

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:  
Andrew Ellicott House

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Sehner-Ellicott House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
123 North Prince Street at Marion Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Lancaster

STATE Pennsylvania	CODE 42	COUNTY: Lancaster	CODE 071
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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"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments Vacant, pending permission to begin restoration.
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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Redevelopment Authority of the City of Lancaster

STREET AND NUMBER:  
208 North Duke Street

CITY OR TOWN: Lancaster	STATE: Pennsylvania	CODE 42
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Recorder of Deeds Office, Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:  
King Street at Duke Street

CITY OR TOWN: Lancaster	STATE: Pennsylvania	CODE 42
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY:  
 Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Department of the Interior - National Park Service

STREET AND NUMBER:  
801 19th Street, N.W.

CITY OR TOWN: Washington	STATE: District of Columbia	CODE 11
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent  Good  Fair  Deteriorated  Ruins  Unexposed

(Check One)

(Check One)

Altered  Unaltered  Moved  Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The structure is a two and one-half story Georgian brick town house. it has a three bay front, with the front door on the far left. The windows were originally small pane with six over six sash, but are now double pane sash windows. The window openings, however, were not altered. The doorway is beautiful with a pediment over it and dogear above the door. Dog ear also occurs above the interior doors. There is a molded water table on the first floor level and a double string course between floors. The house appears to be in a very good state of preservation, particularly the exterior.

The early appearance differs very little from the present appearance except for the alterations in the windows described above.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input checked="" 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

The style of the Sehner-Ellicott House, which was built ca. 1780, is brick Georgian. The house was designed and built by Gottlieb Sehner, a master carpenter whose family occupied it until 1801 when Andrew Ellicott became the owner. The Sehner family was prominent in construction of early Lancaster and built Masonic Hall (1795) and the Fulton Opera House (1852).

The true significance of the house is directly related to Andrew Ellicott, who lived here from 1801-1813. Ellicott is nationally known as the first United States Surveyor General under George Washington. He reconstructed and completed the design for the Nation's Capitol in Washington; completed surveys of the Mason-Dixon Line and a portion of the U.S.-Canadian border; and laid out the cities of Erie, Meadville and Franklin. He further served as Secretary of the Pennsylvania Land Office when he moved to Lancaster in 1801 and was also advisor to Captain Merriweather Lewis in preparation for the Lewis and Clark expedition. He was a trustee of Franklin and Marshall College and later appointed as a mathematics professor at West Point where he died and was buried in 1820. An exhibit in the Smithsonian Institution depicts Ellicott at work, his map of Washington, and surveying instruments.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Matthews, Catherine Van Cortlandt. "Andrew Ellicott, His Life and Letters," The Grafton Press, New York, New York, 1908.  
 Bedini, Silvio A. "Early American Scientific Instruments and Their Makers," Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., numerous references.  
 Ellicott, Andrew. "The Journal of Andrew Ellicott," (Philadelphia, 1803), Quadrangle Books, Inc., Chicago, 1962.  
 Lesty, Gerald S. Historic Heart of Lancaster, John Baer and Sons, Lancaster, Pa., 1962.  
 Pa. Historical and Museum Commission Official Files concerning the Sehner-Ellicott House including letters and pamphlets

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	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/4

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
 Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

ORGANIZATION: Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission DATE: July, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER:  
 Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN: Harrisburg STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 State Liaison Officer

