

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Wetmore House

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Warren County Courthouse Annex; Warren County Historical Society

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
210 Fourth Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:  
Warren

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
23rd

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42 COUNTY: Warren CODE: 123

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Warren County

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Warren County Courthouse; Market St. & Fourth Ave.

CITY OR TOWN:  
Warren

STATE:  
Pennsylvania

CODE:  
42

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Warren County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Market Street and Fourth Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:  
Warren

STATE:  
Pennsylvania

CODE:  
42

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Historic Buildings in Warren  
Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE OF SURVEY:  
 Federal  State  County  Local Co.

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
PA Historical & Museum Commission; Warren County Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Wm. Penn Memorial Museum; 210 Fourth Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:  
Harrisburg; Warren

STATE:  
Pennsylvania

CODE:  
42

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COUNTY: Warren

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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 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

The Wetmore House, 1870-1873, is a red brick mansion, two stories high with a mansard roof, constructed in the Italian Renaissance style. The outer walls feature double layers of brick separated by an air space as do the interior supporting walls which are carried down into the basement. The structure rests on a dressed stone water table.

The front facade features double windows on both the first and second floors. The first floor windows are semi-circular in shape with semi-circular Gothic dripstone; the second story features flat-shaped double windows with semi-elliptical Gothic dripstone and bracketed sills. The main facade is three bays wide with a recessed east bay. The recessed bay once contained a large verandah with balustrade which was torn down around 1950. The main facade still contains a small, one-story, open portico with three-quarter columns and pilasters. A three-sided bay section comprises the eastern portion of the main axis and features single rather than double windows. The first floor windows here contain bracketed sills. The structure also contains a large rear wing.

The mansard roof features boxed cornice with plain frieze and brackets. Decorated paired brackets are located at the various corners and extend below the frieze. Decorated bellcast-style dormers are located at various intervals along the roof.

The original interior survived until around 1950 when it was also altered. Elaborate fixtures, originally for gas, and chandeliers were removed as the structure was converted from a house into office space. Archways were closed, hardwood floors were covered, and the walnut woodwork was often painted. Upon acquisition of the house by the Warren County Historical Society in 1964, this trend was halted and the house has, in part, been restored to its original appearance.

Presently several rooms retain their original fittings, including a splendid, garland decorated mantle located in a first floor parlor. Also on the first floor is a fine Victorian plaster ceiling piece and an elaborate marble Victorian fireplace mantle.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <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) 1870-1873

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

The present home of the Warren County Historical Society was built by Thomas Struthers as a wedding present for his only daughter, Anna Wetmore, during the years 1870-1873. Struthers was one of the prominent citizens of Warren during the 19th century, a developer, industrialist, and state legislator. He is particularly noted for construction of the Struthers Library Building, a major cultural landmark of the area.

In 1893, the building was sold to Charles Schimmelfeng and remained in his family until 1950 when it was sold to the county commissioners for use as a courthouse annex. In 1964, the building was acquired by the Warren County Historical Society which has attempted to restore it to its early appearance.

The architectural integrity of the structure, particularly of the exterior, has, for the most part, remained intact, and the house serves as one of the fine examples of Victorian architecture in northwestern Pennsylvania. The architectural significance, and the relationship to one of the most prominent citizens of early Warren, make the Wetmore House one of the more important structures in the area.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Beckley, Jennifer, and Chase Putnam, "Stepping Stones,"  
Warren County Historical Society, Volume 17, No. 3, 1973.

Historic Buildings in Warren County, Volume 3, Warren County  
Historical Society, 1974.

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		
CORNER	LATITUDE			LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	41°	50'	53"
NE	°	'	"	79°	08'	52"
SE	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/4 acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Chase Putnam, Curator, & Quinn Smith/David M. Berman, Curator

ORGANIZATION: Pa. Historical and  
Warren Co. Historical Society/Museum Commission

DATE: 1974

STREET AND NUMBER: 210 Fourth Avenue (P.O. Box 427)/Wm. Penn Memorial Museum (1026) Box

