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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

STOVER MILL

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

PA. 32 Erwinna Headquarters Road
East Side of River Rd (Rt. 32) 1/2 mi south of

CITY, TOWN

Erwinna

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

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 checked="" 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Tinicum Civic Association

meeting place for Tinicum Civic Association

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Erwinna

VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Bucks County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Doylestown

STATE

Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

1-22-79

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<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 Stover Mill is a rectangular building of $3\frac{1}{2}$ stories, constructed of native stone in its first 2 stories and brick laid in common bond in the upper floors. It is covered with stucco from the second floor to the roof line. The mill is set into the river bank, with the first floor or basement at river level, and the main entrance at the opposite (west) gable end facing River Road. The front facade is three bays long with a central horizontally divided door at ground level and six panel doors centered at the 3rd and 4th floors. Each door is flanked by windows; all windows in the mill are six over six sash hung style. A gable overhang contains the pulley mechanism used to lift grain to the doors on the upper floors. An interior brick chimney is located at the gable end behind the overhang.

Most of the stucco has worn off the south wall. The south elevation is unbroken except for 2 windows on the creek end, on the second and third floors. Two stone arches at water level in the last end allowed water to pass out of the mill. The turbine shafts in the basement are visible through the arches. The east wall, overlooking the river, contains one door at each of the four floors, located slightly to the right of center. A window is located slightly to the left of center on both the second and third floors, with a slightly smaller window a little further to the left on the top floor.

The north wall, 3 bays long, has a metal fire door at the center of the wall on both the 2nd and 3rd floors, each flanked by windows. A four sided wooden cupola with a 6 over 6 sash window in each wall straddles the center of the roof ridge. Its sloping pyramidal roof is surmounted by a ball finial.

A frame sawmill, constructed in 1836, was attached to the south wall of the mill until it was destroyed in the flood of 1936. Slight markings on the mill wall and bits of the foundation are all that can be seen today.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input type="checkbox"/> 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 1832

BUILDER/~~ARCHITECT~~ Henry Stover & Family

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Stover Mill is located along the west bank of the Delaware River in the farm region of rural Upper Bucks County. Built in 1832, it is a well-preserved example of a typical water-powered grist mill of the 19th century. Much of its original equipment remains intact, including millstones, shafts, chutes and flour sifters. Water turbines are still in place, but the mill probably had a waterwheel when it was first constructed. It was one of the first mills in the area to be converted to turbine power. A frame sawmill was added at the south end of the grist mill in 1836, but it was destroyed in the flood of 1936. Few traces of its foundation remain.

The Stover family was a prominent milling family, owning or operating many mills on both sides of the river in the Upper Delaware Valley. In 1830, Henry S. Stover (1786-1873) purchased land bordering the Delaware River at Erwinna for a grist mill, which he and his family erected in 1832. It was run for 100 years by Stover and his descendants, until John J. Stover, Henry's grandson, closed it in 1932.

John J. Stover was an early proponent of electric power. Realizing its value for light, power, and telephone service, he installed a dynamo in the mill to furnish electricity to the Erwinna area. The telephone exchange was located in the John Stover House. Today the dynamo is on view on the second floor of the mill.

The Stover Mill is a fine example of the typical stone and brick water-powered grist mills once common along the waterways of eastern Pennsylvania. It is notable for its well-preserved milling equipment and for its connection with the locally prominent milling family, the Stovers. It was one of the first mills in the area to be converted to turbine power, and was the site of an early electric dynamo used to supply power to the surrounding area.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .3

QUADRANGLE NAME Lumberville, PA

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 18 494200 4182670

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

(See Continuation Sheet)

