

United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic Sewickley Manor

and/or common Pollins Farmstead

2. Location

street & number TR #830 and L. R. 64136 not for publication

city, town Unity/Mt. Pleasant Twps. vicinity of congressional district 21

state Pennsylvania code 42 county Westmoreland code 129

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 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 type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mrs. Calvin E. Pollins

street & number R. D. #5, Box 334

city, town Greensburg vicinity of state Pennsylvania 15601

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Westmoreland County Courthouse

street & number Main Street

city, town Greensburg state Pennsylvania

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Westmoreland County Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1979-80 federal state county local

depository for survey records PHMC/Westmoreland County Community College

city, town Harrisburg/Youngwood 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 main house is a two story brick structure laid in common bond. It has a hipped roof, four interior brick chimneys, and a narrow cornice with dentils. The foundation is constructed of ashlar stone. In the late nineteenth century, a two-story frame addition was made to the side elevation making this 5 by 2 bay structure almost square.

Windows in the house have large stone lintels, narrow stone sills and are two/two double hung sash. There are panelled shutters on the first story windows and louvered shutters on the second.

The center front facade window has two-light sidelights, typical of the Western Pennsylvania interpretation of the Greek Revival style. The main door is shade by a hipped roof porch.

Also associated with this structure are an 1849 barn, a 19th century tenant house and other outbuildings listed below:

1. Smoke House - c. 1790s
1 story/ 1 room
fieldstone
2. Spring House - c. 1850s
2 story/2 rooms
brick with high fieldstone foundation
3. Chicken Coop - c. 1880s
1 story/1 room
frame (German Clapboard) white
4. Machinery Shed - c. 1880s
2 story/2 rooms
frame (German clapboard) white
5. Wagonshed - 1880s
large one room building
frame (German clapboard) white
6. Outbuilding - c. 1880s
small 1 room/1 story utility shed
frame (German clapboard) white
7. Pig Pen c. 1880s
1 story/1 room
frame (German clapboard)
white
8. Barn - built in 1849
large two story structure
frame (German clapboard)
white
9. Tenant House - before 1900
small 5-6 room structure
frame (German clapboard)
white
10. Sheep Shed - c. 1880s
1 story/1 room
frame (German clapboard)
white

The ten acres nominated here (part of an 192 acre farm) include all the farm buildings and the house vegetable and flower gardens.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<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 1852 **Builder/Architect** David S. Pollins

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Sewickley Manor (the Pollins Farmstead) is a well-preserved example of a mid-19th c. Western Pennsylvania farmstead. The Manor house itself is a fine example of the Western Pennsylvania adaptation of the Greek Revival style. It is usually a two and one-half story brick structure, Georgian in massing (5 bays by 2), with heavy stone lintels, simple decoration (dentils, simple round pillars) and a center second story window flanked by side-lights. The style was common in this area of the Commonwealth from 1830 to 1860. Sewickley Manor is also unusual in the western part of Pennsylvania because it retains all its supportive out-buildings. The name Sewickley Manor comes from the land grant.

The house is situated among large shade trees with a formal garden in the rear. Numerous outbuildings are next to and near the house. The barn was built in 1849 and is a fine specimen preserved from an earlier agricultural era. The main house, nearby tenant house, and other structures give a definite feeling of an earlier time period.

This area of the county was called the garden spot of Westmoreland County. Abraham Leasure (LeSueur) acquired the land in 1796 and lived here until his death in 1805. Leasure built a log house on the property, often referred to as the Leasure's Fort. Some of the outbuildings date from the Leasure ownership. His descendant, David S. Pollins, built the present house in 1852. The Calvin E. Pollins family is the seventh generation of the same family to own this property.

9. Major Bibliographical Reference

History of the County of Westmoreland, Pennsylvania. by George Dallas Albert, L. H. Everts & Co., Philadelphia, 1882 p.p. 605
 1867 and 1876 Atlases of Westmoreland County (p. 67) (p. 36)
 A Guidebook to Historic Western Pennsylvania, by George Swetnam and Hel Smith, University of Pittsburgh Press, Pittsburgh, 1966 p.p. 240-241

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 10

Quadrangle name Mammoth, Pa.

