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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 *Woodward Inn*

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER  
*South Side of Pa. Rt. 45*

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

*Woodward*

VICINITY OF

*23*

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

*Pennsylvania*

*42*

*Centre*

*027*

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<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"/> PARK
			<input 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 *Mrs. Betty Z Miltenberger*

STREET & NUMBER

*R.D. #2*

CITY, TOWN

STATE

*Mifflinburg*

VICINITY OF

*Pennsylvania*

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. *Centre County Courthouse*

STREET & NUMBER

*High Street*

CITY, TOWN

STATE

*Bellefonte*

*Pennsylvania*

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE  
*Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places*

DATE

*2/10/78*

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

*Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission*

CITY, TOWN

STATE

*Harrisburg*

*Pennsylvania*

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" 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 Woodward Inn is a substantial two-and one half story stone building measuring 45 by 35 feet in plan. This building was erected in 1814 by John Motz and his mother, Mary Motz. There is a two story frame extension all along the back of the building, likely an enlargement upon an original frame summer kitchen and a large fireplace remains in this section, though blocked up, and suggests an early date.

The facade is five bay in arrangement and has the twin entrances typical of early tavern construction. The stone is limestone and is squared and roughly coursed. All windows are topped with voussoirs in flat arches and the two doorways have semi-circular stone arches above. Windows possess original shutters, hardware, and some early glass. The doorways are differentiated by their wooden frames and one door (eastern) has been replaced.

The sides of the building are roughly coursed rubble and the gable ends are each lighted by two small windows.

The building has a basement on its western end with timbers planed on two sides, 36" o.c., and a 9X12 inch summer beam running east and west.

The roof today is asphalt shingle nailed to a wooden roof with rafters (approximately 5 inches square) morticed and pegged.

The interior plan is Georgian with two rooms on each side of the central hall. The rear room on the western side of the building contains a huge fireplace with a hearth opening 6'10" in width and 4'10" in height. The top of the mantle shelf is 6'2" from the floor.

Front and back rooms on each side are joined by most unusual arches cut through the walls. The moldings surrounding these are authentic and the motif is repeated by arches leading from the second floor hall.

Rooms on the first story have chairrails and the front room on the eastern side (probably the original bar room) has simple plank wainscoating. The rear room on this side has a small modestly styled mantle. Floors have been resurfaced with hardwood floors in modern times but ceilings display the original pit-sawed planks, with bead.

The hall has been partitioned toward the front in modern times and a rest room installed to the left of the stairs. The stairway is intact and features turned balustels (open string), square newel with crown, decorated stair ends, and a ramped handrail. The newel and handrail are reflected on the stair wall in applied woodwork. The stairs are open neweled with two turns to the second story.

From a small hall on the second story three arched wall openings permit entrance to the various rooms. Evidence furnished by our investigation strongly suggest that the original layout consisted of only three rooms: a large room on the west running the depth of the building, a room along the front, and a smaller room east of the hall. Today all this area has been variously partitioned, being supplied with smaller rooms and hallways. It appears that fireplaces on this floor throughout and suggest the original plan.

The Woodward Inn has been refurbished following a fire in the 1920's and again after the Second World War. This work however has had little effect on the integrity of the materials and design. The building could easily be restored to its authentic state.

# 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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES      1814

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Woodward Inn, built in 1814, is a substantial stone structure of impressive character and design. This structure suggests the excellent rural Pennsylvania craftsmanship of its period, and stands as a testimonial to the settlers who founded and developed the small rural agricultural community of Woodward located at the eastern end of Penns Valley in Centre County.

Both in style and construction, the Woodward Inn offers an excellent instructive example in Pennsylvania vernacular architecture of its period. In style, the inn presents a well preserved example of the traditional Georgian design structure used commercially as an inn establishment throughout the late 18th and early 19th century. Featuring the simplicity, regularity and balanced symmetry of the Georgian style, the inn remains one of only six known structures still in existence in Centre County.

