

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Pennsylvania	
COUNTY: Fayette	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Peter Colley Tavern and Barn

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Brier Hill

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42 COUNTY: Fayette CODE: 051

26th Dist.

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>unoccupied</u>
Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
~~Redstone Central Railroad Company~~ *First National Bank of Washington Pa.*

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
~~Brier Hill~~

STATE: PA CODE: 42

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Fayette County Courthouse Recorder's Office, Deed Book 1092, pg. 652

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Uniontown

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
none

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Peter Colley Tavern was built about 1796. In shape the tavern represents an "L", with the longer extension on the east end of the "L" or thus . The tavern was built in two parts with the member or horizontal being the earliest.

The earlier section is three bays across and two rooms deep and measures approximately 35 feet by 25 feet. It is a 2½ story stone gable structure with chimneys at each gable end and a central hall. Built into a bank, one is able to enter the first floor front at the ground level and the basement at the rear ground level. The tavern is constructed of sandstone in a random course style. It has a boxed cornice and wooden shingle roof. A small hip roof porch covers all three bays of the ground floor front. The porch will be taken off and replaced in the future. The porch was built in the late nineteenth century. Windows on the first floor front and rear contain radiating arches with keystones, while the second floor ones do not.

The room plan of the first floor consists of two rooms to the left of the central hallway, each containing a fireplace. To the right of the hallway is a large room running the entire depth of the house with a large fireplace in it. The upstairs of this section contained four rooms, two on each side of the hall, three of which contained fireplaces.

The section comprising the addition runs back about 44 feet and is 16 feet across. This section also contains a fireplace on the upper floor and kitchen fireplaces on the lower level. Similar to the earlier section, it is a 2½ story gable structure built of sandstone. It is joined at the right rear of the earlier building with an entry way at the basement level.

All of the windows of this section have solid stone lintels, only one of the windows in this section appears to be original, while some of the moulding of the original structure remains.

In the entire house there are ten fireplaces. Eight of these were for heating while two cellar fireplaces were for cooking. Although all of the fireplaces had either been converted at some time to coal burning with cast iron gates or blocked completely, they are, with the exception of the kitchen fireplaces, operable at present.

Besides the tavern, only a bank barn remains of the original complex. The barn, which is of the queen post construction with seven windows (originally louvers) in each end, has swinging doors accessing the threshing floor and swinging doors allowing entry to the sheds, granary, and lower level. The hay mows, granary and sheds have been removed from the barn but their replacement would be relatively simple since the barn has not been structurally modified.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian! 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1796

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Peter Colley Tavern was one of nine taverns or inns along the National Road between Uniontown and Brownsville, Pennsylvania. Of the nine, it was the only one known to predate the 1818 opening of the road. It was supposedly built by Colley during 1796 upon land for which he had filed a warrant in 1786. Therefore, he was one of the earliest tavern keepers of the area.

His house, which also served as a tavern, is distinctive because it was typical of stone house and tavern architecture of the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. It was built in a basically Georgian style with a central hallway on each of two floors. The houses were built, in at least Fayette County, not by German stonemasons as has often been assumed but, as the tax records show, by Welsh, English and Scots-Irish masons. Therefore, their construction represents a folk craft largely unheralded in the region. The Colley Tavern's radiating window, door and fireplace voussoirs, its previously existing corner fireplaces, the use of window wells and its construction into an earthen bank may represent a non-Germanic as well as a Germanic cultural tradition in Pennsylvania.

The tavern also remains significant today in that the cellar kitchen with the original dirt floor and wooden manteled walk-in fireplace and connecting food storage room complete with 67 wrought iron meat hanging hooks remains intact. Likewise, remaining intact is the original barroom, barroom fireplace, and an 1830 or 1840 bar complete with the beverage pass-through area, locking device on that door and the wooden door to cover the interior glass window at the rear of the bar.

