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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Old Dry Road

AND/OR COMMON

The (Staudt Farm) (~~Census Tract 326~~)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Located on Highland Road, Lower Heidelberg Township
(Blue Marsh Lake Project)

R.D. #1 3 mi NE of Wernersville on Highland Rd. (P)

CITY, TOWN

Wernersville vicinity

VICINITY OF

Reading

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Pennsylvania

CODE

42

COUNTY

Berks

CODE

011

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS (If applicable)

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers - Philadelphia District

STREET & NUMBER

Custom House, 2d & Chestnut Streets

CITY, TOWN

Philadelphia,

VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania 19106

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Berks County CourtHouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Reading

STATE

Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | DATE <u>Feb 77</u> |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

SECTION 7 DESCRIPTION

The Staudt farm is located along a branch of the Tulpehocken Creek which flows easterly through a valley into the Tulpehocken. Two ridges lie on either side of the stream.

This stream valley is the site of the farmstead. The farmstead is located along the original settlement roadway, and, within the valley the traditional patterns of field, orchard, meadow and woodland remain intact.

The log farmstead is located on the original settlement sites on the Northern slope facing South toward the opposite, Southern ridge.

The lane to the Staudt farm leaves Highland Road, and follows the northern ridge for about 2800 feet to the larger farmstead. This lane is the original settlement road to the Tulpehocken Creek. The log "speicher" over the spring, the two period early log house, the smoke house, corn crib, pig sty, wagon shed and later bank-barn are surrounded by the original orchard and meadow, all in their original and traditional locations.

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CONTINUATION SHEET Old Dry Road Farm ITEM NUMBER 8 PAGE 2

This and the details of a door and framing (photo #3) suggest a georgian influence, perhaps 1770-1805 as an indicator of the date of construction. Archeological excavation will aid in determining the age more accurately.

The speicker in continuous traditional use until Ca 1960 provides visual continuity in the process of transition that took place on this farm over 200 years. The setting of the house and speicker of the Staudt farm reflects the settlement patterns of the early Swiss settlers. The farmstead is oriented to water, meadow and sun as may be seen in photo #1. This setting is ideally suited to the development of working early 18th Century log farmstead. The Staudt barn shows clearly the changes required as dairy operations came under the regulation of the Pennsylvania Board of Health, and as rural electrification and the gasoline engine reached effectively into Berks County. The preservation of this land tract with its buildings and cultural patterns will provide interested supporters in the local community with an excellent site for development through the Berks County School Systems of an outdoor educational facility.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500 1599 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800 1899 | <input 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 First Settler in 1744 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Phillip Hase (1744)
 (Tract known as "Sandwich")

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE SECTION 8 -STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Staudt farm is of architectural and cultural merit. Its architectural importance derives from the well-preserved late 18th Century log "Speicher", a multi-purpose 3-story bank building associated with the concept of preserving. Its cultural importance lies in the fact that this tract, preserves clearly the characteristics of the Pennsylvania Dutch Farmstead as it undergoes the transitions resulting from the agricultural revolution of the early 19th Century and the electrification and motorization of the early 20th Century. There is considerable local recognition of the value of this site for educational programs among service groups, local business and industry and the Berks County Educational Intermediate unit.

The Speicher (French-Grenier pur L. Granarium, German Speicher from Spicarium, to Spicaear I of Carin), (Photo #2) is a small outbuilding, separated from the house by some distance, in which were kept grain, bread, cheese, meat, sausage, clothes, tools, meal, and valuables; in effect anything which one wished to keep outside the house for protection in event of fire. (See R. Weiss, Hauser and Landschafter der Schweiz, P. 261).

The Speicher was brought to Pennsylvania by Swiss Lutheran, Reformed and Mennonite Settlers in the first quarter of the 18th Century. On the Staudt farm it was combined in function with the spring-house, resulting in a building uniquely suited for the preservation of foods and other farm products. This building has three levels. The lowest or spring room level is the "Keller." Here spring water collects in a deep gutter used for cooling and storage of dairy products. This level is cool and damp, useful also for keeping ham and bacon under brine and for storing certain root crops. The first floor "aerste stuck" is a processing area on the second level heated by a stove. In this area food and other products, such as flax, were dried. It is known that this room of the speicker of the Staudt farm was also used as a sleeping room for the hired man, an alternate function. Also documented by Dr. Weiss (Ligg-Speiker, P.142). The loft or attic area was referred to as "speicker" and was used to store dried fruits, vegetables, meats, flax and teas. This upper or third level was warm and dry.

There are numerous fixtures in the building associated with storage and preservation. In the keller is found the "Bank (Photo #6), a shelf on which salted meats were placed during the curing process, as were cheeses. The cheeses later has to be moved from the "cool-keller" to the warm drying shelf on the second level "kaese shank" (Photo #5). Other drying shelves are also located on this floor, of particular note are the corner shelves (eck schenk) in Photo #4). Various hooks (hoka) are found in the walls of this room and were used probably for the drying of flax. This second floor is unusual in that it has a beaded chair rail, (Photo #3).

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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 UTM REFERENCES

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| C | | | | D | | | |
| | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING | | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The area surrounding the Staudt farmstead is under Federal ownership as part of the Blue Marsh Lake Project, a multi-purpose project including flood control, water supply, recreation water quality and fish & wildlife management. The area immediately around the farmstead is reserved for future recreation and is currently used for wildlife management.

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

| | | | | | |
|-------|------|------|--------|------|------|
| STATE | None | CODE | COUNTY | None | CODE |
| STATE | None | CODE | COUNTY | None | CODE |

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
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 ORGANIZATION _____ DATE 1-31-77
 STREET & NUMBER
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 STATE Pennsylvania 18969

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES NO _____ NONE *William J. Lawton*
 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is _____ National _____ State Local
 FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE *Richard D. Hunt*

TITLE *Fed Rep. USCE Civil Works* DATE *26 Aug 77*

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| FOR NPS USE ONLY | |
| I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER | |
| DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION | DATE <u><i>1-23-78</i></u> |
| ATTEST: <u><i>Charles W. ...</i></u> | DATE <u><i>1-16-77</i></u> |
| KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER | |

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS
TOPOGRAPHIC AND GEOLOGIC SURVEY

OLD DRY ROAD FARM

2.1 MI. TO PA. 183
2'30"

5764 1 NE
(BERNVILLE)

