

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

### 1. Name

historic AMOS KELLY HOUSE

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number 325 South Main Street \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Cambridge Springs \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district 24

state Pennsylvania code 42 county Crawford code 039

### 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

### 4. Owner of Property

name Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth M. Downs

street & number 325 South Main Street

city, town Cambridge Springs \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ state Pennsylvania 16403

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Crawford County Courthouse

street & number 903 Diamond Park

city, town Meadville \_\_\_\_\_ state Pennsylvania

### 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Pennsylvania Inventory of  
Historic Places

has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date June 20, 1979 \_\_\_\_\_ federal  state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ local

depository for survey records Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

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 Amos Kelly house is an impressive Italianate residence with a basically rectangular format, measuring 95 feet by 60 feet. Its large front porch, overhanging eaves and square cupola, give the Kelly House a massive and towering appearance. Built in 1873 to 1876, the Kelly house is frame with horizontal clapboard, set on a cut stone foundation. Its Cow gable roof is highlighted by large extending eaves, supported by ornate brackets. The extremely wide cornice is decorated with dentils and raised panels, often used in cabinet work. A square cupola is located over the front of the house.

Windows in the structure are elongated, one over one, with rounded arches topped by ornate and delicate hood moldings. Most of the windows are set in pairs. The lower story of the front facade is encased with a flat roofed porch. Sets of square, tapering columns support the roof which is also decorated with dentils and brackets. A enclosed porch is located on the north side of the house.

The interior is divided into 12 rooms, with no central or side hallway. The staircase is located in the front entrance way under the cupola. A one story addition and garage were added to the rear and south of the house in the early 1900's.

Throughout the house in floor, woodwork, wainscoting and stairways, native woods, such as black walnut and oak are effectively used in intricate detail work. The curved rail for the front circular stairway is said to have taken 3 months to form by hand.

Fruit and floral ceiling castings are well preserved around the chandeliers. One white marble fireplace remains in working order in the south parlor. Original interior shutters remain in many of the windows. Original panels of glass remain, notably the etched front door panels bearing the initials A. K.

# 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1873-76 **Builder/Architect** Amos Kelly, Builder

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

This 1873-76 house is an extremely well preserved example of the Italianate style architecture, remarkable for its escape from remodeling. Outstanding examples of the use of native woods in their natural state in woodwork, paneling doors and stairways are in evidence. Original etched glass door panels, ceiling castings and a copper attic-cistern are still in place. The home is a well preserved showcase of a residence of a prosperous local citizen of the late 1800's.

Amos Kelly was a prosperous farmer and sawmill owner, whose grandfather had taken up a claim in Rockdale. With his brother John, he opened in 1877 the first banking house in Cambridge Borough which operated prosperously for at least some period of time. It was the mortgagee and holder of the Riverside Inn in the period Baird assumed ownership of it.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

(See Continuation Sheet)

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property .53

Quadrangle name Cambridge Springs

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

A	<u>17</u>	<u>578180</u>	<u>46279610</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing
C			
E			
G			

B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing
D			
F			
H			

Verbal boundary description and justification The Amos Kelly House is bounded on the N by an unnamed alley for +/- 200'; on the E by Cummings St. for +/- 117'; on the south by land now or formerly of William Wenner for +/- 200'; on the West by South Main Street for +/- 117'. Tax #1612-79

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 Mrs. Kenneth M. Downs / Mrs. Anne W. Stewart

organization Crawford Co. Planning Commission date

street & number Crawford County Courthouse telephone 814-336-1151 ext. 61

city or town Meadville state Pennsylvania 16335

# 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title ED WEINTRAUB, Director  
Office of Historic Preservation

date 12-10-79

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

Keeper of the National Register

date

Attest:

Chief of Registration

date

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CONTINUATION SHEET

ITEM NUMBER 9

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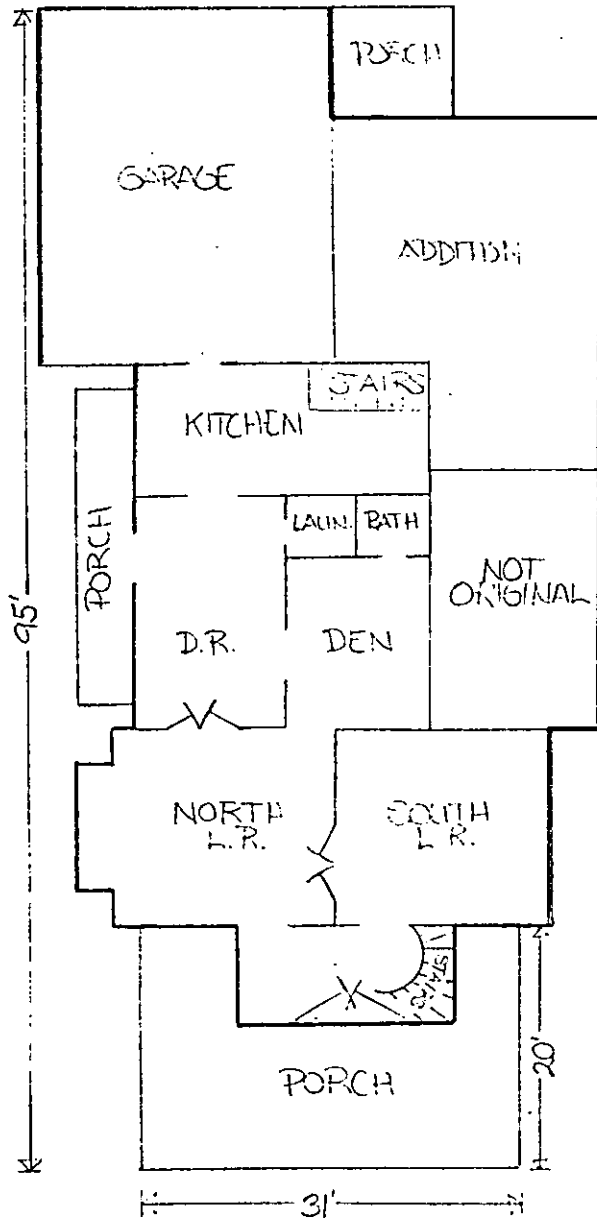
History of Crawford County 1885 - Vol. II pg. 809-810

Crawford County Atlas Map 1876 - Crawford County Courthouse, Meadville

The Tribune Republican, Meadville, Pa. - Sesqui-Centennial Edition  
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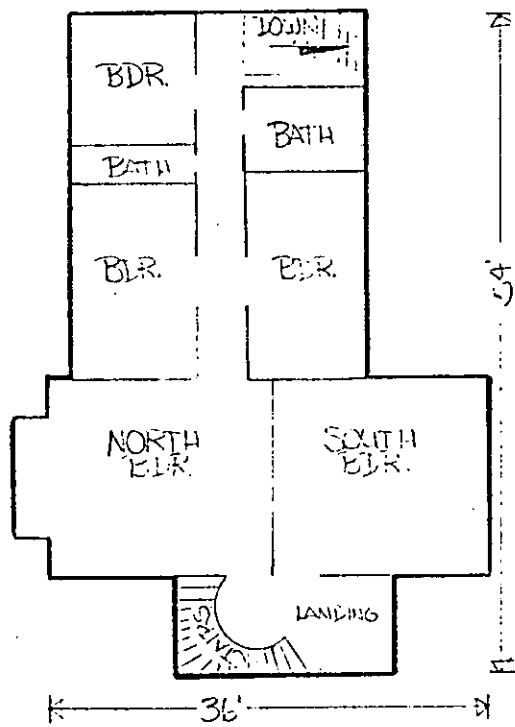
Mr. Vernon J. Landers (born June 28 1871, died August 1970) Worked  
for Amos Kelly from age 12 years until a young man.

