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NATIONAL PARK 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

Schaumboch's Tavern

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Hawk Mountain Road

\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Albany Twnshp.

\_\_ VICINITY OF

6

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Pennsylvania

42

Berks

**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"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input checked="" 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"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Box 191, R.D. #2

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Kempton

\_\_ VICINITY OF

Pennsylvania 19529

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Berks County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Fifth and Court Streets

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Reading

Pennsylvania

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

FHMC

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Harrisburg

Pennsylvania

**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**

Located in the 2,016 acre Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, and approximately 1100 feet above sea level, Schaumboch's Tavern is a rectangular, one and a half story building constructed of native Tuscarora or Mountain Sandstone. It is four bays wide, with two doors centrally located and flanked, at each end, by two windows with shutters. The sandstone is squared and covered with a white stucco. The walls measure approximately 18" deep.

The roof is a medium gable, interrupted at the rear of the building by dual shed-type dormers whose windows are six-over-six. The very plain roof trim consists of a plain boxed cornice with a return (but without a frieze). Chimneys are single stack brick units located at either end of the building and located about midway in the structure's depth.

The two front doors are panelled (six-over-six) while a rear door, opening onto an open roofed porch, is constructed of planks finished in a board and batten pattern. This door still retains the early forged iron latches and hinges. The porch is covered by an extension of the building's roof which is resemblant of the roof schemes typical to houses constructed in the New England salt-box genre.

The trim of the door and window openings is flat and the windows are two sash, with slipsills and six-over-six panes.

The interior of Schaumboch's Tavern consists of two rooms, each finished with white plaster and pine moulding. Beams throughout the structure are exposed and, except for four that were replaced by suitable contemporary handworked timbers, are original to the structure.

The earliest recorded owner of this building was Jacob Gerhardt who, according to available information, inhabited this house in 1793. It is now maintained by the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association as a residence for sanctuary personnel. In excellent and sound condition, the building has undergone very little alteration (except for the installation of lighting, heating and plumbing fixtures); the original floor plan has not been altered.

# 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
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<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) folklore
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

c.1793

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Jacob Gerhardt

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Best known as "Schaumboch's Tavern," this 1½ story stone building now referred to as the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary's "cottage," was built high on the side of a mountain adjacent to an old Indian trail. According to recorded history, the house was a tavern from earliest times and served the travellers from the Great Valley to the West.

The building was acquired in 1851 by a Philadelphia couple, Matthais Schaumboch and his wife Becky, who catered to the hucksters and farmers as they crossed the desolate mountain from the farmlands of Berks County to the settlements of Orwigsburg and Pottsville. Other customers included the workmen who quarried the pure sand at the very top of Hawk Mountain and teamsters who hauled anthracite coal from the nearby mines of Schuylkill County.

Many local legends surround the cottage, accounting for its designation as "Schaumboch's Tavern". Matthais Schaumboch was reputedly mad and demented; in fact, at least 11 murders of travelling salesmen and hucksters are still attributed to him. The murders enraged the local citizenry of the Eckville-Kempton Valley, and a petition to burn down the tavern was circulated but recalled by a local constable. (There have been numerous reports in recent years of strange occurrences and apparitions surrounding the cabin, but no reports have been fully documented.)

Schaumboch's Tavern is one of the finest and best preserved--- if not earliest---stone dwellings in this scarcely populated region of Berks County. It virtually remains unchanged these many years and still retains the original--albeit modest--fixtures and appointments. The Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association, which acquired (through the generosity of Mrs. Raymond V. Ingersoll) in 1938 this property situated on a 1.3 acre parcel, is committed to preserving the building as it appears today, little marred by attempts at improvement nor altered by "modernizations".

# MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See Continuation Sheet

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

QUADRANGLE NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
UTM REFERENCES

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C			
E			
G			

QUADRANGLE SCALE \_\_\_\_\_

B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D			
F			
H			

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

Jim Brett / Michael J. O'Malley

ORGANIZATION

Hawk Mountain Sanctuary/PHMC

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Box 191, R.D. #1

215-756-6961 / 717-783-8946

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Kempton

STATE

Pennsylvania 19529

## 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 Ed Weintraub, Director Office of Historic Preservation DATE

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

DATE

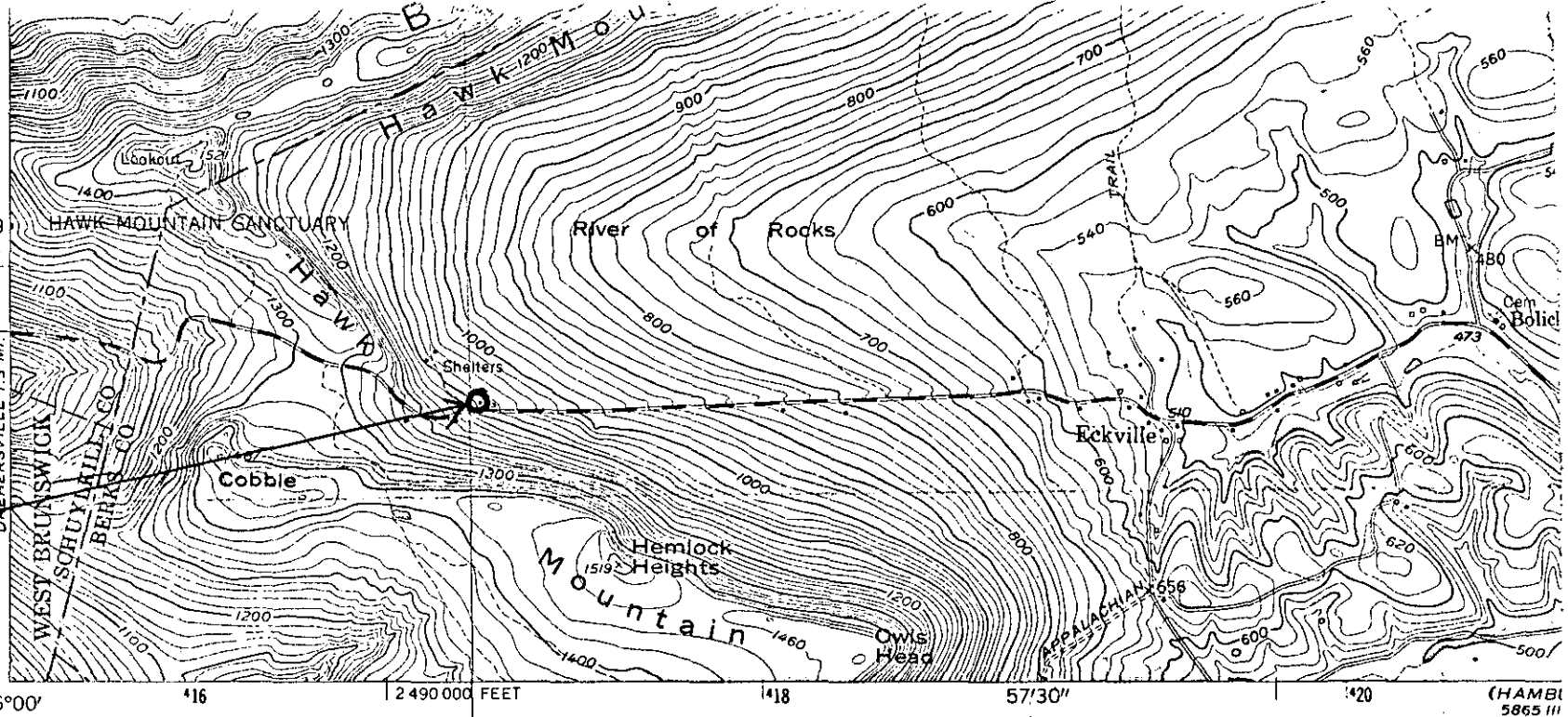
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KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

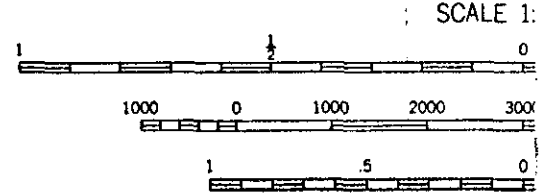
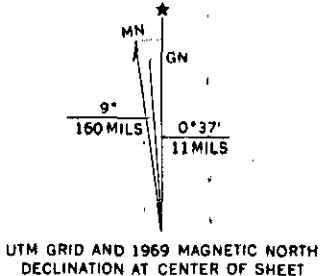
Schaumbach's Tavern  
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 Zone 18 E417040 N4496320



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