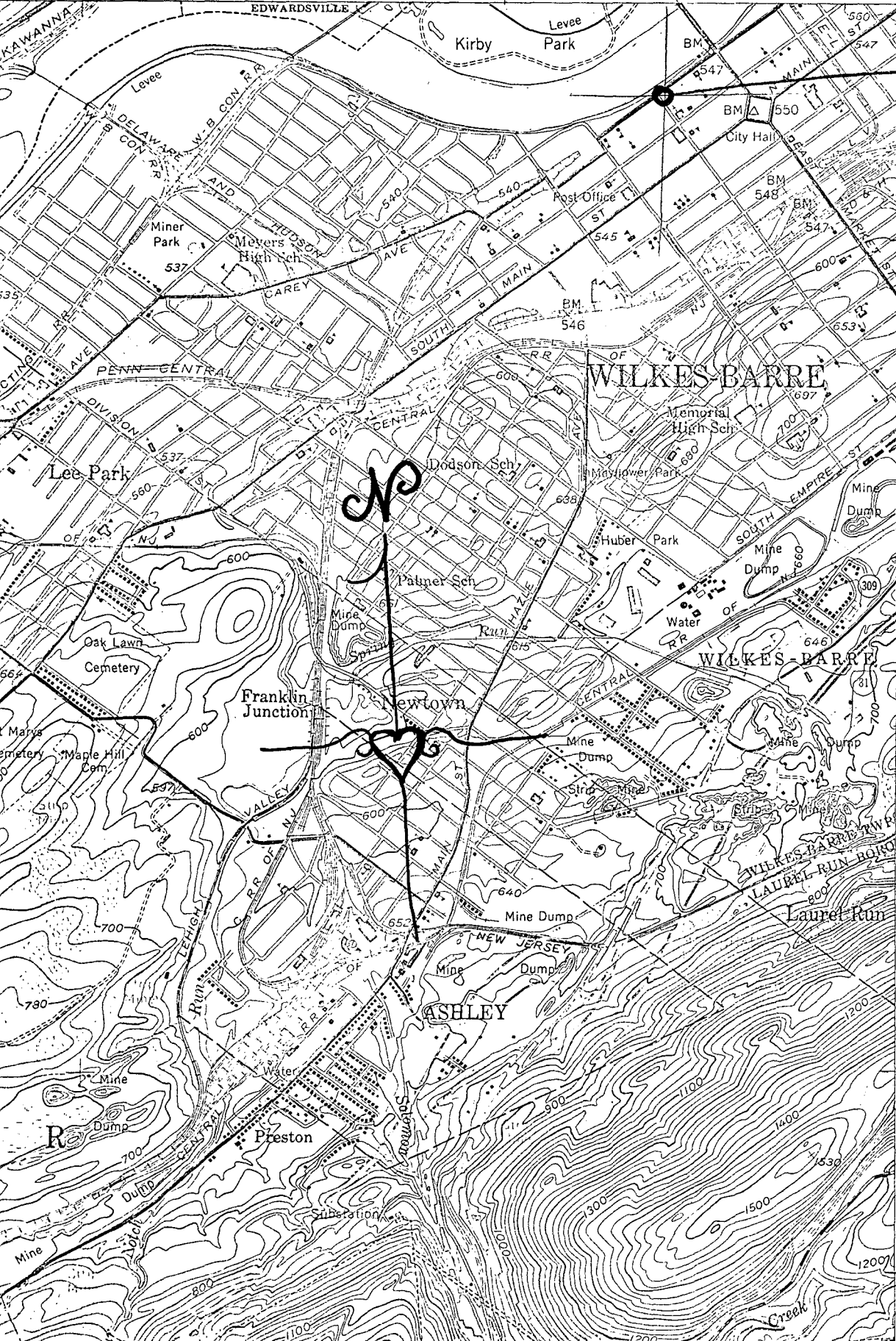
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KINGSTON 1.5 MI.

75°52'30"

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Weiss Hall

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