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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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 PETERSBURG TOLL HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
East side of Addison, National Pike, Old Rt. 40

CITY, TOWN  
Addison

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
12th

STATE  
Pennsylvania

CODE  
42

COUNTY  
Somerset

CODE  
111

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" 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  
Great Crossings Chapter, DAR

STREET & NUMBER  
Old Route 40

CITY, TOWN  
Addison

VICINITY OF

STATE  
Pennsylvania

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Somerset County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER  
Center Street

CITY, TOWN  
Somerset

STATE  
Pennsylvania

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE  
6/15/78

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS  
Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

CITY, TOWN  
Harrisburg

STATE  
Pennsylvania

# DESCRIPTION

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<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 Petersburg (Addison) Toll House is a square structure measuring 26 feet by 26 feet with an seven sided two story tower on the south east corner. This cut stone structure has a hipped roof. A brick chimney is located in the northern end. Windows in the tower are two over two. The main door is located in the tower as is the window used for collection of tolls. A small wooden kitchen was added to the west circa 1888. A porch supported by square posts shade the first story of the tower.

The interior is divided into a setting room with fireplace, a kitchen, parlor with fireplace and bedroom on the second story of the tower.

# 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
<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 checked="" 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

The National Road from Cumberland, Maryland to southwestern Pennsylvania followed the trail used by General George Washington to Fort Necessity in 1754 and General Braddock to Fort Duquesne in 1755. The formation of a link between the eastern seaboard and the interior was of great concern to the early settlers. But the plan to use the earlier routes connecting the Potomac River at Cumberland and the Ohio River in Wheeling were considered dangerous and daring. But by 1811, the National or Cumberland road was a busy route to the new northwest territory. The building of the road was a long and arduous task, much of the stone used was broken by hand. To maintain the road in good condition it was necessary to charge a toll to help defray the cost of upkeep. At distances of approximately fifteen miles, houses for toll collectors were erected. Strong iron gates were erected to enforce the payment of the tolls. The Petersburg Toll House was the first within Pennsylvania state lines on the road from Cumberland. The Petersburg Toll House is the only extant stone tollhouse of this design on the Pike today. The iron toll gate posts have been removed from the toll house and mark the entrance of a nearby cemetery.

# MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Hubbert, Archer B. The Old National Road. 1901  
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## GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .12

QUADRANGLE NAME Accident - MD-PA

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 17 64,26,60 4,410,072,0

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Starting at a point mid Old National Road then 80 feet SW then 70 feet west then 80 feet north then 70 feet east to starting point.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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## FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mrs. Irving Hall / Susan M. Zacher

ORGANIZATION

Great Crossings Chapter, DAR / PHMC

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

R. D. #1, Box 19 / Box 1026

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Confluence / Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

## 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

ED WEINTRAUB, Director  
Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

10-16-78

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

DATE

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION



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 JUL 31 1978  
 Historic Sites Surv.  
 PAH & MC  
 STATE COLLEGE, PA  
 (PAH & MC)

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 GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

STATE OF MARYLAND  
 MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

