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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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

Hopper - Snyder Homestead
AND/OR COMMON

USE THIS COPY
FOR DUPLICATING

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

R.D. #1

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Watsonstown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

17

STATE

Pennsylvania

CODE

42

COUNTY

Northumberland

CODE

007

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
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<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
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	<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
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			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Kenneth and Barbara Bryfogle

STREET & NUMBER

R.D. #3

CITY, TOWN

Muncy

STATE

VICINITY OF

Pennsylvania 17756

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Northumberland County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Market Square

CITY, TOWN

Sunbury

STATE

Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

11/23/77

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hopper-Snyder Homestead is located on the banks of Spring Run, west of the town of Watsonstown in Northumberland County. The two and one-half story stone house measures 48 feet by 32 feet. The gable roof is edged by plain boxed cornices with returns. An interior stone chimney is located in the southwest gable end. Windows in this five bay by two bay are nine over six on the first story and six over six on the second story. First story windows have radiating stone arches. Shutters were once present but are currently being repaired.

Stone is a common construction medium and there are two other stone houses in a fifteen mile radius. However, the Hopper-Snyder house is larger than these surrounding structures. Early tax records suggest a construction date of circa 1790 to 1805.

At the north east corner a wooden addition approximately 19' X 14' has been added around the Civil War period. At this time we believe the roof was re-constructed over the east end of the house to match the roof line of the west end. It would appear from signs in the attic that the roof line was broken just east of the front door. Also at this time a foundation was put under the east end. It would appear prior to that the east part of the house had a dirt floor probably covered with brick.

In the wooden addition several rooms were added upstairs and a dining room downstairs.

The exterior landscaping consists of 6 large Norway maples 3-4½' in diameter, 8-50' blue spruce and hemlocks, a large 2' diameter concolor fir and many other large trees. There is a small stream in front of the house called Spring Run. This stream is also noted on a 1760 map of the area. We believe at one time that the road came across a bridge over the stream explaining the placement of the house on the land.

The interior is in good condition and retains many of its original features. The central foyer is approximately 9' wide and extends the full width of the house. It has a centrally located archway with reeding and a keystone. At one time there was an elaborate chair rail in this section which was removed. Remnants of this are found under the stairway to the second floor. The stairway originating in the foyer has a windowed landing part way up.

At the west end the front living room was the grandest room in the house with reeded chair rail, fireplace to match, original baseboard, and probably cornice molding. Although the mantel in this room has been changed, the original is in the attic.

The downstairs back room at the west end was simpler in design, but still shows remnants of a simpler chair rail. The baseboard is intact. The fireplace has been closed off but the original mantel is also in the attic. Also a built in cupboard with one of the original raised paneled doors intact was found hidden behind the fireplace overlayment.

The floorboards throughout the house are soft wood and are approximately 4" in width.

A barn was associated with the house but was destroyed by a tornado circa 1960.

B SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| <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 checked="" 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

c. 1800

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The original tract of land was given to Lt. Daniel Hunsinger for services rendered in the Pontiac Campaign in February 1769. Lt. Hunsinger then sold the land to the Reverend John Hoge on March 11, 1774. At this time the tract contained 334 acres.

On May 7, 1790 a 50-acre parcel was sold for 5 shillings to John William Lenox Hoge. A year later, November 15, 1791, John W. L. Hoge sold the parcel represented as 48 acres to George Hopper for 101 lbs. It is possible that some type of building was on the property at this time as only about 30 acres would have been able to be cleared due to the surrounding terrain. One hundred one pounds would have been too large a sum to pay for a piece of land of that quality.

On December 13, 1793, George Hopper and wife sold the tract to John Schnyder for 365 lbs. or a 260% increase in price. It is likely that the house was built prior to this date and sold complete. In addition, the next sale on January 24, 1827, was transacted for \$2,160.00. This indicates very little value change. This transaction shows that the name Schnyder was changed to Snyder.

In the 1820 census for Northumberland County, Turbot Township, a John Snyder was listed as a manufacturer. It is possible that the house belonged to John Snyder the reputable gun Smith whose guns today are noted for their fine craftsmanship and consequently bring high prices in the antique market. He signed his guns J. Snyder. His exact location has never been pinpointed up to now, but gun collectors have believed that he was located north of Milton because his style was similar to gun smiths in this area.