Amos Kelly House  
Crawford County  
Floor Plan



Kelly House  
Cambridge Springs  
Crawford County

— NORTH  
FIRST FLOOR



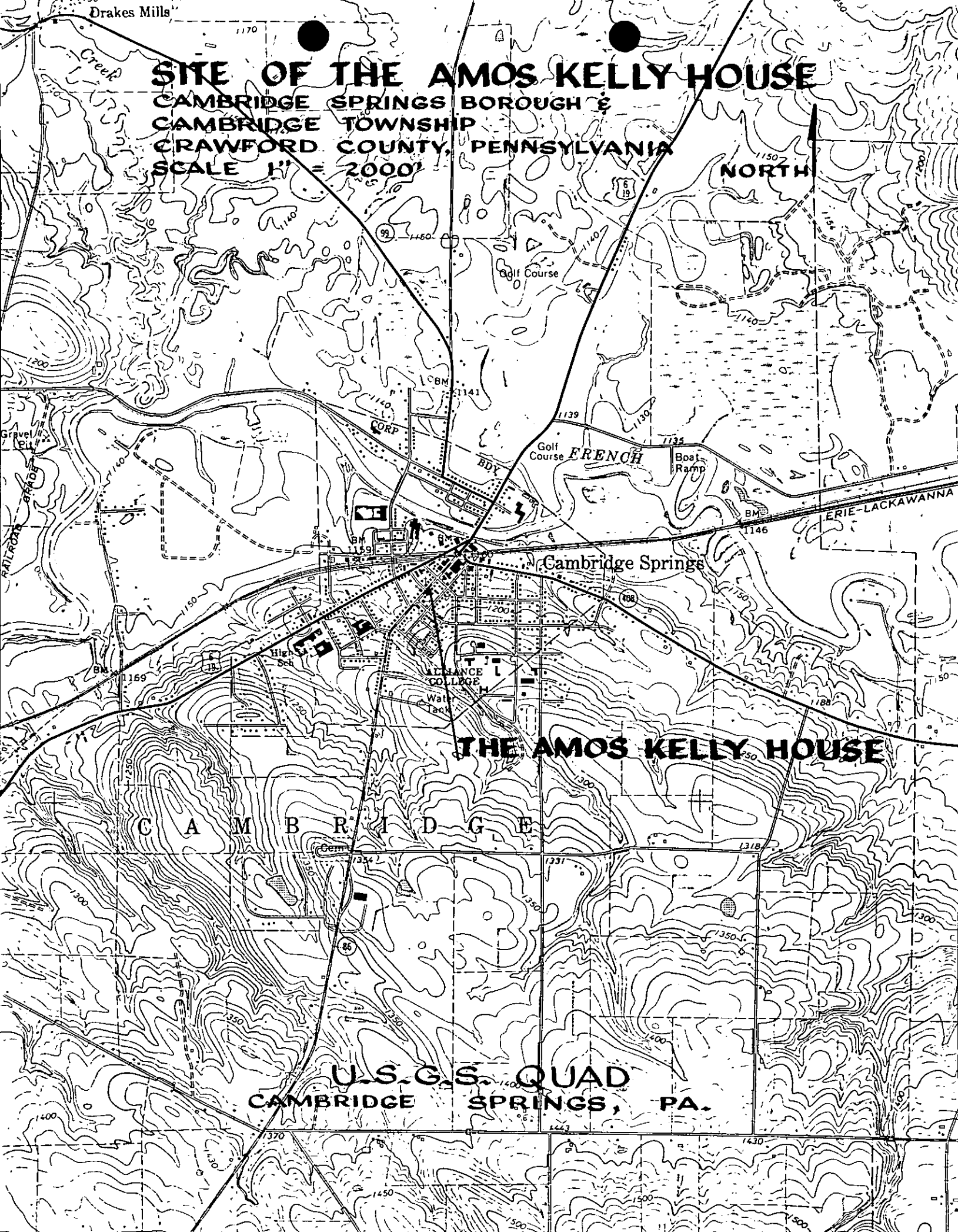
Kelly House  
 Cambridge - 1898  
 Crawfordsville, Indiana

— NORTH  
 SECOND FLOOR

Drakes Mills

**SITE OF THE AMOS KELLY HOUSE**  
**CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS BOROUGH &**  
**CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP**  
**CRAWFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**  
**SCALE 1" = 2000'**

**NORTH**



**THE AMOS KELLY HOUSE**

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U.S.G.S. QUAD  
CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS, PA.