

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 "EDGEMONT"

AND/OR COMMON

(The Jenks Homestead)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Box #347, R. D. #1
S.E. Quad. of Rte. 413 & Bridgetown Road

--- NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
8th

CITY, TOWN
Langhorne

--- VICINITY OF

STATE
Pennsylvania

CODE
42

COUNTY
Bucks

CODE
017

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"/> 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"/> OTHER:
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr. & Mrs. Robert S. Miller

STREET & NUMBER
Box 347, R. D. #1

CITY, TOWN
Langhorne

--- VICINITY OF

STATE
Pennsylvania

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Recorder of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER
Bucks County Administration Building

CITY, TOWN
Doylestown

STATE
Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE
February, 1977

--- 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 _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Edgemont is a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ story five-bay stucco over stone house. It has a symmetrical floorplan with a central hall and stair opening onto a parlor room to the north and one to the south. The exterior facade has 9/9 sash windows on the main floor and 6/9 on the second. An arch entrance with fanlight and simple fluted pilasters frame the door. A porch, added in the 1830's and remodelled several times, extends from the entranceway. The dormers carry arched pediments with returns that cap pilasters on each side of the dormer windows.

In 1830 the homestead was "modernized" by replacing the south parlor mantel with a Greek Revival marble mantel, replacing the first floor doors with solid cherry raised panel doors and the addition of two porches and dormers. These features all remain.

"Improvements (to the land) are (sic) a well planned and finished two story stone house having two parlors and an entry on the first floor with an open staircase; three rooms on the second, and an L-kitchen adjoining. Its location is on a commanding elevation, surrounded by a handsome yard planted with ornamental trees..."
(Bucks County Intelligencer & General Advertiser, December 5, 1831)

The most significant alteration to the structure occurred in the 1870's. At that time the roof line of the kitchen was modified to the existing two story single pitch shed roof. The old kitchen was further modified at that time moving the location of the cellar stairway to the pantry (SE corner). The old cellar stairway was floored forming a closet. The walk-in kitchen fireplace was closed and turned to face into a rough summer kitchen which extended to the east of the original kitchen. In 1972 the old kitchen was restored, stairs relocated, walk-in fireplace restored.

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 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 1820-1823 alterations BUILDER/ARCHITECT
1830's

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

"Edgemont" is a very fine example of the early Federal period of architecture. The house expresses much of the best qualities of the style.

The geneology indicates that the house was built by a Quaker, Charles Jenks. In general, it is felt that the Quakers held on to building styles somewhat longer than their contemporaries. This (might) explain why the house was built at a somewhat later date than what is usually considered the early Federal period.

After reviewing the historical documentation, there is not much doubt that Charles Jenks (ca. 1823) built the present house soon after he inherited the farm in 1820. He built the structure in an early Federal style. Joseph Jenks, his brother, acquired the property in 1831 and made minor changes which are presently observable. He is responsible for the Greek Revival style mantel and the first floor doors, as well as the two porches and dormers. (Letter from Albert F. Ruthrauff, A.I.A. to Robert S. Miller, April 21, 1975).

In 1971 Mathew Weaver sold a 4 acre lot to Joseph Jenks, Sr. completing his assemblage of 51 contiguous acres of land. The four acre plot contained a house that was located at the same point, or within several hundred feet of the present location of Edgemont.

The Jenks Family of Bucks County trace their descent from Thomas Jenks of Shropshire, England. Thomas Jenks was one of the earliest converts to the principles of George Fox. Thomas Jenks, II, embarked for America with his wife and son, Thomas III, but died enroute. The wife and son arrived ca. 1700. Thomas III settled in Wrightstown, Bucks County. Thomas Jenks IV was a member of the Colonial Assembly; delegate to the Constitutional Convention and member of the State Senate. Thomas IV's brother, Joseph, was a major agriculturalist in Bucks County and owned the land where Edgemont is located. Joseph Jenks' grandsons (of son, William) Charles and Joseph built and lived in Edgemont.