Adding further to the significance of the tavern is its relationship to the original limestone surface of the National Road; the road passed within ten feet of the front door. To the southeast of the tavern, this same road surface has been located within a few feet of the Colley barn. The barn was built in 1848 by two carpenters of probably English ancestry who used queen posts superstructural construction but who did not use a ridge pole.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Ellis, Franklin. History of Fayette County (Phila.: L.H. Everts, 1882) p. 731
 Fayette County Surveyor's Office, File C, p. 424
 Fayette County Recorder's Office Deed Books 270, 40, 31

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Ronald Michael

ORGANIZATION: California State College DATE: Nov., 1972
Professor of Anthropology

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: California STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: William J. Wewer
 Title: Deputy Executive Director
 Date: 5/30/73

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: _____

ATTEST: _____

 Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____

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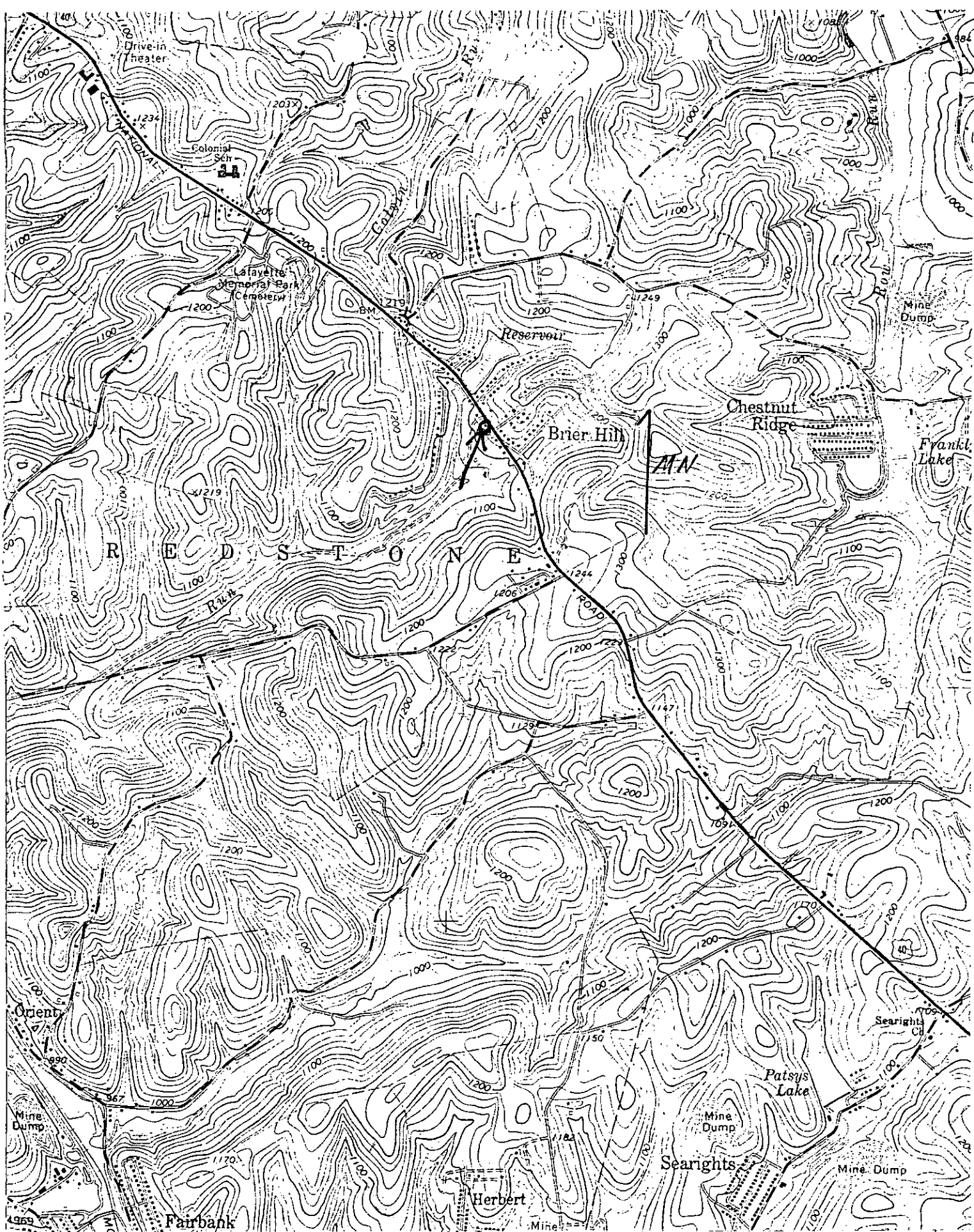


Figure 1 Section of New Salem, Pennsylvania, quadrangle of U.S. Geological Survey Topographical Map showing Colley Tavern