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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 PACKWOOD HOUSE - AMERICAN HOTEL

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
10 Market Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
17th

Lewisburg

VICINITY OF

STATE

CODE  
42

COUNTY  
Union

CODE  
119

Pennsylvania

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY		OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT		<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
		<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
		<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
		<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

The Featherston Foundation

STREET & NUMBER

10 Market Street

CITY, TOWN

Lewisburg

VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania 17844

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Union County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

South Second and St. Louis Streets

CITY, TOWN

Lewisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

10/19/77

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission  
William Penn Memorial Museum, P.O. Box 1026

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

# 77 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 Packwood House - American Hotel is a three story gable roofed rectangular structure with a two story pent roof addition on the rear. Nine bays long by two bays wide the structure is located on the corner of Market Street.

The Packwood House - American Hotel, circa 1813, started as a small 2 story log structure on the corner. Circa 1866, the owner, Adam Weidensaul, enlarged the structure by adding a frame third story and extending the structure along Market Street, A frame two story addition at the rear was also added at this time.

The low gable roof has a single gable roofed dormer located over the twin entrance doors. A hipped roof porch shelters these panelled doorways. Windows throughout the Hotel are two over two with plain wooden hoods and sills. The first story windows have panelled shutters with louvered shutters on the second and third stories.

A second doorway is located in the first bay (left) of the front facade. This panelled doorway is also protected by a hipped roof porch.

Since 1972 the Packwood House - American Hotel has been used as a museum displaying the antique collections of Edith Hedges Keely Featherston.

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"/> 400-1499	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<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

Listed as the log home of Andrew Shearer, a weaver, on the tax assessments of 1813, the Packwood House - American Hotel has grown enormously during its 164 year history. This log structure began its long career as a public house in the early 1800's. It was then called Andrew Shearer's Tavern and served ferry and canal boat patrons on the Susquehanna. In 1866 the new owner, Adam Weidensaul, continued its use as a hotel and enlarged the structure significantly. Weidensaul's American Hotel catered to the wagon and train trade of the late 1800's. Toward the end of the 19th century and early 20th century the Packwood House - American Hotel was used as an apartment house.

In 1936 it was purchased by John and Edith Kelly Fetherson. Edith was born in Union County, and thus was returning to her early home. Mr. Featherson was a widely known engineer, and worked for a time on the TVA construction. Mrs. Featherson was a painter and a collector of exotic works of art. In time their home became a private museum housing their collections of furniture, textiles, art objects, oriental rugs, paintings, and many other types of memorabilia. When Mrs. Featherson died in 1972 she left the property and contents as well as additional capital to the Packwood Foundation for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a museum. It now operates on a five day week schedule.

The Packwood House - American Hotel has served the community of Lewisburg as a public house and hotel since the early beginnings of the town. Its growth and style reflect the housing development in Lewisburg from its founding.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Snyder, Charles M. (ed.) Bicentennial History of Union County, 1976, p. 257.

Packwood House, Featherston Foundation, 1977

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .5 acre

QUADRANGLE NAME \_\_\_\_\_

QUADRANGLE SCALE \_\_\_\_\_

UTM REFERENCES

A 18 341600 4536510

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Charles M. Snyder/Susan M. Zacher

ORGANIZATION

Union County Bicentennial Comm./Pa. Hist. & Mus. Comm. December, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

South 2nd and St. Louis Sts./P. O. Box 1026

TELEPHONE

717-787-4363

CITY OR TOWN

Lewisburg/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 WILLIAM J. WEWER, Executive Director  
Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