In the Warrior Run Cemetery is the grave of John Snyder whose age and date of death fit the time period of the John Snyder occupying the described home.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See Continuation Sheet

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1

QUADRANGLE NAME Milton, Pa.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1, 8 3, 4, 4 1, 3, 0 4, 5, 5, 0 6, 6, 0

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Starting at a point 700 feet from Rt. 49061 along the Northwest side of Lane then moving 150 feet Northwest then 300 feet Southeast, then 300 feet Southwest, then 300 feet Northwest then 150 feet Northeast to starting point.

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

Kenneth G. & Barbara M. Bryfogle

ORGANIZATION

DATE

717-546-5024

STREET & NUMBER

R.D. #3

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Muncy

STATE

Pennsylvania 17756

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

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

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DATE

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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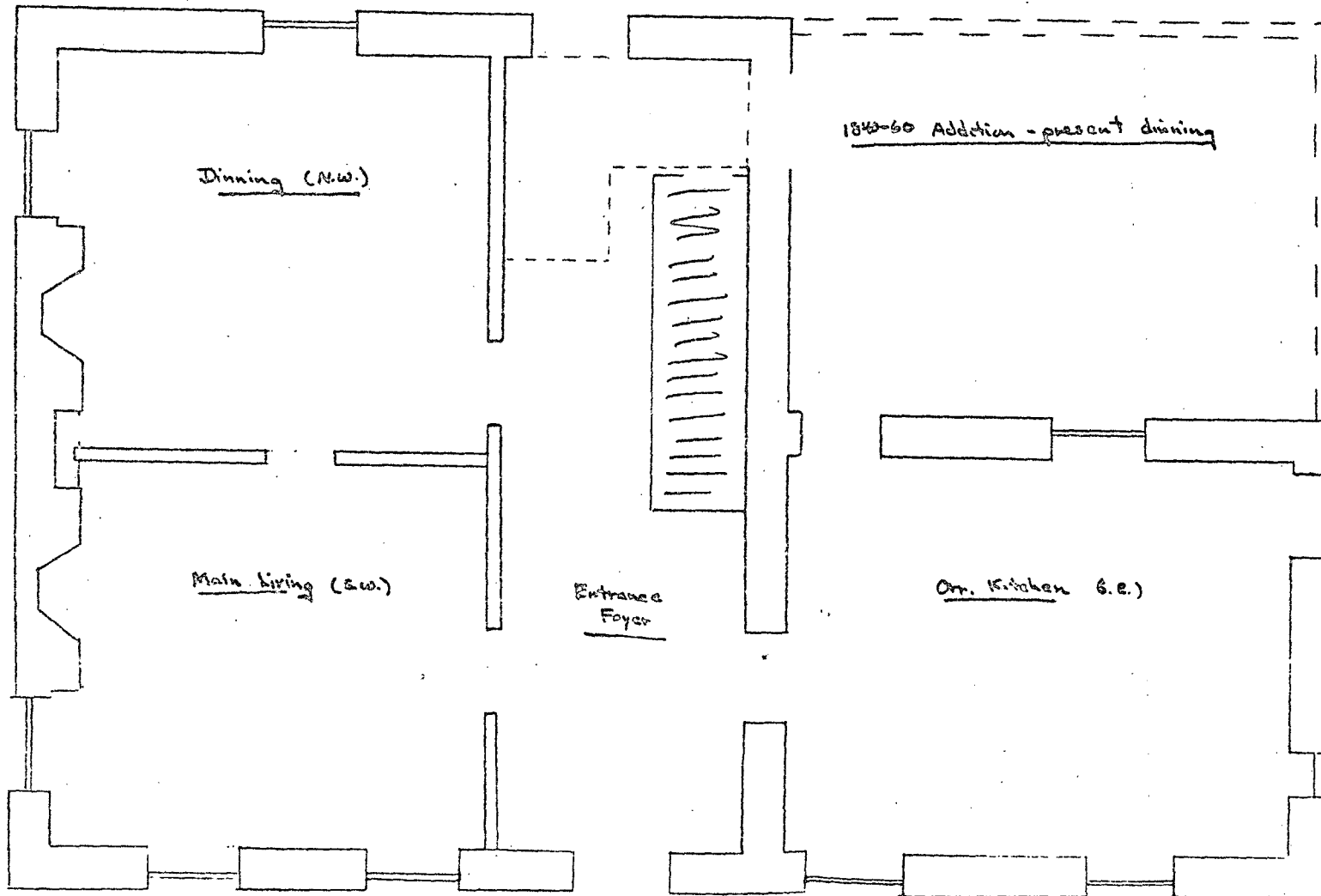
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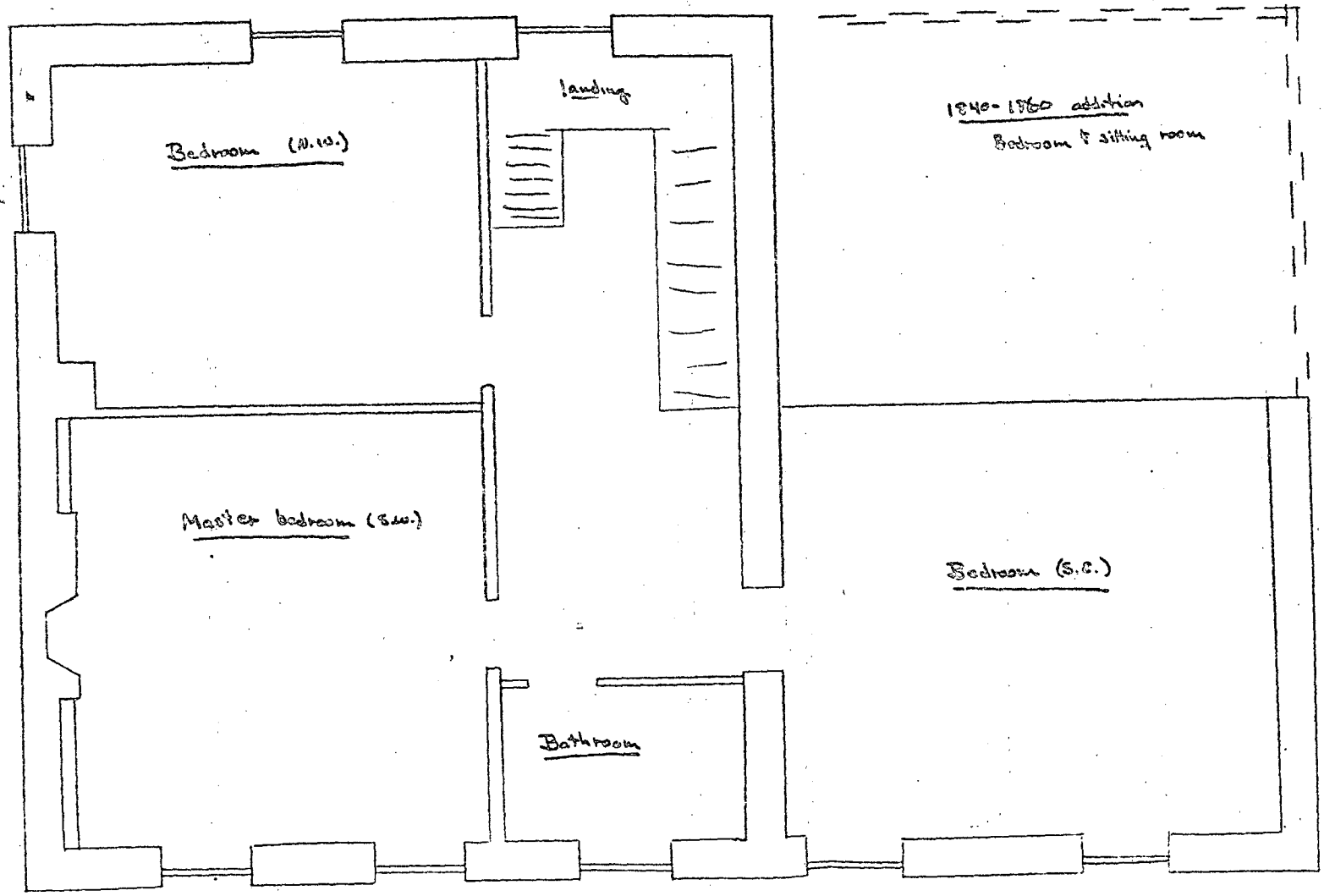
Warrior Run Cemetery, R.D. 1, Watsontown, PA

