

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE Pennsylvania	
COUNTY: Lancaster	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Strickler Site (36 La 3)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
[REDACTED]

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington Boro

STATE
Pennsylvania

CODE 42	COUNTY: Lancaster	CODE
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)

Yes:
 Restricted
 Unrestricted
 No

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Unknown Principal

STREET AND NUMBER:
Agent: A.G. Bucher 53 North Duke Street 1650 Monhegan Pa

CITY OR TOWN:
Lancaster

STATE:
Pennsylvania

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Lancaster County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Lancaster

STATE:
Pennsylvania

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Site Survey and Recording Program

DATE OF SURVEY: Continuous
 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
William Penn Memorial Museum

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN:
Harrisburg

STATE:
Pennsylvania

STATE: Pennsylvania

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

 Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

 Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

 Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The site, which can be examined only at the level of subsurface excavation, is presently under intensive agricultural production. Archeological investigations in the past have revealed a large stockaded Indian town with European-style bastions located at the corners. Nearly 13 longhouse patterns, a few of the many that must have existed, were exposed together with numerous burials and storage pits. Cemeteries containing hundreds of interments are located outside the four corners of the town.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) ca. A.D. 1640-1670

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 type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input 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

The Strickler site is one of a series of fortified villages constructed by the Susquehannock Indians in the Lower Susquehanna Valley during the 17th Century. These are the Iroquoian speaking people, originally from northern Pennsylvania, who were variously called Andastes by the French, and Minquas by the Dutch. The English, following Captain John Smith's first account of them in 1608, used the Algonkian word- Susquehannocks.

Throughout the first three-quarters of the 17th Century, this powerful nation played a major role in the course of Indian and Colonial history. This was in part due to their geographic position and the control of the fur trade which it afforded them.

Following the custom of Indians of the period, these people moved their villages every 15 to 20 years. This was a necessity resulting from exhausted agricultural potential and wood supplies in the vicinity of their towns.

The study of the numerous trade goods previously recovered at the Strickler and the archeological excavations conducted there by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in 1968 and 1969, suggest that this site was occupied from about 1650 to 1665. The excavation of the site revealed a stockade with European-style bastions at two of its corners. This stockade enclosed an area of approximately 12 acres, and included enough longhouses to accomodate atleast 1500 people.

This is almost certainly the town to which the Maryland Government, in 1661, sent a militia to instruct the Indians in laying-out flankers or bastions for the defense of their fort against Seneca. (Maryland Archives Vol. 4 pp 417-8).

It is also likely that this was the town described by Lalemont (Jesuit Relations, 1663 IV, 10) as the place which the Iroquois unsuccessfully attacked in 1663. Without question, this is the place marked on the Benjamin Chambers' survey of 1685 as Fort Demolished.

The Strickler site is the largest known Susquehannock village, and probably one of the largest 17th century Indian towns in the Northeastern United States.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Cadzow, Donald A. Archeological Studies of the Susquehannock Indians of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Historical Commission, Harrisburg, 1936

Witthoft, John and W. Fred Kinsey (Eds.) Susquehannock Miscellany, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Harrisburg, 1959

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0 . "	0 . "		0 . "	0 . "	
NE	0 . "	0 . "		0 . "	0 . "	
SE	0 . "	0 . "		0 . "	0 . "	
SW	0 . "	0 . "		0 . "	0 . "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 8

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Ira F. Smith III, Field Archeologist

ORGANIZATION: Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

DATE: 10/31/72

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN: Harrisburg

STATE: Pennsylvania

CODE: 42

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

notified 11/21/72

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

Name: William J. Wewer

Title: Deputy Executive Director

Date: 11/27/72

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____

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