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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

Turn Store and the Tinsmith's Shop (Preferred name)

AND/OR COMMON

Turn's Bushkill General Store

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

U.S. 209

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Bushkill

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Pennsylvania

VICINITY OF

Tenth, Pennsylvania

CODE

42

COUNTY

Pike

CODE

103

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

Ralph Turn

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Bushkill

VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Pike County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Milford

STATE

Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historical Architectural Survey of Delaware Water Gap National Recreational Area (Vol. 1)

DATE

1975

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area

CITY, TOWN

Bushkill

STATE

Pennsylvania

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" 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

This complex constitutes a pair of adjacent commercial structures on U.S. 209 in the center of Bushkill, Pennsylvania. The buildings span nearly a century in their construction dates, but they possess an essential unity of appearance.

The Turn General Store is a large, partially rectangular structure built in two sections. The earlier section, built ca. 1837, was originally adjacent to the roadway, and served as a store from the time of its construction until the early part of this century. It is 2 stories, frame, on a fieldstone foundation. It has wood siding, and a low hipped roof, covered with asphalt paper. The windows are 2/2, and the trim is beaded. There is a heavy head molding around the second floor. The front addition, built ca. 1916, at which time the earlier section was moved to the rear, is 2 1/2 stories, frame with wood siding, and has a roof covered with standing seam metal. It is 4 bays wide at the front facade, and six deep on the side. The windows are 2/2 at the second floor level. On the first floor level, in the front, are large plate glass display windows. On the side, are five narrow, horizontal windows set about 12 feet off the ground level. Across the front of the facade is a heavy-roofed one story (open) porch supported by four heavy columns. The surface of the porch is a heavy concrete slab, with a single wide step to the level of the double, glassed entrance door.

The front section is a large open space on the first floor level of interior, used as a self-service general store. The rear section is used for the storage of materials and inventory for the store.

The Tinsmith's Shop is a two story frame structure on a fieldstone foundation, with wood siding, dating from ca. 1837. The roof is slate, and the eaves are returned on the gable, with a simple moulding. In the center of the roof is a small, original brick chimney. There are two windows in the front second story facade, which projects out over a first floor porch. There are Greek Revival corner pilasters on this second story overhang. The porch posts are turned. The rear section of the building is possibly a later addition, together with the late Victorian open porch to the side of the structure.

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
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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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This complex is significant because it represents and illustrates the growth of Bushkill as a commercial center serving the local agricultural economy during the 19th century, and its transition during the 20th into a service center for the growing resort, tourist and vacation industry in the area. The buildings indicate the changing scale of the village's role, as shown in the increased size of the representative retail outlet, and at the same time, show an essential continuity of style.

Of the specific history of the Tinsmith's Shop, little is known. It was reportedly built during the mid-1830's, and would probably have included a residence in the upper floor, with the work area to the rear and a small retail area to the front on the first floor level. A tinsmith would have been a valuable addition to a whole array of local crafts which would have flourished in a village like Bushkill during the period. The building itself is probably one of the best detailed, best preserved, and generally best examples of the Greek Revival style of architecture in this part of Pennsylvania, and by its juxtaposition to the somewhat plainer store next door, it illustrates the degree to which a cosmopolitan architectural style could penetrate the backcountry and yet remain compatible with the local scene.

The smaller, rear section of the Turn Store was erected at about the same time as the Tinsmith Shop. The period between 1820 and 1840 must have been a kind of "takeoff" era for the local agricultural economy, as the largest farms passed into their second or third generations of cultivation, and the early phases of urbanization in nearby eastern cities such as New York and Philadelphia made demands on their surplus production. These demands in turn called forth secondary demands on existing local service centers to support the agricultural boom. Bushkill, as an already existing center with a good location, was in an advantageous position to respond with growth of its own.

Henry Peters, who ran the small tavern and stopping place across the road, was the first proprietor of the store, which may well have been only one story high at the time.

