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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 CHESTNUT STREET LOG HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1110 Chestnut Street

--NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Lebanon

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

16th

STATE

Pennsylvania

VICINITY OF

CODE
42

COUNTY

Lebanon

CODE

075

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 checked="" 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:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Lebanon County Redevelopment Authority

STREET & NUMBER

Municipal Building

CITY, TOWN

Lebanon

VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania 17042

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Lebanon County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

South 8th Street

CITY, TOWN

Lebanon

STATE

Pennsylvania 17042

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

March 3, 1976

--FEDERAL STATE --COUNTY --LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Pennsylvania Historical & 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 Chestnut Street Log House is a one and one-half story central fireplace log structure on a limestone foundation. From architectural investigation it appears that the log superstructure was raised $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet in circa 1850 to conform with the level of the surrounding houses.

The house, rectangular in shape, is three bays by one bay and has a gable roof. The brick chimney is just off center on the pitched roof. The roof has tarpaper shingles covering the wooden shingles.

Only three bays by one bay, windows in the front facade are six over six. The doorway is located in the third bay.

The west gable end has a long casement window of six panes. The upper west gable end is sheathed in boards. The east gable end abuts directly on the neighboring house.

The rear elevation presently has a doorway in the first bay and no windows.

The house is currently being restored to its late 1700 appearances. Until 1975 this house was sheathed with wide horizontal clapboard. Slated for demolition it was discovered that the non-descript clapboard structure was really an early log house. Extensive architectural examination was made to ascertain the original exterior and interior appearance. From all evidences the Chestnut Street house is a fine example of early Pennsylvania German log house architecture.

The cellar, as is normal in houses of this period and cultural origin, is a half cellar under the first floor kammer (parent's bedroom). The flooring in the cellar is earthen. The walls were not fully plastered. The cellar is entered by an exterior stairway on the south wall.

The first floor is composed of the typical three room floor plan prevalent in Pennsylvania German architecture. The fireplace rises in the general center of the house, with the hearth oriented into the kitchen. The flooring originally was a stone paving, but was changed to a random width oak floor. The kitchen is lit by means of a small six-light swinging casement window. The open stairs were located in the northwest corner of the kitchen. Adjacent to the stairs is the front door to the house. The other exterior doorway is located directly opposite in the rear of the kitchen. The ceiling is open with the joists being exposed.

The next room leading from the kitchen is the stübe (living room). The flooring in this room was originally of pine. Two windows are extant on the north wall. They are double-hung six-light sash. Trim

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was applied throughout this room, the surviving evidence indicating application in the 18th century. The moulding profile is of a Georgian type, as was all trim throughout the house interior. The trim is comprised of chairrailing, baseboard, window and door casing. It was originally painted a yellow ochre wash. The ceiling was exposed and the log walls were plastered. The plaster adhered to small wooden white pine pegs, rather than lath. An initial brown coat (mud and straw) was laid and then covered with a finish white coat.

The stübe was heated by means of a five-plate German jamb stove. The openings to the firebox and flue are situated in the rear of the kitchen fireplace.

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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 type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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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

George Steitz received two warrants for land, one in 1737 and another in 1741, on which he laid out lots for a village. He began to sell these lots about 1750. His community was first known as Steitztown, but later became known as Lebanon. He was not the first settler in the area, as the land records prove, but his was the prudence that established Lebanon City. Accordingly, by 1772, there were 200 dwellings in the village.

The lots were sold by perches and amounted to two perches wide by six deep. A stipulation required that a house must be built upon the lot within 18 months of the purchase date. A second requirement mandated that each house have a stone or brick chimney. The earliest lots were located between 7th and 12th Streets on the east and west and the Quit-tapahilla Creek and Walnut Street north and south. The Chestnut Street Log House is the only known house remaining that dates from the circa 1772 period.

It is within these confines that the Chestnut Street Log House is still standing. It is remarkable that it has survived with much of its original fabric remaining considering the fact that it was conceivably built while George Steitz was laying out his town.

A deed search has taken the house back into the 1820's but no record of a transaction has surfaced for an earlier period. However extensive research reveals that this house is an illustration of the design in "folk architecture" that has become identified with Early America. It is a prototype of the 18th century that has somehow survived. Restoration efforts are currently underway to preserve the structure.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Deeds & Wills, Lebanon County Courthouse.

"Colonial Architecture of the Pennsylvania Germans," by G. Edwin Brumbaugh, The Pennsylvania German Society, Volume 41, 1930.

Pennsylvania Agriculture and Country Life, 1640-1740, 1740-1840, S.W. Fletcher

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .1

QUADRANGLE NAME Lebanon, Pa.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 18 378580 4465980

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Starting at a point on Chestnut Street moving SE for 65 feet then SW for 291 feet, then NW for 13.4 feet then NW for 55.5 feet to Chestnut Street, then NE for 38.5 feet.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Thomas E. Jones, Gerald Collins, Vicki Bernardo, Beverly Manbeck

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Lebanon County Historic Preservation Trust

1978

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

P. O. Box 844

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Lebanon

Pennsylvania 17042

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE ED WEINTRAUB
State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

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DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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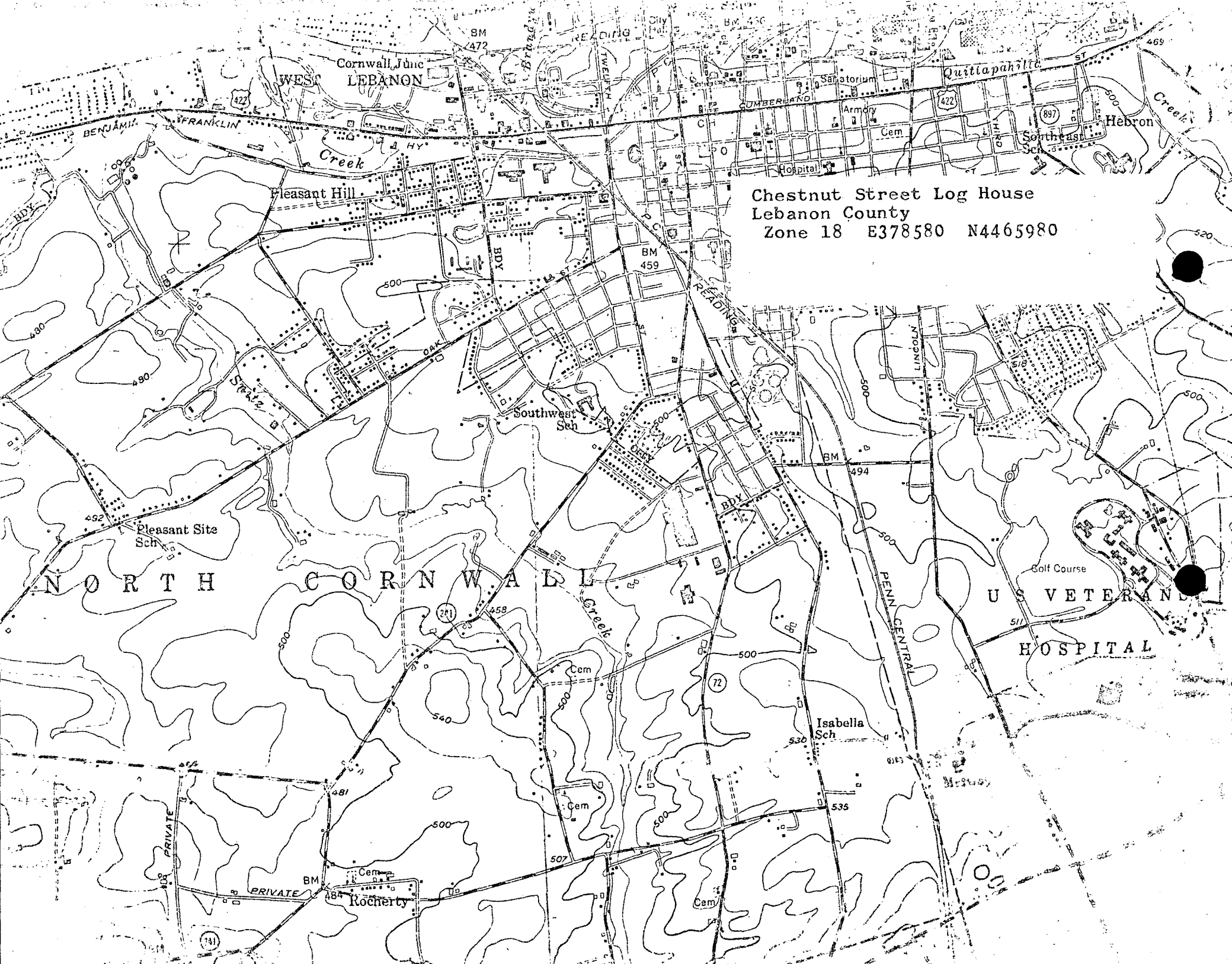
DATE

MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION



Chestnut Street Log House
Lebanon County
Zone 18 E378580 N4465980

NORTH CORNWALL

U.S. VETERANS
HOSPITAL