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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Pennsylvania	
COUNTY:	Northampton	
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1. NAME

COMMON: The Miller's House

AND/OR HISTORIC: The Grist Miller's House

2. LOCATION 459 Old York Road. Located in Historic Bethlehem

STREET AND NUMBER: Incorporated's 9-acre historic park. Park enclosed by Hill-to-Hill Bridge on south, Main Street on east, Broad Street

CITY OR TOWN: Bridge on north, and Monocacy Creek on West. Bethlehem

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: COUNTY: Northampton CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: 99-year lease to Historic Bethlehem Incorporated by City of Bethlehem

STREET AND NUMBER: City Center, 10 East Church Street

CITY OR TOWN: Bethlehem STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 18018

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Northampton County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER: Seventh and Walnut Streets

CITY OR TOWN: Easton STATE: Pennsylvania CODE:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: "Master Plan for Historic Bethlehem"

DATE OF SURVEY: 1963 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Historic Bethlehem Incorporated

STREET AND NUMBER: Main and Church Streets

CITY OR TOWN: Bethlehem STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 18018

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

ORIGINAL AND PRESENT APPEARANCE

When members of the Aufseher Collegium (a board which supervised the financial and material affairs of Bethlehem) approved the construction of a new dwelling for the master grist miller to be located slightly northeast of the grist mill, they indicated that the structure would measure 24' x 32' and include a cellar and one story of "true brick." Although documentary evidence gives no indication that these original plans were not completely executed (due perhaps to financial or supply problems), architectural evidence shows that the original miller's house was a one story structure built entirely of limestone. The one-and-one-half story brick addition, built in the Federalist style of architecture, apparently was completed in the 1830's, although, once again, the Moravian documents for this period fail to note this information.

Since the 1830's, the Grist Miller's House has retained its character, altered only by the addition of a wooden porch to the southern facade of the structure. It has continued in use as a private residence to the present day.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1782, c. 1830's

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania was a community founded in 1741 by members of the *Unitas Fratrum*, commonly called the Moravians. This American "Herrnhutter" colony was destined to become the seat of the Moravian Church in North America. Because of its unique religious, social, educational, and industrial activities, the sect excited the curiosity and interest of contemporaries. Its many visitors prompted a member of the Ephrata Cloister to remark: "The localities of Bethlehem and Ephrata were then and are still the subject of all strangers when they wish to explore the different characteristics of this country, because one finds everything there in a shortened form" (Chronicle of the Ephrata Brethren).

The Grist Miller's House, discussed here, is located at 459 Old York Road in the old Moravian Industrial Complex, an area located along the Monocacy Creek in Bethlehem, which supplied the power for many varied colonial Moravian industries.

ARCHITECTURE

The Grist Miller's House is an example of the blending of colonial and Federalist style architecture. Architectural evidence shows that while the brick portion of the structure was added in the 1830's, the lower, limestone portion was the original section of the Miller's House which the Aufseher Collegium approved for construction in 1782.

URBAN PLANNING

The proximity of the master grist miller's dwelling to the grist mill is one example of the thoroughness with which the entire Moravian Industrial area was planned.

Early millers and their families lived in the grist mill itself. In late 1781, master miller Hermann Loesch approached the Aufseher Collegium and requested that a new miller's house be constructed so that the existing living area in the mill could be more effectively utilized for grain storage. The

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Conference complied, and in January, 1782 directed that a grist miller's house be constructed behind the grist mill as the first building project in the new year.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Moravian Primary Source Materials such as the Minutes of the Aufsehen Collegium (Overseers' Conference); 1782, 1820, 1821, 1830.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				C R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES							
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE							
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds			
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	40°	37'	13" N	75°	23'	01" W
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Not applicable

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
<u>Not applicable</u>			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Vincent P. Foley, Executive Director

ORGANIZATION: Historic Bethlehem Incorporated DATE: July 1972

STREET AND NUMBER: Main and Church Streets

CITY OR TOWN: Bethlehem STATE: Pennsylvania 18018 CODE: _____

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

Owner of property notified 8/10/72

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Name: [Signature]
State Liaison Officer

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Title: Deputy Executive Director, Pa. Hist. & Museum Commission

Keeper of The National Register

Date: 11/27/72

Date: _____

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ALLE TOWN EAST QUADRANGLE
PENNSYLVANIA

7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

SW/4 ALLENTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE

5965 1/2 MI
IN NAZARETH

25

165

12 650 000 FEET 165

167

NAZARETH 9 MI

168

75° 22' 30"

40° 37' 30"



MILLER
House

LATITUDE

40° 37' 15"

4496

LONGITUDE

75° 23' 1"

HELLERTOWN 3.8 MI.
HARROW U.S. 6.11/17 MI.

470 000
FEET

1494



U.S.G.S. 7-1/2'
QUADRANGLE,
ALLENTOWN EAST

4492

