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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 Shelter House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

South Fourth Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Emmaus

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

15th

STATE

Pennsylvania

VICINITY OF

CODE
42COUNTY
LehighCODE
077**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

The Shelter House Society

STREET & NUMBER

R. D. #1

CITY, TOWN

Macungie

VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Northampton County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Seven and Walnut Streets

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

1973

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

William Penn Memorial Museum

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

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

The long, low eaved building, known through two centuries as the "Shelter House", is a medieval type log building. The building was constructed c.1734 along a well traveled Indian path that traversed the Lehigh or South Mountain ridge. It is the oldest standing log building in Lehigh County.

The building is constructed of exposed trimmed horizontal logs with masonry chinking. The building is approximately 40' by 25' and was constructed in two sections. The larger center chimney section was constructed by the Kratzer and Giering families in 1734 with a one bay gable addition being added in 1741. The gables are closed with random width vertical siding. The windows as in most early Germanic buildings are both infrequent and small. There are three doors all located in the original section. A single door is located in the southern facade while a pair of doors are located in the northern side. A large square stone chimney breaks the roof ridge. Here, as at Ephrata Cloister, the structural timbers which span the house protrude on the exterior where they are visibly pegged stabilizing the fabric at eave level. The original pent roof along the south facade is no longer extant. The interior of the Shelter House has been altered over the years. However, some original woodwork and fireplaces are still preserved.

Preservation work was recently completed on the building. A hand-split wood shingle roof was added as well as restoration work on window frames and sash.

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 type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input 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 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 type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

1734, 1741 settlement

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Shelter House is an important local landmark as well as an exceptional example of early Germanic log construction. The building was located along a well traveled Indian path and often served as a stopover for travelers. After the founding of Emmaus in 1761, the house became a sort of hostel, a tavern where the wayfarer could find lodging, food and drink. It was some years later that the Moravians of Emmaus established a tavern just beyond the confines of their sectarian town.

Architecturally, this building represents an excellent example of an 18th century German log house. Many of the features such as center chimney, random width gable boards, exposed exterior log surfaces, etc. are examples of early construction that have all but disappeared.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Barba, Preston. They Come to Emmaus. Emmaus, Pa.: Borough of Emmaus, 1959. P.19

Roberts, Charles Rhoads. History of Lehigh County. Allentown: Lehigh Valley Publishing Co., Inc. 1914.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	18	45,819,10	4,486,540	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

William K. Watson, Historian

September, 1977

ORGANIZATION

Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

William Penn Memorial Museum, Box 1026

TELEPHONE

(717) 787-4363

CITY OR TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

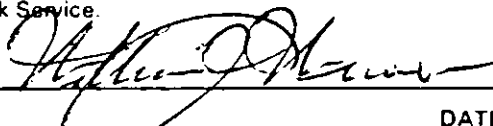
NATIONAL

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

Executive Director
Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

DATE

10/3/77

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

DATE

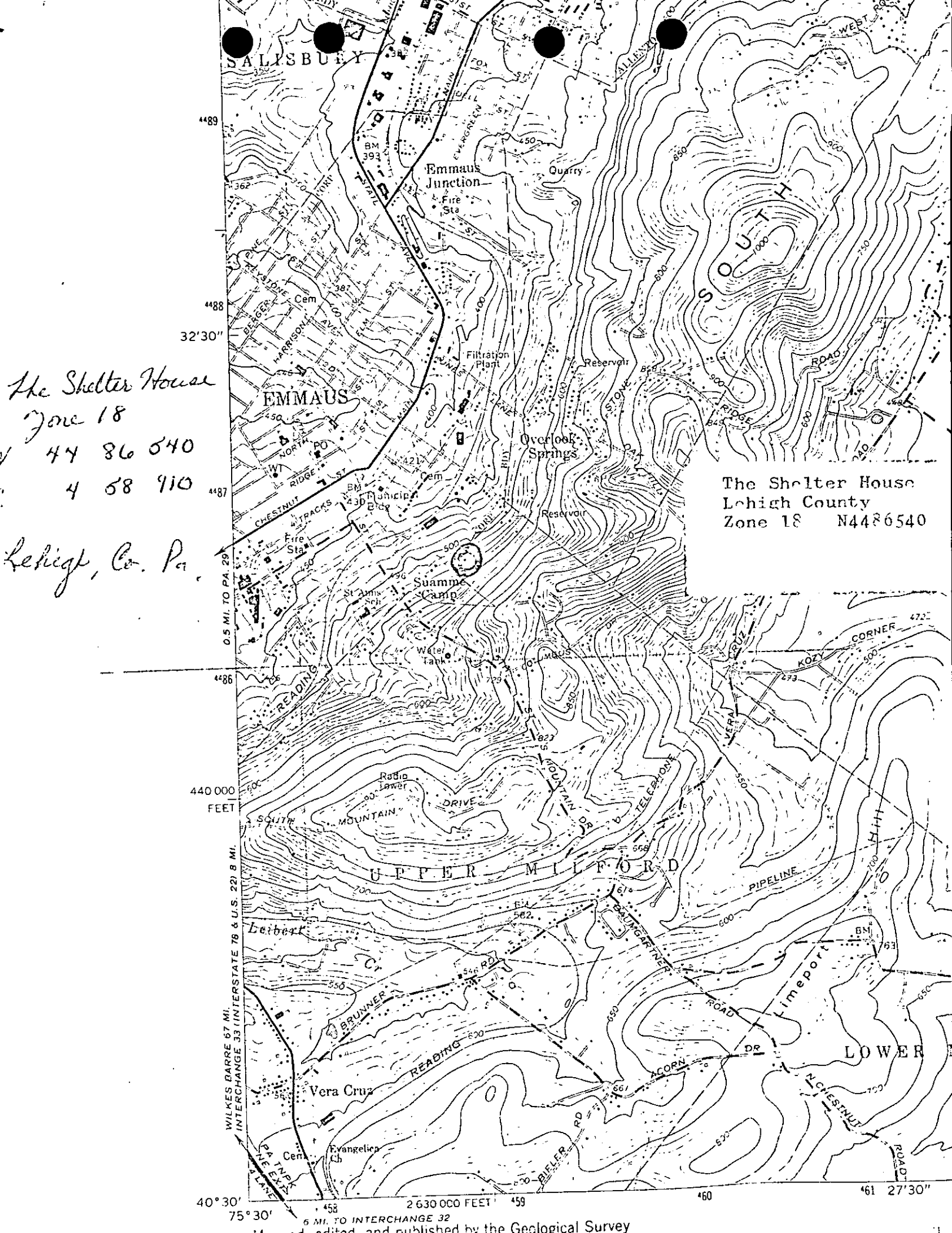
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

The Shelter House
 Zone 18
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 4 58 910
 Lehigh, Co. Pa.

The Shelter House
 Lehigh County
 Zone 18 N4486540



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 22 8 MI.
 WILKES BARRE 57 MI.
 INTERCHANGE 33 INTERSTATE 78 & U.S. 22
 40° 30'
 75° 30'

2 630 000 FEET
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 459
 460
 461
 27'30"