The business was carried along on the crest of a continued wave of prosperity for the next century. It passed through the hands of a succession of owners and partnerships. These included one between Peters, Solomon Westbrook, and

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another story. Like the tinsmith shop, it originated for essentially local purposes. It flourished, however, because of the area's continuing functional connections with the world beyond the Delaware Valley. The nature of this relationship has changed significantly. The store prospered during the 19th century as a trading place, a point where local products were exchanged for the business of the outside, urban world. During the 20th century the store continued to serve essentially the same function, but the nature of the exchange had altered. The area had ceased to supply the region's cities with foodstuffs, but continued to serve them as an outlet for leisure and recreational pursuits.

In the related but distinct histories of these adjacent structures lies a wealth of understanding of the historical change of the village of Bushkill itself, of the Upper Delaware Valley, of the region, and of the nation at large. This fact alone would seem to merit their designation as historically important resources.

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William H. Nyce, one between Samuel C. Peters and Henry La Bar, the ownership of Peters' local rival for commercial supremacy, Samuel Turn, that of George and Moses Nyce, and finally, a partnership between Ralph Turn and William Cook. The store supplied townspeople and farmers with a variety of finished products and raw materials, and allowed the latter to ship their grain, produce, and for a brief period, timber products such as railroad ties, hoop poles, and mine props to nearby Stroudsburg, for re-shipment to more distant urban markets. This latter business was an offshoot of the brief existence of a railroad spur line (the Delaware Valley Railroad) from Stroudsburg, which stopped immediately to the rear of the store.

As the agricultural economy began to falter during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, before the competitive onslaught of the newly opened western plains, the Pennsylvania river flat held up relatively better than other nearby areas, because of its generally more fertile soils, and greater adaptability to mechanized agricultural processes. The area, because of its adjacent position to the Pocono Mountains, was able to diversify functionally, into a modest but growing resort and vacation center. Bushkill profited substantially from this transition, because of its nearness to the resorts, its central position along the river, and the fact that a major regional federal highway was built through it, along the route of the old River Road. This enabled it to change its orientation toward servicing this new source of income, and to prolong its lifespan beyond those of many other service centers.

The large addition to the Turn Store in the early 20th century symbolizes this transition. The older wing was pulled to the rear, and the size of the building was considerably more than doubled. Under the new partnership of Cook and Turn, the store would continue to serve the local population, as well as a considerable trade along the highway which led restless urban refugees into the mountains every summer. This enterprise continues under essentially the same formula today.

The larger symbolism of this complex is an instructive introduction to the important historical dynamics of the area. The Tinsmith's Shop is an uninhabited building today. It is, in fact, an annex for the store. The shop flourished in the village when it was an essentially self-contained entity serving local needs. The General Store's enlargement and growth tells

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Dodd, John B., Historical Architectural Survey of Delaware Water Gap National Recreational Area, Volume 1, 1975

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/2 acre (approximate; see below)

UTM REFERENCES

A 18 49 9 7 15 10 4 15 4 8 7 8 10
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Ralph Turn General Store and the Tinsmith Shop are located on United States Army Corps of Engineers TIL Tract #7423, which includes a total of .60 acres. In this instance, the boundary of the nominated property is coextensive with that of the tract. The boundary begins on the western edge of the right-of-way

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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

Wayne K. Bodle Park Technician

4/22/77
DATE

ORGANIZATION

National Park Service

STREET & NUMBER

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bushkill

STATE

Pennsylvania

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

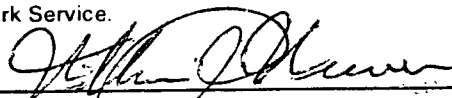
NATIONAL

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 WILLIAM J. WEWER, Executive Director
 Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