The Jenks Family are an early family of Quakers to settle Bucks County. They have been involved with agriculture in Bucks throughout the 18th and 19th centuries.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A 18 510,650,0 444,882,0
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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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

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Robert S. Miller/Madeline L. Cohen, Office of Historic Preservation

ORGANIZATION

-----/Pa. Historical & Museum Commission

DATE

April, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Box 347, Bridgetown Road, R. D. #1/P.O. Box 1026

TELEPHONE

717-787-4363

CITY OR TOWN

Langhorne/Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

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

WILLIAM J. WEWER, Executive Director
Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

DATE

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

TEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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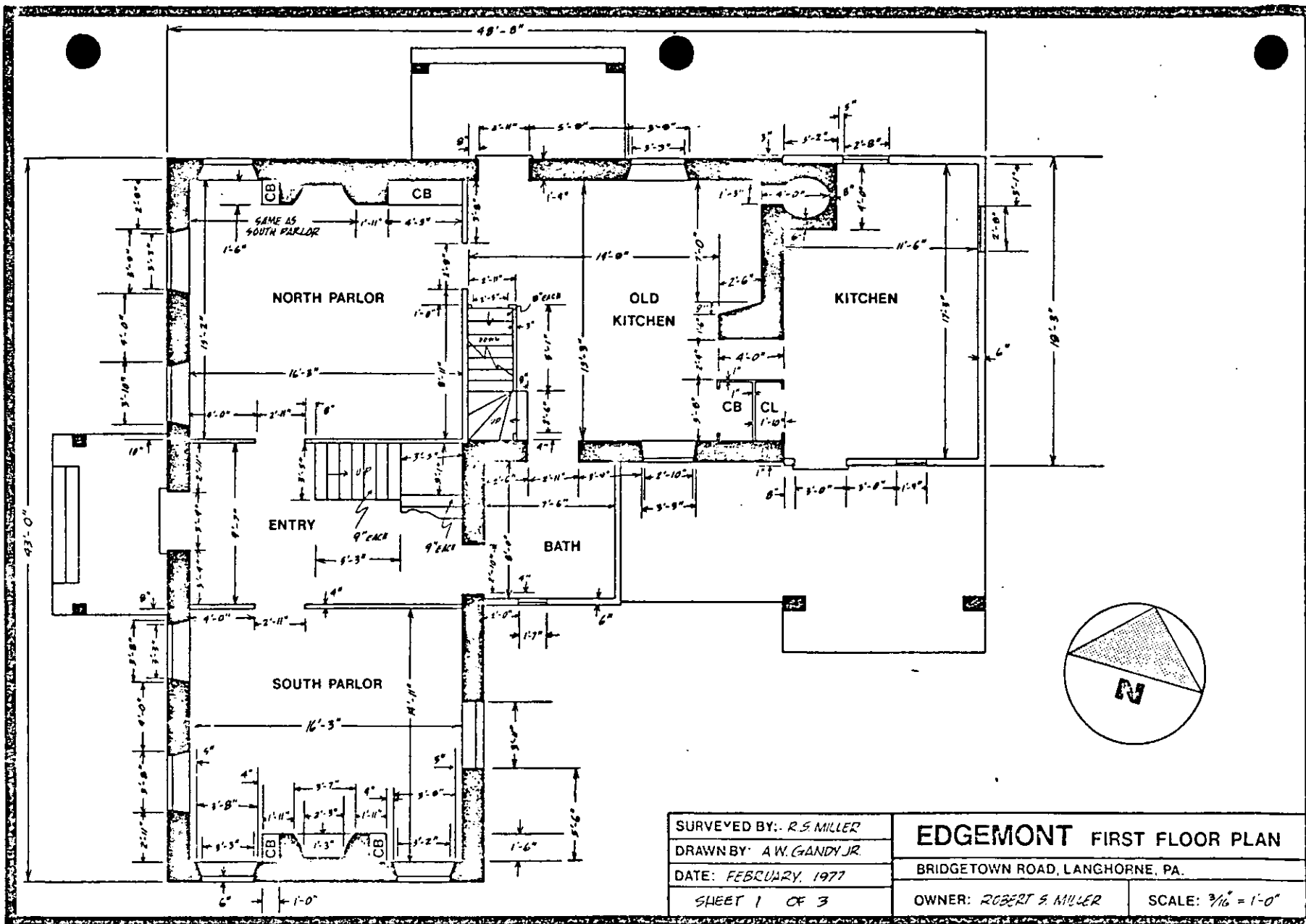
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Maps:

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Map of Bucks County from Surveys. W. E. Morris, about 1850, Pub. R. P. Smith, Philadelphia.

