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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

HISTORIC

John Wormley House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

126 North Front Street

CITY, TOWN

Wormleysburg

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

19

STATE

Pennsylvania

CODE

42

COUNTY

Cumberland

CODE

041

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

 DISTRICT
 BUILDING(S)
 STRUCTURE
 SITE
 OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

 PUBLIC
 PRIVATE
 BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
 IN PROCESS
 BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

 OCCUPIED
 UNOCCUPIED
 WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
 YES: RESTRICTED
 YES: UNRESTRICTED
 NO

PRESENT USE

 AGRICULTURE
 COMMERCIAL
 EDUCATIONAL
 ENTERTAINMENT
 GOVERNMENT
 INDUSTRIAL
 MILITARY
 MUSEUM
 PARK
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE
 RELIGIOUS
 SCIENTIFIC
 TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER
4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. & Mrs. George D. Brown, Sr.

STREET & NUMBER

126 North Front Street

CITY, TOWN

Wormleysburg

VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Carlisle Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

South Hanover Street

CITY, TOWN

Carlisle

STATE

Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

N/A

DATE

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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 John Wormley House is a two and one-half story gable roof limestone structure with its front on the Western bank of the Susquehanna River. Although a definitive date can not be assigned to the house, it is believed to have been built in the second decade of the nineteenth century (c. 1815). The house is three bays across by two bays deep with a frame section added to the rear. The frame section is two stories high with a flat roof and has a porch.

Masonry work on the building is typical of stone houses of the area. It is built of local stone in an uncoursed method, although the front of the house uses larger stones than the side walls. The sides and the rear use smaller stones with no attempt of coursing at all. Large quoin stones are evident at the corners of the stone portion of the house. A decorative stone (light in color) with a red cross on it is located in the southern gable end. Stone steps lead to the front entrance of the house.

Windows on the house do not contain their original sash, but the frames probably are original. All of the windows on the house are flush with the stone surface and have slightly protruding slipsills. A slightly extending Greek Revival window head with moulding work and bullseye is located above all of the windows including the attic windows. The entrance way has a paneled reveal that is surrounded by fluted pilasters and topped with a broken pediment that is decorated with dentils and urn. This doorway was installed in the twentieth century but is consistent with interior details. The cornice on the house is simple with a minimum amount of detail given to its moulding; slight returns of the cornice are apparent on the gable ends. Brackets are found at the corners of the stone house as well as at the corners of the frame section.

The interior of the house has been altered but the basic floor plan of the house remains the same. A hall runs the depth of the house from the front door. This hall is on the northern end of the house. The stairway is located on the northern side of the house. It is of heavy construction and from a later period than the house. On each floor two rooms with fireplaces are directly off the hall. Separate flues join in the attic and combine to form a single brick chimney. The rooms have fireplaces and closets incorporated into the fireplace and mantels. The attic of the house has been changed little and gives evidence of the original flooring of the house.

Most of the alterations to the house are on the interior. The floors of the first and second floors have been replaced and the doorways have been removed. The house has replaced its slate roof with a shingle roof.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The John Wormley House is significant in architecture and for settlement. Architecturally, the Wormley House is representative of the half-Georgian style of house. On the exterior it retains most of its original details and character. Its woodwork is modest but careful attention is given to detail especially in the window heads and on the doorway (except for pediment added later).

John Wormley Sr. of Dutch ancestry emigrated to Philadelphia in 1753. From here he moved to Lancaster County about 1762 and from Lancaster County to Cumberland County about ten years later. Wormley was responsible for the acquisition of a large tract of land on the western portion of the Susquehanna River. John Wormley, Jr. acquired some of the family land in and around the area today called Wormleysburg in 1778. Tax records indicated that John Wormley, Jr. was a man of means. He has operated a ferry across the river in 1793, owned a sawmill in 1795, had a grist mill in 1799, ran a blacksmith shop in 1802 and had a tavern license in 1823. Today none of the structures associated with his business enterprises are known to be extant.

At the time of the Wormley's prosperous ventures, settlement on the western shore of the Susquehanna River was sparse. It was at that time that John Wormley Jr. built his house, near the ferry crossing.

John Wormley, Jr. laid out the town of Wormleysburg in 1815 with 91 building lots from part of the land given to him by his father, John Wormley, Sr.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C			

B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Charles Dunlevey, Adm. Asst.

ORGANIZATION

Office of Historic Preservation, Pa, Historical & Museum Comm.

