

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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 SAMUEL STONER HOMESTEAD

AND/OR COMMON

Indian Road Farm, Bechtel Farm, Wiest Dam

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 1200' N. N. E. of intersection (West Manchester Twp.)
of Route T 500 & Leg. Rte. 66210

CITY, TOWN

York

___ VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

19th

STATE

Pennsylvania

CODE

42

COUNTY

York

CODE

133

3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | PRESENT USE |
|---|---|--|---|
| ___DISTRICT | ___PUBLIC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | ___UNOCCUPIED | ___MUSEUM |
| ___STRUCTURE | ___BOTH | ___WORK IN PROGRESS | ___COMMERCIAL |
| ___SITE | PUBLIC ACQUISITION | ACCESSIBLE | ___EDUCATIONAL |
| ___OBJECT | ___IN PROCESS | ___YES: RESTRICTED | ___ENTERTAINMENT |
| | ___BEING CONSIDERED | ___YES: UNRESTRICTED | ___GOVERNMENT |
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO | ___INDUSTRIAL |
| | | | ___MILITARY |
| | | | ___PARK |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| | | | ___RELIGIOUS |
| | | | ___SCIENTIFIC |
| | | | ___TRANSPORTATION |
| | | | ___OTHER: |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Charles A. Neiman and Bonnie T. Neiman

STREET & NUMBER

Box #12, R. D. #8

CITY, TOWN

York

___ VICINITY OF

STATE
Pennsylvania

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Recorder of Deeds, York County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

28 East Market Street

CITY, TOWN

York

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 |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <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 _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This dwelling originally constructed by Samuel Stoner between 1798 and 1801 was built in the German style as a 1½ story stone house. A full second story was added in the 1830's. In the 1850's a 3 bay, 2 story stone addition was added to the rear of the house. The house has undergone no serious alterations since the 1850 addition.

The present structure measures 62' by 30' and consists of a 2½ story bank house with a 2 story rear wing. The main section of the house is four bays wide and 2 deep. All but 2 of the windows are original and are 6 over 6 sash. Doorways are located in the 2nd bay of the front and rear facade. A door is also located in the south gable at the basement. These doors are panelled with four light transoms. The basement door opens into the kitchen of the original house. The 1830 addition of the full second story was accomplished by extending the existing stone walls to the attic level and completing the gables with bevelled German siding. The siding and trim is beaded as are the pegged window and door frames. The chimney is stone to the attic floor level where brick was used to continue the flues. The 1850 addition is 3 bays in length. The roof is steeply sloped and contains 3 deep, triangular dormers. The south side is enclosed by a screened porch, a recent addition.

The interior of the Stoner House contains a number of interesting features. The original basement kitchen contains a large walk-in fireplace 9' by 4' with a heavy oak lintel. The kitchen also contains an exposed spring. The spring enters the kitchen through the northwest corner wall into a large basin formed by the corner walls and a stone spring box. The water then runs along the north wall through a stone channel to the outside spring house. The first floor parlor (dining room) also contains a large walk-in fireplace. Much of the original woodwork still survives. All panelling, mantles, etc. feature elaborate beaded moldings. Panelling in the living room has pegged sunken panels. The living room also has an unusual sponge decorated ceiling.

Only 3 of the mid-19th century outbuildings still survive. A small gable roof stone and frame springhouse is situated adjacent to the southern gable end of the house. A small square stone smokehouse stands opposite the wing. A small stone and frame bank barn is located just to the north of the house.

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 |
| <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 |
| <input 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 type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1800, 1830, 1850 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Samuel Stoner Homestead is an example of the late 18th century rural stone farmhouse. It follows the usual layout plan of Pennsylvania farm sites.

The original homestead of more than 120 acres produced grain and other products for a large milling project located near the farmstead. Only 6 acres remain of the original homestead. The construction of the Indian Rock Dam has inundated all of the milling structures and most of the original homestead.

This building is significant due to its architecture, its residents and its relationship to past surroundings.

Architecturally the house has been subject to only minor changes; the original room divisions, interior woodwork, etc. still remain. The unusual sponge decorated ceiling has been preserved.

Dr. Charles Nes occupied the farmstead in the 1860's and 70's and it was here that Nes invented Nes Silicon Steel for which he received the "letters patent" from the U.S., Great Britain, France and Belgium. In 1873 Nes was a commissioner to the Vienna Exposition.