DATE 3/27/78

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

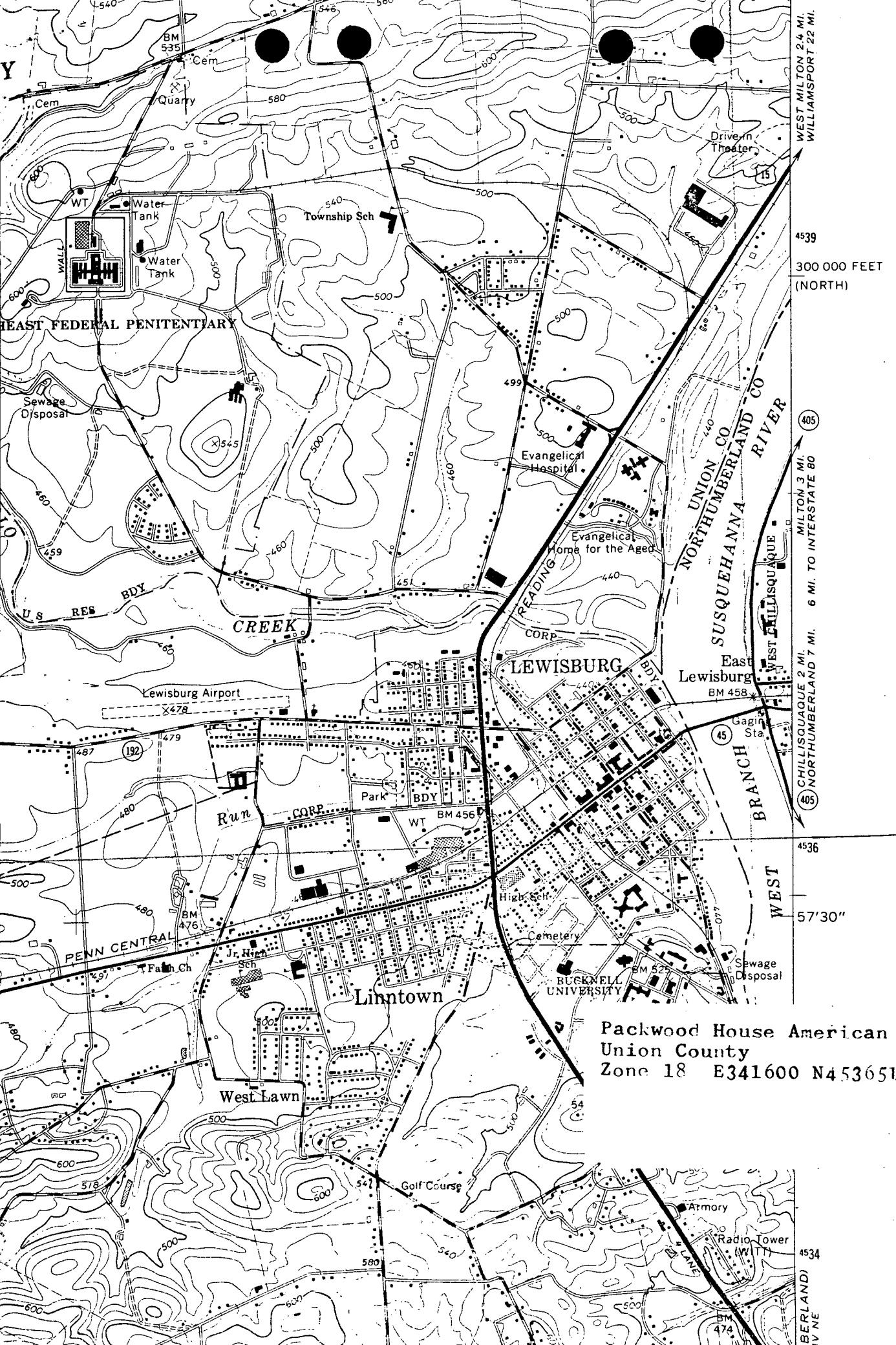
DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION



WEST MILTON 2.4 MI.  
WILLIAMSPORT 22 MI.

4539  
300 000 FEET  
(NORTH)

MILTON 3 MI.  
TO INTERSTATE 80

CHILLISQUAKE 2 MI.  
NORTHUMBERLAND 7 MI.

4536  
57'30"

4534  
BERLAND  
VINE

Packwood House American Hotel  
Union County  
Zone 18 E341600 N4536510