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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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 DORNEYVILLE CROSSROAD SETTLEMENT

AND/OR COMMON

King George Inn, John Dorney House, William Dorney House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Route 29 and Hamilton Boulevard, L.R. 157-D32 NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

South Whitehall

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

15th

VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania

CODE

42

COUNTY

Lehigh

CODE

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 type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Multiple Ownership (See Continuation Sheet)

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Lehigh County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

5th and Hamilton Streets

CITY, TOWN

Allentown

STATE

Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

The Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

1974

--FEDERAL STATE --COUNTY --LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
William Penn Memorial Museum, P. O. Box #1026

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

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DORNEYVILLE CROSSROAD SETTLEMENT - Lehigh County

CONTINUATION SHEET

ITEM NUMBER 4 PAGE 1

OWNER OF PROPERTY:

King George Inn: Mr. and Mrs. Clifford G. McDermott
3141 Hamilton Boulevard
Allentown, Pennsylvania 18103

William Dorney House: Mrs. Jean Fries
3144 Hamilton Boulevard
Allentown, Pennsylvania 18103

John Dorney House: Mr. James White
3214 Hamilton Boulevard
Allentown, Pennsylvania 18103

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 Dorneyville Crossroads Settlement is located at the intersection of two important colonial roads. The complex originally consisted of an 18th century stone tavern, an 18th century stone and log house and two early 19th century stone houses. The 18th century house was demolished in a recent road building project.

The most impressive and historic of the three remaining buildings is the King George Inn. This large stone building was built in 4 sections with the original 2 bay section being constructed c. 1755. The facade of this section was laid in coursed ashlar stone with stone segmental relieving arches above the windows. An interior brick chimney was located on the western gable. The moderately pitched gable roof was highlighted by a molded cornice with return. Around 1790 a 3 bay addition was added to the east gable. This addition continued the ashlar stone and segmental arches on the facade but the gable end and rear of rough fieldstone. This 5 bay building with twin entrance doors was purchased by Peter Dorney in 1796. Dorney continued the operation of the tavern and added a 2 bay 1½ story kitchen wing to the rear of the main building. The stone work in this section is identified to that of the two stone houses across the street. The final addition to the Inn was made in the 1930's. This one story cement block dining area was attached to the west gable.

The interior of the inn was remodeled in the 1820's. All mill work stair parts and other surviving details point to that period of construction. Both of the original fireplaces are in working order. The building is in a good state of repair and continues its original use as a tavern. Recent restoration work consisted of minor repairs and the removal of the stucco finish.

The two large stone houses on the southwest and southeast corners of the intersection were built by John and William Dorney, Peter's sons. The building on the southwest corner was built by John Dorney c. 1825 while the one on the southeast corner, by William Dorney in 1835. These two Georgian style houses are constructed of light grey fieldstone with a moderately pitched gable roof and interior brick gable chimneys. The 5 bay facades have plain window frames and a central pedimented doorway. Both houses have undergone extensive interior changes. The John Dorney house has been thoroughly modernized while the William Dorney house has been converted into a commercial establishment. In addition a large 2 story modern commercial warehouse has been added to the rear of the William Dorney House. Nevertheless, the houses are in good structural condition and with the Inn comprise an interesting crossroads settlement.

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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The north-south road was originally a major Indian path which in the 18th century was widened into a road for wheeled traffic and designed by the Penn Proprietors as the King's Highway. It continued southward over the hills to Philadelphia. The east-west road (now U.S. Route 222) was created in 1752 at the behest of the Penns - its purpose was to connect the important ferry-crossing of Easton in the Forks of the Delaware with the nearby erected (1748) town of Reading, the designated County seat for Berks. William Parsons, surveyor general and founder of Easton, laid out both towns and also surveyed this road.

The original builder of the Inn is unknown. It was acquired by Peter Dorney in 1796 and remained in family ownership until 1933. It has been used as a tavern/inn since its construction, making it one of the oldest inns in continuous use in the state. The two late Georgian style houses were built by Peter's sons John and William. Together they present an unusual survival of a crossroads settlement. The strong family connection is also noteworthy.

The three buildings have all been altered over the years. They are, however, good examples of colonial and late Georgian architecture and imminently worthy of preservation.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of Lehigh County, Vol. 2, 1914.

History of Lehigh & Carbon Counties, Mathias & Hungerford, Philadelphia, 1884.

