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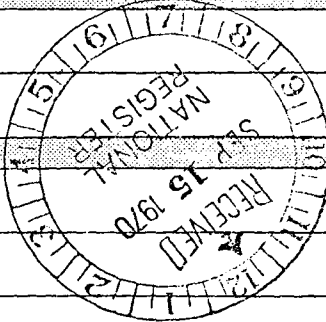
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Pennsylvania	
COUNTY: York	
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ENTRY NUMBER 70.11.42.0003	DATE 11/10/70

USE THIS COPY
FOR DUPLICATING



1. NAME

COMMON:
Billmeyer House
AND/OR HISTORIC:
York House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
East Market Street
CITY OR TOWN:
York
STATE: Pennsylvania
CODE: 42
COUNTY: York
CODE: 133

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <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	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building		<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 type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	Building is presently	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	unoccupied	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
First Presbyterian Church
STREET AND NUMBER:
Market and Queen Street
CITY OR TOWN:
York
STATE:
Pennsylvania
CODE:
42

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
York County Court House
STREET AND NUMBER:
E. Market Street
CITY OR TOWN:
York
STATE:
Pennsylvania
CODE:
42

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks
DATE OF SURVEY: July, 1970
 Federal State County Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 1026
CITY OR TOWN:
Harrisburg
STATE:
Pennsylvania
CODE:
42

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

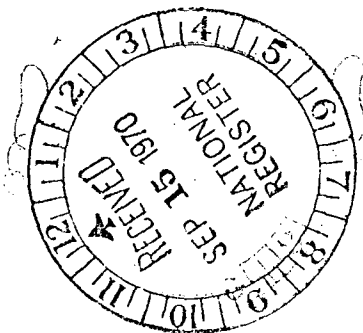
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The York House is a fine example of the Victorian Style of architecture in masonry construction. The building consists of a "head house" with a wing added to the left rear of the house. The head house part of the structure is approximately thirty feet across the front by forty feet deep and standing about forty-five feet to the top of the cornice. Above the cornice the roof is hipped to a ten foot square by eight foot high cupola. The overall height of the building would be approximately fifty-five feet from the bottom of the first floor joists to the top of the cupola. The house has double stacked bay windows, constructed in wood, located in the center of both side walls, and being part of the first and second floors. These windows extend about five feet beyond the walls of the main house and make the overall dimension across the front, forty feet. The exterior walls are brick averaging about 16" thick. The windows and the front door are framed with cast stone trim. The first floor has one interior masonry support wall 12" thick. Two large fireplace are located in the front room of the first floor with full stacks to out of roof. The framing and their covering's are of wood with the additional partition walls of wood and plaster construction.

The rear wing seems to have been added after the completion of the original house. It's overall length is sixty-four feet and rises to a maximum height of thirty-four feet. It is made of three widths, with the major portion being forty feet long by eighteen feet wide and two smaller parts of fourteen foot and ten foot widths. This wing extends from the left rear of the main house with the right side elevation being a two story front with covered porch on the second floor running the full length of the structure. A shed roof, with three dormers, slopes up to house a third floor attic. There are three fireplaces on the first floor with full chimneys.

The exterior walls are brick and masonry with plastered interiors. Wood framing and partition walls with plastered finish make up the remaining construction.

*wide bracketed cornice
awnings*



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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 type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1860

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)
<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 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

This most impressive Victorian "Italian Villa" style house was built in 1860 by Charles Billmeyer, probably one of the most prominent and affluent individuals living in York. He was in his time a large industrialist providing job for some 600 local people, and the end result was the ornamental railroad car so typical of that period.

The artist who decorated the quite handsome parlor ceiling and wall was F. Costagini, who also worked on the dome of the National Capitol in Washington. The walnut carving of the interior woodwork is of a high order, as is the original elaborate cast ironwork of the exterior fence.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Architecture in York County, Booklet by the Historical Society of York County, Trimmer Printing Inc., York, page 24 (Text by Joe King III)

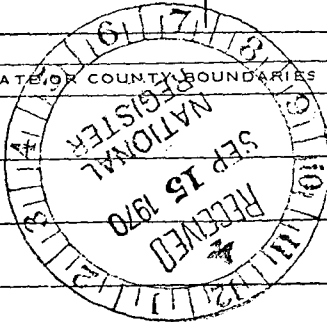
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
None			
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Donald Rohrbaugh, Student Aide

