

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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 UNION PLANTATION (GASS HOUSE)

AND/OR COMMON

Gass Family Home, Farm House at Franklin Farms

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER $\frac{1}{4}$ mile east of Jct. of I-81 and U.S. 30
Lincoln Highway East

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Chambersburg

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

9th

STATE

Pennsylvania

CODE

42

COUNTY

Franklin

CODE

055

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT
 BUILDING(S)
 STRUCTURE
 SITE
 OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC
 PRIVATE
 BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
 IN PROCESS
 BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED
 UNOCCUPIED
 WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
 YES: RESTRICTED
 YES: UNRESTRICTED
 NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE
 COMMERCIAL
 EDUCATIONAL
 ENTERTAINMENT
 GOVERNMENT
 INDUSTRIAL
 MILITARY
 MUSEUM
 PARK
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE
 RELIGIOUS
 SCIENTIFIC
 TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

County of Franklin

STREET & NUMBER

Franklin County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Chambersburg

VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Franklin County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chambersburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

1972

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission
Box 1026

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

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ennsylvania

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

This 2½ story stone farmhouse was built about 1760. It is constructed of fieldstone in the random course method. The structure has two sections.

The larger section measures five bays across on the facade. The main entrance is in the middle bay. On the ground floor, the sash is double hung with a six over nine arrangement. Over each of the windows on the ground floor is a flat arch with a keystone. The windows on the second floor are double hung sash with a six over six arrangement. These do not contain the arch but have two large flat stones above the window. The sills of the window on both floors are slightly extended out over the wall.

A boxed cornice runs around the house on the front and rear. The roof is a medium pitch gable type. Large quoins are evident at the corners on the exterior. A large brick chimney is present at the north of this section. The doorway of this section is recessed the depth of the wall with wide boards and moulding forming the reveal. Several flat stones form an arch over the doorway, this being done without the use of a keystone. On the southern gable end are two doors, one at the first story level and one at the second. Each gable end contains two small attic windows. In the rear, the floor joists can be seen protruding through the stone walls at several points between the first and second floors.

A smaller stone building is present, joined to the north gable end of the larger section. This structure is two bays across by two bays deep and is constructed of limestone, similar to the larger section. This section has a moderately pitched gable roof currently being tin. The windows of this section are predominately six paned casement windows, three high and two across. None of the windows or doorways of this section contain the flat arch but are simply supported by one or two large stones.

This section is a little more than half of the depth of the larger section. It has similar cornice and door detail. In the rear of this section is a door on the second story level. Above the doorway is a small flat roof porch supported by a single post and built onto the gable end section of the larger building. This section served as a kitchen.

Beneath the larger section is a four foot high crawlspace. From this point the floor beams are visible. Although some of these beams are roughly hewn, at least one remains with bark still covering it. Due to the fact that these structures were used by the county as an almshouse, little original interior woodwork remains intact. The interior has also been considerably altered to accommodate many rooms for the almshouse residents.

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 type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1760

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

William Gass

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built about 1760 by William Gass on the plantation named "Union", this typical regional farmhouse gains importance from its inhabitants. William and his brother, Benjamin, immigrated to this country from Ireland around 1700. Continuing their occupation as 'fullers of cloth', they constructed a fulling mill nearby. Upon William's death, his brother Benjamin inherited the farm house which was bequeathed to his son, Patrick Gass. Patrick gained some prominence in publishing his personal historical account of the Lewis and Clark expedition. Patriot and soldier, Gass enlisted under General Jackson in the Creek wars and fought against the British in the War of 1812.

In 1808, the county purchased a section of the Gass lands to serve as almshouse property. The county erected a stone building in 1811 which housed white guests. This structure was used until 1854 when a larger brick building was completed. Black guests continued to live in the old farm house for a short time after 1854, at which time the farm house was turned into a storage area for the county home.

