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 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

 NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
 INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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New Form

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

HISTORIC Royer-Nicodemus House and Farm

AND/OR COMMON

Renfrew Museum and Park

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1010 East Main Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN

Waynesboro

VICINITY OF

9

STATE

Pennsylvania

CODE

42

COUNTY

Franklin

CODE

055

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Borough of Waynesboro, Pa.

STREET & NUMBER

57 East Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Waynesboro

VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Recorder's Office

STREET & NUMBER

Franklin County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Chambersburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Pa. Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

August, 1973

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

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 property now known as the Royer-Nicodemus Farm was settled c. 1750. The initial settlement site was located near the center of the tract. (listed as abandoned farm on large scale map). According to the 1798 Direct Tax, this early farmstead contained a two story log house, a two story log kitchen, a one story log house, a bank barn, stable and log tanner's shop. By 1808, a grist mill had been erected along the bank of the east branch of Antietam Creek to the southeast of the farmstead.

In 1812, the focus of the farm was moved to the north along the main road to Waynesboro. In that year a four bay stone house, now the main section of the Royer-Nicodemus house, was constructed. The various outbuildings associated with a 19th century farm were constructed shortly thereafter. As the milling operations along Antietam Creek were in operation throughout most of the 19th century, the original farm site was never entirely abandoned. A 2½ story 2 bay stone house was built c. 1812. In 1852 a brick tenant house for the miller was built. (FARM STOCK HOUSE) on the site and a brick ell added to the small stone building. A frame barn was also erected near the grist mill and tannery. All of the original farmstead buildings have been lost as have those associated with the milling operations. The only extant buildings aside from the new (1812) farm complex are the 1812 two bay stone house and an undated frame barn.

The most important extant building is the Royer-Nicodemus house built by Daniel Royer in 1812. The front facade of the house features an entrance-way with a small gable roof porch. The windows are double sash with six over six lights and black shutters. The roof has a plain cornice and two large interior gable brick chimneys. The rear facade has a similiar window and door treatment with the exception of a large stair landing window between the first and second floors. C. 1815 a two bay addition was added to the west gable end. The addition is constructed of identical materials and done in the same style. The front of the addition has a full length recessed porch and balcony with railings and columns to match the main section porch.

The interior of the house contains most of its original woodwork and other appurtenances. The floor plan consists of a center hall with double parlors on the east side and a dining room and pantry on the west. All first floor rooms have original fireplaces and built in cabinets. The addition contains a large kitchen chamber and garret which is separated from that of the main house.

There are two small outbuildings contemporary with the house. A small stone butcher/smoke house stands to the northeast. A stone and log spring house is located near the southwest corner of the main house. The large frame barn with forebay and three cupolas was built in 1896 replacing an earlier barn which was destroyed by fire. Also on the property is a small family cemetery measuring 50 feet square. The cemetery dates to the original settlement by the Bourns family. The earliest marked grave dates to 1797.

The Royer-Nicodemus farmhouse was restored in 1974-75. The work consisted largely of repainting, painting and minor carpentry repairs. In the interior, work was limited to returning a parlor partition, elim-

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inating a second floor partition to facilitate gallery space and rebuilding the kitchen fireplace. The property is in excellent condition and serves as a museum. The agricultural land is still farmed, while other areas have been developed as park facilities.

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
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<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 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 1812, 1852, 1896

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Daniel Royer

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Royer-Nicodemus Farm was settled c. 1750 by a family by the name of Bourms. The only thing known of the family is that they were Scottish Covenanters. At the end of the 18th century the farm was acquired by Daniel Royer (1762-1838). Royer was a wealthy farmer, mill owner and ironmaster and had extensive holdings in Franklin and Blair counties. He was also involved in local politics and eventually served as member of the Pennsylvania Assembly. In the early 20th century, the farm was acquired by Edgar A. Nicodemus (1882-1965). Nicodemus was heir to large 19th century investments in the commercial apple industry in the Cumberland/Shenandoah Valleys. The family was also important in the establishment of cooperative cold storage facilities which in part encouraged the growth of the apple industry.

The Royer-Nicodemus farm has been tilled for over 200 years. While the 18th century farm has been lost, the property nevertheless documents the growth and development of a Cumberland Valley streamside farm.

