

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Pennsylvania
COUNTY: York
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ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Guinston United Presbyterian Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Near Laurel (Muddy Creek Forks)

CITY OR TOWN:
Chanceford Township

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
19th

STATE:
Pennsylvania

CODE:
42

COUNTY:
York

CODE:
133

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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 <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 type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Guinston United Presbyterian Church

STREET AND NUMBER:
R. D. #1

CITY OR TOWN:
Airville

STATE:
Pennsylvania

CODE:
42

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
York County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
East Market Street

CITY OR TOWN:
York

STATE:
Pennsylvania

CODE:
42

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Building Survey (worksheet)

DATE OF SURVEY:
 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
York County Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
250 East Market Street

CITY OR TOWN:
York

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The first Guinston Church was a log structure erected in 1754. Twenty years later, the now more prosperous congregation built a new stone building nearby. Constructed of local fieldstone, the new structure presented a rather severe aspect reflective of the Scotch-Irish Presbyterian demeanor. Ornamentation was kept at a minimum, particularly in the interior which has a very austere appearance.

The building is rectangular in plan with the main entrance in the east gable end. Another entrance was placed in the long wall opposite the pulpit. The paneled, double doors are exceptionally wide. Above the doors are semi-circular inserts which are also paneled. A simple radiating arch of fieldstone caps each entrance. Similar radiating arches are found over the two round arch windows set in each of the long sides of the building. Two small four-pane windows are also set in the pediment of the gables above a small pent eave. The steep pitch slate roof has a slight overhang on all sides. The only exterior ornamentation consists of two square wooden pilasters with round heads which flank the side door and extend upwards to the plain cornice.

In the interior the pulpit was placed between the windows opposite the side entrance. The pulpit was flanked by a pair of balustered and wainscoted stairs. Beneath the high pulpit was an enclosure for the precentor. A second story gallery ran around three sides of the building. The large wooden piers supporting the gallery were chamfered with lamb's tongues. An open end stairway led from the far end of the room to the gallery.

There have been very few alterations to the building since its construction. The gable windows have been enlarged and the pent eave is no longer in existence. A new chimney was also placed in the front slope of the roof. The interior has retained almost all of its original woodwork and appointments, all of which are in very good condition.

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6. 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 type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1773**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The Guinston United Presbyterian Church, set well up the slope overlooking Muddy Creek, served as the church home of the Scotch-Irish settlers of the Chanceford area for over a hundred years. A new church was built in 1868, but the earlier structure was used as a place for summer Bible school.

This church is an excellent example of a rural Presbyterian church. It has not undergone extensive interior or exterior alteration and therefore retains most of its original appointments. The architectural marks of the church, such as the high pulpit and simplicity of decoration, characterize the life-styles and religious attitudes of the Scotch-Irish inhabitants of the area.

In 1972 work was begun on both the exterior and interior of the church to repair and improve for the preservation of the building. This is nearly completed, with only a few minor details that require attention.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Historical Society of York County. Architecture in York County. York, Pennsylvania: Trimmer Printing Inc.

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		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **less than one acre**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Sally McMurray/Historic Preservation**

ORGANIZATION: **Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission** DATE: **July 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Box #1026**

CITY OR TOWN: **Harrisburg** STATE: **Pennsylvania** CODE: **42**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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
WILLIAM J. WEWER
 Title **Executive Director**
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
 Date 10/2/74

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST: _____

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Airville
Quadrangle

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373

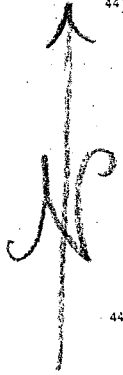
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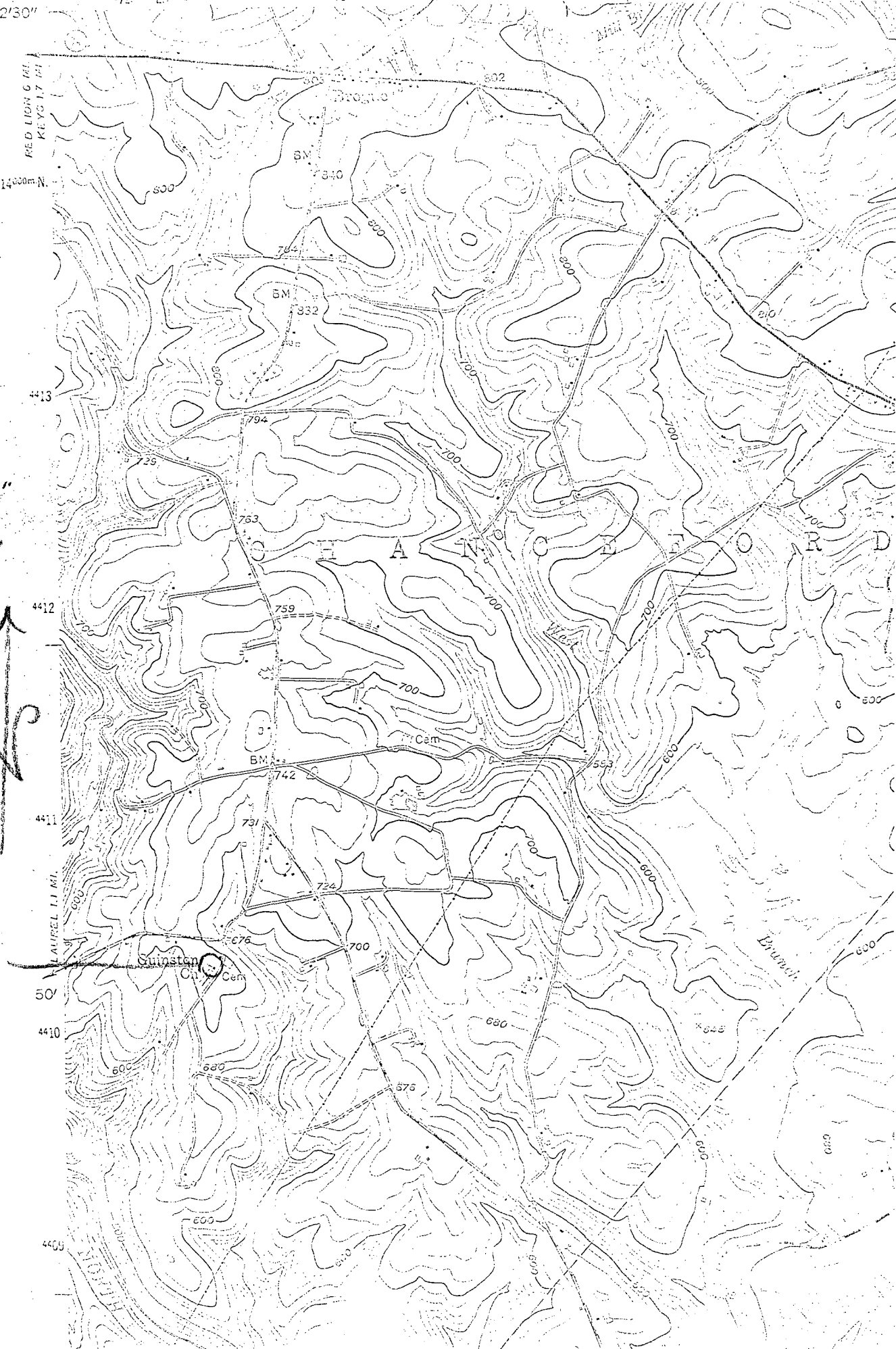
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Gunston
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