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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 Gloninger Estate

and/or common _____

2. Location

street & number 2511 West Oak Street _____ not for publication

city, town Lebanon _____ 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 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Zimmerer

street & number 2511 West Oak Street

city, town Lebanon _____ 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 Pa. Inventory of Historic Places has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 4/15/80 _____ federal state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records Pa. 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 house of Gloninger Estate was built into a bank of limestone rock, known as a bank house. A limestone cave lies near the back door. The exit to the cave lies across the street. This house is a perfect example of the Swiss-German style of architecture. It has a steep, pitched roof which was originally covered with hand-split shake shingles (still visible from the interior). The roof is now covered with tin. There are two main floors in the house, each floor with four rooms. The attic was one large room with two small windows on the east and two on the west. The basement is unusual in that the ceilings are nearly twelve feet high. Evidence is present that considerable butchering was done here. The house rests upon a two foot thick wall that runs east to west through the middle of the basement. The foundation walls are 36" thick. The entire house is built of limestone quarried from the property. The two exterior chimneys are of brick. The house has four fireplaces; one large one in the basement, one large and one regular size one on the first floor, and one small fireplace on the second floor.

The house originally had an eaves that circled the house but when victorian modifications took place, the pent eaves were removed. The second floor, front, of the house has four bay windows; the first floor, front, has three bay windows. The east and west sides have four bay windows each. The back, north, has two bay windows per floor (basement, first, second floors).

Also during victorian renovations, a porch that extended the length of the front of the house was added. It has since been removed. On the interior, the staircase, railing and all of the floors are original. Also the second floor mantle is original. The entire remainder of the house had been vandalized from over ten years of abandonment. All of the basement and first floor windows and most of the window frames were gone. The interior walls were heavy with moisture and rot from constant exposure to the weather. The first floor was covered with refuse and litter. A family had been living in a few rooms on the second floor for four years, but were finding it increasingly difficult to tolerate with the conditions.

When the property was purchased in the spring of 1978, the only salvageable parts of the house were the floors, the roof, and the exterior walls and the fireplaces. So many people had inhabited the place and so many remodelings had been done that it was difficult to determine just what had been there originally. The necessary modern conveniences were added while maintaining the manor house look, and retaining the exterior architectural integrity of the home as well as the salvagable interior. The original barn was built in the early 1900's by the Jacob Kreiders after they bought the property from Robert Marshall (of Franklin and Marshall College) husband of Elizabeth Gloninger Marshall. The barn was razed by fire in 1975. The small barn and garage was built by the then-owner Franz Messerschmidt thereafter. There is a small smokehouse approximately fifteen feet to the west of the house. It is built of limestone and has a tin roof. There was a summer house built of wood to the southwest of the house, but fell into disrepair and was torn down. A corncrib to the northwest of the house followed the same fate.

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"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law
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			<input type="checkbox"/> theater
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1785 Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Gloninger house is of significance for two main reasons. First of all its architecture is typical of the Swiss-German style that so many immigrants to the country built in the mid to late 1700's. It is still remaining one of the oldest limestone homes in Lebanon County. The second reason is that the home was built and inhabited for many years by the Gloninger family. The builder of this house was a Colonel in the Revolutionary Militia. The Honorable John Gloninger then was appointed to be Judge for this county (then Dauphin County). His descendants were prominent doctors in this area and Philadelphia. Dr. Andrew Goninger was the founder of one of Lebanon's major hospitals, the Lebanon Sanatorium, now the Lebanon Valley General Hospital.

John Gloninger, son of Philip and Anna Barbara Gloninger, was born on September 19, 1758 in Lebanon township, then Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. His ancestors were among the earliest settlers in that locality. John Gloninger received most of his instruction from the pastor of the Reformed Church, who was also teacher of the school. When the Revolution broke out he served as a subaltern officer in the associators. Towards the close of the war he was in command of the battalion of militia. Upon the organization of the county of Dauphin he was appointed, by the Supreme Executive Council county, lieutenant May 6, 1785. He was a representative to the General Assembly in 1790, resigning to accept the position of State Senator, which office he also in time resigned. He was appointed by Governor Mifflin, a warm personal friend, one of the associate judges of the county of Dauphin. This position, owing to the distance and the inconvenience of travel, he afterwards resigned. However, upon the erection of the new county of Lebanon, in 1813, he was commissioned one of the associate judges, an office he filled many years. He died at Lebanon on the 22nd of January, 1836, aged 77 years.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 4.6

Quadrangle name Lebanon, PA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mrs. Stephanie L. Zimmerer

organization

date

street & number 2511 West Oak Street

telephone

city or town Lebanon

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

Ed Weintraub, Director

title Office of Historic Preservation

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