The Royer-Nicodemus house reflects Federal period aesthetics in the semblance of symmetry and in the fashionable details used in fireplace mantles and other trim. The house is also indicative of the ethnic development of the Cumberland Valley. The four bay facade reflects an earlier vernacular Germanic fenestration. The use of an anteroom (like a Mauskammer or pantry) to the rear of the dining room also reflects spatial relationships found in 18th century domestic structures. The stone spring house is also similar to the continental "Speicher" thus adding to the strength of Germanic tradition.

The property is in excellent condition. It was bequeathed to the Borough of Waynesboro in 1973. The Borough has restored the main buildings and uses the house as a museum for the Nicodemus antique collection.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 99.62

UTM REFERENCES

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	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING	
D	1,8	2,8,0	8,5,0	4,4,0	1,7,6,0

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at an iron pin on the south right of way of Pennsylvania Route 16 at a corner of lands of South Penn Power Company; thence with the land of South Penn Power Company and The Washington Township Supervisors South 18 degrees 03 minutes 30 seconds West 768.06 feet to an iron pin; thence with the land of The Washington Supervisors and the Wayne Heights Civic Association Inc. South 25 degrees 21 minutes 31 seconds West 230.73 feet to an iron pin; thence continuing with the land of the Wayne Heights Civic Association Inc. South 55

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Alice Kent Schooler, Historian
William K. Watson, Acting Director

ORGANIZATION National Heritage Corporation
Pa. Historical and Museum Commission

DATE August, 1976

STREET & NUMBER 309 Matlack Street
Box 1026, Wm. Penn Museum

TELEPHONE 717-787-4363

CITY OR TOWN West Chester
Harrisburg

STATE Pennsylvania

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ___ STATE ___ LOCAL X

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 Executive Director
Pa. Historical and Museum Commission

DATE 8/9/76

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Boundary Description:

degrees 55 minutes 18 seconds West 512.44 feet to an iron pin; thence with the land of the Wayne Heights Civic Association Inc. and Larry Waet South 14 degrees 30 minutes 24 seconds East 827.74 feet to an iron pin on the West side of South Welty Road, T.R. 370; thence with the west side of T.R. 370 South 22 degrees 01 minutes 29 seconds West 96.16 feet to an iron pin at corner of lands of M. A. Hollengreen; thence with the lands of M. A. Hollengreen the following seven courses and distances, North 74 degrees 26 minutes 37 seconds West 997.34 feet to an iron pin; thence North 7 degrees 15 minutes 06 seconds West 108.40 feet to an iron pin in a spring; thence South 76 degrees 10 minutes 02 seconds West 281.01 feet to an iron pin; thence South 49 degrees 31 minutes 44 seconds West 240.12 to an iron pin; thence North 77 degrees 28 minutes 24 seconds West 624.84 feet to an iron pin; thence North 18 degrees 23 minutes 29 seconds East 1328.20 feet to an iron pin; thence North 7 degrees 40 minutes 10 seconds East 427.20 feet to an iron pin at lands of the Waynesboro Area School District; thence with the lands of the Waynesboro Area School District the following two (2) courses and distances, South 83 degrees 06 minutes 13 seconds East 77.56 feet to an iron pin; thence North 36 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds East 969.10 feet to an iron pin at lands of J.C.L. Brown; thence with the lands of J.C.L. Brown, S. C. Schoonover and A. B. Sollenberger South 53 degrees 45 minutes 07 seconds East 519.22 feet to an iron pin; thence with lands of A.B. Sollenberger North 32 degrees 18 minutes 01 seconds East 292.17 feet to an iron pin on the right-of-way of Pennsylvania Route 16; thence with the South right-of-way of Pennsylvania Route 16 the following five courses and distances South 43 degrees 06 minutes 49 seconds East 147.74 feet to an iron pin; thence on a spiral to the left a distance of 204.88 feet to an iron pin; thence on the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 1067.14 feet a distance of 338.38 to an iron pin; thence on a spiral to the left a distance of 204.88 feet to an iron pin; thence South 72 degrees 17 minutes 05 seconds East 217.90 feet to the place of BEGINNING. CONTAINING 99.6156 acres.

2413 1 SW
GREENCASTLE

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS

77°27'30"
39°45'

2040 000 FEET (PA.)

