

United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic *Nutting Hall*

and/or common

USE THIS COPY
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2. Location

street & number *205 South Tulpehocken Street*

___ not for publication

city, town

Pine Grove

___ vicinity of

congressional district

6

state

Pennsylvania

code

42

county

Schuylkill

code

107

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 *Margery Wheeler Mattox*

street & number *205 South Tulpehocken Street*

city, town

Pine Grove

___ vicinity of

state *Pennsylvania* *17963*

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

Schuylkill County Courthouse

street & number

401 North Centre Street

city, town

Pottsville

state *Pennsylvania* *17901*

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title *Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places* has this property been determined eligible? ___ yes ___ no

date *6/21/76*

___ federal state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

city, town

Harrisburg

state *Pennsylvania* *17120*

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

Nutting Hall is a two and one half story gable roof, frame structure with a two and one half story rear ell. The house measures approximately 40 feet by 60 feet and is five bays by seven bays including the ell. Supported by a stone foundation the walls are covered with horizontal clapboard. A full basement is located under the house.

Windows in the structure are nine over six with reeded frames and panelled shutters. The main and Union Street door ways are also reeded with panelled doors and transoms. Flat roofed two-columned porches shelter these doorways. A larger flat roof porch with lattice siding is located on the east elevation. A double story porch is located on the inside of the ell. These also have lattice shutters which can be raised or lowered.

The interior is laid out on the central hallway plan. Corner fireplaces are located in the study and drawing room. A large, 7'8" walk-in fireplace is located in the kitchen in the ell.

Original woodwork and hardware is present throughout the house. Some of the hardware is very interesting, such as a fiddle-shaped spring lock and seal patented box locks.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates

Builder/Architect *Peter Filbert* Written on attic wall: *Peter Filbert 1823-1825*

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The first settlers came here as early as 1750 from Berks County and were of German descent but the first settler of the immediate area was Jacob Gunkle in 1771. The Pine Grove Forge was erected in 1810 and purchased by Peter Filbert in 1819 and it was called "Tilt Hammer Forge". The region was rich in coal and timber land and after the opening of the Union Canal (feeder branch) the development of Pine Grove industry and commerce was greatly improved. Many coal and lumber barons built their mansions in the fast growing little town and many of these mansions are still standing today while others were razed in the name of progress. Nutting Hall stands as a prime example of this history that was made during the settling of this country.

The Town of Schwallum Schtettle, Barrstown or Bear Schtettle and finally Pine Grove was laid out in 1830 on lands owned by Peter Filbert, Christian Ley, William Graeff, William Hock, Henry Conrad and others who owned land jointly with much manipulating taking place. Nutting Hall was built by Peter Filbert and conveyed to Christian Ley and William Graeff in 1830. Deed Number 486 mentions it being the estate of Christian Ley deceased (1762-1832) and being purchased by William Graeff in 1836. It remained in the same family through marriage and inheritance till 1952.

house was named for James L. Nutting (1818-1880) who came to Pine Grove in 1847 from Maine. A prominent local educator and involved in the coal and iron industry, Colonel Nutting has a large farm on the outskirts of Pine Grove. While visiting at the house at 205 South Tulpehocken Street on June 25, 1880 he suddenly took ill and died. Because of his prominence in the community and untimely death, the family named their home in honor of him.

Nutting Hall is in excellent condition and a fine example of the large mansion type houses which were once prevelant in this timber rich area.

The late Conrad Richter, Pulitzer Prize winning author, born in Pine Grove (a bronze plaque marks his birthplace on Mifflin Street) spent much of his time here and although his books are fiction one can readily recognize his characters and places. The book Always Young and Fair is based on Nutting Hall and the brick mansion next door, the cover being a modified version of both homes (the artist's drawing). Harvena Richter, Conrads daughter still maintains his large home at 11 Maple Street and is a poet and novelist in her own right. Most of Conrad's ancesters lived in the area and his grandfather built the hotel on Pottsville Street, called the "Mansion House", and it has been in almost constant use since 1827.

9. Major Bibliographical References

History of Schuylkill County. 1811-1881 Pine Grove Area - Page 315, James L. Nutting; Page 319, Peter Filbert - Page 323.

Deed Book 16 page 139. Christian Ley Sr. and Wm. Graeff purchase in 1830 from Peter Filbert.

History of Pine Grove, 1st printing, 1935 by Judge George B. Haas; Peter Filbert - pages 118, 119, 297. James L. Nutting - Page 298. Caleb Wheeler - page 127. Second Printing 1975 Bicentennial Historical Committee

10. Geographical Data Pine Grove Press Herald June 25th, 1880 (James L. Nutting Obituary).

Acreage of nominated property .5

Quadrangle name Pine Grove, Pennsylvania

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Beginning at a point at building line at Northeast corner of Tulehocken Street thence in a Northwardly direction along building line of Tulehocken Street (84') more or less, to property line of Earl A. Shoffstall and Pauline S. Shoffstall, thence Eastwardly along property line (189') more or less to (20') Centre Alley, thence in a Southwardly direction along Centre Alley (98') more or less to building line on Union St., thence West-

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

wardly direction along Union Street (185') to the beginning.