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

A

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B

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Verbal boundary description and justification Starting at a point on the SE side of T830 moving east 375 ft.; then NE for 750 ft.; then NW for 750 ft.; then SE along NE side of T830 for 625 ft. to starting point.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mrs. Calvin E. Pollins

organization

date

street & number R. D. 35, Box 334

telephone 423-3531

city or town Greensburg

state Pennsylvania 15601

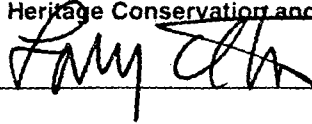
12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature



title Larry E. Tise, State Historic Preservation Officer

date 2/20/02

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

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

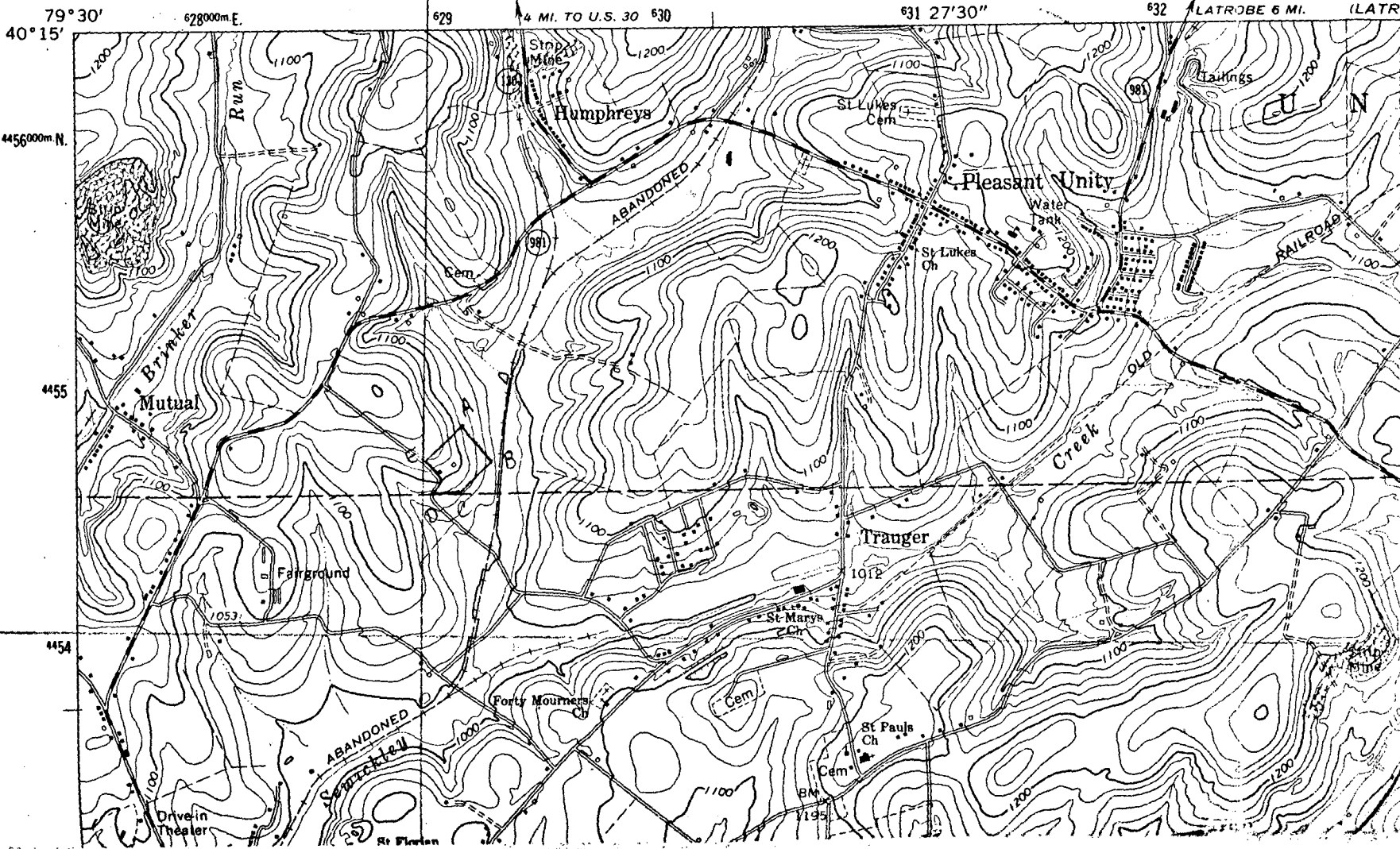
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Chief of Registration

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