

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Pennsylvania
COUNTY: Wayne
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Wilmot (David) Birthplace

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Wayne Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Bethany

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Tenth

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42 COUNTY: Wayne CODE: 127

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input 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"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Sutton

STREET AND NUMBER:
Wayne Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Bethany

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Wayne County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Honesdale

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS)

DATE OF SURVEY: 1949 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:
801 19th Street, N.W.

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE: D.C. CODE: 11

STATE: Pennsylvania

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The David Wilmot birthplace was built ca. 1811 in the New England tradition of farm houses. The original section is two-and-one-half stories, three bays across by two bays deep. Fenestration is twelve-over-eight sash on the front elevation and twelve-over-twelve sash on the fully exposed north gable end. All windows are flanked by louvered shutters. A Federal style doorway with four-light transom adorns the facade. The medium pitch gable roof features a chimney located in the center. A one-and-one-half story addition with saltbox roof and single chimney was added to the south gable end of the main section at a later date. The entire house is built of heavy framing covered with clapboarding. To the rear of the house is a modern shed. The keynote of the dwelling is simplicity, in keeping with the lifestyle of individuals living in this section of Pennsylvania in the early nineteenth century.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

David Wilmot, largely unrecognized anti-slavery advocate, member of the United States House of Representatives from 1845-1850 and United States Senator from Pennsylvania from 1861-1863, was born in this house in 1814. Wilmot lived in the house until the age of eighteen when he commenced the study of law in Wilkes-Barre. After holding a succession of minor offices in Bradford County, Pennsylvania, he was nominated and elected to Congress as a Democrat from the Twelfth District of Pennsylvania in 1844.

Near the end of his first term, in 1846, Wilmot introduced his proviso "barring slavery and involuntary servitude in any territory acquired from the Republic of Mexico" as an amendment to a two million dollar appropriation to negotiate a peace with that nation. The money was expected to cover the costs of annexing California and New Mexico. Wilmot and other "Free-Soil" Democrats feared the extension of slavery with the acquisition of new territory and saw the proviso as a means of eliminating this threat. The House of Representatives passed the Wilmot Proviso but the entire appropriations measure was defeated in the Senate. Wilmot's determined advocacy of his proviso caused him political difficulties in his district among those who saw the action as a betrayal of the Democratic Party's principles. Though re-elected in 1846 and 1848, he did not seek re-nomination in 1850.

Wilmot, by this time, sensed the incompatibility of his strong anti-slavery position with the tenets of the Democratic Party. In 1855, Wilmot was one of the chief organizers of the Republican Party in Pennsylvania and helped formulate plans for the first Republican National Convention, held at Philadelphia in 1856. At that gathering, Wilmot's name was prominently mentioned as a candidate for Vice-President on a ticket with John Fremont, but he confined his role to serving as chairman of the platform committee charged with formulating the

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8. Significance (continued)

first statement of principles for the national Republican Party.

In 1857, Wilmot resigned his position as president judge of the district including Bradford, Susquehanna, and Sullivan Counties to run for governor. He was defeated in the contest, but used his campaign as a vehicle for espousing the principles of Republicanism.

At the 1860 Republican National Convention, Wilmot initially backed Simon Cameron as Pennsylvania's favorite son for the Presidential nomination but switched to Abraham Lincoln when Cameron withdrew. Wilmot acted as the convention's temporary chairman. Upon Cameron's appointment as Secretary of War in the Lincoln Cabinet, Wilmot was selected to fill his Senate seat for the unexpired term. He served in the Senate from 1861-1863 and did not seek re-election.

President Lincoln appointed Wilmot as a judge of the Court of Claims in 1863 where he served, despite frequent ill-health, until his death in 1868. Wilmot is buried in Towanda, Bradford County, where his tombstone bears the the text of the proviso for which his name is famous.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bethany Home Day, July 9, 1966, Bethany Woman's Club, Bethany, Pa.
 Craft, David. History of Bradford County, Pennsylvania. Philadelphia: L.H. Everts and Company, 1878.
 Duff, James H. "David Wilmot, the Statesman and Political Leader", Pennsylvania History, XIII (October, 1946), 283-289.
 Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission Marker (David Wilmot, Wayne County)
 Wayne County Historical Society, Filles, Honesdale, Pa.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "	41°	36'	47"
NE	° ' "	° ' "	75°	27'	03"
SE	° ' "	° ' "			
SW	° ' "	° ' "			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1880 GRAB OLD ACRES

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Harvey Froedenberg, Student Aide
 ORGANIZATION: Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
 DATE: July, 1973
 STREET AND NUMBER: William Penn Memorial Museum and Archives Building
 CITY OR TOWN: Harrisburg
 STATE: Pennsylvania
 CODE: 12

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
 Title: Executive Director, Pa. Historical and Museum Comm.