Mr. John Heyl - Lehigh County Historical Society, Heyl Treby Associates.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY three acres

UTM REFERENCES

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	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

Clifford G. McDermott/William K. Watson

ORGANIZATION

Little Lehigh Watershed Assoc./Pa. Hist. & Mus. Comm. 1974/Oct., 1977

STREET & NUMBER

11 West Pine Street/P. O. Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN

Emmaus/Harrisburg

DATE

TELEPHONE

717-787-4363

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 WILLIAM J. WEWER, Executive Director
Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

DATE 10/12/77

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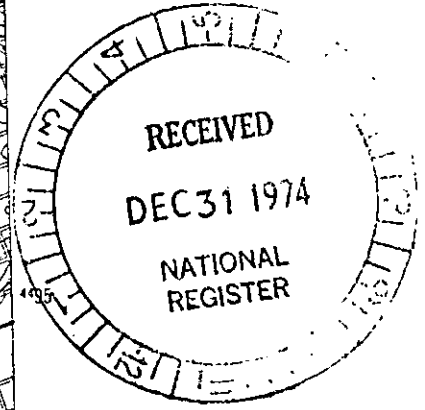
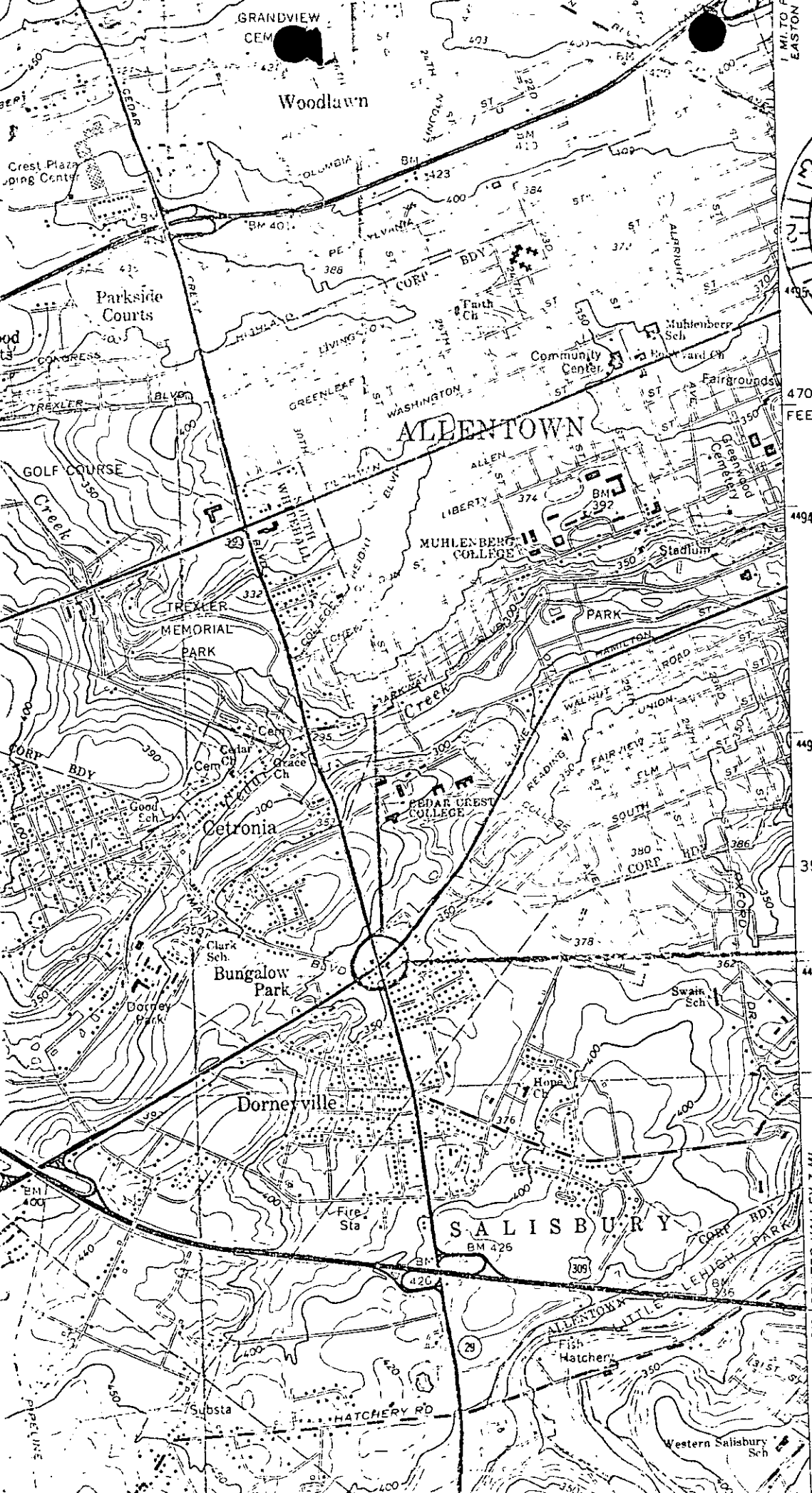
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



*Zone 18
 Northing 4492
 Easting 455127*



WITH CROSSROAD SETTLEMENT
 Lehigh County
 492 010
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(ALLENTOWN EAST) CENTER VALLEY 7 MI.
 PHILADELPHIA 60 MI.
 3865 III SW