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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

Robinson House

AND/OR COMMON

White House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

120 Main

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Wellsboro

— VICINITY OF

10

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Pennsylvania

CODE

42

COUNTY

Tioga

CODE

117

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" 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

County Commissioners of Tioga County

STREET & NUMBER

118 Main

CITY, TOWN

Wellsboro

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

118 Main

CITY, TOWN

Wellsboro

STATE

Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

1/12/77

— FEDERAL STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Pennsylvania Historical and 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 Robinson House is rectangular, two stories, five bay Greek Revival Style with a rectangular shaped wing in the rear. The 116' x 72' house has cut stone foundation and partial basement. The roof is medium gabled and pedimented with plain boxed cornices and friezes. The pediments are flush board. Wall construction is nailed frame end board covered with clapboard.

The windows are double hung sash with single lights. The original 6 over 6 windows were replaced in the 1890's. A small 6 bay extension on the side wall was also added at this time.

The front (south) of the house is five bays wide and has a one story portico with engaged and freestanding wood Ionic Columns. The center, main facade door is wood with plain trim head and sides. It has recessed side panels with windows. The door is molded wood and has a four section semi-circular window.

The house has two plain single unit brick chimneys located on the gable ends. They serve four fireplaces. A third chimney was added after 1900 to accommodate a furnace.

The interior has two staircases leading to the second story; one at the rear of the main building which has a door at the bottom and the main staircase which is located in the center of the building. This main staircase along with the hall divides each story forming two rooms in the gabled portion of the main building. These rooms are a mirror image on the first story with identical fireplaces at the end of the rooms.

In the non-gabled area the first story is divided into two rooms. One is a kitchen/dining area which is entered from the hallway through Dutch doors. The other room is now entered by going through the bay window area. The original door between the front and rear rooms here has been closed over and a closet constructed. Upstairs there is one room, a closet and the rear staircase. This non-gabled section is lower than the gabled portion of the main building.

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
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<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 type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Robinson House is a fine example of a local adaptation of the Greek Revival style. Its simplistic lines, undecorated freize and simple portico add to the homes a quiet clean look.

Once the home of John L. Robinson, president of Wellsboros only bank and was the scene of Wellsboros most sensational crime. On the night of September 16, 1874, John L. Robinson and his family were forced from their beds and were tied and handcuffed by seven robbers. After unsuccessfully trying to open the banks vault the robbers came to the Robinson home and forced Eugene H. Robinson, John Robinson's son and the banks cashier, to open the vault. The rest of the family were tied and the house was nailed shut. The robbers made off with \$50,000 in cash and securities. Eventually two of the robbers were caught and most of the cash was returned. But the robbery and its circumstances were the sensation of the time.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of Tioga County 1883.
 History of Tioga County 1897.
 ATLAS of Tioga County 1875.
 Old Tioga 1877.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.0

UTM REFERENCES

A 18 | 308440 | 46240110
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Robert W. Unger, Ph. D/Susan Zacher, Box 1026 Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

ORGANIZATION

Tioga County Historical Society

1/6/77

STREET & NUMBER

Box 724

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Wellsboro

STATE

Pennsylvania

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

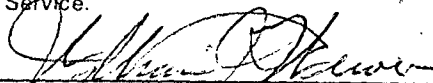
NATIONAL

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 and Museum Commission

DATE 2-24-77

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

DATE

ATTEST: DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

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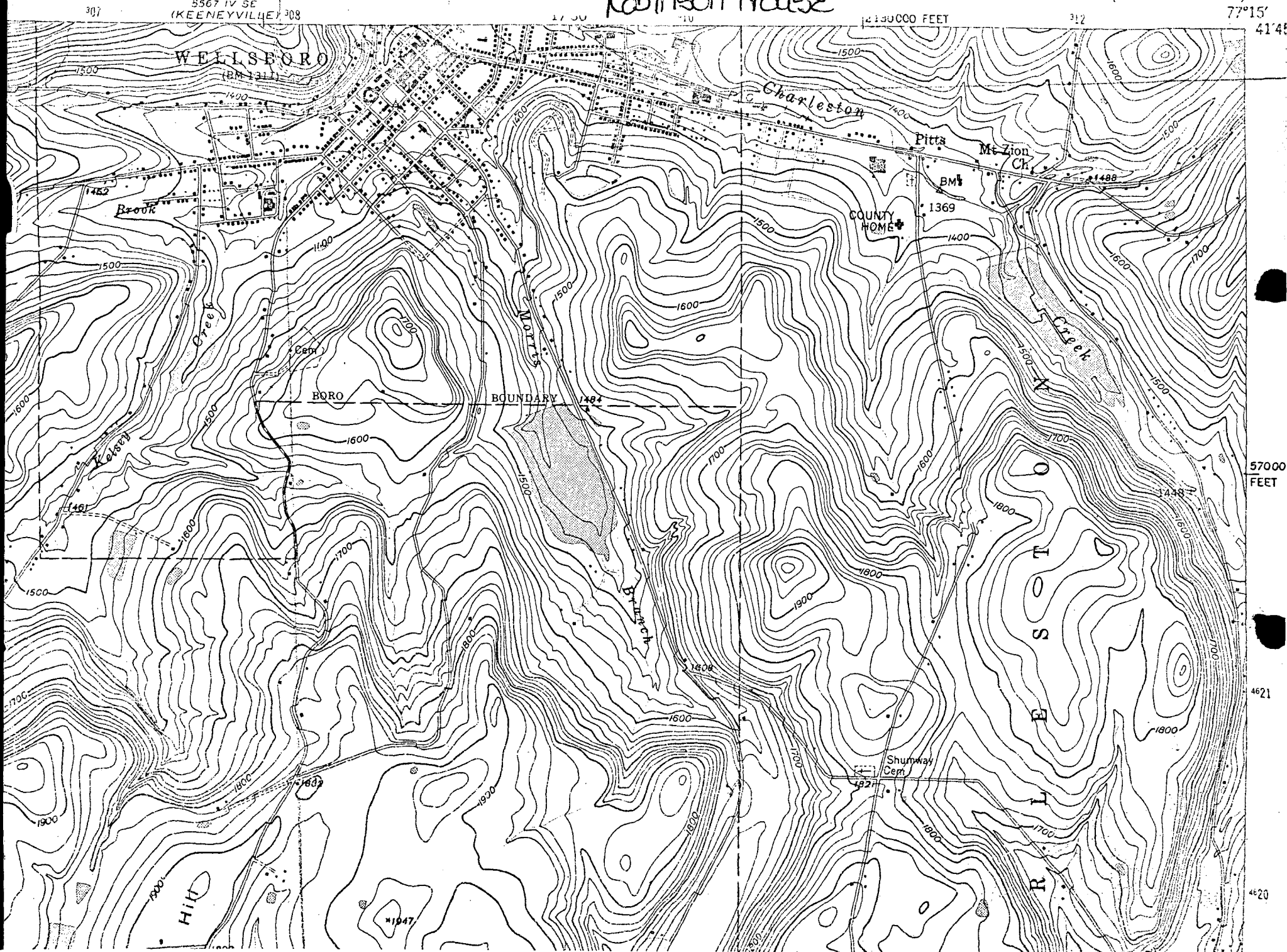
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Robinson House



57000 FEET

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