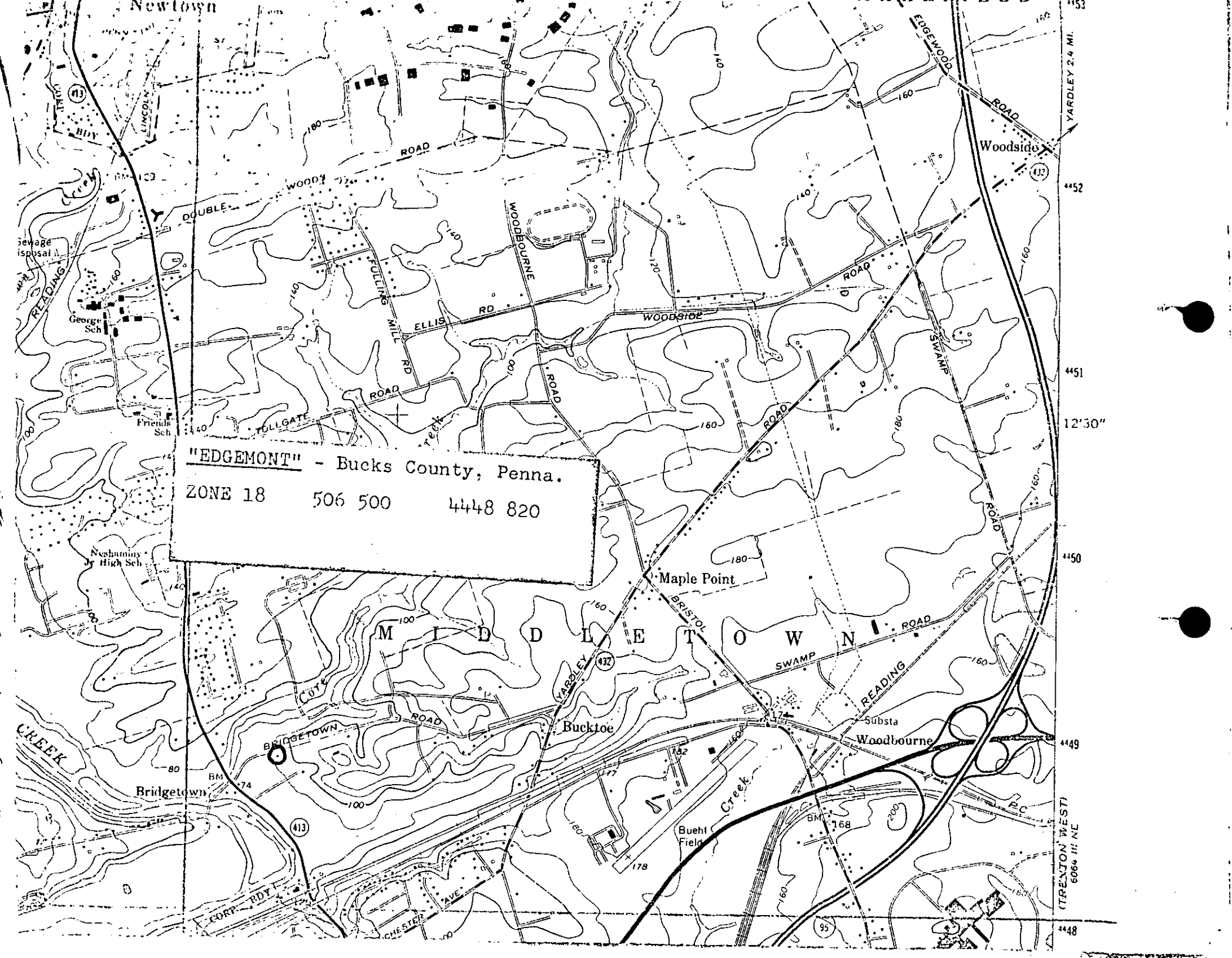
Atlas Map of Bucks County, J. D. Scott, 1876.



SURVEYED BY: R.S. MILLER	EDGEMONT FIRST FLOOR PLAN	
DRAWN BY: A.W. GANDY JR.	BRIDGETOWN ROAD, LANGHORNE, PA.	
DATE: FEBRUARY, 1977	OWNER: ROBERT S. MILLER	SCALE: 3/16" = 1'-0"
SHEET 1 OF 3		

"EDGEMONT" - Bucks County, Penna.
 First Floor Plan
 Date: February, 1977
 Scale: 3/16" = 1'0"
 Drawn By: A. W. Gandy, Jr.

"EDGEMONT" - Bucks County, Penna.
ZONE 18 506 500 4448 820



(TRENTON WEST)
606 & 11' NE

4448

4449

4450

12'30"

4451

4452

YARDLEY 2.4 MI.