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

Lois R. Anderson, Trustee

ORGANIZATION

Tincum Civic Association

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Anderson Farm

TELEPHONE

215-297-5797

CITY OR TOWN

Tincum, Pipersville

STATE

Pennsylvania 18947

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

Ed Weintraub

TITLE ED WEINTRAUB, Director
Office of Historic Preservation

DATE 8-8-79

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

Carl Skell
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 10-18-79

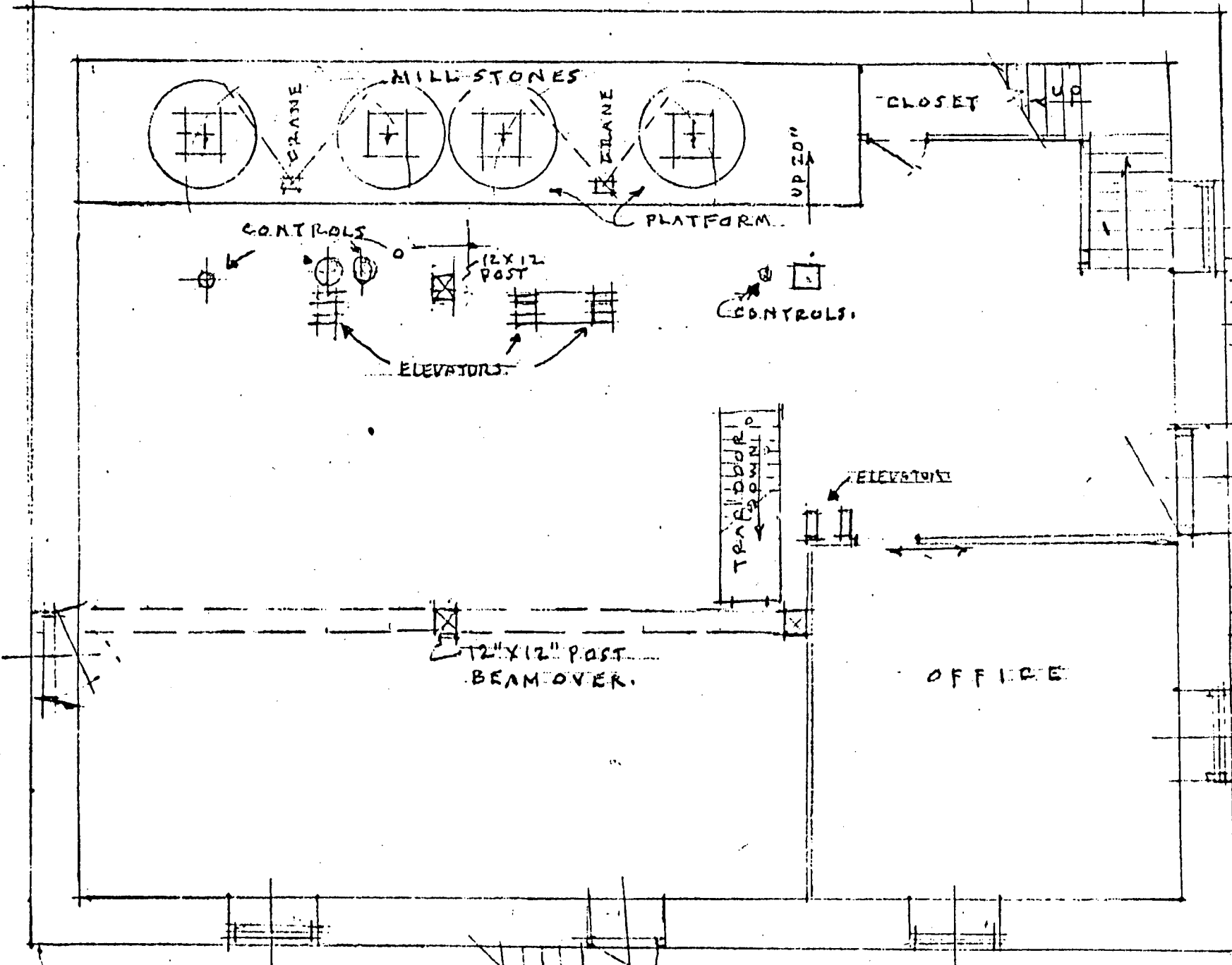
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CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 10-18-79

