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INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC COLONEL EDWARD COOK HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

R. D. #3 Box 94

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Washington

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

22nd

STATE

Pennsylvania

— VICINITY OF

CODE
42

COUNTY

Fayette

CODE

051

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	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Joseph A. Cook Estate, Robert J. Cook, Executor

STREET & NUMBER

R. D. #3

CITY, TOWN

Belle Vernon

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Fayette County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

East Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Uniontown

STATE

Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

The Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE

1941

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Office of Archaeological and Historical Preservation

CITY, TOWN

Washington

STATE

D. C. 20240

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 Colonel Edward Cook House is a two story, post-Colonial style house, rectangular in shape, with a one story kitchen added on the north end. The house and kitchen exteriors are of natural faced, coursed limestone that had been quarried on the property. The exterior of the house measures 36 feet by 28 feet; the kitchen is 24 feet by 20 feet. The main facade is oriented to the east and is four bays long.

The medium gable roof has a plain cornice with return. The eaves are boxed cornice with dentil molding decoration. Chimneys of joined stack units are located on both the right and left sides. A single chimney is located at the northern end of the kitchen.

The windows are double hung sash. Those on the ground floor have twelve over eight lights, while the windows on the second floor are of eight over eight construction. Approximately 80% of the original glass panes still remain. All of the shutters are of louvered design.

The main door is located slightly off-center of the main facade. It has a flat structural opening with paneled head and sides, and it is of single leaf, eight panel construction.

Of the original outhouses, the smokehouse and washhouse are still standing.

Minor structural renovation occurred in 1952. An addition was built on the north end of the kitchen. Two windows in the southeast corner of the house were altered to accommodate a modern kitchen. The south chimney was cemented over to prevent further deterioration.

Mrs. Emily Cook, the widow of a great, great, grandson of Colonel Cook, now resides in what was formerly the kitchen. Tenants rent the main house.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1772-1776

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Colonel Edward Cook

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Colonel Edward Cook started construction of his house in 1772, but the hardships of early frontier life coupled with the Indian uprising of 1774 known as Lord Dunmore's War delayed completion until 1776. The kitchen was built later, but it was standing by the time of the Direct Tax of 1798. This was one of the earliest stone houses built west of the Alleghenies and was surely one of the most pre-tentious. Of special significance is the fact that it has remained in the hands of the Cook family for more than two centuries, and they have no intention of relinquishing ownership.

Colonel Cook played a prominent role in the early history of Western Pennsylvania. He was a member of the Provincial Congress convened in Carpenter's Hall, Philadelphia, June 18, 1776, that drafted the first declaration of independence presented to Congress on June 25, 1776. He was a member of the State Constitutional Convention that convened September 28, 1776. In 1781 he was in command of a company of rangers organized for frontier defense. He aided in fixing the boundaries of Fayette County in 1783, and was a member of the commission that located the county seat. In 1786 Colonel Cook was appointed justice of the peace, with a jurisdiction that reached into Washington County. In 1789 he was appointed president of the Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions, and in 1791 associate judge of Fayette County. He played a major role in the Whiskey Insurrection of 1794, chairing the insurgent meetings at Mingo Creek, Parkinson's Ferr, and Brownsville. He was the only Fayette Countian excluded from the general pardon of November 29, 1794. From 1796 to 1798 he served as treasurer of Westmoreland County. Colonel Cook died in his stone house on November 28, 1808.

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UTM REFERENCES

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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

Michael J. Gallis

ORGANIZATION

DATE

April 26, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

545 Connellsville Street

TELEPHONE

412-438-3673

CITY OR TOWN

Uniontown

STATE

Pennsylvania 15401

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

William J. Wewer

TITLE WILLIAM J. WEWER, Executive Director
 Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

