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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

SAINT GABRIEL'S EPISOPAL CHURCH

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Intersection of Rt. 422 & East L.R. 06180

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Douglassville

VICINITY OF

6

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Pennsylvania

42

Berks

011

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 type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<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

Saint Gabriel's Episcopal Church

STREET & NUMBER

R.D. # 2 Parish Office

CITY, TOWN

Douglassville

VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Berks County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

North Sixth Street

CITY, TOWN

Reading

STATE

Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

1/26/77

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania 17120

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

Old Saint Gabriel's Church is a two story building constructed in 1801. The Church is built of brownstone with its facades down in a herringbone design. Herringbone design is seldom used in stone construction because of the difficulty in laying - up the walls. This church is attributed to a local mason. Three bays by two, the exterior features are large brownstone quoins and a simple cornice which is pent on the gable ends.

Second story windows are 12 over 8 with plain stone sills and large stone lintels with keystone. First story windows are 12 over 12 also with stone lintell & keystone and sills. Panelled shutters grace the first story windows. The central doors are panelled with a five pane transome. The doorway support is also a heavy stone lintell with keystone. Below the first story windows is a wide stone water table.

The interior has been altered several times during its over 100 years of use but in 1959 the interior was restored to its early appearance.

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"/> 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 1801

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Swedish Settlers occupied land in the vicinity of Douglassville (then called Morlatton) about 1701. The earliest church in Douglassville was in the vicinity of Old Saint Gabriel's Church. It is said to have functioned about 1708 and is believed to have been the first church in the county. It was of log construction, the data of the building and demolition are not known. In 1735 a second log church (Swedish Lutheran Church) was built in the vicinity of the current Old Saint Gabriel's Church. This log church measured twenty four by thirty feet, it was destroyed by fire in 1831.

In 1801 Old Saint Gabriel's was built accomodate the growing need of the parish, although ~~the~~ founding of Saint Gabriel's was in 1720 in the first log church. In 1884 a new Gothic-style stone church was built approximately 100 yards west of Old Saint Gabriel's and took the name Saint Gabriel's Church. About 1890 Old Saint Gabriel's underwent alterations and was used at various times as a library, reading room, stage, Sunday school and kitchen. In 1960 under the direction of Mr. G. Edwin Brumbaugh restoration of Old Saint Gabriel's began (it is now completed).

The land surrounding Old Saint Gabriel's was once an Indian burying ground, although the extent of the burying ground was never determined. Excavations performed in the 19th century found some of the shallow Indian graves but the disposition of the remains is not known. The excavations were done to enlarge the cemetery of Old Gabriel's. In 1728 some Conestoga Indians awaiting a meeting with Governor Patrick Gordon, they camped there until a local resident, Anthony Sadowski, who was an Indian interpreter and scrivener, notified the Indians to go to Philadelphia. Sadowski as well as Mouns Jones (builder of Old Swedes House) and William Bird an ironmaster and founder of Birdsboro (and father of Mark Bird, founder of Hopewell Furnace) are burried in the cemetery.

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Old Saint Gabriel's was aligned with the Church of England prior to the Revolutionary War. With the onset of the War, the pastor (Alexander Murray) returned to England and the parish was not supplied with any clergy. Murray returned in 1790.

Architecturally, Old Saint Gabriel's shows simplicity of style on interior and exterior. It is significant in its use of the herringbone design of its masonry, a style seldom used. The church is possibly the earliest in the State done in this style.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

Charles Dunlevey

ORGANIZATION

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

William Penn Memorial Museum Building, Box 1026

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Harrisburg

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 WILLIAM J. WEWER, Executive Director DATE _____
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

