

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

For HCARS use only  
received DEC 13 1979  
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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic John B. Good House

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number PA 625  
N. E. Corner PA, Route 625 \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Bowmansville \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district 16

state Pennsylvania code 42 county Lancaster code 071

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Doctor and Mrs. C. Darrell Lane

street & number P.O. Box 218

city, town Bowmansville \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ state Pennsylvania

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Lancaster County Court House

street & number 51 East King Street

city, town Lancaster \_\_\_\_\_ state Pennsylvania

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date July 25, 1979 \_\_\_\_\_ federal  state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ local

depository for survey records Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

city, town Harrisburg \_\_\_\_\_ state Pennsylvania

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<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

The John B. Good House is a two and one-half story local fieldstone (sandstone) house with a gable roof, and a one story full length front porch. The house encompasses an area of 36 ft. X 30 ft. There have been no additional rooms added on the house. The only alteration included digging out of the earth floor cellar and the installation of the drainage system to solve a severe water problem. Simultaneously steel support columns on stone foundations were installed in 1975 after jacking-up the sagging support beam. In 1976, a modern kitchen was installed on the northeast first floor. That same year two bathrooms were installed on the second floor utilizing the same space which one bathroom had utilized for many years.

Modern oil fired hot air heat with ducts (which can accommodate air conditioning later if desired) are also inside the new chimney, carefully hidden by built-in corner clapboards and tied into the original forth gable end of the chimney at the attic.

The original cedar shakes of the roof remain in place and are visible from inside the attic.

The house is five by two bays. The Upper floor windows are six of six double hung sash. The bottom sections are new since these sections had at one time been replaced by frames with a single pane of glass. First floor windows are also six over six and have panelled shutters.

The three doors are the conventional castered front and rear doors plus off-set south west corner side door to office (an original unique architectural feature).

Other buildings on the property.

The property of the Good house also has a summer kitchen which had been completely destroyed this is being rebuilt. Sufficient evidence remains to determine style and the original foundation exists to define dimensions, the north wall fireplace, and the door.

The foundation of structure remains to the northeast of the house which may have been a small barn or carriage house. Also present is a later frame barn just to the rear of the house and needs repair, although the basic frame is quite solid. This may actually have been the first building on the property.

The foundation for a large drive-on scales where cattle, crops and feed were weighed was recently excavated.

The foundation of a corn crib also remains to the east of the scales. Both these structures foundations are quite close to Maple Grove Road and current building codes would not permit such structure to be rebuilt on those locations.

There are two hand dug wells one at the bard 26 feet deep which is still in use, one at the house, summer kitchen area 16 feet deep which is being re-activated.

# 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 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** 1847 **Builder/Architect** John B. Good

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The John B. Good house is a well preserved example of a typical but refined example of a central Pennsylvania stone farm house and its associated buildings. Serving as the residence and office of the local justice of the Peace and as a center for printing operations in this community for over a century, the Good house played an important part in the local commerical and legal operations of this small Lancaster community.

John B. Good was a local farmer owning most of the acerage east of the village of Bowmansville. Crops were the usual for this area of Pennsylvania, corn, wheat, barley, tobacco, hay, and the usual vegetable garden produce, orchard fruit and cattle, milk cows, chickens, eggs and turkeys.

The Good house is a typical central Pennsylvania stone farmhouse but with a few refinements which reflect better than average construction and quality. Such as the unique office area where John B. Good carried out his surveying and legal matters.

A later owner, Frank Stover, also a justice of the peace, bought and sold farm equipment, loaned money and carried out a promoting business in this house. (1876-1944)

This building served as the residence for the justices of the peace from 1847-1920's. This was the only legal service available locally.

The owners generally were the most educated citizens of the community. The printing service consisted primarily of sale bills and public notices which were printed on a ramage flat bed printing press located on the north east second floor bedroom from 1876-1945 when it was purchased at a public auction, shortly thereafter sold to John Wanamaker Store of Philadelphia and subsequently donated to the Printing Museum, Vincennes, Indiana where it remains on permanent display as only one of five Ramage presses known to exist.

After John B. Good moved to Lancaster and passed the bar examination he wrote the history of Brecknock Township which serves as the most accurate source of historical information about this section of Lancaster County.

After Franklin S. Stover died, his daughter, Elizabeth A. Scott took over the Ramage Press, signing her sales bills "lizzie".

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Good, John B. (builder and first occupant of house): Chapt. XXXLX. pp. 673-68) History of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, 1883 by Ellis and Evans.  
 Spotts, Chas. D.: The People of Bowmansville. Community Historians Annual #9, Lancaster Theological Seminary, pp. 30, 42, 70-73, July 1970.

# 10. Geographical Data

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

Acreage of nominated property 1.2  
 Quadrangle name Terre Hill, Pa.

**ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**  
 Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

**UMT References**

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**Verbal boundary description and justification**

See continuation sheet

**List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries**

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title C. Darrell M.D. C. Schneider  
 organization \_\_\_\_\_ date September 12, 1979  
 street & number P.O. Box 218 Box 34 telephone 703-338-4770  
 city or town Bowmansville Lincoln state Pennsylvania VA

# 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature  
ED WEINTRAUB, Director  
 title Office of Historic Preservation

*Ed Weintraub*

date 12-10-79

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

*Carol D. Shuck*  
 Keeper of the National Register    date 2-8-80

Attest: *Kristin O'Connell*  
 Chief of Registration    date 2/5/80

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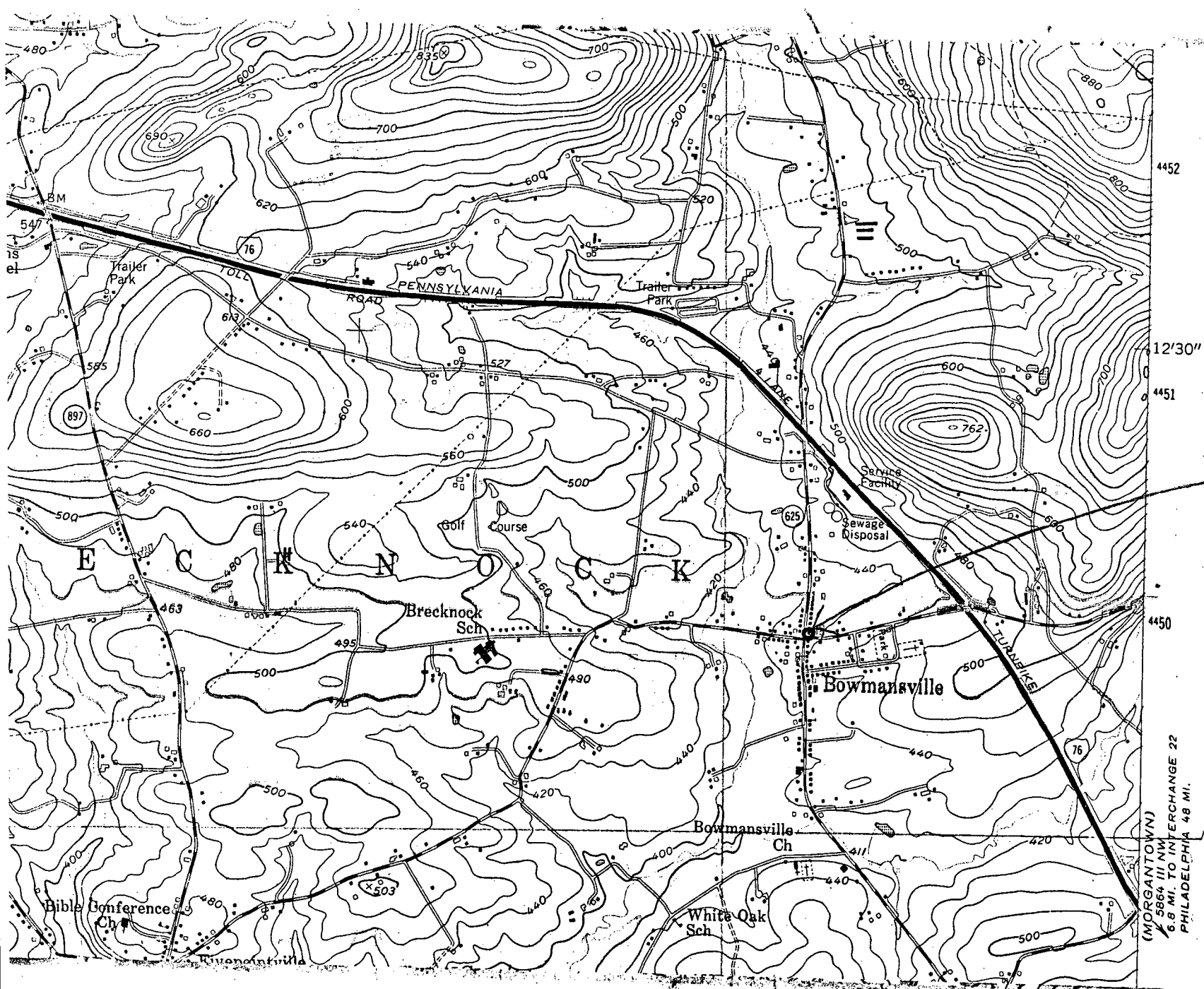
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One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary Book 1820-1970, Bowmansville Sesqui-Centennial, pp. 5-8.

Biographical Sketch of John B. Good. Biographical Annals of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, J. H. Beers and Company, publishers, p. 95, 1903.

Ledgers and Day Books (5) of Franklin S. Stover from March 1891 to September 1926.

Franklin S. Stover Justice of the Peace licenses, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from 1885 to 1928 (8 license certificates).



John B. Good House  
 Lancaster County  
 Zone 18 E413400 N4449870

4452  
 12'30"  
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 4450  
 (MORGANTOWN)  
 5.864 MI NW  
 6.8 MI TO INTERCHANGE 22  
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