

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Law, Robert W., Anthology of Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania.
 Delwood's Inc., San Jose', California, 1966.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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SW	0 . .	0 . .				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **five**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Ms. Sally McMurry (Student Aide, Historic Sites Survey)

ORGANIZATION: **Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission** DATE: **8-26-74**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN: **Harrisburg** STATE: **Pennsylvania** CODE: **42**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: *William J. Wewer*
WILLIAM J. WEWER

Title: **Executive Director**
Pa. Historical & Museum
Commission

Date: 9/19/74

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST: _____

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Pennsylvania
COUNTY:	Carbon
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ENTRY DATE:	

1. NAME

COMMON:
Harry Packer Mansion

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Packer Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Jim Thorpe

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
#11

STATE:
Pennsylvania

CODE:
42

COUNTY:
Carbon

CODE:
025

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure 	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mr. & Mrs. Bradley Oliver

STREET AND NUMBER:
same as above

CITY OR TOWN:
Jim Thorpe

STATE:
Pennsylvania

CODE:
42

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Carbon County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Broadway & Susquehanna Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
Jim Thorpe

STATE:
Pennsylvania

CODE:
42

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
none

DATE OF SURVEY:
 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE:

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STATE: Penna.
COUNTY: Carbon
ENTRY NUMBER:
DATE:

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Harry Packer mansion was built in 1874. It is a two-and-one-half story, red brick structure, four bays across. On the front facade, Italianate-style windows with castiron dripstones form the main focus. Each of the heavy dripstone arches has a keystone in the center. A veranda, made of green Vermont sandstone, extends across the front. The top portion of the veranda consists of semi-circular arches, with elaborate carving and bosses on the surrounding stone. Each arch has a keystone in repetition of the motif found on the dripstone. Corinthian columns support each arch to produce an arcaded effect. The columns rest on a railing of stone and castiron, which follows curved steps around and down to the entrance to a summer kitchen. At the left side of the facade, a two-story, three-sided bay protrudes. It features Italianate windows on the second story. Raised brick corner quoins decorate each corner. The three hooded dormer windows above the bay consist of Italianate style windows, with a circular window above. The roof of the mansion is a mansard style, with a molded curb. Most dormer windows on the building have triangular pediments. The cornice is done entirely in castiron. This elaborate cornice features an arch motif which extends below the roof line. Massive figured medallions decorate the corners. Dentils and heavy Italianate-style brackets complete the cornice.

An two-story extension to the left of the main structure has a basically rectangular shape, distorted by the presence of the bell tower and porch. The interesting bell tower rises above the extension. It is placed at an angle to the extensions' corner. The tower is purely ornamental. There is no access to it from below, and no bell inside the cupola. The tower has one window, above which is a brick arch motif. A bellcast copper roof is topped by a finial. The remainder of the extension has rectangular windows, and small porch over the entranceway (identical to the main porch). The summer kitchen entrance, also features a castiron gate.

There have not been any significant alterations made to the exterior.

The interior of the Harry Packer mansion consists of seventeen rooms. The original furniture was removed in 1912, but all of the woodwork remains except that from the dining room. The present owners hope to furnish the mansion with period furnishings. The floors of the mansion are covered with English tile. The library contains outstanding carved mahogany woodwork, in Gothic Victorian style. Leaded stained glass and ornate chandeliers are other notable interior features.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1874**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Harry Packer mansion was built in 1874 for Harry Packer, son of millionaire railroad baron Asa Packer. The mansion reflects the wealth of the Packer family, and as such is a reminder of Mauch Chunk's past condition, when the town was inhabited by a dozen millionaires. This mansion is one of a few outstanding remaining vestiges of the era when the town was a prosperous commercial and transport center and a vacation haven for the wealthy.

