

United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation 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 *OLD HOMESTEAD 1823-1851*

and/or common *Pine Grove Farm 1851-1970, Honey Creek Farm 1970 - Present*

## 2. Location

street & number *Off Route 351, NW of Enon Valley* \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town *Little Beaver Township* \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district *25*

state *Pennsylvania* code *42* county *Lawrence* code *073*

## 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 *Ray B. Brandt*

street & number *RD #1, Box 242, Route 351*

city, town *Enon Valley* \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ state *Pennsylvania 16120*

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. *Lawrence County Courthouse*

street & number *Court Street*

city, town *New Castle,* \_\_\_\_\_ state *Pennsylvania*

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date *9/7/79* \_\_\_\_\_ federal  state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ local

depository for survey records *Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission*

city, town *Harrisburg* \_\_\_\_\_ state *Pennsylvania 17120*

## 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 Old Homestead is a two and  $\frac{1}{2}$  story brick structure with a gable roof and unusual stepped front and rear walls. The structure measures 39 feet 4 inches by 38 feet 6 inches and has a height of 32 feet from ground level to the peak of the roof. The foundation is a had cut, locally quarried stone and a full cellar is present under the whole house. All exterior walls are three bricks thick. Interior frame walls are of black wlanut cut in 8" x 8" timbers and are joined by motise and tenon joints with white oak pins. The roof rafters are 3" x 4" oak. The floor joints are 3" x 10" oaks.

The almost square structure is four bays by three bays. The extending front and rear walls apex in four extended brick chimneys. Decorative cornices are located on the side walls. Windows in this unusual house are six over six with plain stone lintels and sills. The most unusual window in the structure is located in the attic level of the front facade. The one over one window (probably originally six over six), has two light side-lights and a solid decorative fan (light), and radiating brick arch. Iron S-shaped wall pins flank this window. The rear wall is devoid of windows, as it faces north was probably designed as a protection against the winds. This wall is presently ivy covered.

A one-story brick porch shades the front entrance. The main door is panelled with a transom.

The west (side) elevation has a 1 story brick addition (shed roof). This sun porch - utility room addition was made in 1930.

The interior of this unusual structure has an unusually fine excellence in woodwork and features. Entry from the front is directly into an entry room. There is no first floor hallway, only four rooms present at this level. The staircase is directly to the left of the main door along the front wall of the house. The hung dog-leg staircase is open from the first to the third floors. The cherry spindles and handrails make the open staircase unusually attractive.

The rest of the first floor is divided into a kitchen, dining room and living room. Fireplaces are located in each of these rooms and have decorative Federal-style wooden mantels. The kitchen is located to the west of the entry room in the front of the house, an unusual location. However, the plainer more utilitarian fireplaces places this as its original location.

The second floor has a small hall surrounded by five rooms. Three of the four bedrooms also have Federal-style fireplaces.

During a part of its history, the structure was owned by an Amish family named Shetly. Shunning the fanciness of the structure, they bricked up the fireplaces and walled in the staircase storing the banisters in the attic. They were reopened in 1948.

# 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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates Date of construction: 1824-25 Builder/Architect Enoch Marvin

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Enoch Marvin, an agent of the Pennsylvania Population Company was the second owner of the land having bought it at a sheriff's sale in 1823 from Enion Williams, the first individual owner, also an agent of the Polulation Company. "He" held the land from 1805 to 1823. Original size was 350 acres. Enoch Marvin bought additional adjoining acreage increasing his holdings to 590 acres. In later years his heirs sold and divided acreage. The present owners have 122 acres. Todays Enon Valley was laid out on Enoch Marvin's land, by Enoch Marvin in 1838.

The "Old Homestead" was a transplamt from the maturing Philadelphia Society of Gracious Living, to the primitive ways of a frontier. Looking to west-ward expansion. In building his home, Enoch Marvin hiped to shw an example of the quiet elegance and good taste that was typical of his life in Philadelphia. Building such a home here in this unsettled area, he hoped to bring for himself a pleasant way of life, and an example to be emulated by those who would buy the land he had to sell.

The Old Homestead is an unusual structure not only for its location but because of its architecture. Its extended walls and double chimneys are more common to Maryland where they usually were used as sidewalls not the front and rear elevations. The only other stepped front facade in the area is the William Marshall House in Armstrong County.

The fine woodwork and interior detailing are also unusual for the area in its frontier period. Enon Valley is at least 45 miles from Pittsburgh.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Records in Beaver County Courthouse, after October 20, 1849 records in Lawrence County Courthouse.  
Booklet entitled "The Old Homestead" on Honey Creek, B.K. Thacker.  
Papers -- "Notes on the Old House on Honey Creek" by Juliet B. Foster "Western Advertiser" of Beaver County, July 1979.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 3,68

Quadrangle name New Galilee, Pennsylvania

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification *Starting at iron pin in lane moving NE 631.73 feet to iron pin, then SE 295.50 feet to iron pin, then SW 371.90 feet to iron pin, then SW 304.20 feet to iron pin, then SW 99 feet to iron pin, then NW 65.05 feet to iron pin, then NW 70.80 feet to starting point.*

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 J. Bowan

organization Anthony Wayne Historical Society date August 6, 1979

street & number 899 Heber Street telephone 412-869-9484 ( 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)

city or town Baden 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 date \_\_\_\_\_  
title Office of Historic Preservation

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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

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

"Honey Creek Farm"  
"Pine Grove Farm"

