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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

**HARDMAN PHILIPS HOUSE**

AND/OR COMMON

Moshannon Hall, Halehurst

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Presquisle Street and Fourth Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Philipsburg (Rush Twp.)

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

23rd

STATE

Pennsylvania

VICINITY OF

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: _____

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Anthony P. Mull / Ruth Mull Zantzing (Mrs.)

STREET & NUMBER

Halehurst / Constant Spring

CITY, TOWN

Philipsburg 16866 / Devault 19432

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

1972

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Moshannon Hall as Halehurst was originally called, has changed over it's approximately 164 year history to meet the needs of its growing and changing residents. Originally a two and one half story Georgian style house with a gable roof, Halehurst today is three and one half stories, 7 bay long house with a gambrel roof. The original length of the five bay house can be seen by the locations of the two interior brick chimneys. The frame walls of the house are stuccoed. A full length front and side porch encircle the first story. Slender, plain columns support the second story porch level which is surrounded by a ornate railing. There is also a one story full length porch on the rear of the house.

Windows on the first story are nine over nine with plain frames and shutters. The two windows to the left of the main door have been converted to French style windows. Windows on the second story are six over six. The main door is panelled with glass sidelights and a fanlight.

Circa 1884 a carriage porch and two bay addition as well as a story bay window was added to the left gable end. This bay has a double door with glass insets. Also at this time the roof was altered to the gambrel style to create a full third story with the addition of irregular shaped and placed dormers. Fanlights were added in the gable ends at this time.

At the end of the nineteenth century a two story gable roofed wing was added to the rear. Attached to this addition, which house the kitchen and extra bedrooms, is a frame two story garage and milk house. A one story porch with ornate supports is located along the complete length of these additions on the inside of the ell.

The interior still retains much of the original woodwork and hardware although the use of the rooms has altered over the years. Halehurst has a billiard room, office, and vault living room, dining room, and green house on the first story, as well as kitchen in the ell. The second and third storys have 11 bedrooms, 5 baths and numerous storage and dressing rooms. There are 13 fireplaces not all of which are working today.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
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 1813

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Hardman Philips

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Philipsburg lies in the mountainous region of Rush Township on Moshannon Creek, 600 feet below the mountain summit. Circa 1789 the Philips brothers of Manchester, England; Hardman, James and Henry purchased through public auction in Philadelphia a large tract of land in what is now Centre, Clearfield, Cambria and Indiana counties. In 1794 the Philips brothers sent two surveyors, Behe and Treziyulny, to lay out a town. They selected a spot on the eastern bank of Moshannon Creek some distance above the mouth of Cold Stream Creek. To induce settlers to emigrate to this new town the Philips' offered each of the first twelve settlers a premium of a town lot and four acres of ground. In time twelve families from Germany, Austria and France applied for premiums.

The area at this time was wilderness covered with heavy forest and the only entrance was by footpath from Bellefonte. The first dwellings in the new town were crude log structures.

The Philips' offered to the second twelve settlers a premium of a town lot without additional land. Slowly a small community grew. During 1796 a State road was opened and the following year Henry and James Philips set up residence in a log hewn house on what is now Presque-Isle and Front Streets. This house is no longer standing. Henry and James built the first gristmill and sawmill on Cold Stream. This was the start of the most important industry of the area; lumbering.

Hardman Philips arrived and set up residence with his brothers in 1809. His subsequent development of the town and industries have gained him the distinction as the founder of Philipsburg.

Hardman Philips began construction on his home, Moshannon Hall in 1813. In 1817, he built a forge on Cold Stream near his brother's mill. His forge served as an inducement to settlers to come to Philipsburg.

Perhaps Hardman's greatest contribution to the town was the construction of his wood-screw factory in 1821, the first in the United States.

Due to the death of his two children and a series of misfortunes, Hardman Philips sold his estate and moved back to England in 1844. The iron manufacturing firm of Ulmann and Stanley of New York purchased the estate. After two years of operation they moved back to New York and sold the estate to Morgan, Hale and Company of New York. This corporation was made up of seven partners; General Reuben Charles Hale, Honorable James Hale (judge & lawyer), John M. Hale (lawyer), Dr. E.W. Hale, Governor E. D. Morgan, George D. Morgan and I. Carter Brown.

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The Morgan, Hale Company operated the Philips forge and sawmills developing an extensive lumbering industry. In order to facilitate transportation of their lumber they constructed the Tyrone and Clearfield Railroad which later became part of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Hardman Philips had earlier surveyed the route for the Tyrone and Clearfield Railroad. During the Civil War, General Reuben Charles Hale served as Quartermaster General of Pennsylvania. Upon his death his widow and heirs continued to live in Halehurst, as Moshannon Hall was known at that time.

Halehurst has changed and grown since its construction in 1813 as each new generation inherited. The recent owners, a brother and sister, inherited Halehurst from their Grandfather Reuben Mull. The house, the home of the founder of Philipsburg, is an important landmark in the development of the town and its industry.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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Linn, John Blair. History of Centre & Clinton Counties, Pa. Philadelphia: Louis H. Everts, 1883, p. 382-385.