Another well-known resident of the house was General Michael Doudle. Doudle served as Brigade Inspector of York County Militia, Commission of the York and Susquehanna Canal project, Sheriff, Recorder of Deeds, and a member of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Erection to the Present Time (1729-1834). York, Pa.; A. J. Glossbrenner
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Gibson, John. History of York County, Pennsylvania. Chicago: F. A.
Battey Publishing Co.: 1886.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 6 acres

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
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| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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|-----------------|---|---------------------------|
| NAME / TITLE | William K. Watson/Historic Sites Survey Charles A. Neiman/Owner of Samuel Stoner Homestead | |
| ORGANIZATION | Pa. Historical & Museum Commission | DATE February 25, 1975 |
| STREET & NUMBER | Box 1026, William Penn Museum Box 12, R. D. #8 | TELEPHONE 717-787-4363 |
| CITY OR TOWN | Harrisburg York | STATE Pennsylvania |

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

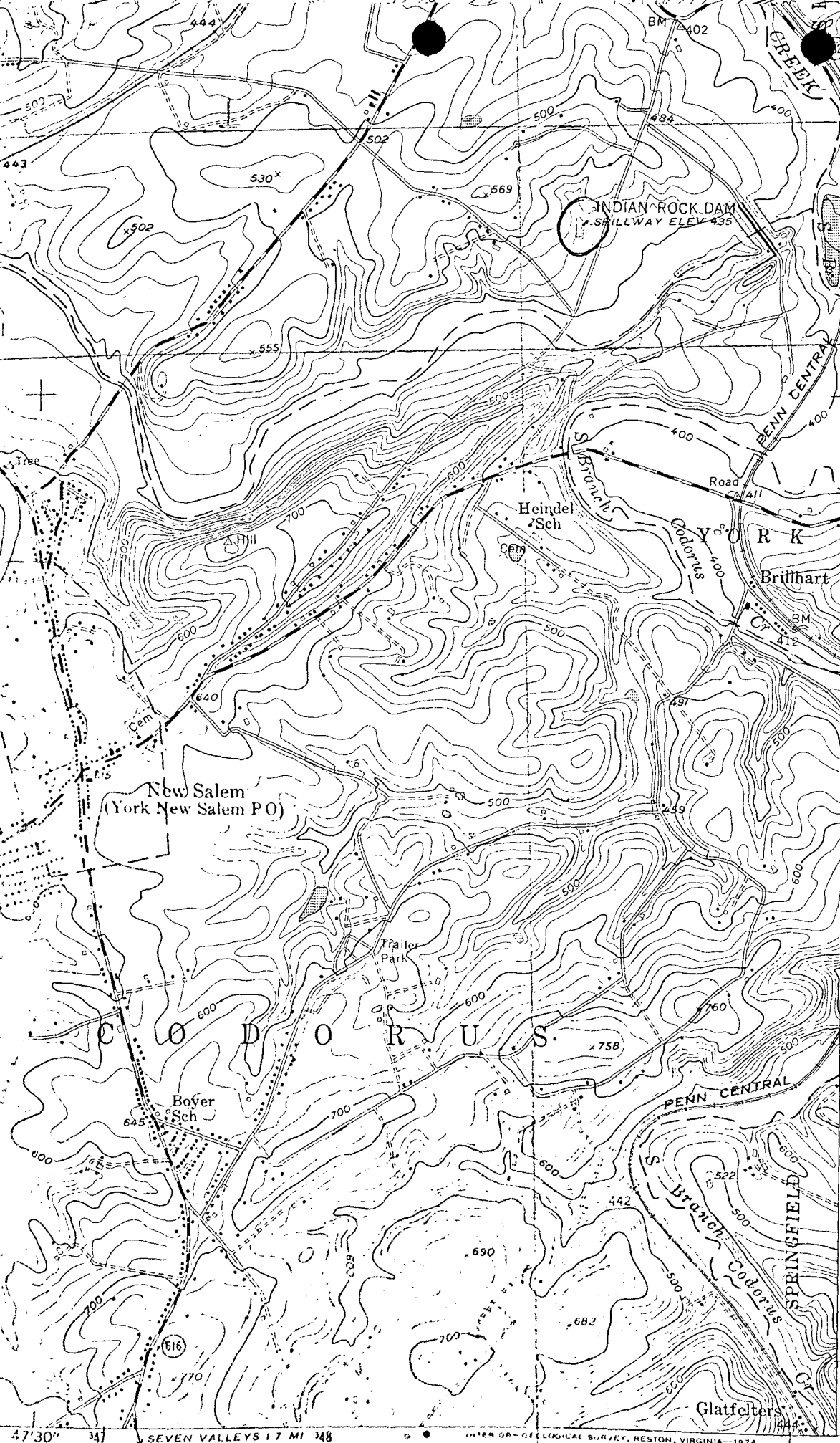
THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

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 *William K. Watson*
 TITLE Executive Director
 Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission
 DATE January 9, 1976

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| FOR NPS USE ONLY | |
| I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER | |
| | DATE |
| DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION | DATE |
| ATTEST: | DATE |
| KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER | |



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Samuel Stoner Homestead
 York County

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