ORGANIZATION: Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

DATE: July 8, 1970

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: [Signature]

Title: Executive Director

Date: September 8, 1970

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

[Signature]
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

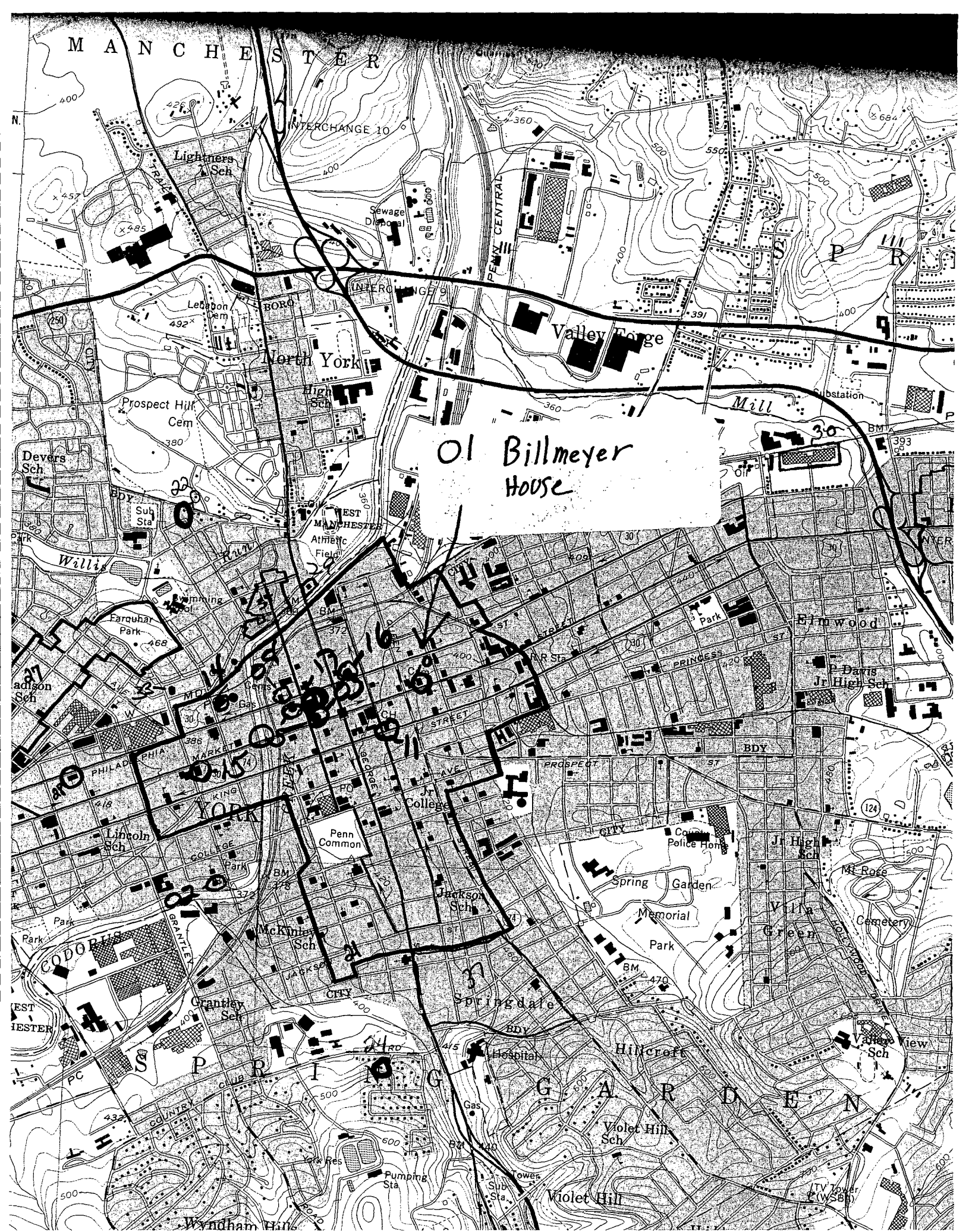
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Date: _____

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date: OCT 26 1970



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