

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Pennsylvania
COUNTY: Washington
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ENTRY DATE

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1. NAME

COMMON:
Montgomery House
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
West Main Street
CITY OR TOWN:
Claysville 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 type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not <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)
<input type="checkbox"/> Comments			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Grace C. Montgomery
STREET AND NUMBER:
West Main Street
CITY OR TOWN:
Claysville 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:
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Montgomery House typifies Second Empire domestic architecture; it also has remnants of the earlier Italianate period. The house is 4 bays, 3 1/2 stories with a 4-story roof tower. The hallmark of the 2nd-Empire style is the mansard roof with sloping sides and dormers, on both the front and side elevations. The mass of the house protrudes and recedes into the solids and voids of the bay windows and the veranda. The same effects occur on a smaller scale. The myriad patterns of incised, 2- and 3-dimensional ornamentation on the lintels, cornices, and verandah and the imbrication of the roof tiles enhance the asymmetrical volumetric disposition. The formerly classical cornices, modillions, and lentils have been exaggerated beyond recognition. The tall double sash windows are rectangular patterns of colored glass. The house is in such a perfect state of preservation that even the curved plates of glass on the mansard tower dormers are all intact - a rare occurrence. The house is sheathed in horizontal Novelty siding - a mass-produced clapboard. The square Italianate campanile has burst forth into a 2-story tower with dormers on each elevation at each level - an appropriate crown to the dynamic mass below.

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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) 1880

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 | _____ |
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| <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

WHEN?

The Montgomery House was built by Robert Porter, a planning lumber mill owner. He worked on the house's trim for two years. Needless to say, the moldings, architraves, brackets, lintels, and panels are lavishly articulated and display a superb quality of craftsmanship. According to H. R. Hitchcock, The Second Empire Style was in effect "A consciously 'modern' movement, deriving its prestige from contemporary Paris..."; specifically the New Louvre by L.-T.-J. Visconti and H.-M. Lefuel. The full proportions, complexity, and dynamism of the style corresponded to the earlier architectural theory of the picturesque that dictated asymmetrical massing and textural variety. The Second Empire style was a conspicuous and exuberant firmamentation of these Picturesque elements; it therefore had great appeal to the newly rich Americans who acquired their wealth in the industrial expansion after the Civil War and were more than anxious to display it.

The Montgomery house typifies the late Victorian architectural tastes in both massing and ornamentation. The richly decorated facades were possible because of the mechanization of decorations.

Conservative Washington County yielded and conformed to Victorian sentimentality, and the Montgomery house is a perfect example. Montgomery House is an important contribution to the architectural development of Washington County and must be counted among the most valuable irreplaceable structures.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Gingerbread House," Roto Magazine, The Pittsburgh (Pa.) Press, Sunday, March 10, 1968 pp. 4-7.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

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: **12**

12 STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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. Weyer
William J. Weyer
 Title Executive Director,
PA. Hist. and Museum Comm.

Date 7/1/74

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

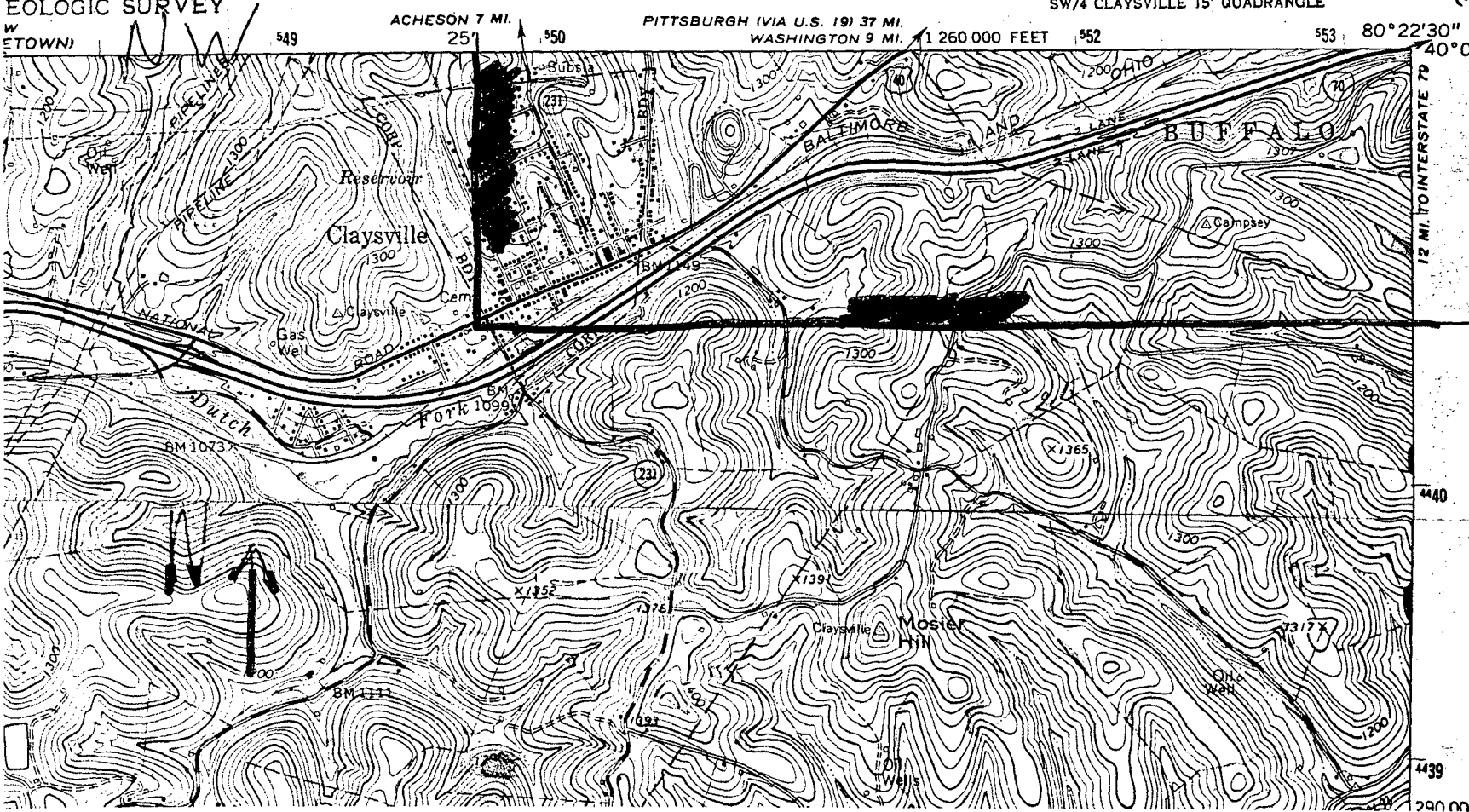
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