NORTH ↗



Floor Plan downstairs 11

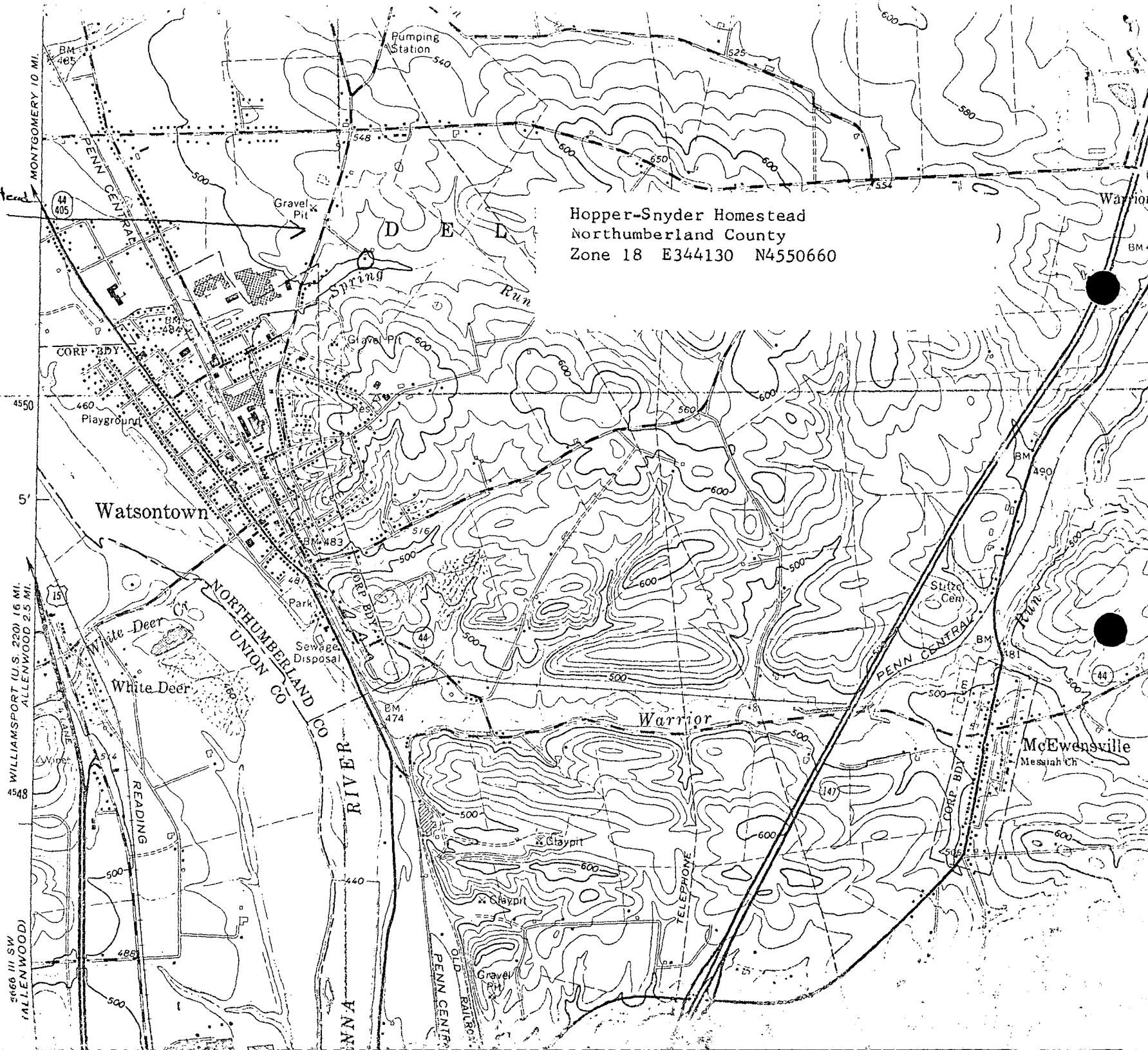
North ↗



Upstairs Floor plan - 1/4" = 1'

prox. location of
Hopper-Snyder Homestead
c. 1795.

Hopper-Snyder Homestead
Northumberland County
Zone 18 E344130 N4550660



WILLIAMSPORT (U.S. 220) 16 MI.
ALLENWOOD 2.5 MI.
5669 (1/3 SW ALLENWOOD)

MONTGOMERY 10 MI.

44 (405)

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5669 (1/3 SW ALLENWOOD)

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5669 (1/3 SW ALLENWOOD)

Watsontown

White Deer

White Deer

READING

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NORTHUMBERLAND CO
UNION CO

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER

PENN CENTRAL
OLD PAULICO

Pumping Station 540

Gravel Pit

Spring

Gravel Pit 600

Sewage Disposal

Park

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BM 474

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Gravel Pit

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Hopper-Snyder Homestead
Northumberland County
Zone 18 E344130 N4550660

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