

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:
COUNTY:
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
The Small House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Mt. Pleasant Iron Works

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Richmond Furnace (east side of Pa. 75)

CITY OR TOWN:
Fort Loudon

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
9th

STATE: Pennsylvania

CODE: Franklin

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 type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
John T. and Priscilla W. Small

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Fort Loudon

STATE:
Pennsylvania

CODE:
42

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Franklin County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Chambersburg

STATE:
Pennsylvania

CODE:
42

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input 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

This house is located along the east side of Pennsylvania Route 75 about four miles north of Fort Loudon near Richmond Furnace, Metal Township in Franklin County. It is situated on a gentle slope in Path Valley and faces west or toward the road.

The structure is a two story, nine bay dwelling with white trim. It consists of a five bay original section measuring 43' x 25' with a four bay addition attached on an axis at its north gable end.

The walls are of coursed local fieldstone at the facade and rubble and roughly coursed stone at the side and rear elevations. Some decorative stone work is present on the earlier section of the house. Stones of the facade wall are finely coursed and are close to uniform size. Large rectangular blocks of stone are set between the first story windows, even with their lintels. Flat arches are present above first story openings of all exposed walls of the earlier section. A segmental stone arch lined with header bricks is present over the cellar entrance in the south gable end. Stone work in the walls of the addition lacks uniformity and shows less concern for careful masonry.

Windows appear to have been placed evenly in the facade wall. Openings contain six over nine light double hung sashes at the first floor level and six over six pane sashes at the second story. They are held within wide wooden frames showing pegged joining with quirked quarter round molded trim. Second story windows are framed immediately below the roof plate. Windows at the rear of the house appear similar but are placed at random in the walls. It should be noted that the second opening from the north end of the front elevation of the earlier section was at one time enlarged to a door. In the addition, windows show narrow framing finished with a bead.

The main entrance is located in the center bay of the facade. The doorway is treated very simply with framing similar to the windows. The door has six raised panels trimmed with plain quarter round molding. It is topped with a narrow eight light transom. Two entrances are present at the rear of the house.

The roof is covered with asphalt shingles and extends for several inches beyond the end walls of the house. Simple boxing finishes the eaves. Stone chimneys are located inside each gable end and inside the north gable end of the original structure.

The interior of the earlier section is divided by a central hall. South of the hall is one large room, formal in appearance with a fireplace at the center of its end wall. North of the hall are two rooms divided by a board partition. The larger of these rooms, in the northwest corner of the house, is equipped with a sizeable fireplace and a cupboard. Behind it is a small windowless room.

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7. Description (continued)

Interior woodwork is simple with chair rail present in major rooms. The main stair displays a plain squared newel and balusters. There is no decorative carving.

The house is in excellent condition and is being refurbished by the present owners with an effort at restoration. It is located on a tract containing 96.34 acres.

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SIGNIFICANCE			
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century (early)	
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)			
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<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 checked="" 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	<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			
<p>The area of significance of this house is its architecture. The property is also significant for its association with the early iron industry in Franklin County.</p> <p>The house is a well preserved and maintained example of the early vernacular architecture of the Cumberland Valley. Constructed of local fieldstone in the five bay center hall plan, it represents a major architectural group of Pennsylvania and the Cumberland and Shenandoah Valleys.</p> <p>The structure is not listed in the U. S. Direct tax of 1798 and so was probably built after that time. However, the materials and techniques used in building this house would suggest a construction date quite early in the nineteenth century. The north addition appears to have been built during the second quarter of the nineteenth century.</p> <p>The property on which this house stands originally belonged to Col. Benjamin Chambers, founder of Chambersburg who owned 623 acres of land near the present site of Richmond Furnace for which he received a warrent in 1757. In 1779 the 623 acres were divided among Chamber's four sons. The Mt. Pleasant Iron Works eventually became the property of George Chambers and was opened in 1783 as one of the earliest successful iron operations in the county.</p> <p>According to local historians the Mount Pleasant Furnace was closed in 1834 and the Forge ceased operation in 1843. The land remained in the Chambers name until 1852. A new furnace opened on the property during the third quarter of the nineteenth century. In 1869 the Iron Works was known as the Southern Pennsylvania Railway and Mining Company. Richmond Jones became President of the Company by 1873. The area has since been known as Richmond Furnace.¹</p> <p>No physical evidence of the old Mt. Pleasant Iron Works is apparent today.</p> <p>¹Harry E. Foreman, "Birth of the Iron Industry", <u>Kittochtinny Historical Society Papers</u>, (Chambersburg, Pa.: n.p.), 1957, p. 390 ff.</p>			

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Foreman, Harry E., "Birth of the Iron Industry", Kittochtinny Historical Society Papers, 13. Chambersburg, Pa: n.p., (1957) 389-402.
 Franklin County Deed Records.
 U. S. Direct Tax of 1798. 6th District Tax Division. Vol. 550-616. Franklin County, National Archives Microfilm Publications, Microcopy 372, Roll 18. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Service, General Services Administration, 1962.

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		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		39° 57' 53"	77° 54' 00"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **One acre**

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Paula Stoner Dickey

ORGANIZATION: **Consultant, Architectural History** DATE: **June 28, 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER:
335 S. Ridge Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: **Greencastle** STATE: **Pennsylvania** CODE:

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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*
WILLIAM J. WEWER

Title Executive Director
Pa. Historical & Museum Commission

Date 11/6/74

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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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