The mansion is also a fine example of Victorian architecture as adapted in a vernacular style. The architect of the building is unknown. The strongly Italian Renaissance flavor of the house is evident in the repeated arch motif and bell cupola. The red brick and Vermont sandstone form a pleasing combination of color and texture. The castiron cornice is unusual and outstanding. Finally, the interior of the mansion (particularly the library) is of excellent work and in good condition.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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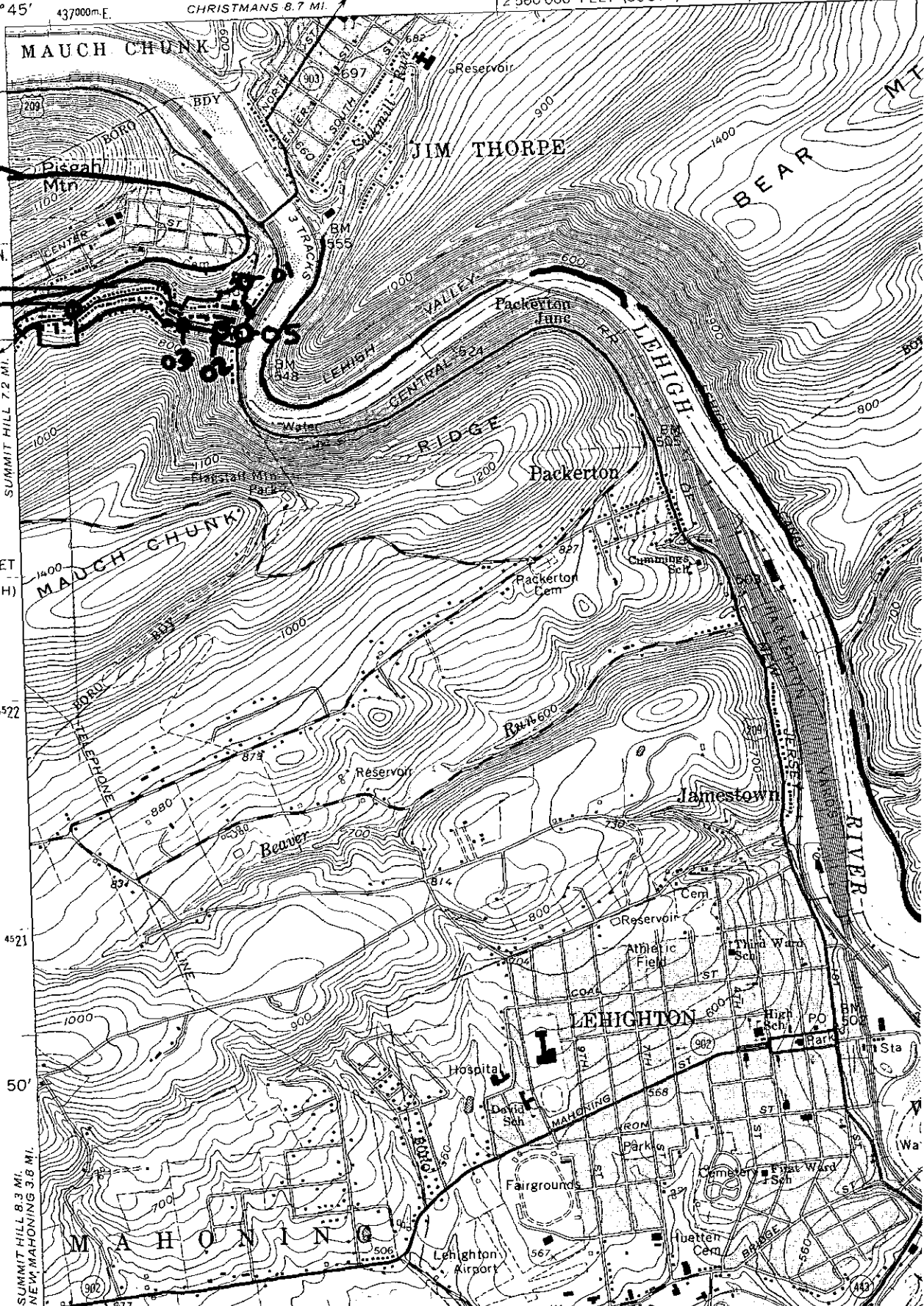
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(SOUTH)

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