Title Executive Director  
 Pa. Historical and Museum Commission

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

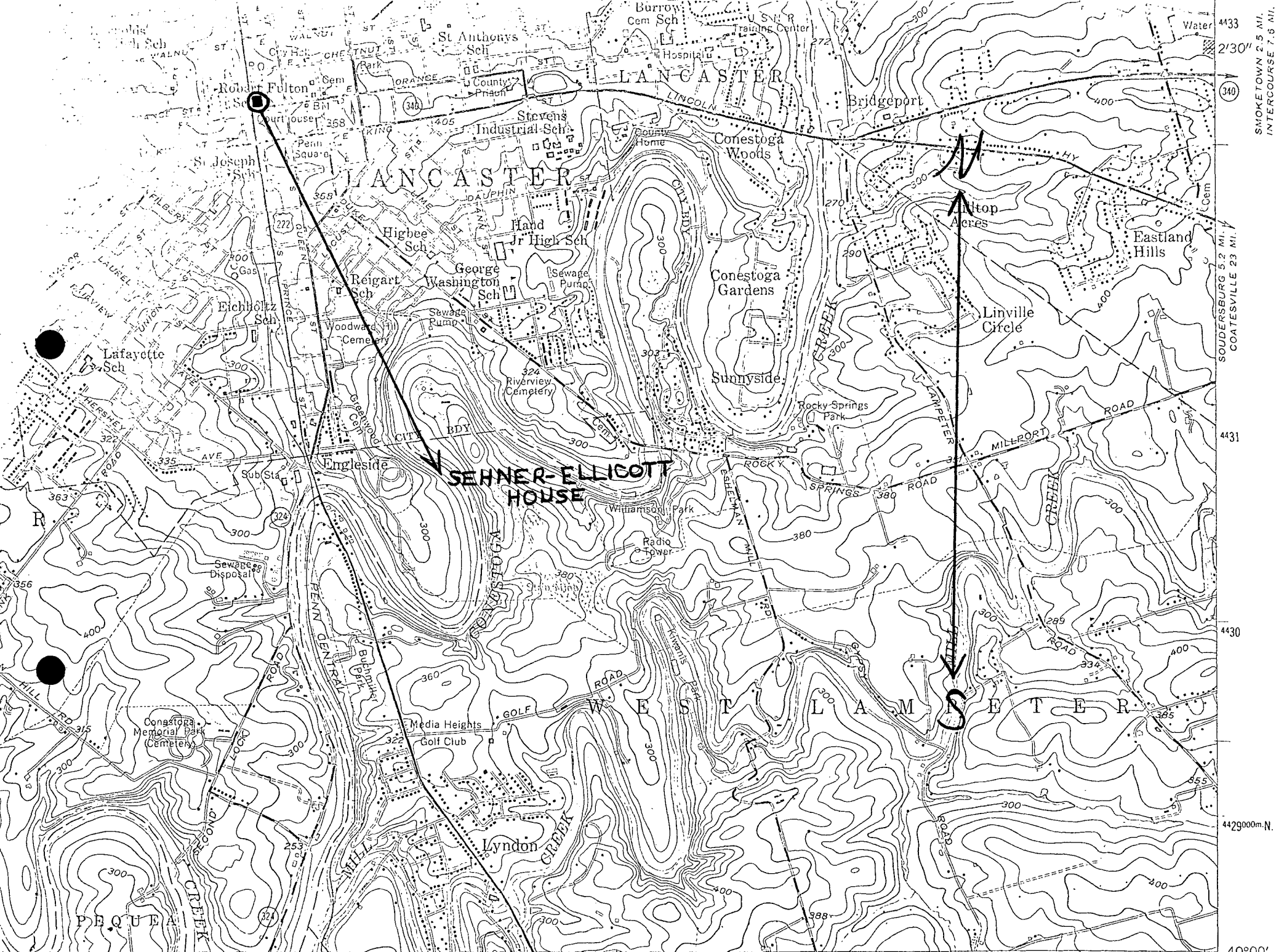
Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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 Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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387 | (CONESTOGA) 5763 IV NE | NEW DANVILLE 1.1 MI. PEQUEA 11 MI. | 17'30" | 222 REFTON 5.5 MI. QUARRYVILLE 12 MI. | 391 | INTERIOR-GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. - 1970 | 392 | 393000m.E. | 40°00' 76°15'

SCALE 1:24000

SMOKETOWN 2.5 MI. INTERCOURSE 7.5 MI.

SOUDESBURG 5.2 MI. COATESVILLE 23 MI.

4431

4430

4429000m.N.

392

Latitude: ~~40° 2' 37"~~ 40° 2' 19"  
Longitude: ~~76° 5' 28.3"~~ 76° 18' 26.66"

U.S. Geological Survey Map - 1956

SE/4 Lancaster 15' Quadrangle

N 4000 - W 7615 / 7.5

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