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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 JUDGE JOHN RYON HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON Judge Ira Kilbourne House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
Main Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN  
Lawrenceville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
10th

STATE  
Pennsylvania

CODE  
42

COUNTY  
Tioga

CODE  
117

**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"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
Tioga County Redevelopment Authority

STREET & NUMBER  
Main Street

CITY, TOWN  
Lawrenceville

VICINITY OF

STATE  
Pennsylvania

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Tioga County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN  
Wellsboro

STATE  
Pennsylvania

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE  
3-7-77

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 Judge Ryon House is a Greek Revival Temple form house built about 1840. The house was apparently six by four bays. With the southwest corner a two story porch (thus explaining why the south facade shows a break).

The present kitchen area to the rear of the main section appears to have been added in the 1880's but remodeled several times since.

The front portico is supported by four full fluted Ionic columns. The capitals, while well executed, seem oversized for the columns and house in general. The existing cornice is relatively simple and may possibly be replacements although it is more likely that the builder skimmed on the details. The front facade is separated into three equal sections by pilasters with fret work designs at the top which apparently were copied from Asher Benjamin's "Practical House Carpenter". The two front doors were also drawn from that source.

Some of the remaining six over six sash appear to be original and in all likelihood they were used on both floors. The existing floor plan is symmetrical and presumably reflects the original. Interior moldings are relatively plain pillar and blocks.

# 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
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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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

When the Borough of Lawrenceville was erected in 1818 all the land in the south part of town as owned by Judge Ira Kilborne who was one of the early settlers. During his lifetime he split off sections along the main street of town. On one of these, Judge John Ryon built the front part of the present structure. Ryon started practice in Lawrenceville around 1840 and apparently built the Classic Greek Revival temple form mansion which is currently the site office for the Lawrenceville Disaster Urban Research Area project. The building is one of the best examples of its type in Pennsylvania and easily the most impressive building locally. The Ryon family owned the property until 1968 and made several additions to the rear of the original structure. These additions are generally in keeping with the style of the original structure, but lack the detail of the original.

The original building's general design and details were drawn from the works of Asher Benjamin within the context of Pennsylvania Architecture. Temple form houses are very rare, however, this one is only a few hundred yards from the New York State line where the style is far more common.

The building was originally scheduled for demolition, but will now be sold for rehabilitation.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Messenger, History of Tioga County, Pennsylvania. 1897,  
Chicago.

Benjamin, Asher, Practical House Carpentry. 1830, Boston.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .5 acre

UTM REFERENCES

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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

Vance P. Packard, Curator

ORGANIZATION

Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

DATE

June, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 1026

TELEPHONE

717-787-4363

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

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

DATE

6/13/77

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

ATTEST

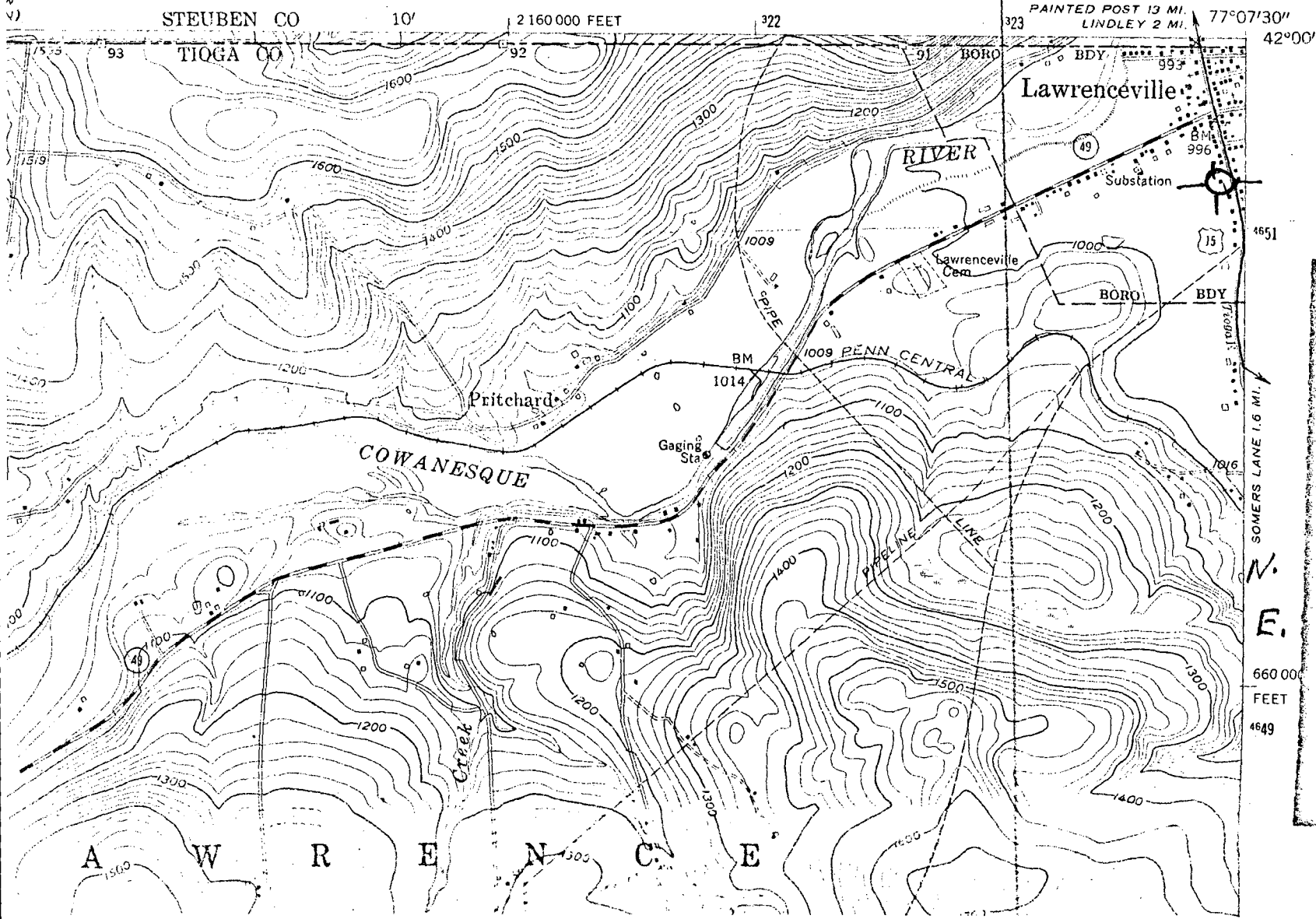
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 PENNSYLVANIA—NEW YORK  
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 Tioga County  
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