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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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DATE ENTERED

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

THOMAS MURRAY HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

120 South Second Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Clearfield

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

23rd

VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania

CODE

42

COUNTY

Clearfield

CODE

033

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace A. Riley

STREET & NUMBER

208 West 1st Street

CITY, TOWN

Clearfield

VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania 16830

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clearfield County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

2nd and Market Street

CITY, TOWN

Clearfield

STATE

Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

9/7/78

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

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

This Victorian house with Italianate features is located on lot 89 on the corner of Walnut and Second Street in the town of Clearfield. A two and one-half story brick structure painted gray, the Thomas Murray house has a cross-gable roof with a center square cupola and dormers. The cupola is two bays by two bays with round arch windows of one over one and brackets. A wrought iron balustrade is located on the roof ridge. Brick chimneys with paired chimney pots are located to either side of the cupola and to the rear.

Heavy brackets line the cornice and decorative barge boards adorn the gable ends.

The Murray house is three bays by two bays with a two story frame addition on the rear. Windows in the main house are one over one with segmental arches and Italianate drip stones. A two story bay with elongated windows is located on the north side. Windows in the additions are rectangular one over one lights.

The front facade faces South Second Street. The main door is located centrally flanked by paired one over one windows. A flat roofed porch supported by square posts and shades the front entrance. The original porch extended across the entire front facade.

In 1943 the Thomas Murray house was converted into five apartments. At that time all the fireplaces were removed.

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 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<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 1876-1880 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Thomas Murray

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Thomas Murray House is a fine example of an eclectic Victorian structure which blends both Italianate as well as Victorian features.

Thomas Murray was a prominent attorney in the prosperous late nineteenth century era in the town of Clearfield. He was particularly skilled in untangling legal land problems, which gave him plenty of work with the developing timber and coal industries. His partner was Cyrus Gordon, later a Judge. He was very interested in politics, and chairman of the Republican Party in the County for eight years. He ran for office several times, but failed to be elected. He was particularly active as a layman in the Methodist Church, and he was on the National Board of the Methodist Church. He was very articulate, and was called upon frequently to give addresses, whether memorial, patriotic, educational, religious, banquet - he could speak on anything, and apparently speak well. His addresses are collected in three volumes, located in the Clearfield Library.

The Thomas Murray House is located on the commercial street of the town of Clearfield. The newly proposed historic district (Old Town Historic District) is located west of the Murray House. Due to the number of intrusions, the district boundary was not extended to include this structure or others of worth scattered across town. The Murray House, however, date from the period of the district and is also an excellent example of the late Victorian Mansion.

The Thomas Murray House embodies the period of expansion in Clearfield County the result of the rich coal and iron fields bringing quick money into the county. The 1860-80 period saw rapid expansion and the building of many large mansion-type houses in the downtown area of Clearfield. The Murray house was built during this period and is an example of show-off type building which characterizes the Old Town Historic District only one block away.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Aldrich, Lewis Cass. History of Clearfield County. Syracuse, N.Y.: D. Mason and Company 1887.

Speeches to T.H. Murray of Clearfield, Pa. Vol. I p. 308. Eaton and Mains, N.Y. 1908. Personal edition.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .2

UTM REFERENCES

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17	715540	45143920
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

B

ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

C

ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

D

ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Starting at a point on the southwest corner of South Second and Walnut Streets then west for 150 feet along Walnut Street then north for 69 feet then west for 150 feet to South Second Street then south for 69 feet to starting point.

