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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 BROCKERHOFF HOTEL

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

SW Corner High & Allegheny Streets

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Bellefonte

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

23rd

STATE

Pennsylvania

CODE

42

COUNTY

Centre

CODE

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 type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER St. floor leased to various tenants

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Estate of Henry A. Brockerhoff, deceased, c/o Mrs. Henry A. Brockerhoff

STREET & NUMBER

545 East Curtin Street

CITY, TOWN

Bellefonte

VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania 16823

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Centre County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

High Street

CITY, TOWN

Bellefonte

STATE

Pennsylvania 16823

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Historical Reflections of Centre County

DATE

1970, 1972

FEDERAL STATE  COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Centre County Planning Commission  
Centre County Courthouse, High Street

CITY, TOWN

Bellefonte

STATE

Pennsylvania 16823

**7** DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

 EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR DETERIORATED RUINS UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

 UNALTERED ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

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

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Brockerhoff Hotel is a large, brick building measuring approximately 170' by 60' in plan with a stone foundation, full basement, commercial street story, two hotel stories, and a capacious attic story (which is unfinished). The original building was built in 1866 in an Italianate style. In the 1880's the hotel was renovated to a mansard roof with dormers. The present appearance of the top story owes to a remodeling in 1890. This roof is an example of late 19th century eclecticism (drawing inspiration from Queen Anne and Second Empire styles) and is strikingly bold. The roof is slate, with colored (bright red and also green, white, and cream) slates making up various patterns and contrasting color areas.

The first story of the building has changed considerably with modern store fronts along the entire length. The installation of a large retail store at the southern end of the building ended in the removal of several partitioning walls. The stairway leading to the hotel floors is also of modern vintage although an early back stairway remains north of the main lobby.

The hotel floors are distinguished by wide hallways and high ceilings. Doorways display wide, eared moldings; and rooms are conveniently arranged. The second floor features a dining room at its northern end and a very large kitchen. A bar room also exists on the second floor toward the northeast quarter of the building. The third floor is laid out into guest accommodations and a proprietor's apartment. The attic story is unfinished although wall studs had been erected.

Perhaps the most outstanding interior feature of the hotel beyond its ample size and convenient layout is the fact that most partitioning walls are brick. Bellefonte's history of disastrous fires no doubt lie behind this provision.

The building today stands empty above the first story. Although most desparately in need of repair, the Brockerhoff Hotel is in good structural condition.

# 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      1866

BUILDER/ARCHITECT      Henry Brockhoff

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Brockhoff Hotel is a building closely identified with the prosperity of Bellefonte in the 19th century and is one of the principal architectural landmarks of the town.

Architecturally, the hotel is a building of exceptional character and imposing proportions. Physically at the center of historic Bellefonte, it has a commanding presence and adds an enormous part to the atmosphere and visual charm of the town. Few buildings in the area so amply suggest great Victorian elegance and prosperity.

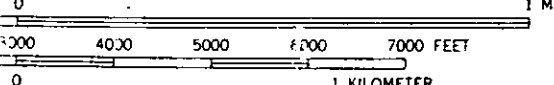
Henry Brockhoff was born in Dusseldorf. As a young man he went into service as a clerk (or under secretary) for Napoleon I of France. At the defeat of Napoleon, Mr. Brockhoff sailed for Australia and because of a wreckage, wound up in Philadelphia. In 1825 he came to Bellefonte. In the 1860's he was an original stockholder and President of the Centre County Banking Company. On the site of an older hotel, Brockhoff began to build a new hotel. It was completed in 1866. The hotel has remained in the Brockhoff family to the present day and its tradition of elegant accomodation is well-known.





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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———  
 Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———