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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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1 NAME

HISTORIC **FORRY HOUSE**

AND/OR COMMON

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2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
149 N. Newberry Street

CITY, TOWN
York

--- VICINITY OF

---NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
19th

STATE
Pennsylvania

CODE
42

COUNTY
York

CODE
133

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: vacant

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Columbia Gas Company

STREET & NUMBER
99 North Front Street

CITY, TOWN
Columbus

--- VICINITY OF

STATE
Ohio 43216

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET & NUMBER
20 East Market Street

CITY, TOWN
York

STATE
Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
York: Historic Buildings and Preservation Plan

DATE
June 30, 1976

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS **Office of City Planning**

CITY, TOWN
York

STATE
Pennsylvania

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Forry House is a two and one-half story, limestone house with a gable roof and two gable end brick chimneys. Heavy stone lintels top the windows of the four by two opening house. The number of panes or type of sash is not known as all but one gable end window is boarded up. The window frames have heavy pegs bordered by a window frame beaded band composed of a bead and a cove.

Attached to the rear of the house is a one story clapboard shed. In the gable end is a date stone with the name, Forry and a date of 1809.

Doors are located in the central front and central rear of the house connected by a full width hall. The front doorway contains two single panels with raised relief and two smaller raised relief panels bordering a four-eight transom.

Clapboard sheeting has been added on the front facade to help prevent moisture from seeping into the building.

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 1809

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Rudolph Forry

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This stone house was built by Rudolph Forry in 1809.

The building retains most of its original design and feeling so that it can be easily restored. The only significant alteration was the addition of the clapboard sheeting. Practically all of York's architecture from its Colonial and early Federal Period was log and brick. There were few stone houses. In York County many stone buildings remain from this period, but it is rare to find stone townhouses.

Rudolph Forry operated a tanning business at this site since the first decade of the 19th century. The tanning business continued there through the 1860's. By 1876 the property became the Fred K. Burnhouse coal yard. By 1894 a cigar factory was operating in the house where it continued until the Columbia Gas Company bought the property and used the house for storage.

Abraham Forry, sone of Rudolph, grew up in this house. Abraham was elected Chief Burgess of the Borough of York 5 times from 1854 to 1859. He was also a prominent York businessman and civic leader. The Forry family was one of the most prominent in York during the 19th century. Various members of the family were active in York politics, business, and churches.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Reisinger, Landon C. Through Historic York. York, Pennsylvania, The Historical Society of York County, 1955, 1959.

John Schein, planner for the York County Planning Commission, provided information on historical architectural details.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .47 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A 18 351730 4424850

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at a point on the east side of North Newberry Street at the intersection with the railroad tracks, thence east 284 feet to Grant Street, thence south 72 feet to the adjoining lot, thence west 284 feet to Newberry Street, thence north 72 feet to the beginning.

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 / TITLE

Thomas Foust/Susan Zacher

ORGANIZATION

Office of City Planning/Pa. Hist. & Mus. Comm.

DATE

January, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

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TELEPHONE

717-787-4363

CITY OR TOWN

York/Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

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

TITLE WILLIAM J. WEWER, Executive Director
Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

DATE

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

