

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

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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 John Immel House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Flanagan Road ___ not for publication

city, town Myerstown ___ vicinity of congressional district 16

state Pennsylvania code 42 county Lebanon code 075

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"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name American - Marietta Co.

street & number 123 S. Broad St. Ct. Corp. System

city, town Philadelphia ___ vicinity of state Pennsylvania

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Lebanon County Courthouse

street & number South Eighth Street

city, town Lebanon state Pennsylvania

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date November 20, 1978 federal state county local

depository for survey records Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

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 John Immel House is a 2 1/2 story L-shaped dwelling. Made of limestone, it is four bays wide and four bays long. The main section of the house measures 32 feet by 32 feet. Large limestone quoins appear. The gable roof with returns, is covered by wooden shingles, at each corner, and inside gable end brick chimneys are located at both peaks. The cornice, which is found on the front and rear of the main section, also extends along the entire eastern side.

There is a small section to the rear of the house which completes the L. Measuring 18 feet by 18 feet, it is 1 1/2 stories with a shed roof and an inside gable end chimney. There is a small entrance porch on the eastern side. On the western side the ends of the floor joists are exposed.

The facade of the house, which contains the main entrance, faces south. This classically designed entrance in the third bay has a full pediment. The door itself is recessed and is topped by a fan-shaped transom. A date stone is found between the second and third bays on the second story. Set in an arch of interspaced brick and limestone and decorated with a "Pennsylvania Dutch" motif, it reads, "Build by John and Elizabeth Immel 1814."

The wooden window frames on both floors are pegged and have wide keystone lintels. All first story windows are 2/2; all second story windows are 12/8.

There are four rooms on each floor and a full basement.

Only a small wooden shed remains of the original outbuildings. Foundations are present of a barn as well.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input 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
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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 1814

Builder/Architect John Immel

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The architectural significance of the John Immel House lies in the fact that it is a good example of an early house of the area. This home, with its classical details, had a good location, being situated near the now abandoned Union Canal. Built by the descendent of one of the original Palatinate immigrants, it is a typical farmhouse, of this region, built of the limestone which is so abundant in the area. The Immels were a very influential family in Myerstown, serving in various governmental and religious positions.

9. Major Bibliographical References

- Keller, Velma Byrum. Immel and Imel Families in America. Allentown, Pa.: Schlechter's, 1974.
 Lebanon County Historical Society. Immel Family History.
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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 2.68 acres

Quadrangle name Richland, Pa.

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Starting at a point on a public road, thence southwest for 312.5', thence northwest for 187.5', thence northeast for 625', thence southeast for 187.5', thence southwest for 312.5' to point of beginning.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Beverly J. Manbeck/Brenda J. Reigle

organization Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

date

street & number Box 286, Rt. 4

telephone 866-6241

city or town Myerstown/Harrisburg

state Pennsylvania

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title date

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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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ED WEINTRAUB, Director
 title Office of Historic Preservation date 12-10-79

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DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA
ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES
AND GEOLOGIC SURVEY

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BETHEL 8 MI.
MOUNT AETNA 3.2 MI.

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PENNSYLVANIA
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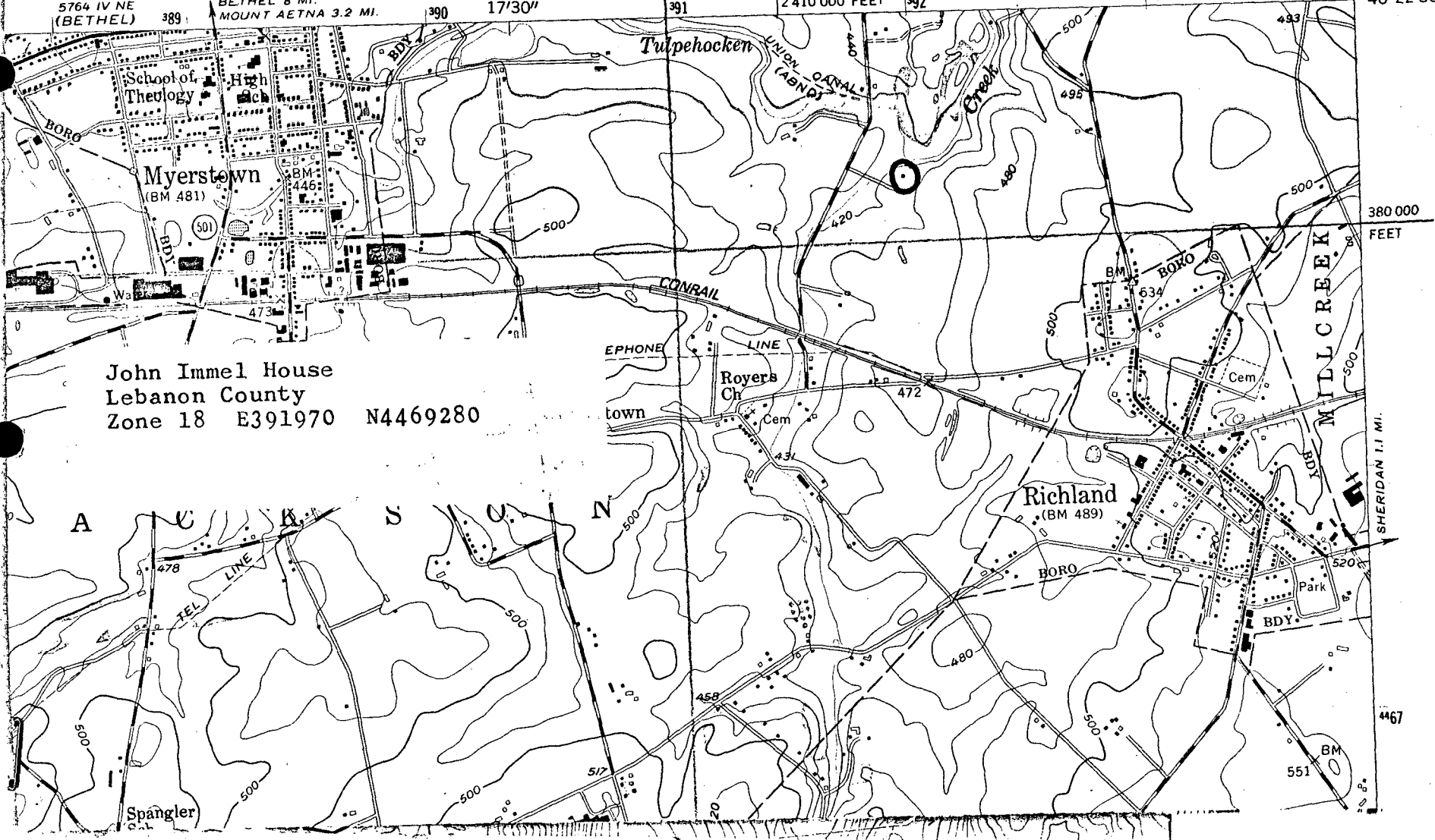
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John Immel House
Lebanon County
Zone 18 E391970 N4469280

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