Several details of importance which point to this structure's unusual craftsmanship and design include such things as the twin semicircular fan-light entrances, of which both are topped with voussoirs in a semi-circular arrangement. (The windows as well are detailed with a flat arched voussoir patterning.) The exterior hardware, of which most is original, highlights such design characteristics as tapered handwrought straps and pintles. Finally, the carpentry, both fine and rough, exhibit excellent craftsmanship and design in such details as the floor and roof construction as well as unusually designed trim treatment on both main living floors.

Of the six stone inn structures remaining in Centre County, the Woodward Inn is comparable only to the Old Boalsburg Tavern (1819) in the quality and refinement used in its construction. Both inns, the Boalsburg Tavern and the Woodward Inn, stand as the most representative and well preserved examples of vernacular stone inn architecture that Centre County has to offer.

The Woodward Inn very graphically suggests the significant role that the inn structure played in the development of the transportation system throughout the United States and more specifically within Centre County. Although not grandiose in scale, this structure records and preserves the work, business and means of conveying passengers and materials along the early turnpike and road networks of this country.

In 1786 John Motz and his wife Mary came up from Penns Township, now Snyder County, purchasing the John Chandler warrantee from Jacob Stover, Sr. on April 20 of the previous year. Shortly after the move, John Motz erected the first grist mill in Penns Valley, a log structure, a short distance below the present day stone inn. The small agricultural community that was to develop as a result of the mill's construction was referred to as Motz's Bank. John Motz, Sr. died in 1802 leaving a substantial family of seven to be reared by his wife Mary.

See Continuation Sheet

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The eldest son, John, Jr., born in 1792, would eventually take control of the family milling operation when he became of age some years later. Quite successful as a businessman, John, Jr. tore down the log mill in 1824 and erected a new mill on its site. When completed he commensed shipping grain down Penns Creek by ark to the river. In 1831 a disastrous fire destroyed the mill and much of the grain held within. Losing heavily in the fire, it required much persuasion from the neighboring community to convince him to rebuild. A new stone mill (1832) was then built on the site and the milling operation again resumed.

The present day stone inn, referred to both as the Stagecoach Inn and the Woodward Inn, was erected in 1814 primarily through the initiatives of John Motz, Jr. and his mother, Mary Whitmer Motz. This stone inn replaced an earlier log of frame structure and combined nicely with a store, mill and distillery for a convenient stage stop on the present day stone structure and functioned conveniently as a stop-over place after the particularly long and arduous passage of the Woodward Narrows on what would be considered, under present day terms, unimproved roads.

The Woodward Inn, through its association with the Motz family and their importance to the formation of both the early road network and the development of strong agricultural community at the eastern end of the Penns Valley at Woodward, can be considered a significant landmark in the development of the eastern portion of Centre County.

**10 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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 Linn, John Blair: History of Centre and Clinton Counties, Philadelphia, Louis H. Everts, 1883.  
 Commemorative Biographical Record of Central Pennsylvania, Chicago, J.H. Beers and Co., 1898.  
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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .1 acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Woodward, PA

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 18 3014610 45299515  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING  
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 E           
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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING  
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION An area of .1 acre surrounding Inn in lot measuring 50 feet by 175 feet. Starting at SW corner of Rt. 45 then W for 175 ft. then S for 50 ft., then E for 175 ft. then N for 50 ft. to starting point.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE  
Gregory Ramsey, Coordinator: Michael Halm, Assistant

ORGANIZATION  
Historic Registration Project

DATE  
(814) 355 3249

STREET & NUMBER  
203 N. Allegheny

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN  
Bellefonte

STATE  
Pennsylvania 16823

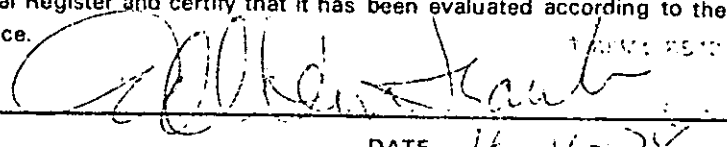
**12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

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 ED WEINTRAUB, Director  
Office of Historic Preservation

