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 NATIONAL PARK 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 MAJOR JARED B. FISHER RESIDENCE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

R.D. (Penn Hall, South Side PA Route 45)

__NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Spring Mills

__ VICINITY OF

23rd

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Pennsylvania

CODE

42

COUNTY

Centre

CODE

027

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 type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. John Withall

STREET & NUMBER

R. D. #2

CITY, TOWN

Spring Mills

__ VICINITY OF

STATE
Pennsylvania**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Centre County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

High Street

CITY, TOWN

Bellefonte

STATE
Pennsylvania**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

1976

__FEDERAL STATE __COUNTY __LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDSPennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission
William Penn Memorial Museum, P. O. Box 1026

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE
Pennsylvania

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

The Major Jared B. Fisher Residence was erected in 1856 as a 2½ story brick building with gable roof with a similar kitchen wing to the rear and a 1 story gabled, brick summer kitchen off this wing.

The exterior of the house features a 5 bay symmetrical facade with 6 over 6 windows with simple wooden lintels and sills. The entablature contains a banded architrave, paneled frieze and eaves, 5 rectangular eyelets, Victorian brackets, and a bold cornice. The entrance-way contains a recessed 4-panelled door with transom above flanked by free-standing Doric piers supporting an entablature. Gable ends feature the returns of the entablature, consistent entablature under the eaves, and paired chimneys on the roof. The west end of the house features a 2 story bay, and both gable ends have windows with frames ornamented with Greek fret. The only exterior change is the addition of a porch along the front of the house. The first porch was a small porch covering only the doorway and featured design consistent with the semi-Greek Revival entablature beneath the main roof and the Doric inspiration of the white fence. An earlier photograph (dated by the ages of the pictured children to 1877) show that a newer style porch had been added to the front of the house. A porch of this style (ca. 1877) remains on the kitchen wing. The present porch is probably turn-of-the-century.

Other exterior additions are the extension of the summer kitchen about 20 feet to the east on the first story (to provide more kitchen space above, a walkway, and bake oven below -- probably 1870's) and the enclosure of a 2nd story rear porch (recent years).

As the house occupies a sloping site, the basement (full) is exposed toward the rear.

The interior of the house reflects the exterior symmetry and remains faithful to the Greek aesthetic. Moldings are wide, eared, and trimmed. Perhaps most surprising is the general spaciousness and openness one encounters.

The stairway is late-Colonial in inspiration. It is elegant and restrained, stairs running without landings to the second and third floors. The handrail is of cherry wood.

The Major Fisher residence had no fireplace and wood-burning stoves would have heated the various rooms, with a large iron range to handle the cooking.

The house today is in an excellent state of preservation and is well cared for.

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

SPECIFIC DATES

1856

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Major Jared B. Fisher residence is an excellent example of rural Pennsylvania architecture of the years just prior to the Civil War and reflects the inception of Victorian eclecticism in its combination of Greek Revival and Gothic devices. The house stands today in an excellent state of preservation. That the house has changed very little over the years can be documented thanks to the presence of early photographic views.

Major Jared B. Fisher was born in Berks County in 1829 and came to Centre County in 1842. His father, Adam Fisher was engaged in milling and merchandizing and on his death in 1866, Jared took over his father's business interests. Jared Fisher continued as one of Centre County's most prominent merchants.

Major Fisher also an important figure in the early history of military organizations in this county. He was captain of the Marion Infantry, Penn's Valley volunteer military organization from 1850-1859, and in 1858 organized both the Bellefonte Fencibles and a cavalry company in Harris and Ferguson Townships. Fisher was a close friend of General George Buchanan. In June of 1852, Major Fisher was elected Brigade Inspector of the Third Brigade 14th Division and held the office by successive election until 1859, at which time he was forced to withdraw from active military pursuits for reasons of health.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Linn, John Blair. History of Centre and Clinton Counties. Philadelphia, L. H. Everts, 1883.
Centre Reporter, newspaper, Centre Hall, Pa.; January 2, 1896.
Interview with Mr. Charles Fisher Snyder, grandson of Major J. B. Fisher, June 18, 1976.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,8	2,8,4	5,6,0	4,5	2,6	3,5,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING				
C							D			
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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	Gregory Ramsey/Historic Registration Project Madeline L. Cohen/ Office of Historic Preservation		
ORGANIZATION	Centre County Library	DATE	October, 1976
STREET & NUMBER	203 North Allegheny Street William Penn Museum, Box #1026	TELEPHONE	717-787-4363
CITY OR TOWN	Bellefonte 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



TITLE Executive Director
Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

DATE 12/21/76

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES
TOPOGRAPHIC AND GEOLOGIC SURVEY

SPRING MILLS QUADR.
PENNSYLVANIA
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOG)

283

5465 1 NE
(MADISONBURG)

285

32'30" MILLHEIM 3.1 MI. | 2 060 000 FEET (NORTH)

288

0.6 MI. TO PA. 45