ATTEST

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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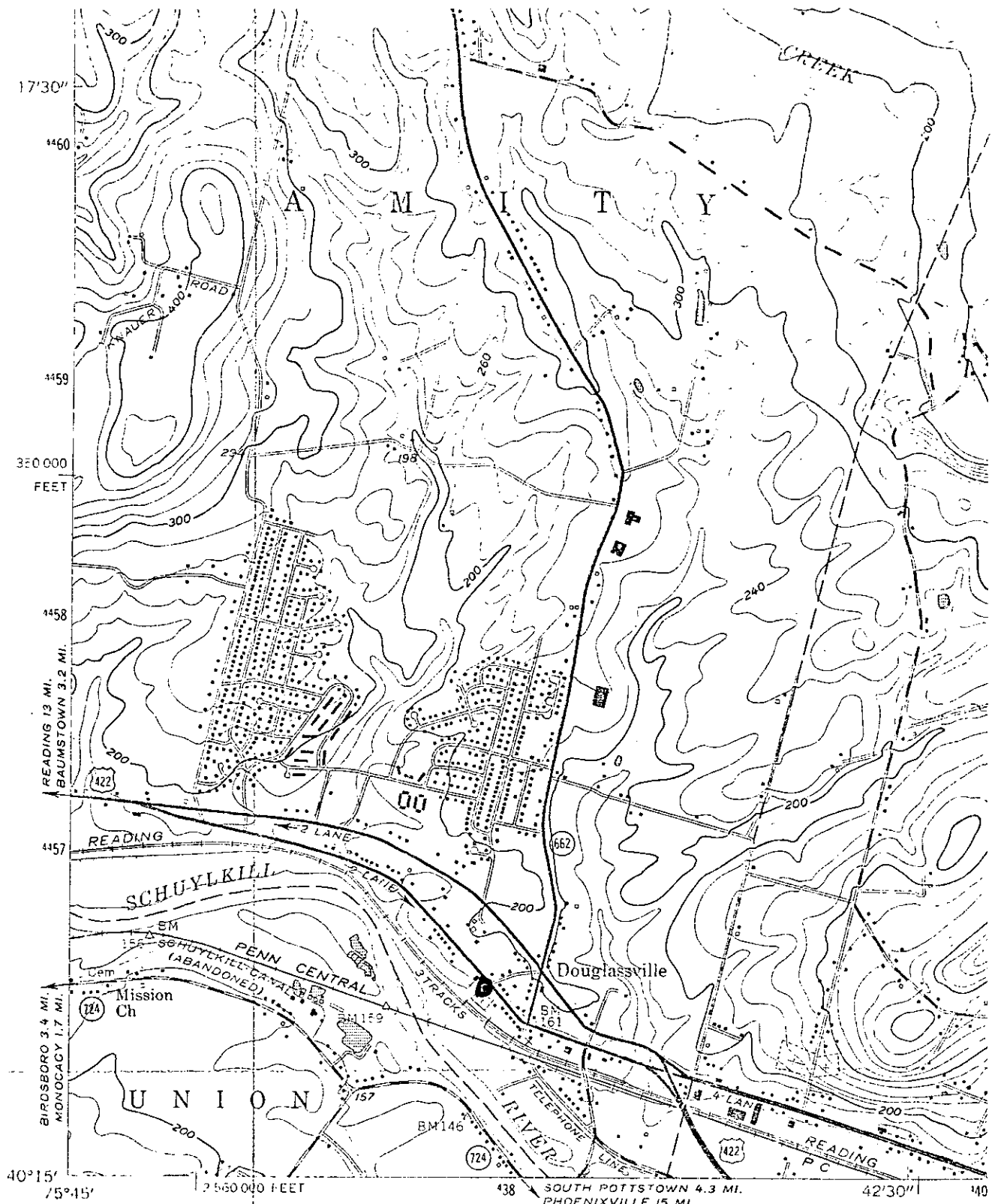
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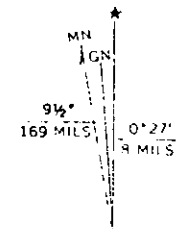


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 Culture revised by the Geological Survey 1967
 Polarctic projection. 1927 North American datum
 10,000-foot grid based on Pennsylvania coordinate system, south zone
 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 18, shown in blue

Red tint indicates areas in which only underground workings are shown



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 Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas