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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 Biever House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
49 South White Oak Street

CITY, TOWN
Annville

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
17th

STATE
Pennsylvania

VICINITY OF
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" 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 Hapkens Associates

STREET & NUMBER
P. O. Box 26

CITY, TOWN
Hershey

VICINITY OF

STATE
Pennsylvania

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Lebanon County Court House

STREET & NUMBER
South Eighth Street

CITY, TOWN
Lebanon

STATE
Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE
1976

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

CITY, TOWN
Harrisburg

STATE
Pennsylvania

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 Biever house is a five bay $2\frac{1}{2}$ story house constructed in 1814 in the Georgian style. The house is constructed of limestone with huge quoins. An attempt at regular coursing was made on the facade but the gable ends and rear of the house are very irregular. Window frames are pegged and mortised. The window sash is not original.

The main doorway features a broken pediment with finial supported by reeded pilasters. The recessed doorway has an elegant sunburst transom. The design work on the side panels and door frames consists of a series of gouged panels and six pointed stars done in pick work. This pick or punch work design is also used in the cornice decoration. A series of attached pendants is offset by a semi-circular chain of pick work and a band of geometric designs. The three gable roof dormers on the front slope of the roof also feature this pick work design. The gable ends are two bays wide with brick chimneys located within each gable wall. The fan window in the attic level has a brick arch and pick work done in a swag motif.

A two story two bay stone addition was added to northwest corner of the house in the mid-19th century. The addition has a two story frame porch on the south side. The doorway to the addition on the north side has a full pediment supported by reeded pilasters. The workmanship, however, is far more crude than the doorway on the main facade. There is also a small brick summer kitchen located to the north of the house. This $1\frac{1}{2}$ story brick building has a very nice Victorian cornice with the barge board done in an inverted fleur-de-lis style.

The interior of the house has been converted into three apartments. However some of the interior wood work still survives including two very nice corner cupboards in the front parlors.

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 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" 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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The community of Annville was established in the late 18th century as a marketing center for the rich farm land which surrounds it. The community was settled by German immigrants and in 1840 had a population of 500. During the 19th century the town had a number of manufacturing concerns including two large factories for the manufacture of silk hats and a large shoe factory. The Biever family arrived in Annville circa 1800 and quickly became one of the leading families of the community. John D. Biever 1812-1880 was perhaps the most note worthy of the family, holding several political offices and operating a large tanning establishment south of his residence.

The Biever House is an excellent example of the rural Georgian style house. It displays some excellent craftsmanship in the wood work of the main doorway. The house also displays an extensive use of pick work in the decoration of doorways, cornice and window frames. It is one of three stone houses in the community displaying an extensive use of pick work. The house is well maintained and in good condition.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Berman, E.B. "A Visit to Annville, 60 Years Ago," Papers of the Lebanon County Historical Society. Vol. I. No. 8, 1899.

Warner, Joseph H. "Annville: Township and Town" Paper of the Lebanon County Historical Society. Vol N. No. 3, 1909.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

A	18	371250	44165070	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
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

William K. Watson, Curator

1976

ORGANIZATION

Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

DATE

(717) 787-4363

STREET & NUMBER

Third and North Streets

TELEPHONE

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

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 and Museum Commission

DATE

5/9/77

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

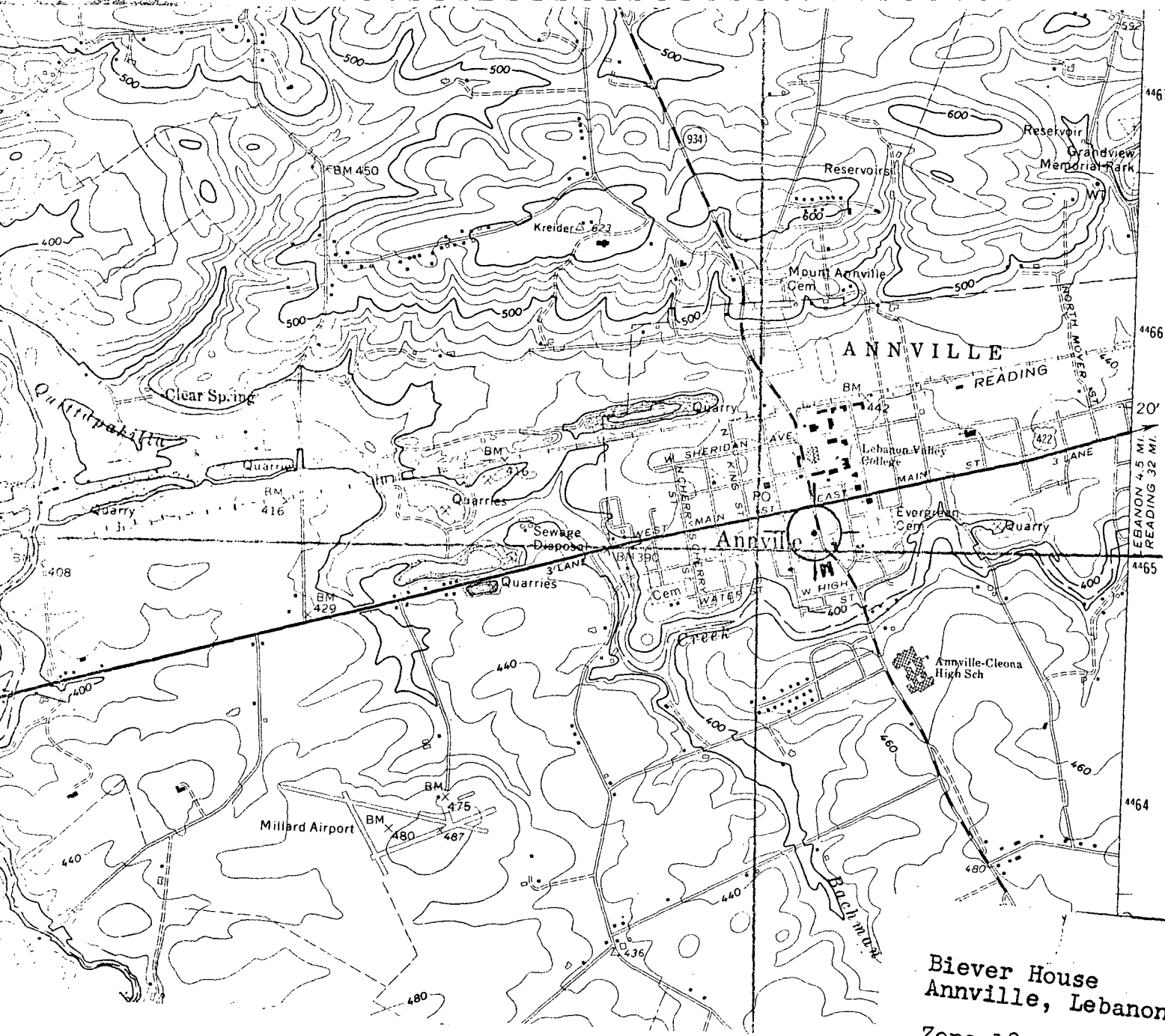
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DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



Biever House

Zone 18

371250

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Annville, Lebanon County, Pa.
Zone 18