

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

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1 NAME

HISTORIC GUY C. IRVINE HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

The Locusts, The Walker House, The Kopf House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Route 62 (Warren-Jamestown Road)
1.5 miles south of Russell

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN
Russell

VICINITY OF

23rd

STATE
Pennsylvania

CODE
42

COUNTY
Warren

CODE
123

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
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Y. Kopf

STREET & NUMBER

Warren-Jamestown Road

CITY, TOWN

Russell

VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania 16345

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Warren County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Market Street and Fourth Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Warren

STATE

Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

11/23/77

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission
William Penn Memorial Museum, P.O. Box 1026

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

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 Irvine House is a two story brick structure with two, one story wings flanking the main structure. The front of the house is symmetrical, with five bays and a central door. The main section is two bays deep with stepped double chimneys in the gable ends. Originally a decorative parapet was located along the roof edge of the front facade. Windows in the main section are six-over-six with wide stone lintels and louvered shutters. A pedimented porch supported by two columns and pilasters shelters the door. The door is panelled and has leaded glass side lights and honeycomb patterned transom.

The gable ends have double chimneys with stepped corbels and semi-circular windows. The chimneys are one of the most impressive features of the house. The brick walls of the house are 18" thick. The width of the outside walls tapers to 12" at the top of the house.

The two flanking wings are one story with gable roof and interior brick gable end chimneys. The front facades are identical; one door and one window. The doors are panelled with a transom and large stone lintels. The windows are six-over-six with shutters identical to the windows in the main section.

has a common center hall, a kitchen at each end, a bathroom, a living place and a double brick outhouse in back, which is used as a garden shed today. Ceilings in the house are ten feet high. Each of the 12 rooms in the house originally had a fireplace, from which the ashes could be let down to the cellar for removal. Some of these fireplaces have been removed.

The house was restored circa 1940 by Will A. Walker. They installed gas, electricity and plumbing.

The present owners acquired the house in 1962 and had a new heating system installed. They also modernized the kitchen on the south end, the north kitchen having been made into a sitting room circa 1940. They also restored one of the chimneys which was destroyed by fire in 1875.

Perhaps the most impressive feature of the whole property are the 144 year old locust trees planted when the house was built circa 1831. During the 1940 restoration a new fence was made by Al Keely of Russell copies exactly from the original.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1499-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1831-1835

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Guy C. Irvine
Rufus Weatherby

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Guy Irvine came to Brokenstraw Township in 1817, from Northumberland County, where he was born December 15, 1792, the son of Irish immigrants, John and Mary Fullerton Irvine. Being an enterprising young man, he gradually became known as "the Napoleon of the Lumber Business". Philip Tome, in his Pioneer Life, or Thirty Years a Hunter, first published in 1854, gives a glowing account of Guy Irvine's generosity, in both his business and personal affairs, and of his fame in all the river towns from Olean to New Orleans. According to Tome, Irvine was always concerned with the rights and welfare of his employees, at the same time amassing his fortune by owning more timber and sawmills than any other individual along the Allegheny River.

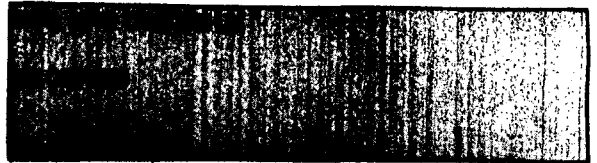
On February 5, 1822, Guy Irvine married Mary (Polly) Cotton, and they settled in a log cabin, called "Castle Comfort", probably in Brokenstraw Township. Later, as he became more involved in building mills in Pine Grove Township, he and Rufus Weatherby, who married Polly's sister, began work on what Philip Tome later described as "...the most elegant and commodious residence in the county".

Irvine and Weatherby began the house in 1831. Evidently Irvine designed it himself, as it has been called a composite of the many homes he saw and liked during rafting trips into the deep south. It was built as a two-family house, in which Irvine and Weatherby each would occupy half. In 1833, however, Rufus Weatherby died, and the work, which was left to Guy, was finally finished in 1835.

The Irvine house is a brick structure located about 1½ miles south of Russell. It has been described as Greek Revival, by Charles M. Stotz, in The Architectural Heritage of Early Western Pennsylvania.

At the death of Guy C. Irvine, his wife, Polly, was left one-half of the house and garden and a small piece of ground connected with the adjoining farm for planting potatoes. The furniture was left to his daughter, Rachel Irvine Bachop, who lived in the other half of the house with her five children. Anything left to her was on the condition that she would have nothing more to do with her husband, William Bachop. The reason for that condition was not explained in Guy Irvine's will.

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Significance (continued):

The last descendants of Guy C. Irvine to live in the house were his granddaughter (Rachel's daughter), Louisa Bachop Briggs, and her daughter, Alice Briggs Higgins, and family. The Higgins clan apparently cared little for keeping a neat house. Their chickens resided in the room over the kitchen and, upon the family's departure from the property, the house was in a pretty sad state.

Will A. Walker, well-known publisher of the Warren Times-Mirror, purchased the mortgage on the Irvine property and foreclosed. It was the Walkers whom named the property, "The Locusts". The Walkers acquired the house in 1940, and the next year was spent on restoration.

