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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC

FRANK D. YUENGLING MANSION

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1440 Mahantongo Street

CITY, TOWN

Pottsville

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Pennsylvania

CODE

42

COUNTY

Schuylkill

CODE

107

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3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Schuylkill County Council for the Arts

STREET & NUMBER

1440 Mahantongo Street

CITY, TOWN

Pottsville

VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania 17901

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

Schuylkill County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Second Street and Laurel Boulevard

CITY, TOWN

Pottsville

STATE

Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Pennsylvania Historical Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

11-20-78

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Frank D. Yuengling Mansion is a large three story building constructed in early twentieth century Tudor-Jacobethan style architecture and situated on a formally landscaped 330' by 227' lot which is surrounded by tall wrought iron fencing. The exterior of this 20-plus room dwelling is constructed of brick, stucco, and half-timbering on the upper stories. The most notable exterior elements of this Tudor-Jacobethan style are the side and rear porches, the front portico, the great stone facing surrounding the entrance arches, the many gables, overhanging balconies, and brick chimneys.

The first floor contains eight spacious rooms, five of which still retain the large mantelpieces and chandeliers. The foyer, backdropped by an impressive open staircase and decorated with a massive carved stone fireplace, is executed in the neo-Jacobethan style popular for big (and expensive) executive-type houses shortly after the opening of the twentieth century. The foyer extends the length of the house and opens onto a large rear brick porch. To the left of this great hall (on the western side of the House) are situated the small music room and the adjacent (but not adjoining) dining room, both executed in the Adams style of interior design and both containing finely detailed mantelpieces and chandeliers. These two rooms -- through the lightness and airyness of the fine mouldings and delicate lighting fixtures-- present an undeniable contrast to the balance of the remaining rooms on this floor (i.e., those executed in the dark and massive Jacobethan style). Behind the dining room on the western end of the house is the butler's pantry and, behind this, the kitchen still containing an exceptionally large cast iron stove.

Located across the foyer (on the eastern end of the house) are the living room (covered in tapestry wall hangings and panelled in solid mahogany) and the study. Both rooms contain large fireplaces and mantles and chandeliers. Flanking the large brick fireplace in the study are leaded glass windows.

The second floor contains seven large rooms which, although not as intensely decorated as those on the first floor, convey a sense of grandness through their size and spaciousness. The third floor contains six rooms, a walk-in cedar closet, and wood storage spaces. The basement contains the heating plant, several storage rooms, a utilities room, a billards room, and small wine cellar.

To the rear of the house is located the Jacobethan-styled carriage house of two stories and constructed of matching brick, stucco and half-timbering. It is two bays wide and the second floor contains a small apartment once used by the family chauffeur.

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A formal garden, complete with decorative statuary and sundial, is located on the eastern end of the house below a balustraded walkway. On the far eastern end of this sunken garden is located a small gazebo inset with decorative bas relief panels.

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 checked="" 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Harry Maurer/Architect

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Constructed in 1913 for Frank Dohrman Yuengling, scion of one of Pottsville's most prominent families and owner of Yuengling's Brewery (reputedly America's oldest brewing company established in 1829), the residence is a very fine example of early twentieth century Tudor-Jacobethan Revival style architecture. The main house and complementing carriage house were designed by Harry Maurer, a Reading architect, in the "grand scale" not commonly encountered in this anthracite coal mining region of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

The many architectural components embodying the Tudor-Jacobethan style --the gabled roofs, large porches, balconies, arches, stone accents framing apertures, leaded windows, decorative half-timbering, and carved stonework -- lend themselves well to creating a sense of pretentiousness which the house and landscaped grounds still convey today. Maintained until recently as a private residence by the Yuengling family, the house and nearly two acres of land encompassing the large two-story carriage house, formal gardens, and gazebo, remain unaltered. The spacious rooms on the first floor of the main house still retain the original lighting fixtures, tapestry wall coverings, sconces, fireplaces and mantles, murals, panelling, and beams. The interior epitomizes nothing short of "architectural eclecticism," which facilitated by unlimited sums of money, accounts for the very large foyer decorated with a mass-carved stone fireplace and great open staircase, the small music room and adjacent dining room in an exuberant Adamesque style of decoration, and the study finished in a neo-Tudor style with imposing brick fireplace and beamed ceiling. The livingroom is panelled in solid mahogany and covered (above this panelling) with tapestry wall hangings.

Frank D. Yuengling, for whom this house was designed, was the fourth president of D. G. Yuengling & Son., Inc., America's oldest brewing company. He was born September 27, 1876, and attended Phillips Academy (1894-1896) and Princeton University (1896-1898). In 1898 he joined the family enterprise and was elected president of the brewing company in 1914. In addition to heading this family company, Frank D. Yuengling served as president of the Pennsylvania National Bank & Trust Company, the Yuengling Realty Company, the Pottsville Feed Company, and the Yuengling Securities Corporation. He was also treasurer of the Pottsville Hotel and Realty Company. Upon his death,

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the residence was maintained by his widow, Augusta (nee Roseberry) Yuengling.

The Yuengling family controlled many interests in the greater Pottsville area, including the Pottsville Gas Company, the Pottsville Water Company, the Schuylkill Electric Railway Company, the Safe Deposit Bank, and the Yuengling Ice Cream Company.

The Frank D. Yuengling Mansion has recently been conveyed by the heirs of the late Augusta Yuengling to the Schuylkill County Council for the Arts, Inc., for use as a cultural center and education facility. Because the main house is in excellent condition, little renovation work has been deemed necessary for its conversion to a cultural center.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Anon, "Arts Council Celebrates Good News," The Pottsville Republican, May 31, 1978, page 17.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.7196

QUADRANGLE NAME Pottsville Quad. QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

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STATE
Pennsylvania 17120

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 ED WEINTRAUB, Director DATE

Office of Historic Preservation

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

DATE

ATTEST: KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION