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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 Daniel Royer House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 5 miles south of Williamsburg
on Pa. Rt# 866

CITY, TOWN Williamsburg

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

9

STATE Pa.

VICINITY OF
CODE 42

COUNTY Blair

CODE 013

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME - Pa. Fish Commission

STREET & NUMBER 3532 Walnut Street, Box 1673

CITY, TOWN Harrisburg

STATE Pa.

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Blair County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Holidaysburg

STATE Pa.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE None known

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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 Daniel Royer house appears to have been built in at least two sections. The main section of the house is five bays across the main facade, built of roughly finished limestone, with large quoins. Its double-hung windows have six-over-six lights; on the first story, the windows have panelled shutters. The cornice is boxed, with simple moulding below. The main entranceway in the front facade focuses on a panelled door which is flanked by simple pilasters. A six light transome above the recessed door and four-light side-lights complete the doorway. A porch over the entranceway has supports of fine decorative cast iron; the porch was probably added around 1870.

The earliest part of the house is a three-bay, two-story section completed in 1815. This has a side-hall plan. A one and one-half story clapboard section is probably contemporaneous.

The wing addition to the house was probably built in the 1840's; the detail and stonework are very faithful to the original. The wing is two bays across on the front elevation and extends five bays to the rear of the house. A two-story porch extends the length of the addition on the inner side of the wing. The porch is supported by tapering round columns and has a rail balustrade on both floors.

The house is presently in a state of neglect and disrepair; although its important features remain intact, the house is in danger of further deterioration.

3 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"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES 1815, c. 1840

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Royer House is significant as an architectural example and as a remnant of early industrial development in western Pennsylvania.

As C. M. Stotz has noted, the Royer house is one of the finer remaining examples in western Pennsylvania of vernacular architecture. Its simplicity and large proportions attest to its frontier origins and to the lifestyles of the area's early settlers. At the same time, the "ruggedness" of the house is combined with more refined elements of the Georgian style, including panelling, moulding, and entranceway treatment. These elements recall the eastern Pennsylvania origins of the house's inhabitants. Together the two diverse elements contribute to the formation of a local style which is typical of much early architecture in the district. Some features, like the two-story porch, anticipate by several decades a later architectural trend.

The house is also noteworthy for its association with the very early industrial and economic development in this area of the state. In particular, western Pennsylvania was and continues to be an iron-making center. The Royer family, beginning with Daniel and son Samuel, operated several forges in the area from the early 19th century (c. 1810) until 1884. The Royers were part of the westward migration of people from eastern Pennsylvania, Waynesboro in their case. The Royer house reflects the ironmasters' prosperity and prominence. Its historic value is further enhanced by the fact that most of its original woodwork and interior detail remain.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Architectural Heritage of Western Pa.
Charles M. Stotz

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE			EASTING			NORTHING				

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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CITY OR TOWN Harrisburg STATE Pa.

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

TITLE Executive Director
Pa. Historical & Museum Commission

DATE 9/12/75

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

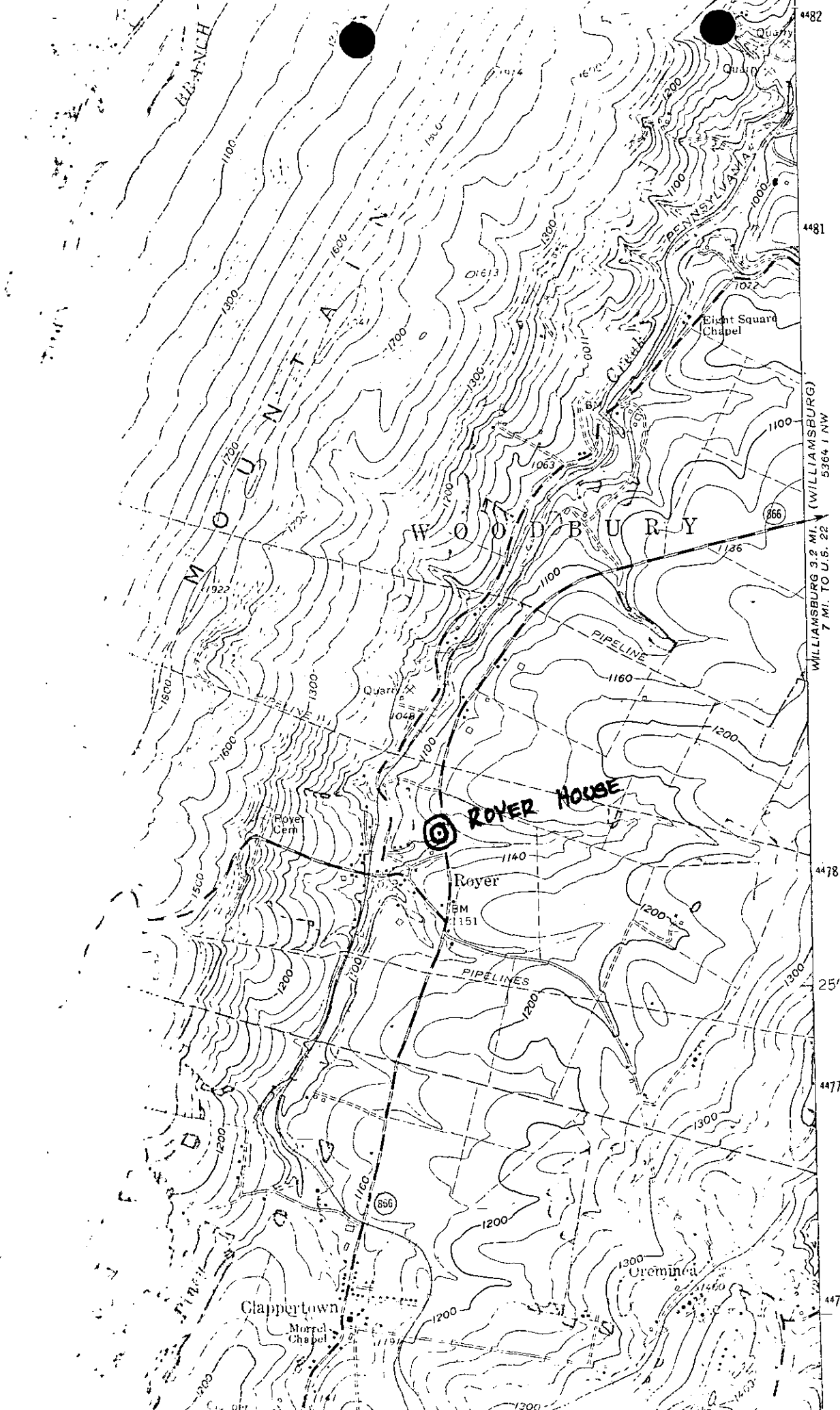
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DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



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