A fine example of Scotch-Irish farm house architecture, this well preserved stone structure serves to illustrate the typical style of a home inhabited by the early farmers of the area. It gains additional significance, being the home of the soldier Patrick Gass.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,8	27,5	3,1,0	4,4	2,3	0,2,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING					ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C							D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

Charles Dunlevey, Office of Historic Preservation

ORGANIZATION

Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

DATE

January, 1973

STREET & NUMBER

Box 1026

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

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



TITLE Executive Director
 Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

DATE Nov. 1, 1976

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

DATE

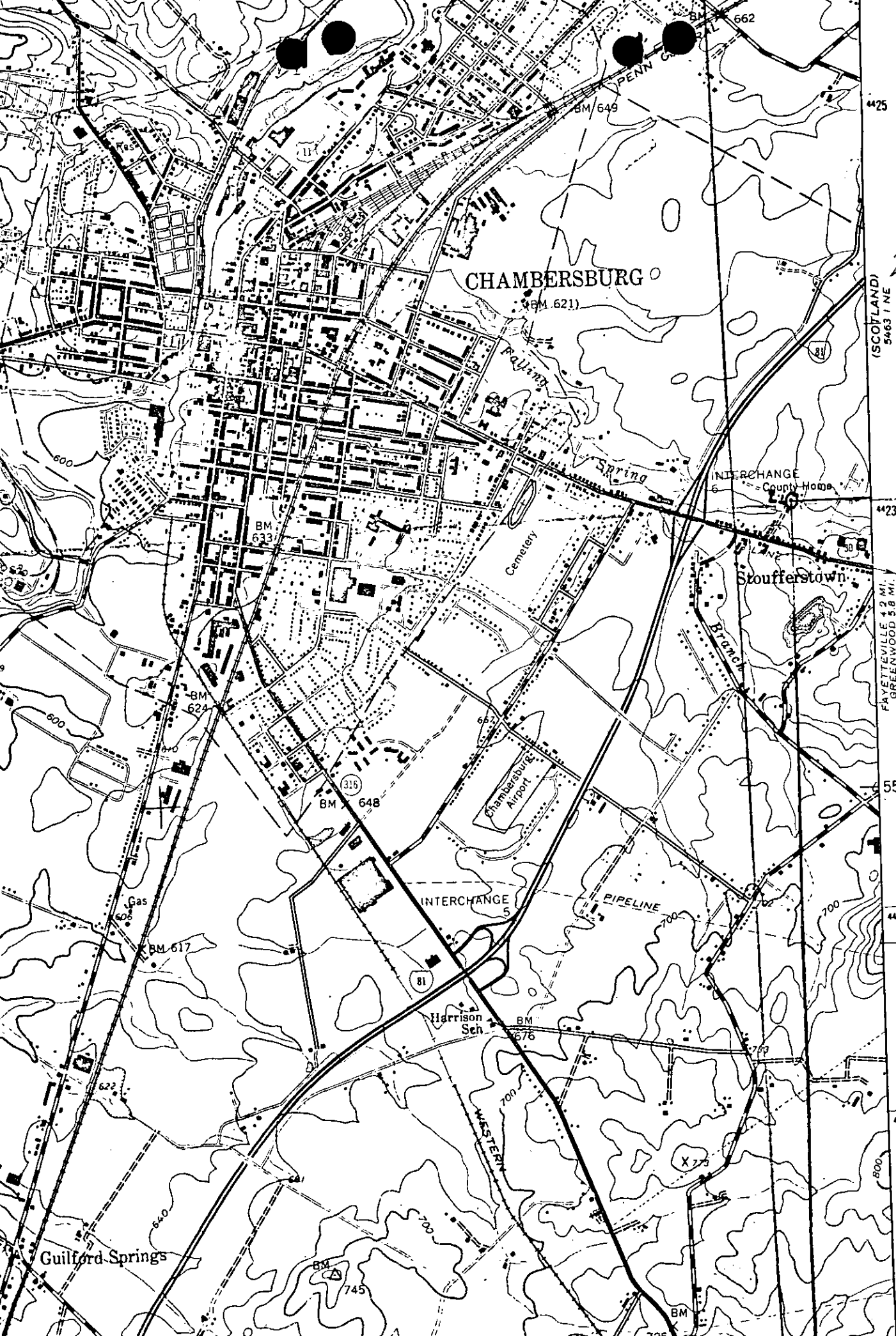
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

UNION PLANTATION (GASS HOUSE)
Franklin County
ZONE 18 275 310 4423 020



(SCOTLAND)
5463 1 NE
FAYETTEVILLE 4.2 MI.
GREENWOOD 5.8 MI.



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