Date: 10/24/73

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: _____

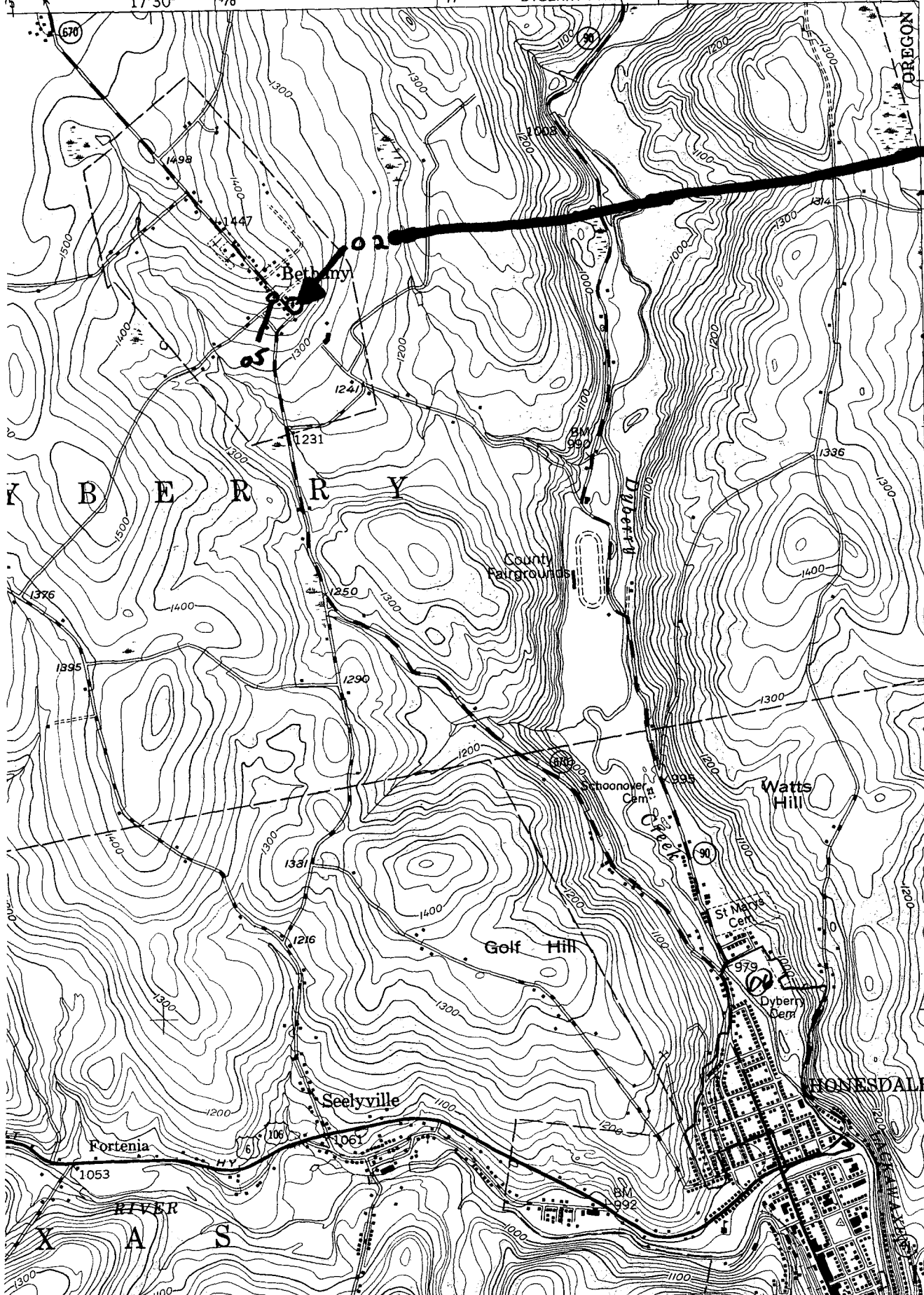
HONESDALE QUADRANGLE
PENNSYLVANIA-WAYNE CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



PLEASANT MOUNT 11 MI.
WHITES VALLEY 6.5 MI.
17'30"

RILEYVILLE 6.5 MI.
DYBERRY 1 MI.

75°15'
41°37'30"



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WAYNE Co.
02 - David
Wilmot Birth-
place

WAYNE Co
05 - The
Wilmot
Mansion

06 HONESDALE
RESIDENTIAL H.D

4607
4606
4605
4604
35'

35'
CARLEY BROOK 3.6 MI.
9.6 MI. TO PENNSYLVANIA 371 51'

D+H Canal
NHL
(Honesdale Area)