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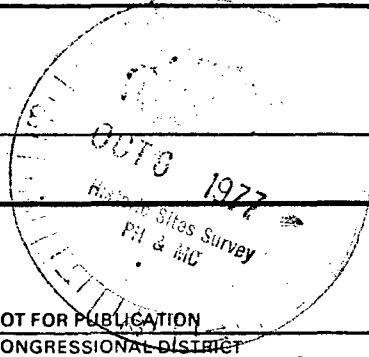
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME Bobb, Barnett Log House
HISTORIC (Old Log House)
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION
STREET & NUMBER Rear of 157 West Market Street
CITY, TOWN York VICINITY OF
STATE Pa. COUNTY York CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 19
CODE 42 COUNTY CODE 133



3 CLASSIFICATION

USE THIS COPY
FOR DUPLICATING

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"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<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"/> OTHER:
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME City of York
STREET & NUMBER York City Hall
CITY, TOWN York STATE Pa.
VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. York County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER E. Market Street
CITY, TOWN York STATE Pa.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Pa. Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks
DATE 1970 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS William Penn Memorial Museum and Archives
CITY, TOWN Harrisburg STATE Pa.

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Old Log House is a two-story, restored dwelling which is typical of the style of construction used in the early homes of York and surrounding areas. This house is larger than the average log house of the period; it is two stories with four rooms and a hall on the first floor and a full second floor attic. The dovetailed type of corner construction shown here is in contrast to the more commonly found notched corner style of construction. Certain features common to log houses of the early nineteenth century are also evident in this house. These include square logs, stone and mortar chinking between the exposed logs, with whitewashed exterior and interior walls; typical vertical board partitions inside with simple beaded edges; one chimney and a small fireplace in the living-dining area which suggests an outside kitchen for cooking.

All walls of the house are original. A number of logs in the east wall were replaced to the second floor level, because a shed addition to the house was removed during restoration. The remainder of the logs are original. At the time of restoration, it was discovered that the log house had been converted from a single family to a two-family dwelling at some undetermined time. Marks left by a stairway were evident on the interior north gable wall. Also, marks of the original chimney were left on the south wall. In the ceiling, the ends of all partition boards remained after the dividing partitions had been sawed away. One original window was uncovered and served as a model for restoration. The entire restoration was thus based on construction details uncovered when plaster and lath were removed.

At the time of restoration, the house was moved several blocks, from its original location on South Pershing Avenue to its present site. The reason for its re-location was the planned enlargement of a nearby high school. Its present location is in close proximity to two other important historic buildings in the city's geographic and historical core. Therefore, the Old Log Cabin's present position, though not, original, is appropriate.

The house is furnished in the style of the average German home in this area, in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries.

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 checked="" 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

1811

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Old Log House was built in 1811-1812. This date is documented by the fact that Barnett Bobb, its builder, bought the land on which it stands in 1811 and paid taxes on a dwelling with the dimensions of this house in 1812.

The Bobb family arrived in Philadelphia in 1754 from Germany and some years later appeared in York County. Ludwick Bobb was a member of two militia companies of the revolutionary era. His son Johann Bernhard, who later anglicised his name to Barnett, was the builder of this house. The Old Log House stayed in the Bobb family for a period after Barnett's death. During the last century several different families have lived in the dwelling. Heads of household have included a farmer, a tip-staff, a tanner, a coachman, and a teamster.

The Log House is distinctive for several reasons:

1. it's exposed log construction with stone and mortar chinking between logs with white washed exterior and interior walls.
2. it's dovetailed type of corner construction as compared to more common notched corner type of construction.
3. it's typical square logs as generally found in early log houses.
4. it's unusual size which is larger than the usual one-room, one-story log houses.
5. it's two story design with four rooms and a hall on the first floor and a full second floor attic.
6. it's typical vertical board partitions inside with simple beaded edges.
7. it's one chimney and small fireplace in the living-dining area which suggests an outside kitchen for cooking.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Joint State Government Commission Study on Historic Sites. Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, 1965.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

UTM OK
12-1-75

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 8	3 5 2 0 9 0	4 4 2 4 7 6 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

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ORGANIZATION Pa. Historical and Museum Commission

DATE July, 1972

STREET & NUMBER Box 1026, Wm. Penn Museum

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN Harrisburg

STATE Pa.

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

William J. Weaver

TITLE Executive Director
Pa. Historical and Museum Commission

DATE 8/25/75

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 10/22/72

ATTEST: Ronald M. Reaney
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 10/21/75

OLD LOG HOUSE

YORK QUANTAUAGLE



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 5663 IV NE
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