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Margery Wheeler Mattox

organization date

street & number 205 South Tulpehocken Street telephone 717-345-4893

city or town Pine Grove state Pennsylvania 17963

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Ed Weintraub, Director

title Office of Historic Preservation

date

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

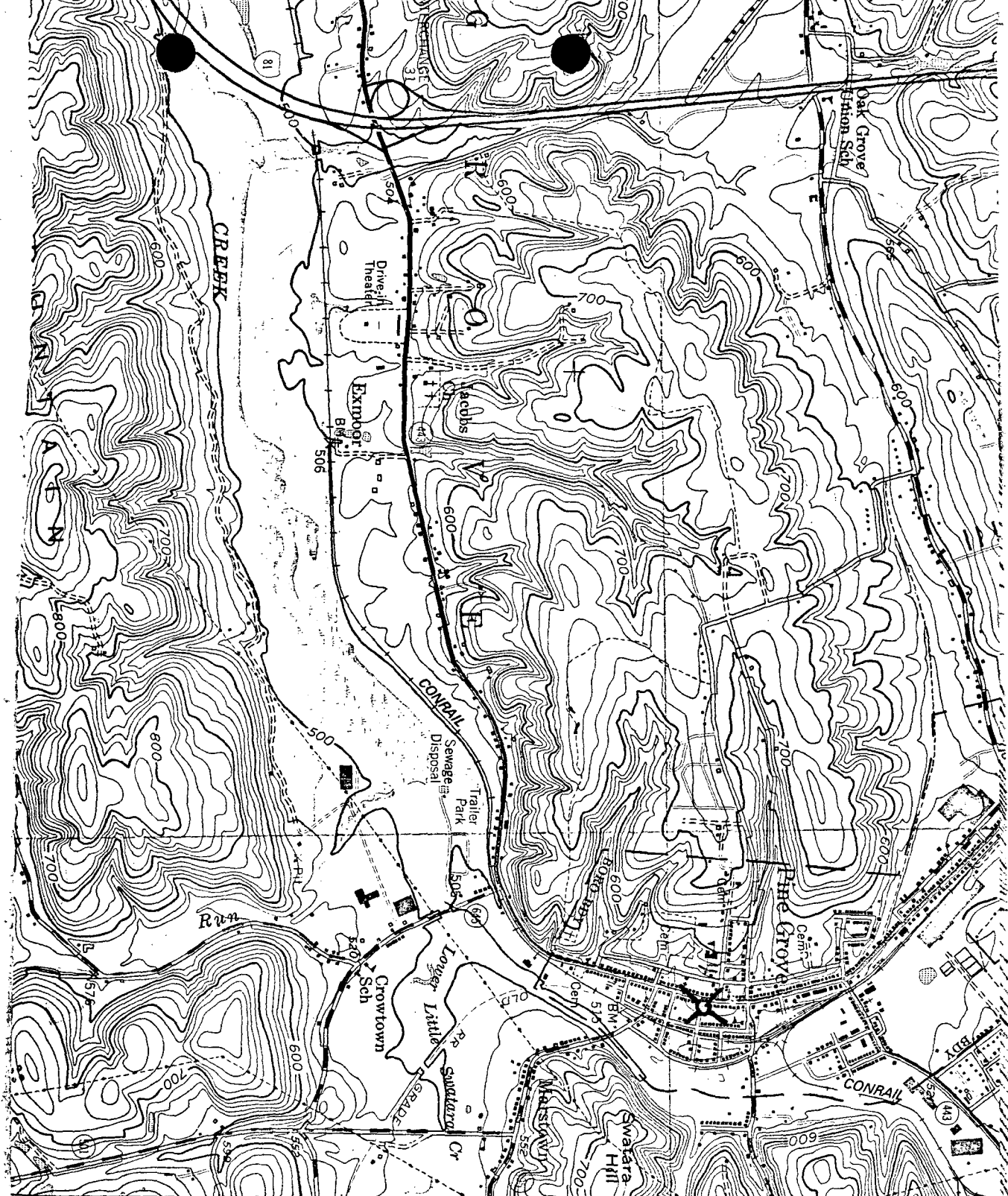
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Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration



6.3 MI. 4487 SUMMIT STATION (JUNC. PA 183) 9.5 MI. 3230' 4489 PLEASANT VALLEY SCHUYLKILL HAVEN

Nutting Hall
 Schuylkill County
 Zone 18 E382740 N4489160