DATE 3/15/78

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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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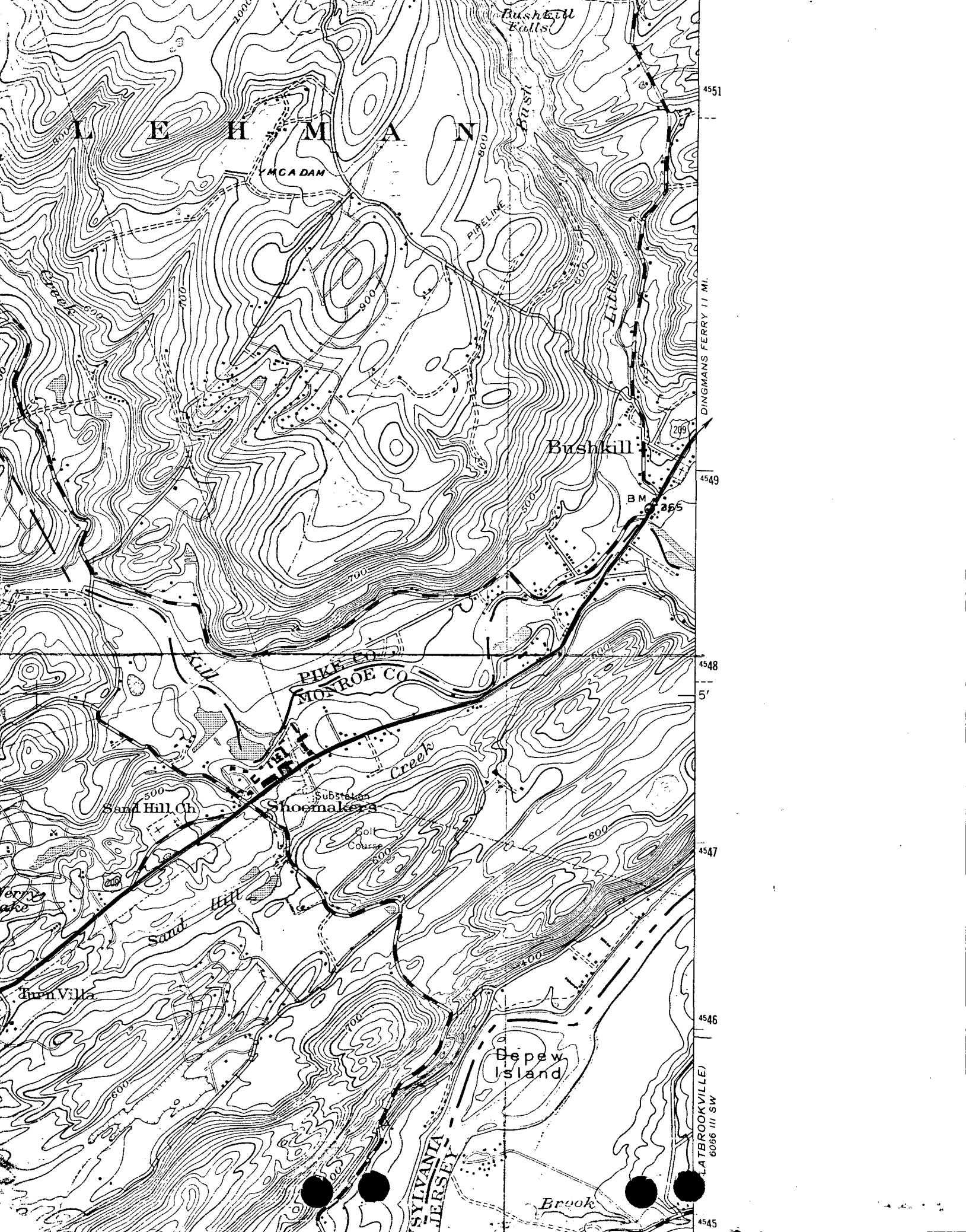
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of U.S. 209, approximately 195' north of the intersection of said right-of-way with that of local road T-301 (Point A). From this point, the boundary extends, perpendicular to the U.S. 209 right-of-way, approximately 350' to the northwest. From this point (Point B), the boundary turns sharply to the east and extends for approximately 125'. From this point, (Point C), the boundary turns to the southeast and extends for approximately 225' to the western edge of the U.S. 209 right-of-way (Point D). From this point, the boundary turns to the south and extends along the 209 right-of-way for approximately 75' back to Point A.



LEHIGH-NORTHAMPTON

Y.M.C.A. DAM

PIPELINE

Bushkill Falls

Bushkill

B.M. 285

PIKE CO.
MONROE CO.

Sand Hill Ch.

Shoemakers

Golf Course

Sand Hill

Turn Villa

Depew Island

PENNSYLVANIA
NEW JERSEY

Brook

LATEROCKVILLE
6086 III SW

4551
4549
4548
5'
4547
4546
4545

DINGMANS FERRY II MI.