DATE

July 27, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

Box 1026

TELEPHONE

717-787-4363

CITY OR TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

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

TITLE

Executive Director
Pa. Historical and Museum Commission

DATE

8/9/76

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

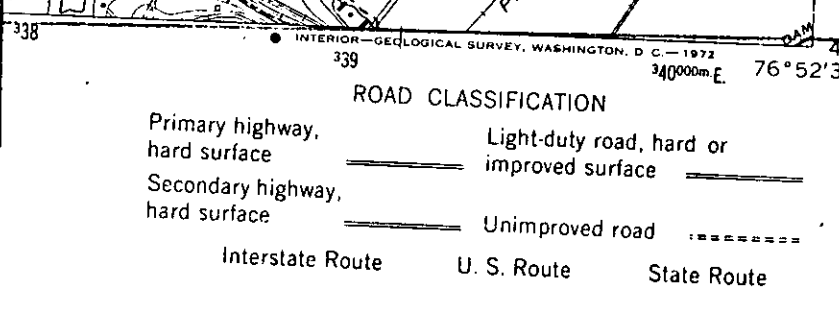
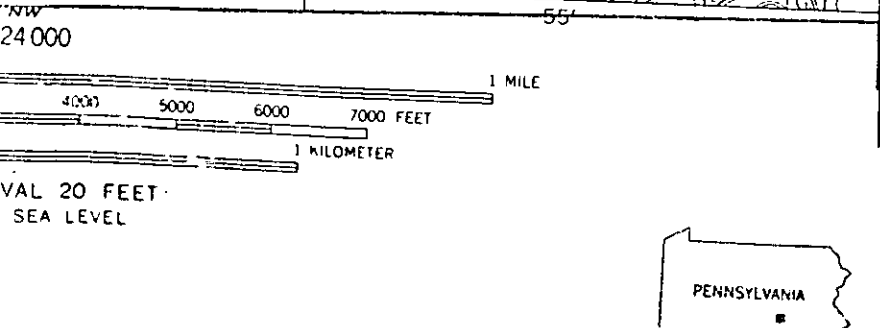
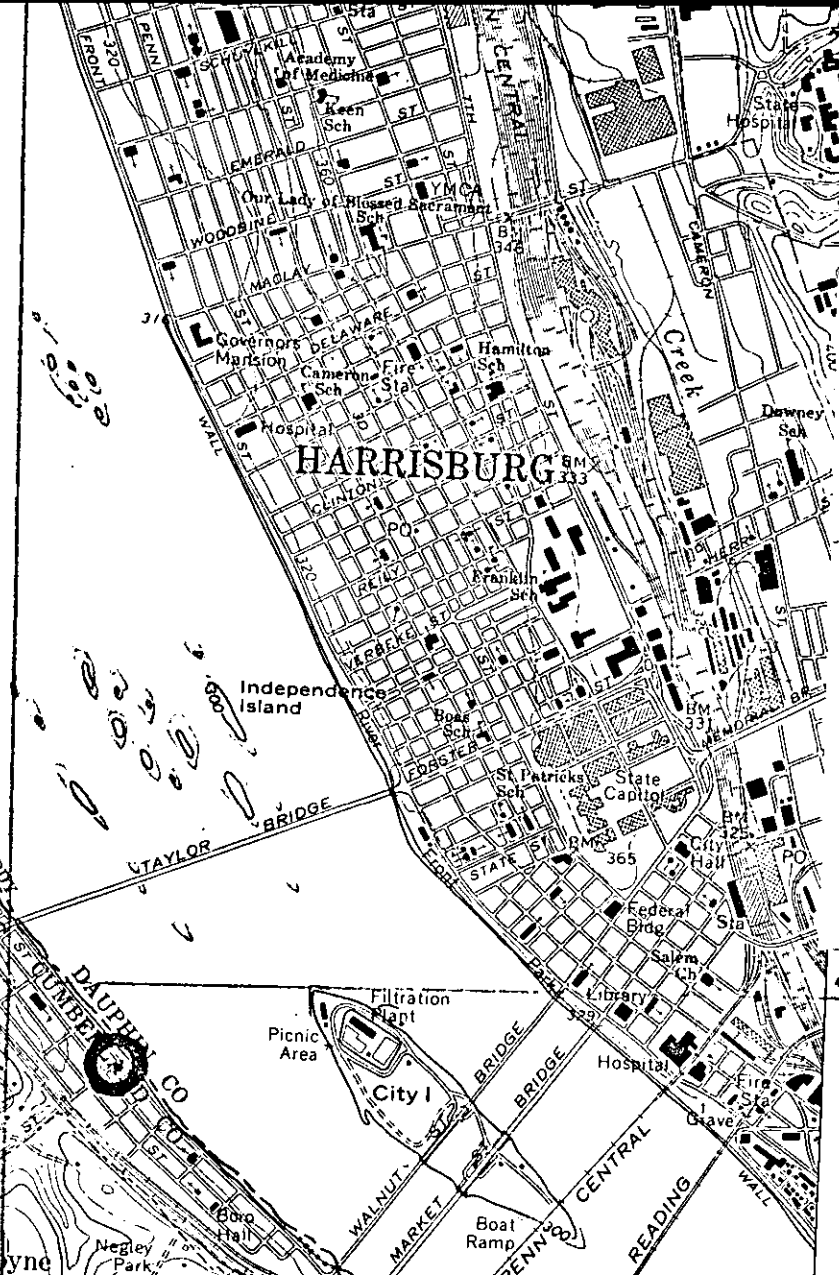
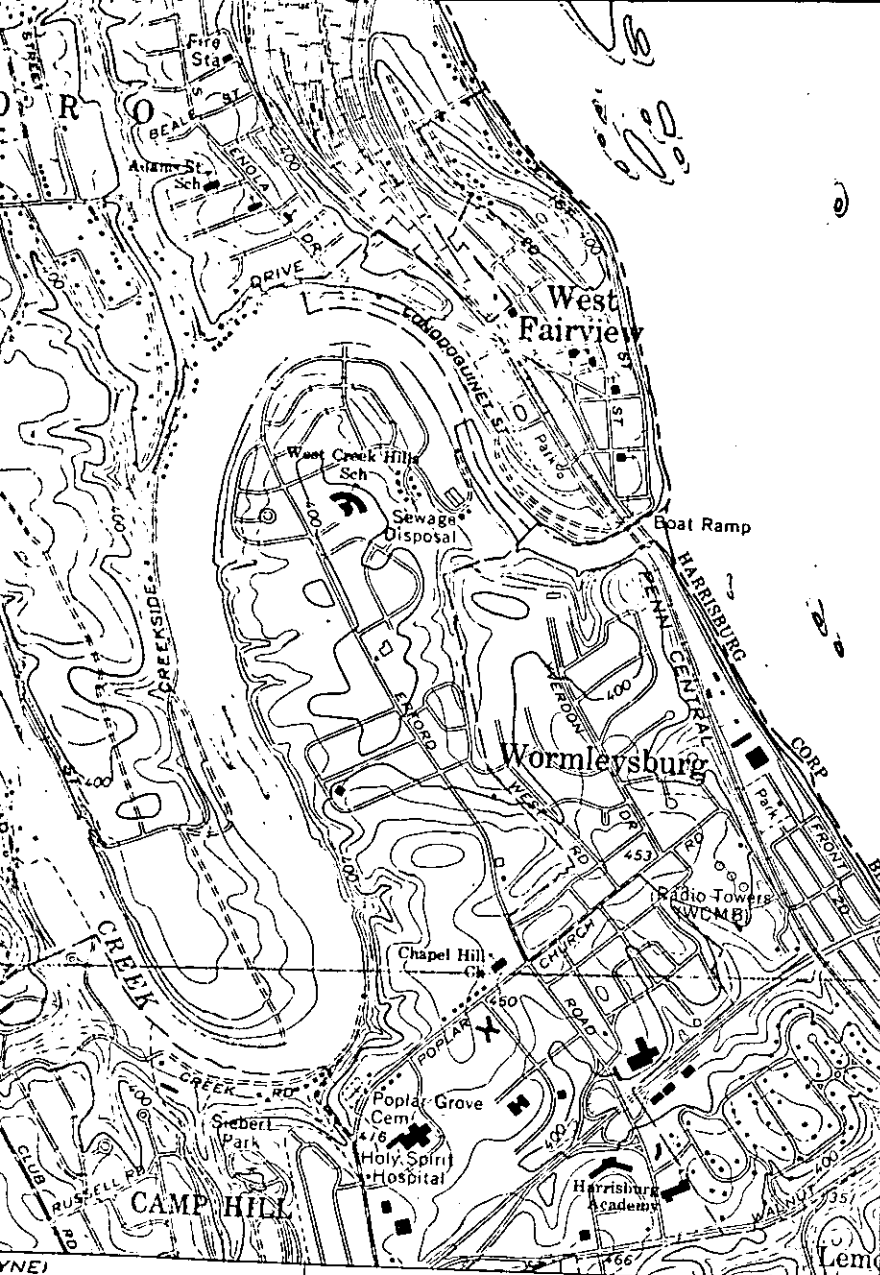
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DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



JOHN NORMELY HOUSE
Cumberland County

Zone 18 338 350 44S 7740

4458000m.N

40° 15' 30" N
76° 52' 30" W

(STELTON)
566.11 NE