WAYNESBORO 1 V

278 000m E

315

35'

1279

(WAYNESBORO) 5463 I SE 81

4403300m N

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(PA.)

SMITHSBURG, MD.—PA.
NE/4 HAGERSTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE
N3937.5—W7730/7.5

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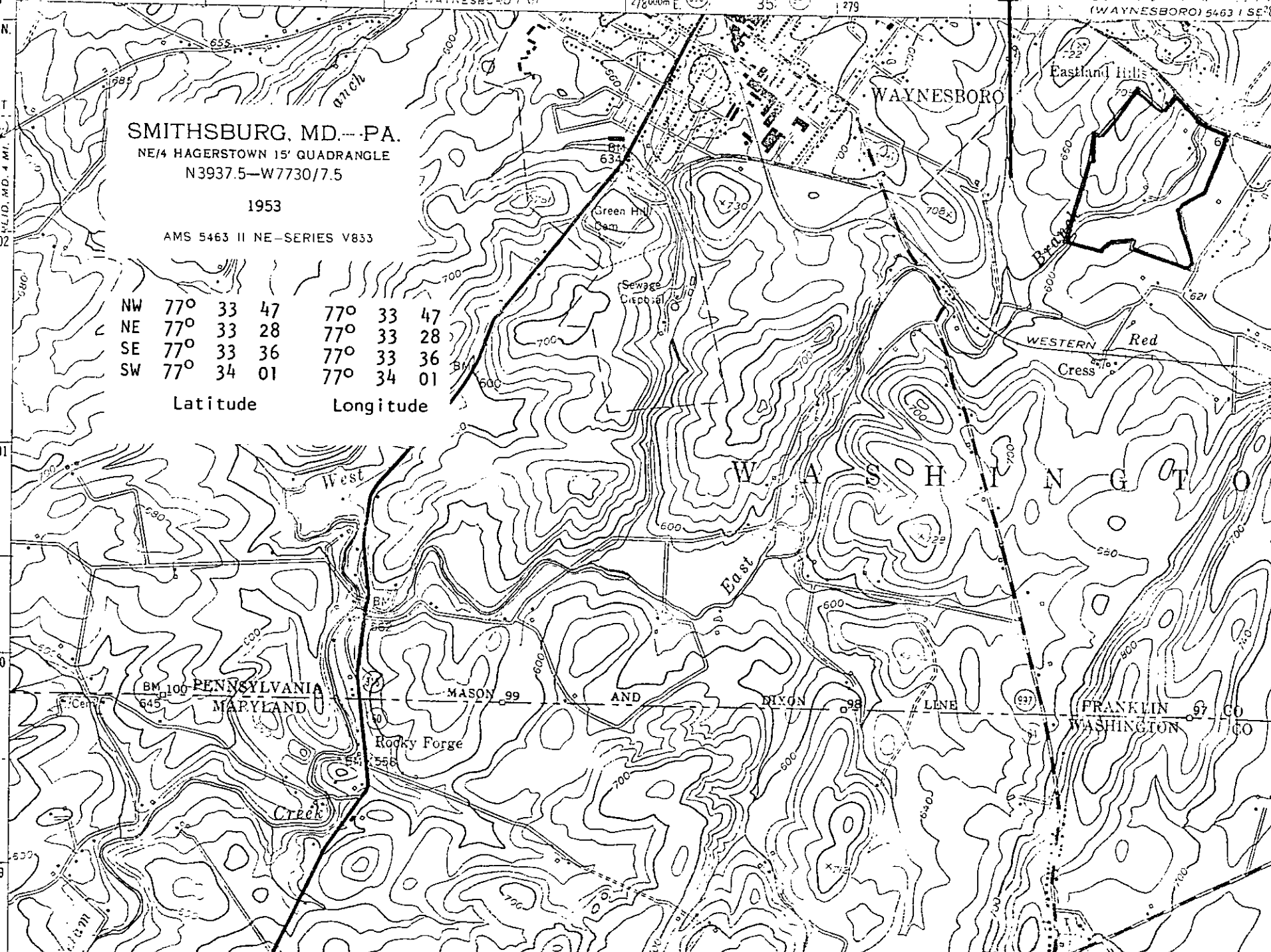
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	Latitude			Longitude		

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