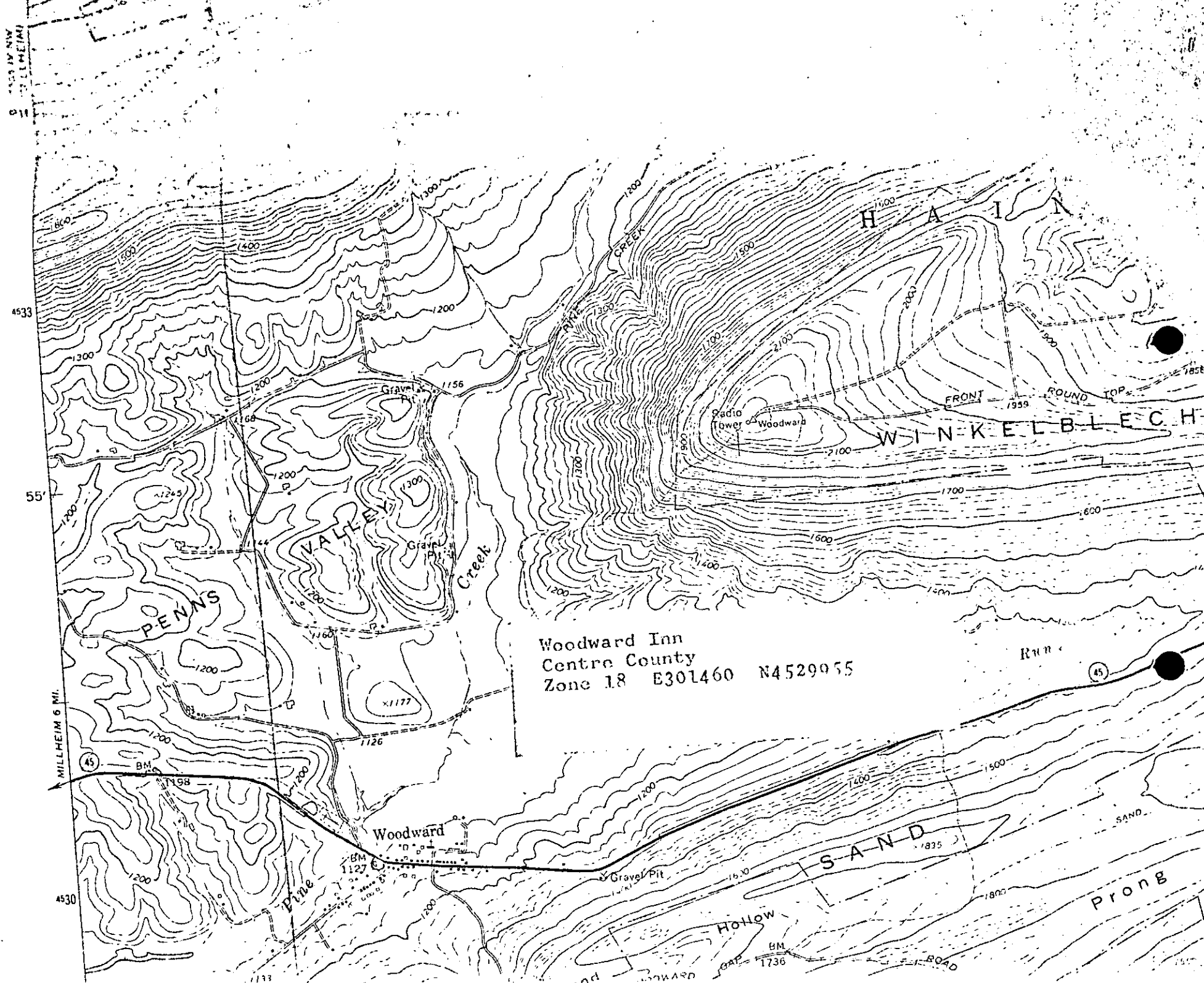
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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER.

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER DATE

ATTEST: CHIEF OF REGISTRATION DATE



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MILLHEIM 6 MI.

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Woodward Inn  
Centre County  
Zone 18 E301460 N4529055

H A I N

WINKELBLECH

PENNS

VALLEY

SAND

Prong

Hollow

1835

BM 1736

Woodward

BM 1127

Gravel Pit 1156

Gravel Pit

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Gravel Pit

BM 1126

BM 1198

BM 1133

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