

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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| STATE: Pennsylvania |
| COUNTY: Washington |
| FOR NPS USE ONLY |
| ENTRY DATE |

1. NAME

COMMON:
Roberts House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
225 North Central Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Canonsburg

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
26th

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42 COUNTY: Washington CODE: 125

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"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both | Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered | <input 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) _____ _____ _____ |
| | | Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
J.M. Templeton

STREET AND NUMBER:
225 North Central Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Canonsburg

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Office of Recorder of Deeds, Washington County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
South Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
The Early Architecture Of Western Pennsylvania

DATE OF SURVEY: 1936 Regional Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Carnegie Library Of Pittsburgh

STREET AND NUMBER:
4400 Forbes Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Pittsburgh

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

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7 DESCRIPTION

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| CONDITION | (Check One) | | | | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
| | (Check One) | | | (Check One) | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This five bay, two story stone house with eight over eight windows and shutters is essentially in the Georgian style. It was constructed in three parts; the old kitchen wing at the back is the oldest. In the early days Roberts conducted a post office in the house- in this now residential use it was akin to the slightly later LeMoyne House at Washington. The Doorway is a beautifully articulated and detailed Georgian entrance with a recessed door and semi-circular fan light.

The classical cornice with metopes, triglyphs and dentils is highly original in design (see Stotz, p. 68) and runs the entire length of the gable end - an unusual feature for a late Georgian Western Pennsylvania house. The stone work which is regularly coursed, quite unusual for the region, imitates Flemish bond brickwork by using alternate headers and stretchers. There are some fine original mantels in the interiors

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1800-1802**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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This is a fine example of what is referred to as the Post Colonial style of architecture found in Western Pennsylvania after the earlier pioneer period log houses and before the Greek Revival.

The style defies exact description. It achieves its unique quality and charm from the fact the vernacular builders selectively borrowed Georgian, Roman Classical, Adamesque and other European Renaissance architectural forms, elements and details and combined them in the builders' own esoteric way. Thus, a particularly characteristic phase of building exists in early Western Pennsylvania architecture. This development provides a contrast to the building tradition found in other parts of the country.

This late Georgian house, along with the Dorsey house at Brownsville and the Manchester house at Avella, is of the very highest quality and interest. It is of far more than local interest and can bear comparison with similar work on the eastern seaboard. It is one of the most important architectural contributions to Washington County because of its size, form, craftsmanship and well articulated stone facade, windows, entrance and cornice. It is an irreplaceable monument to Western Pennsylvania architecture.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Stotz, Charles Morse-Early Architecture of Western Pennsylvania, New York, 1936, pp. 43-44, 46, 144, 267; pp. 68-71, illus.

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 | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| CORNER | LATITUDE | | LONGITUDE | | LATITUDE | | LONGITUDE | | | | | | | |
| | Degrees | Minutes | Seconds | Degrees | Minutes | Seconds | Degrees | Minutes | Seconds | | | | | |
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| NE | 0 | : | " | 0 | : | " | | | | | | | | |
| SE | 0 | : | " | 0 | : | " | | | | | | | | |
| SW | 0 | : | " | 0 | : | " | | | | | | | | |

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **1.7 acre**

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 AND TITLE: **James D. Van Trump, Landmarks Planning, Inc.**

ORGANIZATION: **Washington Co. Overall Economic Development Program** DATE: **Summer 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER: **One South College Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Washington** STATE: **Pennsylvania** CODE: **42**