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 / TITLE

Marie Wolf Riley

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

208 West 1st Street

CITY OR TOWN

Clearfield

TELEPHONE

814-765-9537

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

Ed Weintraub - 9-79

TITLE

ED WEINTRAUB, Director
Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

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

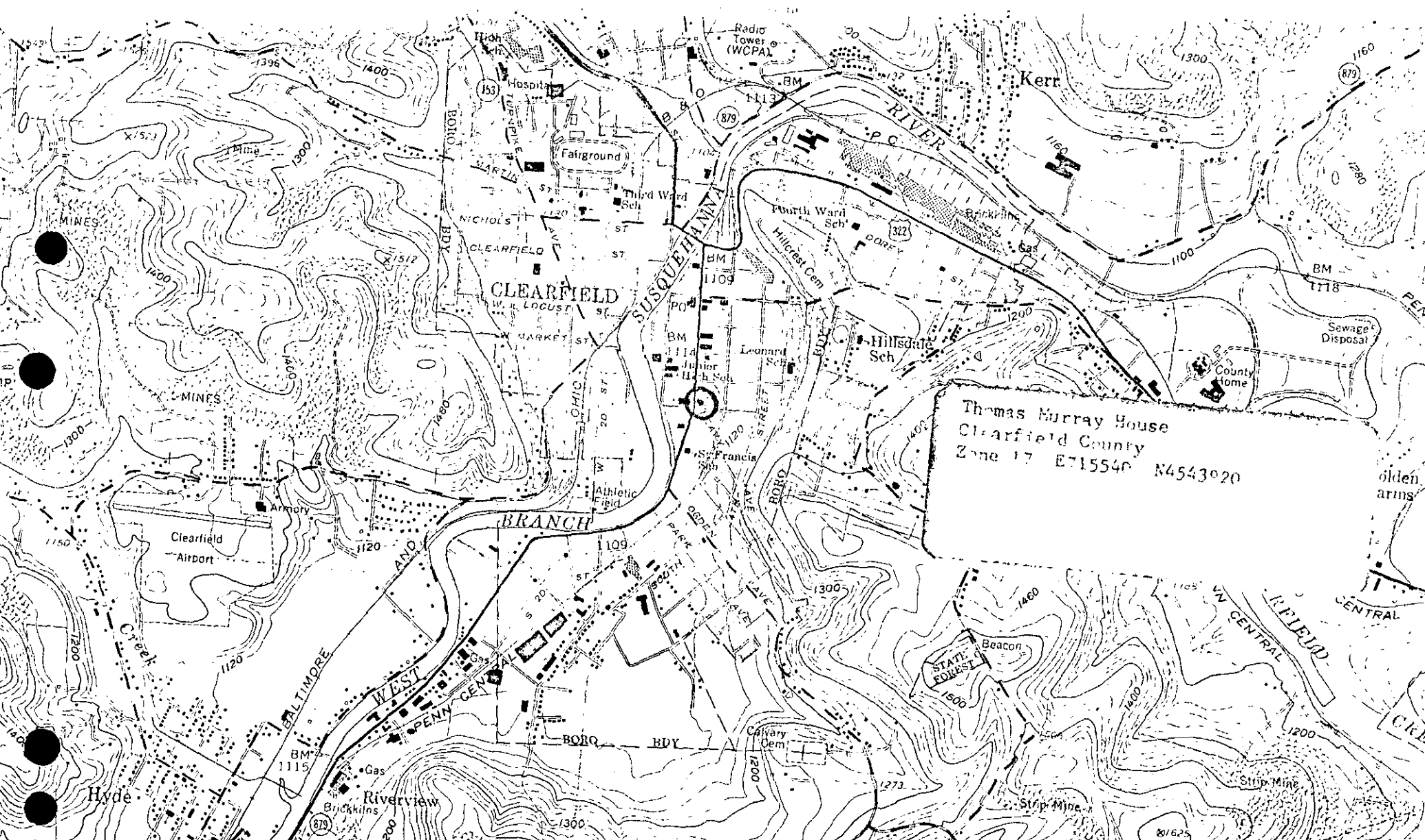
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DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

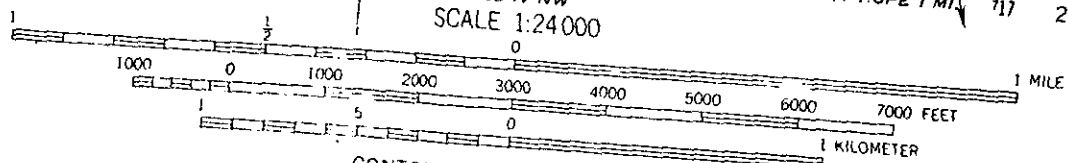
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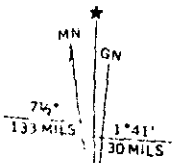
Thomas Murray House
 Clearfield County
 Zone 17 E715540 N4543020

1 800 000 FEET CURWENSVILLE 1.4 MI. 27'30" 714
 REYNOLDSVILLE 26 MI.

(GLEN RICHEY)
 5365 IV NW
 SCALE 1:24 000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL



1 MAIN ST. SOUTH
 100 FT. 100 FT.