CITY OR TOWN: Warren/Harrisburg

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

Title: Executive Director  
PA Historical & Museum Commission

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

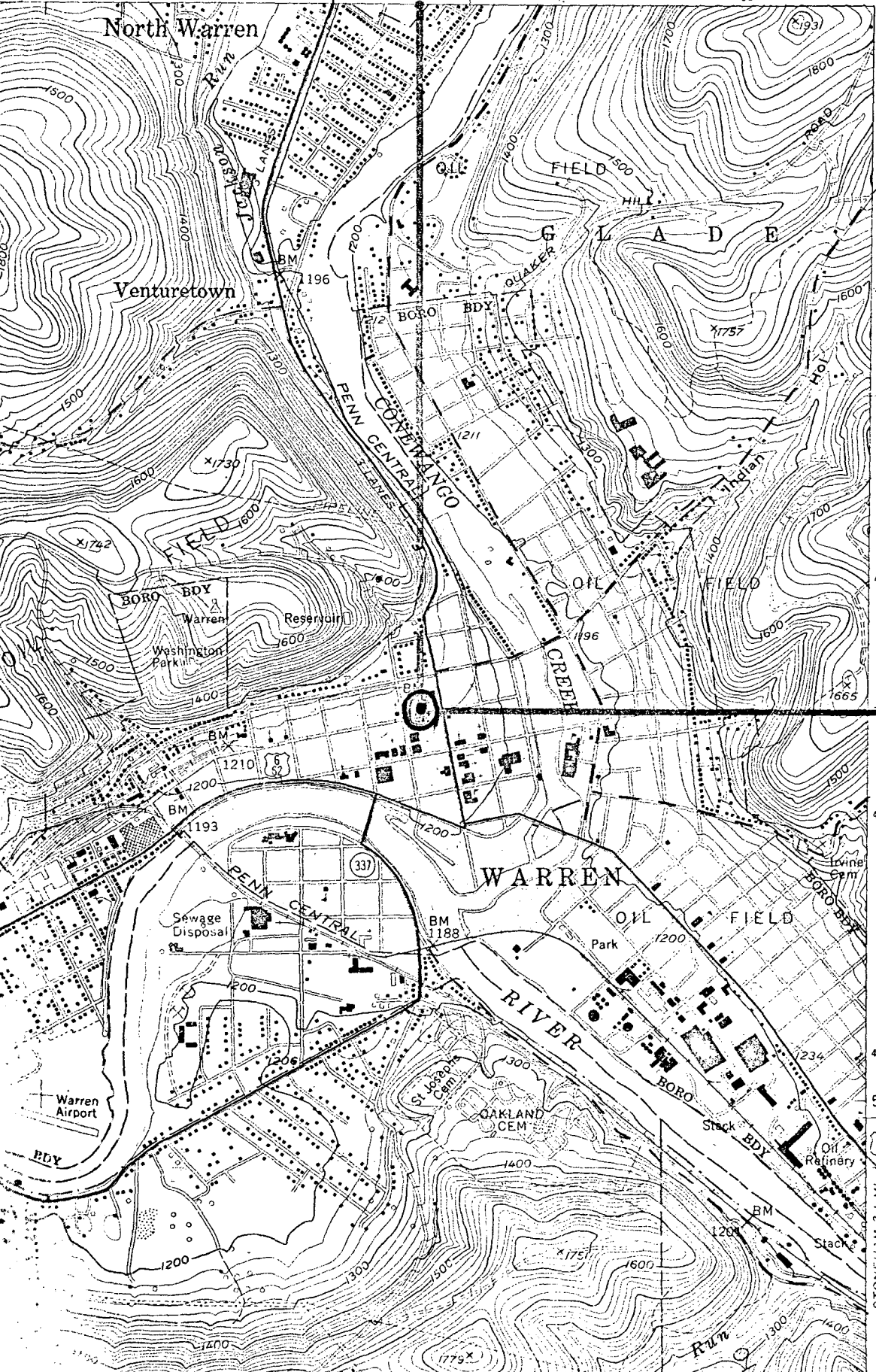
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WARREN QUADRANGLE  
 PENNSYLVANIA—WARREN CO.  
 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

5167 INE  
 (SCANDIA)

65210' WARREN STATE HOSPITAL 0.3 MI. 162 1 620 000 FEET 655 79°07'30" 41°52'30"



STRUTHERS -  
 WETMORE -  
 SCHIMMELFEN  
 HOUSE ;

WARREN  
 COUNTY  
 COURTHOUSE  
 ANNEX ;

Warren  
 County  
 Historical  
 Society



STONEHAM 3.1 MI.  
 SHEFFIELD 11 MI.