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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 Buffalo Presbyterian Church

AND/OR COMMON

**USE THIS COPY
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2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER R. D. #2, Buffalo Township

CITY, TOWN

Lewisburg

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

17

STATE

Pa

CODE

42

COUNTY

Union

CODE

119

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<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"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mrs. Mary Ruhl Maher, Mrs. Ethel D. Ruhl, George A. Ruhl

STREET & NUMBER

26 South Front Street

CITY, TOWN

Lewisburg

VICINITY OF

STATE

Pa.

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Union County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

South Second and St. Louis Sts.

CITY, TOWN

Lewisburg

STATE

Pa.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None known

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Buffalo Presbyterian Church is a one-story brick and wood structure, three bays wide and four deep. Its graceful entranceway focuses upon a panelled doorway, with four-light transom. On either side of the door is a sash window with twelve-over-twelve lights, trimmed in white. The entranceway also has a single portico, supported by four square, tapering white columns. Above the columns are entablature with recessed panels and a pediment framed in moulding. A simple set of steps leads in the entranceway, narrowing towards the top to create a pyradmial effect. The sides of the church are each divided into four recessed sections, each with a twelve-over-twelve light window. A boxed cornice surrounds the sides and back of the church. The exterior has not changed substantially since the building's construction in 1846.

Inside, the pews and woodwork appear to be original, while the altar furnishings and electrical installations are of course more recent. The windows have louvered shutters which open to the inside.

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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 1846-1975

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Buffalo Church until 1919 served the oldest congregation in Union County, having been founded in 1775. Two buildings have previously occupied the site; a cemetery adjoining the church attests to its early origins. The land on which the church stands was donated by Joseph and Edward Shippen, leading citizens in the early history of the area.

Architecturally, the building is a fine example of vernacular architectural style. It is quiet, dignified, and well-proportioned. The use of classical detail reflects the then-prevalent interest in Greek and Roman architecture. The classical elements are very successfully combined with more local elements such as panelling and sash windows. Like the combination of styles, the combination of materials and colors is pleasing and well-balanced.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Union County Sesquicentennial, the Story of a County: 1813-1963. ed. Thomas R. Deans.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4 acres

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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 George A. Ruhl
Sally McMurray, Student Aide

ORGANIZATION none
Pa. Historical Museum Commission

DATE July, 1975

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CITY OR TOWN Lewisburg
Harrisburg

STATE Pa.

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL x

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

Executive Director
TITLE Pa. Historical Museum Commission

DATE

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

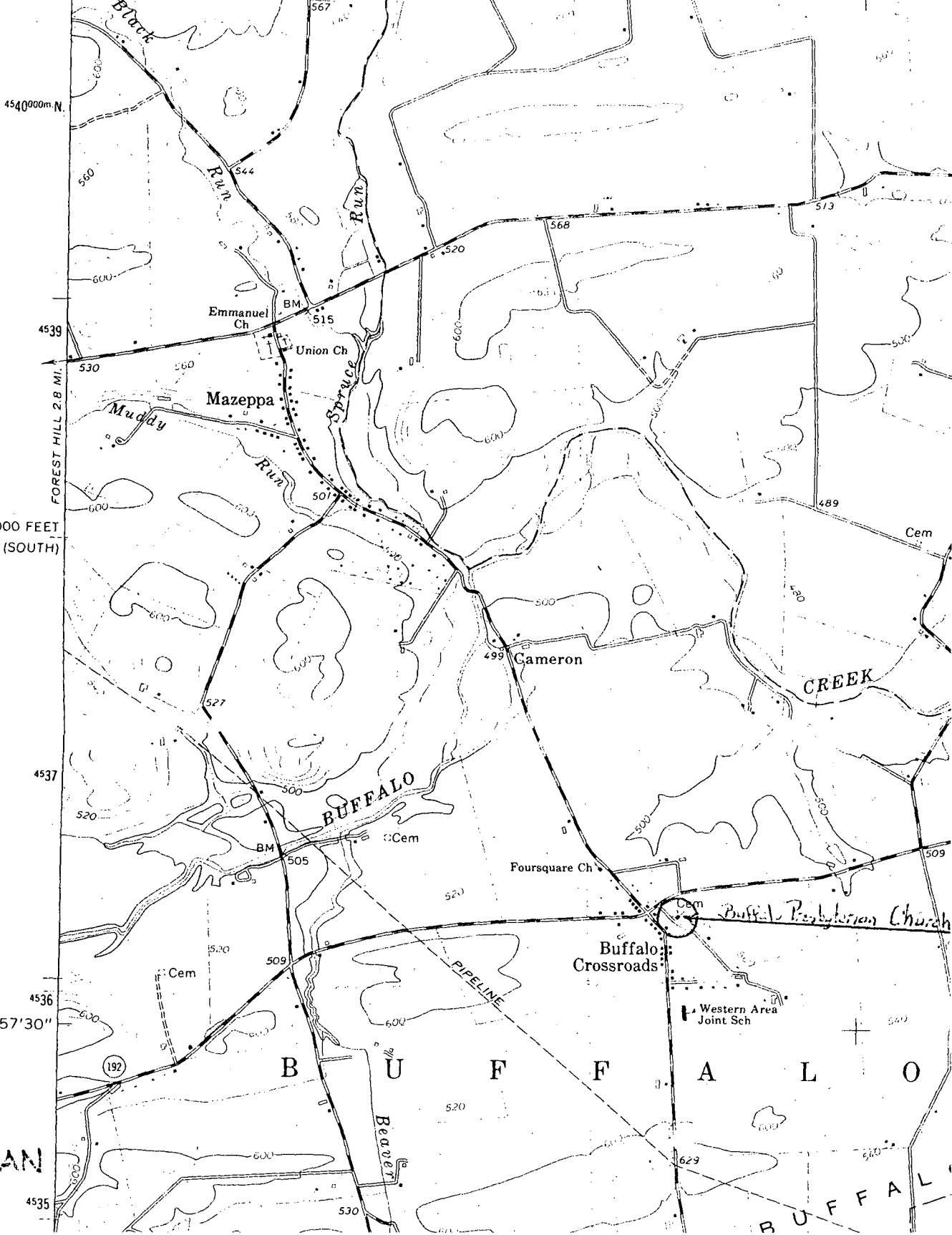
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KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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WILLIAMSPORT SE

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PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

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