DATE 9/13/77

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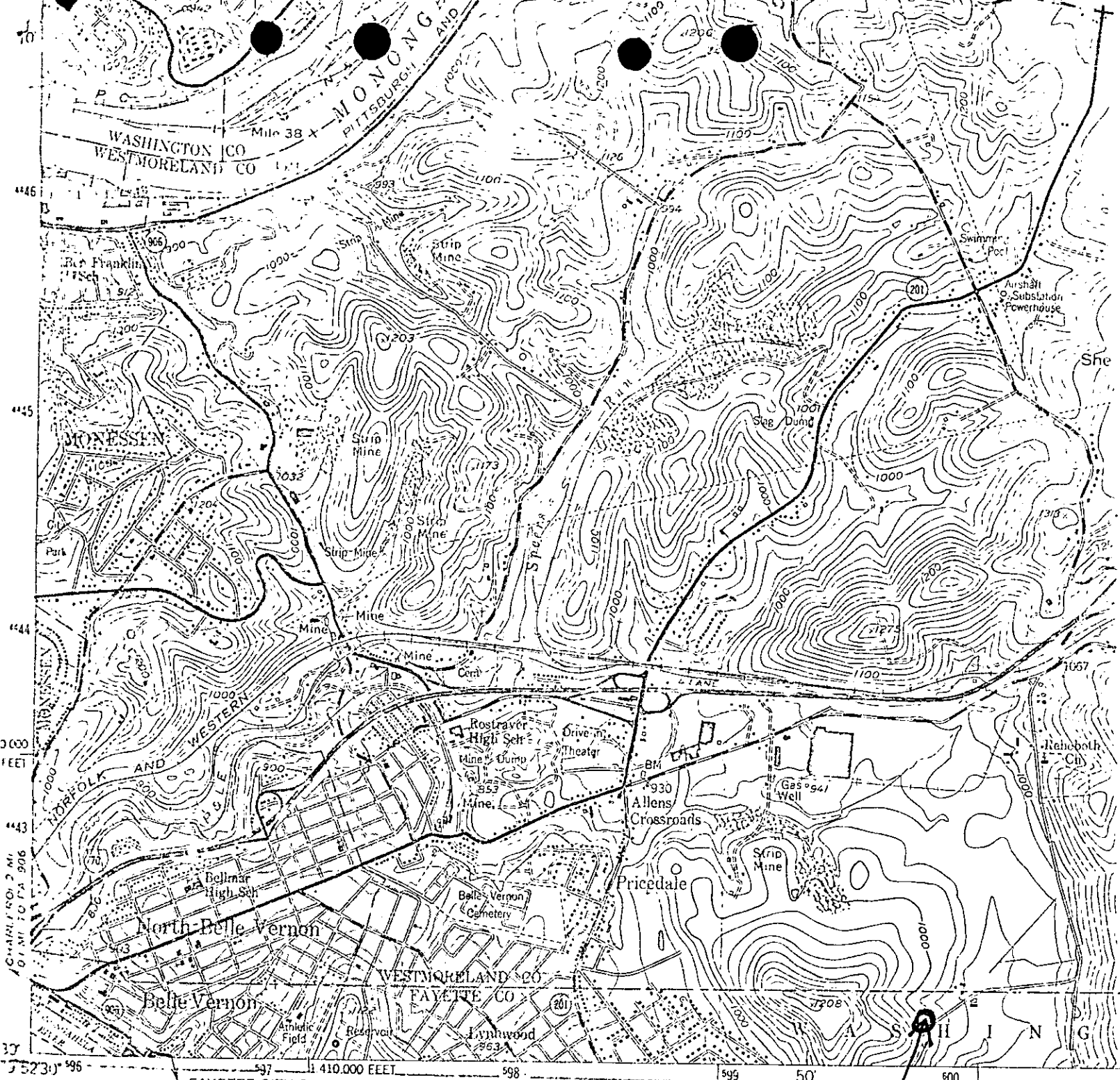
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ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

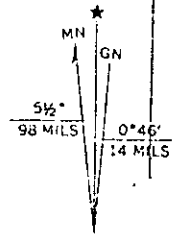


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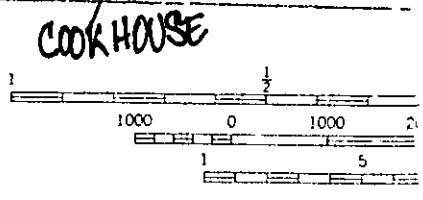
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Topography from aerial photographs by multiplex methods
 Aerial photographs taken 1952. Field check 1954
 Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
 10,000-foot grid based on Pennsylvania coordinate system, south zone
 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 17
 shown in blue

Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
 Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with
 State of Pennsylvania agencies from aerial photographs taken 1969
 This information not field checked



UTM GRID AND 1969 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



COOK HOUSE

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