

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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 PROPERTY NAME: Simon Pickle Stone House
AND/OR COMMON NAME: _____

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: Pa. Route 192 and Pa. Route 445 Northeast Corner
CITY, TOWN, VILLAGE, OR POST OFFICE: Madisonburg VICINITY OF: 23rd
STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42 COUNTY: Centre COUNTY 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 type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<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:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: Harlan and Shirley Berger
STREET & NUMBER: Pa. Route 192 & Pa. Route 445 Northeast Corner
CITY, TOWN, VILLAGE, OR POST OFFICE: Madisonburg VICINITY OF: _____ STATE: Pennsylvania

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER: High Street
CITY, TOWN, VILLAGE, OR POST OFFICE: Bellefonte STATE: Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE: Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places
DATE: 1976 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
CITY, TOWN, VILLAGE, OR POST OFFICE: 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 Simon Pickle Stone House was built in 1833 and is a two story sandstone building with integral $1\frac{1}{2}$ story kitchen wing extended to the east. The facade of the house (today concealed behind evergreens and full front porch) comprises four bays of the main house (a total of 30 feet in length) and two bays of the kitchen (an additional 18 feet). The facade was originally provided with three doorways - a fact reflecting its varied functions as private residence and commercial establishment(s). The main block of the house is 27 feet deep while the kitchen is 17 feet in depth. A two story store and summer kitchen, frame under a gable, was added to the rear of the house, ca. 1850. This was torn away in the last ten years.

The house was remodeled between 1911-20. It was at that time the second story was added over the kitchen. The main shed roof over the kitchen was removed and a full story was created, adding frame construction above the stone wall and continuing the gable roof. Other alterations included the removal of the kitchen fireplace and the stone chimney on the inner wall and the insertion of a window; construction of a full front porch; erection of a small porch behind the kitchen; replacement of the right-most door of the facade with a windows; studding of the walls, replacement of the stairway and alteration of interior partitioning

There is a basement under the main rectangle of the house. Joists run east and west and are enormous hand-hew logs, seven inches high by fifteen inches wide, varying 30-36 inches o.c. A summer beam running north and south is about twelve inches square. The walls are covered with horsehair plaster and the floor is cemented.

The attic features rafters half-lapped and square pegged. There are stringers between which are also half-lapped. Rafters and floor joists (also mortised and pegged) were prepared on the ground for final assembly, being inscribed with Roman numerals. Today, a tin roof replaces the original wooden shingle roof.

The house has seen many owners throughout its history and served as a tavern, store, post office, and private residence at various times. The floor plan has apparently been modified to meet these varying functions, but ample clues exist to suggest one of the earliest arrangements. This plan features a commercial room at the southwest corner of the house. The stairway appears to have been somewhat secluded, no doubt to gain privacy. Although not shown in our plan, the house is known to have had two fireplaces - one in the western wall (where a modern fireplace stands today) and one in the kitchen.

The house today in many details conveys a strong feeling of the past. On the exterior there is the beautiful stone-work of the walls, and original pegged window frames, shutters, hardware, and window glass provide a foil to this surface. The interior features beautiful floors of hard, yellow pine (downstairs) and white pine (upstairs), all finished to the best natural effect.

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 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 checked="" 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 1833

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The design of the Simon Pickle house is distinctive because the original builder erected a building to serve both residential and commercial purposes. The solution was a six-bay facade with three entrances, incorporating a $1\frac{1}{2}$ story kitchen (to the left) so that the facade design was totally consistent with the other four bays up to the cornice.

The Simon Pickle Stone House has a varied history as one of the earlier, well-constructed commercial buildings of Brush Valley, Centre County. Its modest size and its competent use of native materials seem to reflect the honest industry of the men and women who settled the Valley. The Pickle family numbered amongst the first of these pioneers and figured prominently in the agricultural development of the region. Although first built as a tavern and residence, the stone house was well-located for any business advantage and served in later years as store, tanyard headquarters, and post office.

Brush Valley lies in eastern Centre County and is a narrow valley, about 16 miles long and from one to two miles in breadth. The principal towns in the valley, Rebersburg (laid out in 1809 and 1819) and Madisonburg (laid out in 1816), are located along a road laid out circa 1791, today the Brush Valley Road or Pa. Route 192.

In a Sheriff's Deed of January 25, 1838, the Pickle property came into the possession of one Henry Rothrock. This deed indicates that a tannery had been set up on the property. "A large and commodious Tan and Bark House" is mentioned in the description. When Rothrock offered the property for sale a few years later, he advertised that "tannery buildings are very fine, upwards of 100 feet long." Since that era, the house has seen a succession of owners (over one dozen transactions to the present), and several times as a commercial place. Today the house is a private residence.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Linn, John Blair. History of Centre and Clinton Counties.
Philadelphia, L. H. Everts, 1883.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY / acre

UTM REFERENCES

A | 1,8 | 28,8 | 2,3,0 | 4,5 | 3,3 | 0,7,0 |
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B | | | | | | | |
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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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

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ORGANIZATION

Historic Registration Project, Centre County Library/ Pa. Hist. & Mus.

STREET & NUMBER

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TELEPHONE

717-787-4363 Commission

CITY OR TOWN

Bellefonte, Pa. / Harrisburg, Pa.

STATE

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL X

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

Nov. 1, 1976

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

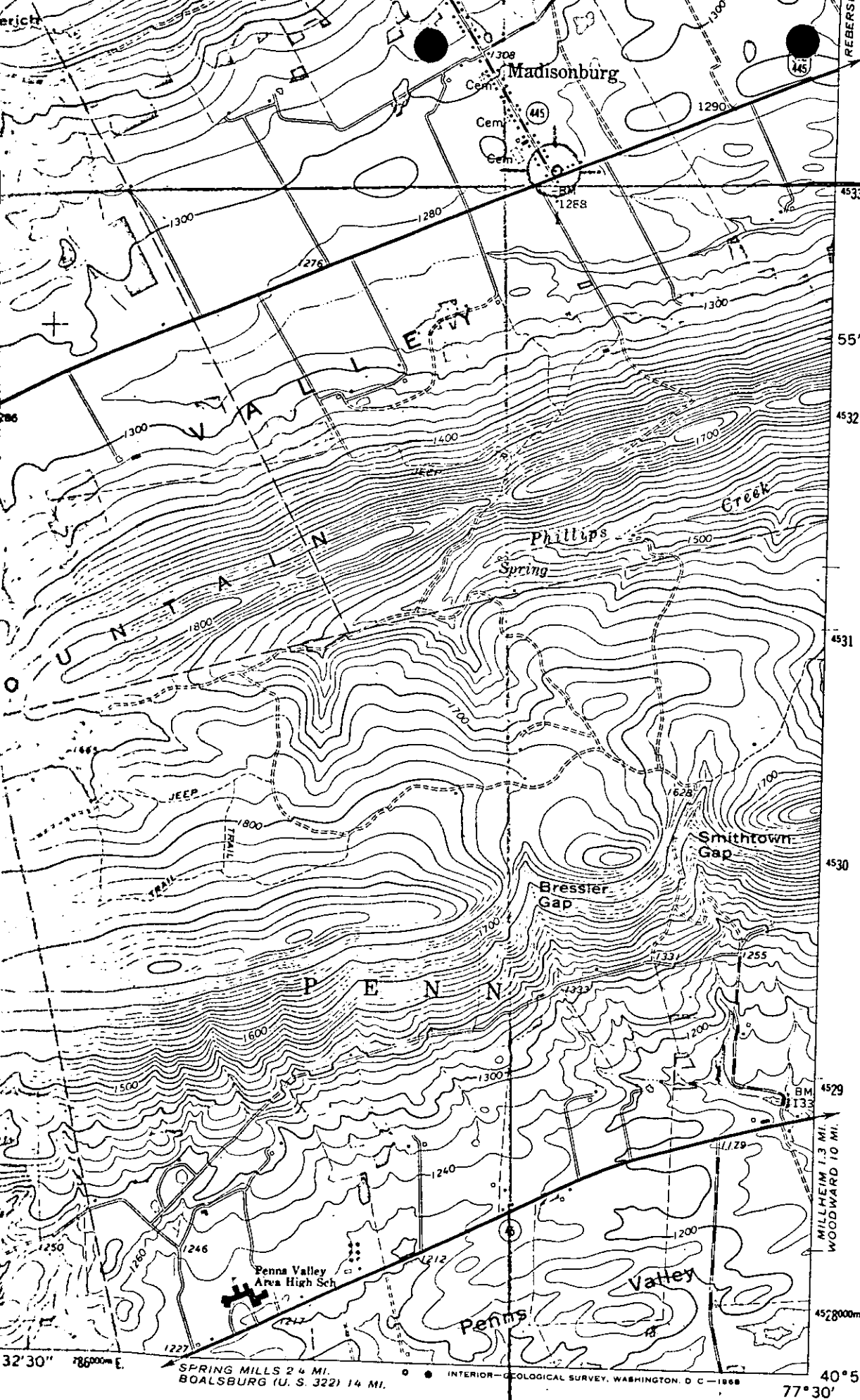
DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



Simon Pickle
House
Zone 18

288 230
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SIMON PICKLE STONE HOUSE
Centre County
ZONE 18
288 230 4533 070

32°30' 786000m E

SPRING MILLS 2.4 MI.
BOALSBURG (U. S. 322) 14 MI.

INTERIOR GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. - 1868

40°52'30" 77°30'

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———

MILLHEIM 1.3 MI.
WOODWARD 10 MI.

4528000m N

(MILLHEIM 59)