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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

JOSEPH BUCHER HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

104 East Front Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Marietta

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

16

VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania

CODE

42

COUNTY

Lancaster

CODE

071

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Gene G. and Oliver C. Cohen

STREET & NUMBER

104 East Front Street

CITY, TOWN

Marietta,

VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Lancaster County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

East King Street

CITY, TOWN

Lancaster

STATE

Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

1/22/79

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Joseph Bucher House is a 2½ story, 3 bays wide, brick building erected c. 1806/1811. Constructed in a somewhat formal style, the house is a fine example of the early 19th century employment of the Georgian "side hall." The house contains, in addition to this broad hall with winding open staircase, 8 rooms, 4 on each floor. The attic is unfinished and is reached by a pair of roughly hewn wooden plank steps accessible only from the exterior second story porch situated on the building's eastern side. Two half-moon windows are located on the western and eastern ends of this building.

One of the finest exterior architectural elements of the Joseph Bucher House is the recessed main door which is capped by a very large fanshaped window and flanked by original side lights. A large dual stack chimney, linked at the base, is located at the left side of the building while a single stack brick unit is situated at the rear.

The great side hall, containing a period shaded lighting device, is back-dropped by a sinuous open staircase whose curved rear wall is dominated by a large (6 over 6) window. To the right of this window is a slightly arched niche.

Located to the left of the side hall on the first floor are the large living room and dining room, both of which contain the original mantel-pieces. The living room contains a period (circa 1850-1865) lighting fixture of brass which supports 6 frosted glass shades and is hung with several tiers of crystal prisms. It has been carefully electrified without damaging the character or visual integrity of the chandelier. The fireplaces and mantles in both the living and dining rooms are similar; both convey the restrained elegance, through the delicate handcarving, of the Georgian style of decoration.

The Keeping room, located at the rear of the house (behind the remodeled kitchen) is dominated by a large walk-in fireplace containing the bake oven. The walls of this room have been recently stencilled in a style compatible with the character of the dwelling and an iron chandelier has been installed, yielding a period feeling to this room. This room appears as a full page color illustration in the February 1976 issue of Good Housekeeping.

The second floor contains a side hall, three bedrooms, and a dressing room-bath (created from a small room at the building's rear). The master bedroom (located at the front of the house) contains a mantle and chandelier in addition to carved plaster ceiling decorations. The dressing room-bath also contains a large open fireplace.

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Alterations made to the Joseph Bucher House have been carefully executed by the present owners to insure retention of its period character and architectural elegance. Except for the modern kitchen, few contemporary changes are obvious. Where possible, the owners have made concessions to keeping the remaining fabric intact and have carefully planned a room by room restoration of this 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 type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

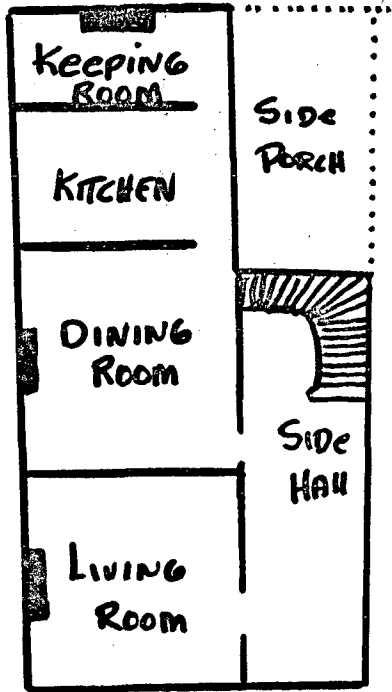
Constructed by an early resident of this river-front town, the Joseph Bucher House was built circa 1806/1811 and, according to available information, was listed in the U.S. Direct Tax List for 1815. It is a very fine example of Georgian style architecture, best typified by the side hall which dominates the eastern side of the dwelling. Period decorations--especially the delicately handworked mantles and the intricately carved plaster ceiling decorations--also typify the elements of the Georgian style of interior design and decoration.

Although the house now occupies a 80.5' by 110' town lot overlooking the Susquehanna River, the large rooms with high ceilings lend a sense of grandeur to the building. Chandaliers, the five fireplaces, and the great winding staircase all convey an elegance which has become an anachronism in construction today.

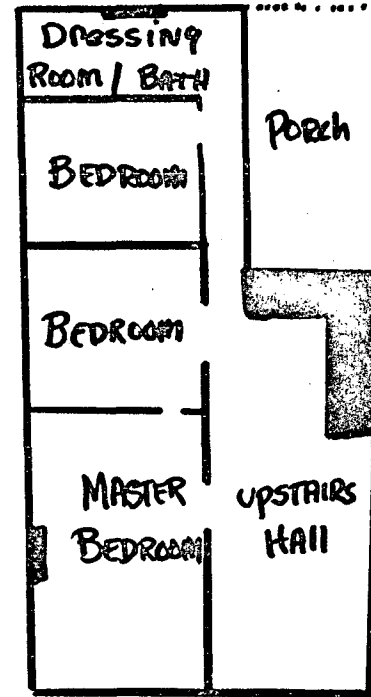
The present owners of the Joseph Bucher House are committed to the care and conscientious repair of the dwelling; eventually, they hope to undertake a room-by-room restoration of the Bucher House. Currently, the owners use the living and dining rooms and the side hall as settings for antiques which they are offering for sale.

Attached is an unpublished manuscript tracing the ownership of the Bucher House and enumerating the various professions and occupations of its previous owners.

The Joseph Bucher House



1ST floor



2ND floor

MARIETTA, PENNSYLVANIA

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Groff, Clyde L. Untitled and unpublished manuscript tracing ownership of this property from Joseph Bucher (1806/1811) to Gene G. and Oliver C. Cohen.

Good Housekeeping, February 1976.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .02 (lot size 80.5' x 110')

QUADRANGLE NAME Columbia West, PA

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 18 36,714,00 443,418,40

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael J. O'Malley

DATE

ORGANIZATION

PHMC

TELEPHONE

STREET & NUMBER

Box 1026

717-787-4363

CITY OR TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania 17120

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

Ed Weintraub

TITLE

ED WEINTRAUB, Director
Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

6-4-79

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

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

Joseph Bucher House
Lancaster County
Zone 18 E367400 N4434840.

