

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation 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 LORD HOUSE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number intersection of L.R. 51019 & Twp. Route 739 — not for publication

city, town Lords Valley — vicinity of congressional district 10

state Pennsylvania code 42 county Pike code 103

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name John L. Shanley

street & number Glen Eyre Corporation, Box 260

city, town Hawley — vicinity of state Pennsylvania 18428

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Pike County Courthouse

street & number Broad Street

city, town Milford state Pennsylvania

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 12/16/76 federal state county local

depository for survey records Pennsylvania Historical & 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 Lord House is vernacular Georgian in mass and style. The foundation is made of laid field stone, using mortar and lime. The floor joists and sill work are oak, undoubtedly cut by Simeon Lord, since he owned a saw-mill. The floor is made of random width planking and all but the "bar room" floor are original.

The exterior walls are brick, made from clay that was dug on the premises, molded, and baked on the site. It appears that the exterior walls are triple brick, being approximately 12" thick. The interior partitions are also made of brick and were plastered.

The building is 2½ stories high. The wood used in construction of the building was oak, spruce, chestnut, and pine, all native to the area. The glass for the windows was purchased in New York City. Windows in this 4 by 2 bay structure are 6 over 6. Two main center doors enter the front facade. The door left enters the main hallway, the door to the right enters the former bar. The first doorway is more elaborate with decorative molding and side lights.

The gable roof extends over a 2 story full-length porch on the front facade. As can be seen by comparison to the c. 1910 photograph the porch pillars and railings have been replaced. The only other alteration to the structure is the addition of a gable roofed dormer in the center front.

A 1½ story, gable-roofed wing extends to the rear of the structure.

The first floor originally contained the bar room, dining room kitchen, and bedroom (for the family). The second floor contained a ball room, and three bedrooms. The third floor, or garret, contained three rooms, which were used for sleeping quarters for the "rough" travellers.

Originally the structure had 7 fireplaces, 2 have been removed.

The early photograph shows a frame barn/carriage house to the rear of the house. This structure is no longer present. However a small frame outbuilding is located behind the wing today.

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 type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian	
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<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 1850 **Builder/Architect** Simeon Lord

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Lord Family came to the wilderness of what is now Pike County, and was then part of Wayne County, in 1810. Levi Lord, the oldest member of the Family, and Simeon Lord, his son, came to America from Liverpool, England with their families. They landed in Philadelphia and remained there a few years when they read about a "development" in this area. They walked from Philadelphia to what was to become their new home. After some difficulty procuring a clear title, Levi Lord purchased 200 acres from Philip Parry Price Myddelton on May 21, 1819.

The Lord House was built by Simeon Lord and completed in 1850.

The architecture of the building is described as vernacular Georgian. This is the only brick home in Blooming Grove Township that was built before modern times and one of a few in Pike County. The clay for the brick was dug from the ground which was part of their property and the bricks were made on the premises. Plans for the building cannot be found so it is assumed that the building was based on the style of buildings in England and simply built by the Family.

The Lord House was situated on the stage coach road and was used as a stage coach stop and hotel.

The only United States Post Office in Lords Valley, Pa. was located in the brick home. The Lords Valley Post Office was in existence from 1853 until 1955. The postmasters were Simeon Lord (1797-1871), Simeon Lord (1844-1931), and Martha J. Lord (1886-1958). The only location of the Post Office was in the Lord House.

The Lord Family members were very active in local affairs. Starting at the time Blooming Grove Township was formed in 1950 until the death of Russell S. Lord, the last member of the Family in Lords Valley, in 1968, some member of the Family held a public office--Overseer of the Poor, Judge of Election, Assessor, Tax Collection, and Township Supervisor as well as postmaster.

The Lord Family was also very generous with their land. They gave the first land to be used for a school in Lords Valley, gave land for a cemetery with the stipulation that it would be a free cemetery for all, and donated the land where the present Blooming Grove Township Volunteer Fire Department is located.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Matthews, Alfred. History of Wayne, Pike, and Monroe Counties, Pa. Philadelphia: R. T. Peck & Com., 1886, p. 974.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1

Quadrangle name Pecks Pond, Pa.

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The property that is set aside for this site consists of approx. one acre. There is 135' on Route 51019, 360' on Route 739 to the middle of a creek, then along creek approx. 135', returning to Route 51019, approx. 360'.

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

state code county code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Gail B. Masker

organization Blooming Grove Township Historian date

street & number Box 224 telephone 717-226-4571

city or town Blooming Grove state Pennsylvania 18428

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*

title ED WEINTRAUB, Director date 3/10/80
Office of Historic Preservation

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

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES
TOPOGRAPHIC AND GEOLOGIC SURVEY

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GERMANTOWN (U.S. 6) 3.2 MI. 5966 1 NE (ROWLAND) 495

Lord House
Pike County
Zone 18 E494680 N4579360