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
WILLIAM J. WEWER

Title Executive Director
Pa. Historical & Museum Commission

Date 1/9/75

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

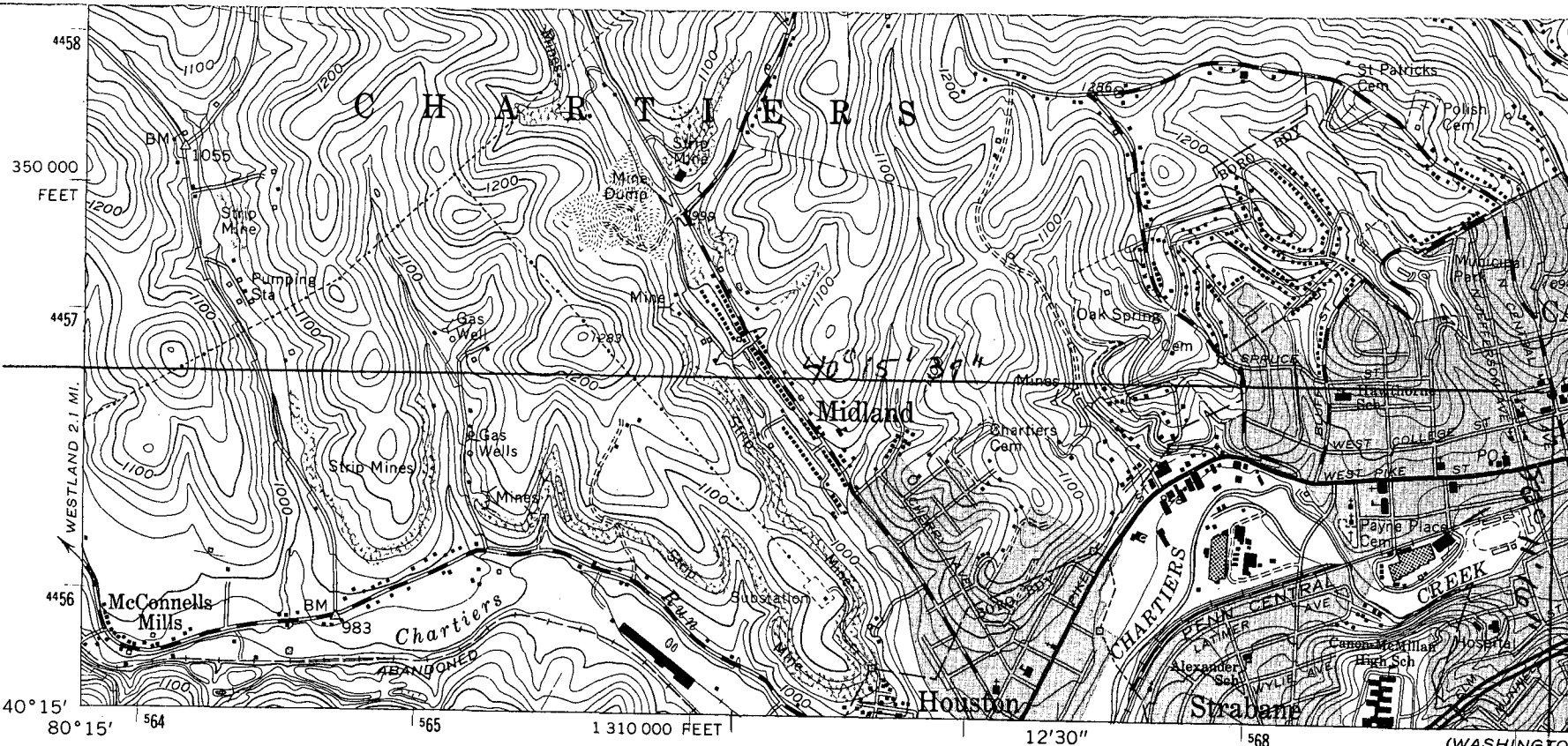
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST: _____
Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

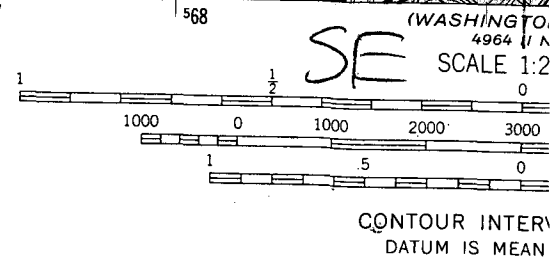
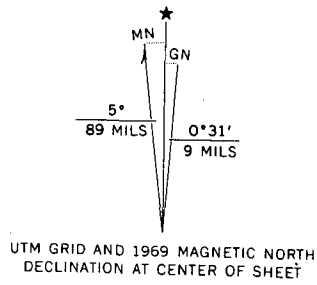
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(WASHINGTON WEST)
4964 III NE

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 Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods
 Aerial photographs taken 1952. Field check 1953. Revised 1960
 Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
 10,000-foot grid based on Pennsylvania coordinate system, south zone
 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
 zone 17, shown in blue

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
 generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
 Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
 Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial
 photographs taken 1969. This information not
 field checked



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