In June, 1941, the Walkers moved in and used "The Locusts" as a summer home, maintaining their permanent residence in Warren. In 1962, the Walker's daughter, Jane, and her husband, Robert Kopf, moved in, had a new heating system installed for the entire house, and established "The Locusts" as their year-round home.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 13 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Russell Pa. - N.Y. QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
A	17	653320	4642410	B	17	653390	4642360
C	17	653370	4642260	D	17	653250	4642280
E	17	653260	4642400	F			
G				H			

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 Putnam, Exec. Director, Quinn Smith/Susan M. Zacher

ORGANIZATION
Warren Co. Historical Society/Pa. Hist. & Mus. Comm. DATE
November, 1977

STREET & NUMBER
210 Fourth Avenue, P. O. Box 427/P. O. Box 1026 TELEPHONE
717-787-4363

CITY OR TOWN
Warren/Harrisburg STATE
16365/17120 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
WILLIAM J. WEWER, Executive Director DATE
 TITLE Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

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

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION DATE

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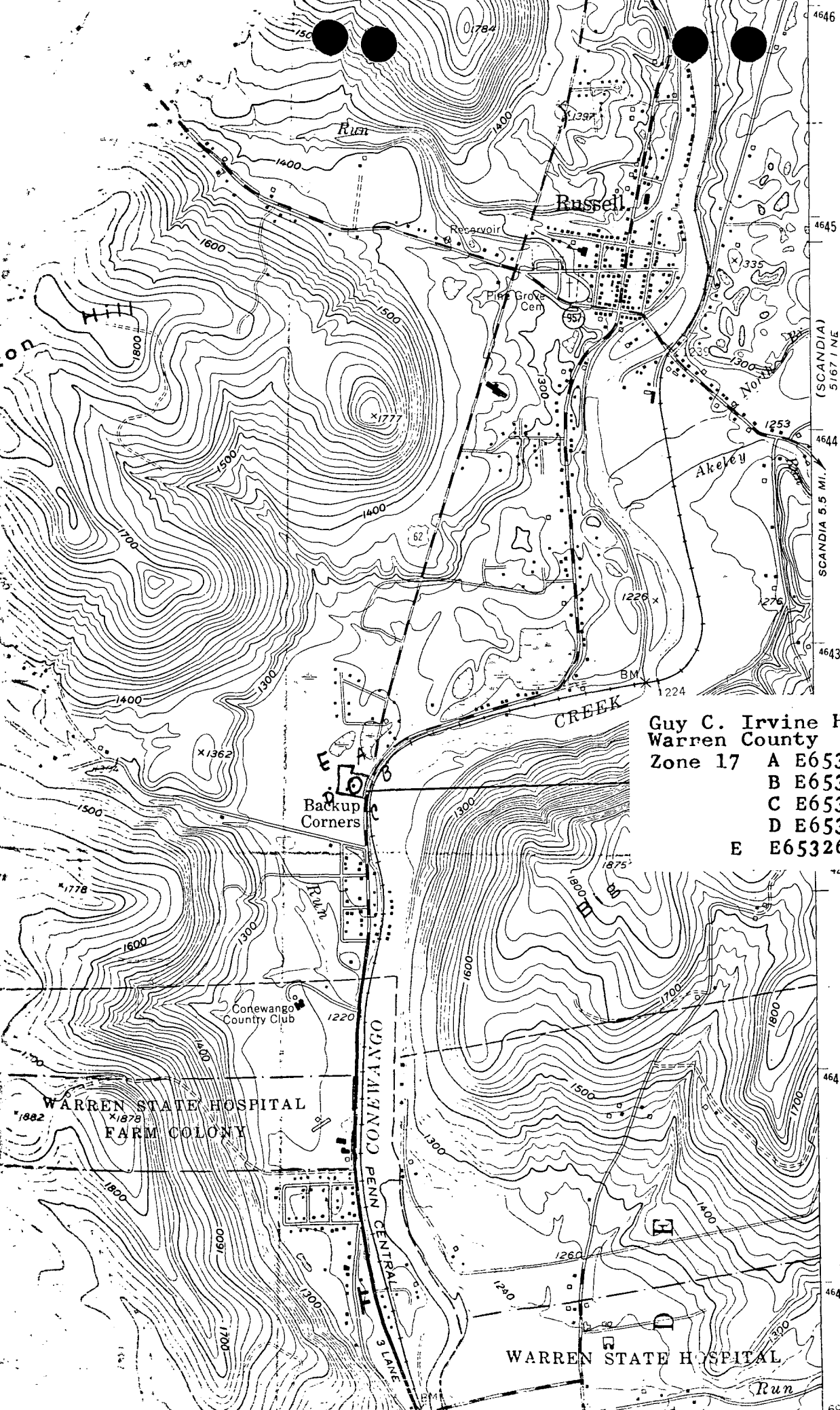
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Russell, PA-NY 1:24000 13 acres

Zone 17	A	N4642 520	E 653 320
	B	N4642 440	E 653 420
	C	N4642 200	E 653 360
	D	N4642 240	E 653 100
	E	N4642 540	E 653 210



Guy C. Irvine House
 Warren County
 Zone 17

A	E653320	N4642410
B	E653390	N4642360
C	E653370	N4642260
D	E653250	N4642280
E	E653260	N4642400

SCANDIA 5.5 MI.
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