

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC Dr. J. R. Mosier's Office
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Terrace Street

CITY, TOWN Meadville

STATE Pennsylvania

VICINITY OF

CODE 42

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

24th

COUNTY Crawford

CODE 039

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Crawford County Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER Terrace Street

CITY, TOWN Meadville

VICINITY OF

STATE Pennsylvania

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Crawford County Register and Recorder of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER Courthouse - Diamond Park

CITY, TOWN Meadville

STATE Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE 1975

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

CITY, TOWN Harrisburg

STATE Pennsylvania

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>1975</u>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The office building is a very small frame building covered with clapboard. It appears to have a false facade fronting its gabled roof. In typical late 19th century style, a hood supported by brackets extends over the entrances. Both hood and bracket are carved with simple designs. The office was built around 1890, and has not been substantially altered since its construction.

The interior consists of three rooms, all in exactly the condition they were in in 1938. The waiting room is completely furnished, with chairs, pictures, old maps, contemporary calendars, down to popular magazines. The examination room, where operations were performed, similarly contains turn-of-the-century furnishings, equipments, and textbooks. The examination table is particularly interesting, since it is actually an adjustable and versatile combination of table and chair. It reflects the necessary practicality of the country doctor. The pharmacy room houses a large number of drugs, including liquids and powders in their original containers. Other items augmenting the early 20th century character of the room include a mortar and pestle, hand-cranked telephone, scales, and old medical tests.

A projecting cross-gable entrance at the back of the building served as a secondary entrance, probably to the pharmacy.

Dr. Mosier's office was moved approximately 7 miles to a site on the grounds of the Baldwin-Reynolds estate (a National Register property). The land on which the office was originally situated was sold in September 1975, and it became necessary to move the office in order to preserve it. The new location on a wooded knoll preserves the rural setting of the original location without interfering with the huge lawn and gardens of the Baldwin-Reynolds estate. The new setting also provides for increased public access as well as curatorial service and police protection.

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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		(medical)

SPECIFIC DATES 1890-1938

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The office of Dr. J. Russell Mosier is a fine and accurate representation of the typical facilities used by a rural physician fifty years ago. It is a medical museum of historical importance for the area. Its authenticity and integrity are undeniable, since it was deliberately left intact at the end of the doctor's practice in 1938.

Dr. Mosier (1855-1938) was born in Crawford County and studied at the University of Maryland. As a physician, he performed all of the usual duties of an early 20th century general practitioner. The rural general practitioner is becoming increasingly unusual as the complexity of medicine continues to grow. The doctor's office is therefore an educational and unusually complete example of how early medical practice was conducted.

The major significance of this property is its fine collection of medical paraphernalia. Although the building has been moved. Its contents have been preserved intact. The building's significance has not been seriously affected by its relocation.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Crawford County History - (Newsletter of the Crawford County Historical Society) Vol. I, No. 2, Winter, 1974,
 Article: "Tiny Office at Little's Corners Reminds us of Old Country Doctor"

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .21 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A

17	517016310	461101760
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

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C

ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

D

ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

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

Significant Sites Advisory Committee of Crawford County Planning Commission

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Same

Commission

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Courthouse - Diamond Park

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Meadville

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. Brown

TITLE

Executive Director
 Pa. Historical & Museum Commission

DATE

Nov. 1, 1976

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

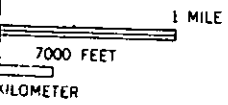
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DR. J. R. MOSIER'S OFFICE
 Crawford County, Pennsylvania
 Zone 17 570 630 (Easting)
 46 10 760 (Northing)



40'
4613
4612
4610
4609000m.N.
41°37'30"
80°07'30"

COCHRANTON 12 MI. FRANKLIN (U.S. 62) 28 MI. 572000m.E. INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C.—1970



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, all weather, hard surface.....
 Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface.....
 Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface.....
 Unimproved road, fair or dry weather.....

⊖ Interstate Route ⊖ U. S. Route ⊖ State Route



MEADVILLE, PA.
 NW/4 MEADVILLE 15' QUADRANGLE
 N4137.5—W8007.5/7.5

(COCHRANTON)
4957.11 SE