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .8

QUADRANGLE NAME \_\_\_\_\_

QUADRANGLE SCALE \_\_\_\_\_

UTM REFERENCES

A 17 | 73,4 | 5,3,0 | 4,5 | 30 | 63,0

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Ruth M. Zantzinger / Susan M. Zacher

ORGANIZATION

PHMC

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Constant Spring

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Devault

STATE

Pennsylvania 19432

**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. Wewer*

TITLE WILLIAM J. WEWER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION

DATE 3/16/78

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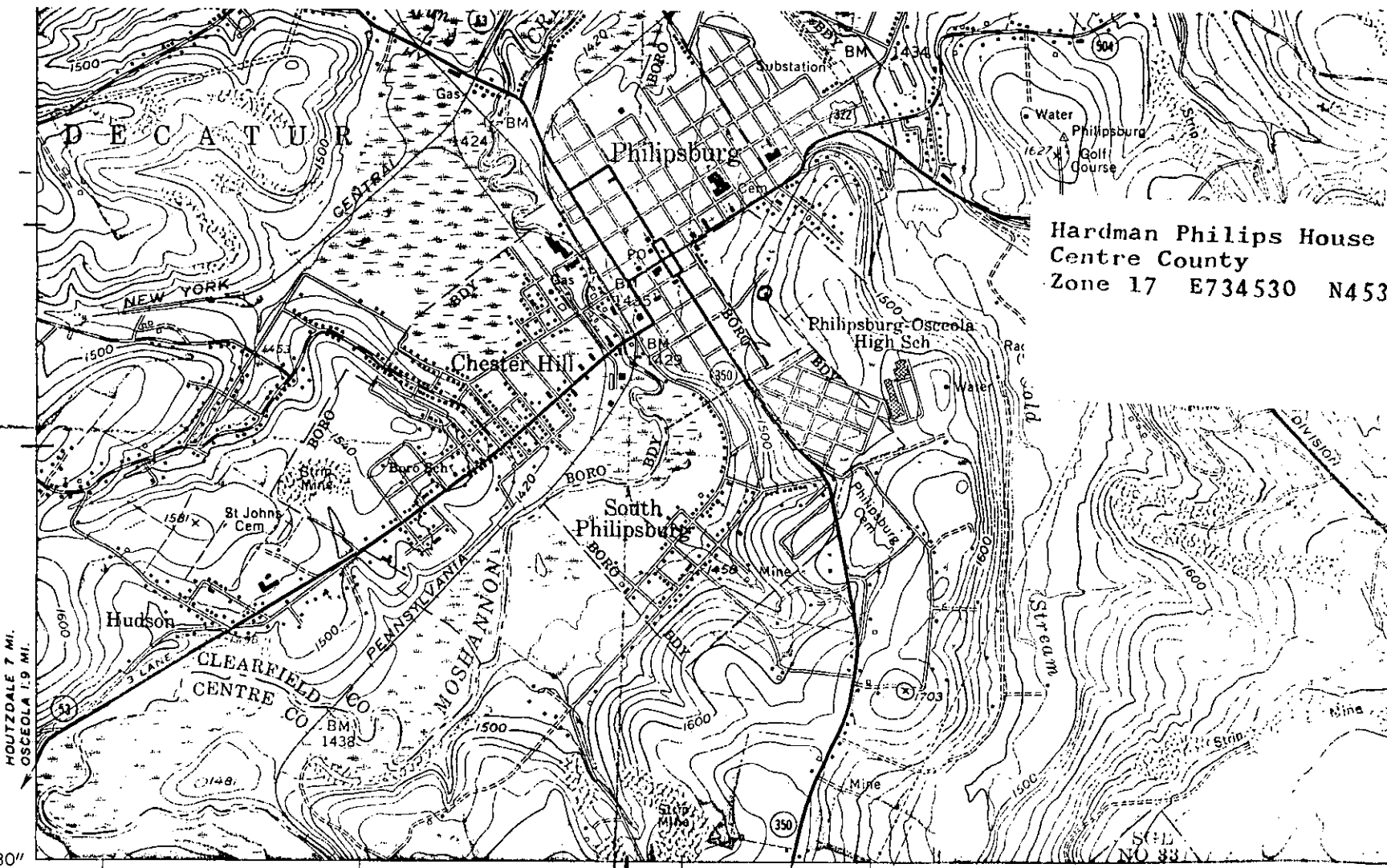
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

ATTEST: KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION



Hardman Philips House  
 Centre County  
 Zone 17 E734530 N453

40°52'30"  
 78°15'

187000 FEET

12'30"  
 SANDY RIDGE 4.5 MI.  
 BALD EAGLE 12 MI.

(SANDY R  
 SCALE 1:

(HOUTZDALE)

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Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods  
 Aerial photographs taken 1957. Field check 1959

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
 10,000-foot grid based on Pennsylvania coordinate system,  
 north zone  
 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
 zone 17, shown in blue

Red tint indicates area in which only  
 buildings and structures are shown

