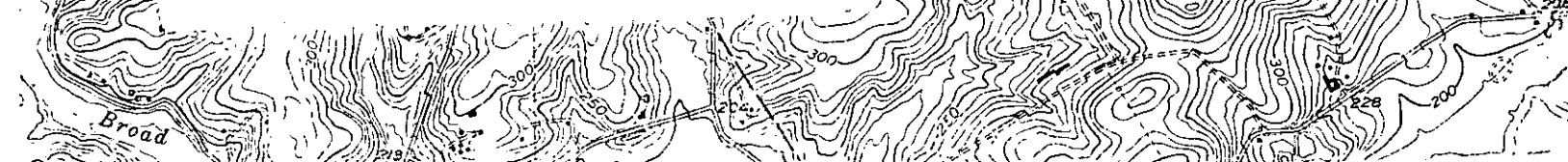


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MARSHALLTON INN

Chester County

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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 THE MARSHALLTON INN

AND/OR COMMON

The General Wayne Inn

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

West Strasburg Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Marshallton

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

5th

STATE

Pennsylvania

CODE

42

COUNTY

Chester

CODE

029

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE
- YES, RESTRICTED
- YES, UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

George Mershon

STREET & NUMBER

West Strasburg Road

CITY, TOWN

Marshallton

VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Chester County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

West Chester

STATE

Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

N/A

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Five additions have been made to the original stone house constructed about 1790. The floorplan of the Marshallton Inn as it existed during 1973 may be seen in Figure 3. The first two periods of construction are evident in the facade of the two and one-half story pointed field stone and frame building. Subsequent frame additions are apparent on the south side of the stone section of the Inn. There are six bays across the facade of the second story of the Inn. The roof of a mid-19th century porch, once supported by iron posts now covered by wood pillars, separates the first and second stories of the north facade of the building. The facade of the first story has four windows and two doors. Cement covered brick tops of interior chimneys protrude from the roof at the east and west gable ends of the stone section of the Inn. Second story sash are six over nine lights, while first floor windows have nine over nine. The shake roof has plain boxed cornices with diminutive returns.

The original stone building on the property, constructed as a residence, measured 28' by 19' and contained seven rooms. There were two rooms and a side hall on the first story, three rooms and a hall on the second, and two rooms and a hall in the attic. Back to back corner fireplaces on the interior of the east wall have been removed. These fireplaces were located at the center of the east wall on the first and second stories. Outbuildings listed on the 1798 Direct Tax included a one-story stone kitchen, a one-story log cabin, stone weaver's shop and a log barn. By 1814 the residence had been converted to a tavern which accommodated overnight guests. Abraham Martin built the addition, which comprises the western half of the stone section of the Inn, in similar plan to the original eastern section. Single corner fireplaces are located in the north rooms of the first and second stories of the addition.

In 1834 sale notice in the Village Record listed a frame kitchen attached to the building; but by 1841 there is a "stone kitchen" attached -- cellars under the whole". Remains of a bake oven and kitchen cellar foundations may be found under the present two story addition, used as a dining room on the south side of the Inn. The present addition over the old kitchen was built in the mid-part of the 19th century. About 1880, the present kitchen was appended to the south side of the building. During 1970 the west sides of the ca. 1850 and the 1880 additions extended westward on the second story.

The Marshallton Inn retains the original yellow pines random width plank floors on the first and third stories of the original section. The second story floor boards are oak. In the 1814 addition, the corner fireplaces retain their panelled breastworks. From ceiling to woodwork and architectural finishes have been restored to their original colors.

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		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES 1790, 1814, 1880

BUILDER/ARCHITECT John Woodward, Abraham Martin

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Marshallton Inn derives its significance from the fact that it is one of the oldest continuously-operated public houses in Chester County. It has provided accommodation and sustenance to inhabitants and travellers in the Marshallton area since its opening as the Sing of the General Wayne during 1822. Today the Inn maintains the same function in a manner in keeping with its own traditional architecture and with the quiet rural atmosphere of the surrounding village of Marshallton. Buffalo Bill's name appeared in the Inn's guest register about 1884.

The Inn survived the hard times which the construction of the railroads brought to many innkeepers along the former wagon and stage routes between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Two other taverns in Marshallton closed, but the Marshallton Inn survived as a hotel. After 1866, however, the Inn gradually declined from a hotel to a village bar, as Marshallton was by-passed. During 1964, the Inn was purchased and restored to a commodious and gracious country inn, which it is today.

The Marshallton Inn is an excellent example of Early Federal architecture in Quaker settled Chester County. Much of the original fabric still remains. For the most part, restoration, in order to accommodate 20th century needs, has been undertaken with a concern for accurate representation of the 1814 period of construction of the Inn. Maintaining its Vernacular architecture and its historic function, the Marshallton Inn represents a viable link with early 19th century Pennsylvania history.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

Elizabeth Righter/Vance Packard

ORGANIZATION

/Office of Historic Preservation October, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

R. D. #3, E. Strasburg Rd./P. O. Box 1026

DATE

October, 1976

Pa. Hist. & Mus. Comm. TELEPHONE

717-787-4363

CITY OR TOWN

West Chester/Harrisburg

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

Executive Director

Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

DATE

3/7/77

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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