

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Old Brown's Mill School

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Antrim Township

STATE: Pennsylvania      CODE: 42      COUNTY: Franklin      CODE: 055

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Comm.

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN: Harrisburg      STATE: Pennsylvania      CODE: 42

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Franklin County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1 North Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Chambersburg      STATE: Pennsylvania      CODE: 42

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970       Federal       State       County       Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
William Penn Memorial Museum

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN: Harrisburg      STATE: Pennsylvania      CODE: 42

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent  Good  Fair  Deteriorated  Ruins  Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered  Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved  Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE.

The Old Brown's Mill School, erected in 1836, is a fine example of the mid-nineteenth century one room schoolhouse and its distinctive architectural style. The school is constructed of limestone with a simple, A-shaped shingle roof and center chimney. The one and one-half story school has a two-bay front, one window on either side of the entrance door, and a three-bay side. A datestone is located directly above the front entrance.

Along with similar school structures built during the 1830s and 1840s, the Old Brown's Mill School served as a prototype for the large number of one room schools erected during the latter part of the nineteenth century.

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8. 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)

1836

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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"The one-room Brown's Mill School, located in Franklin County three miles north of Greencastle at Kauffman's and preserved as an historic site on the Pennsylvania Trail of History, has for over a ~~century~~ represented the best in a tradition of locally supported education.

In 1834, <sup>hundred years</sup> Pennsylvania passed a free school act, but provided nothing for the erection of buildings. The citizenry of the Brown's Mill section determined to raise the money. Fifty-one subscribers contributed the needed funds, and Lazarus Brown, grandson of the section's first permanent settler, donated the property. For ~~25~~ <sup>eighty-five</sup> years--until a consolidated school was opened in 1921--it served the community with regular classes, and with evening <sup>instruction</sup> classes in penmanship, singing, and debate.

*Old* From 1921 the building stood vacant, falling into disrepair until rescued by another group of local citizens, who formed the Brown's Mill School Memorial Association in 1934 to restore and furnish the school. In 1962 the property was acquired by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and today it stands as a public memorial to the value our forefathers placed on education."

BROWN'S MILL SCHOOL  
Pa. Historical and Museum Comm.

The Brown's Mill School's architectural significance lies in its simplicity, its excellent state of preservation and ~~is~~ the fact that it served as a model for later one-room schoolhouses erected in the Commonwealth.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Groencastle Chamber of Commerce. Groencastle in Pennsylvania  
 " " " " Groencastle, Pennsylvania:  
Civil War Centennial Issue.

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. "Brown's Mill School,"  
 Visitor's pamphlet

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	0	'	"	39	0	49	
NE	0	'	"	77	0	42	
SE	0	'	"	50	0	08	
SW	0	'	"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2 Acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FOR PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

ORGANIZATION: Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission DATE: June, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN: Lebanon STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

STATE LIASON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liason 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

Name: [Signature]  
 State Liason Officer

Title: Deputy Executive Director, Pa. Historical and Museum Commission

Date: 12/1/71

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

[Signature]  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

[Signature]  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Brown's Mill School

GREENCASTLE QUAD



417000m N

77°45' 39.52" W  
4.7 MI. TO U.S. 50  
4.2 MI. TO PA. 955

LEMASTERS 8.5 MI.  
WILLIAMSON 4 MI.

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UPTON 7 MI.  
WILLIAMSON 3.5 MI.



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