DELAWARE RIVER

SLPPE TO RIVER

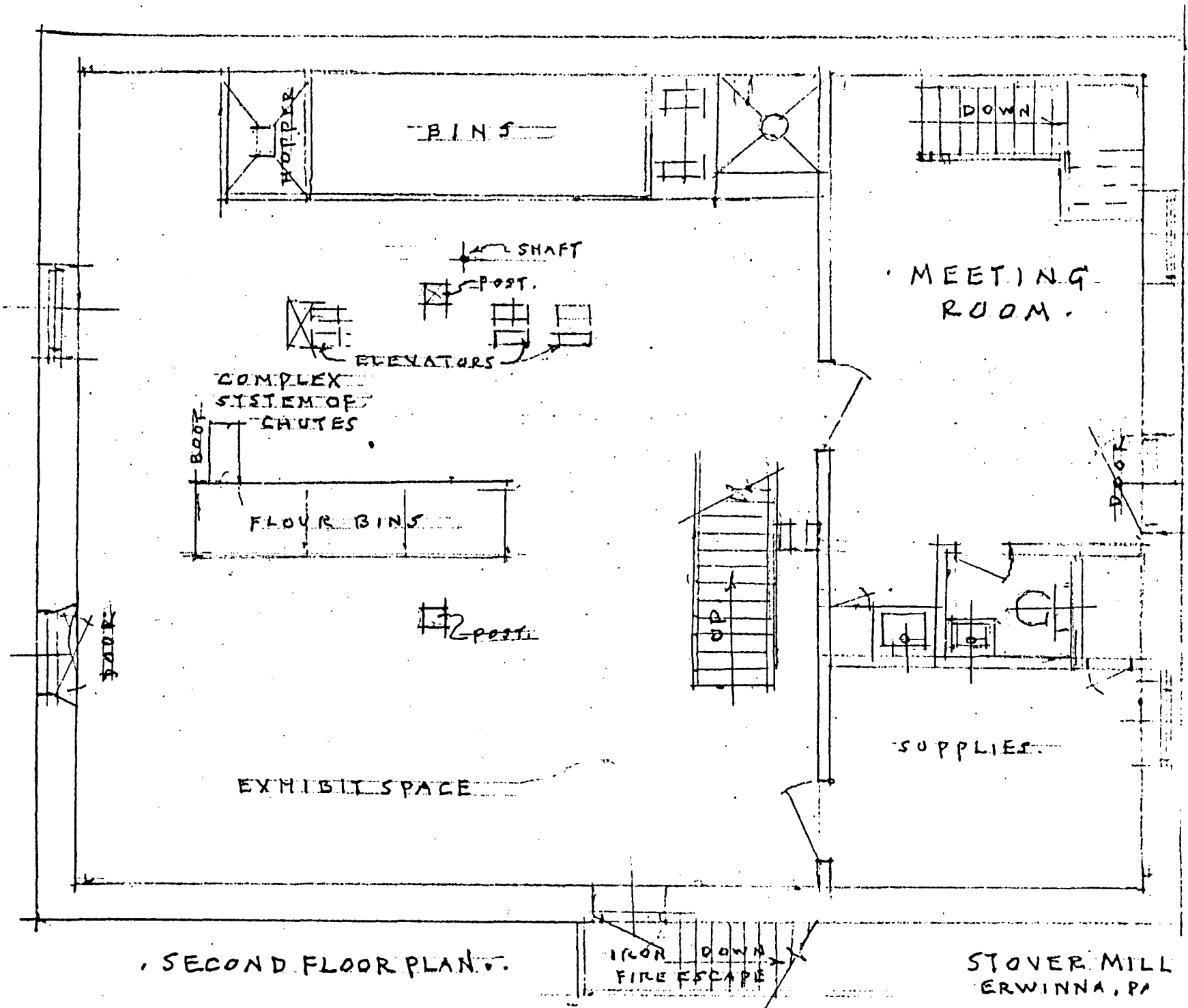
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FIRST FLOOR PLAN

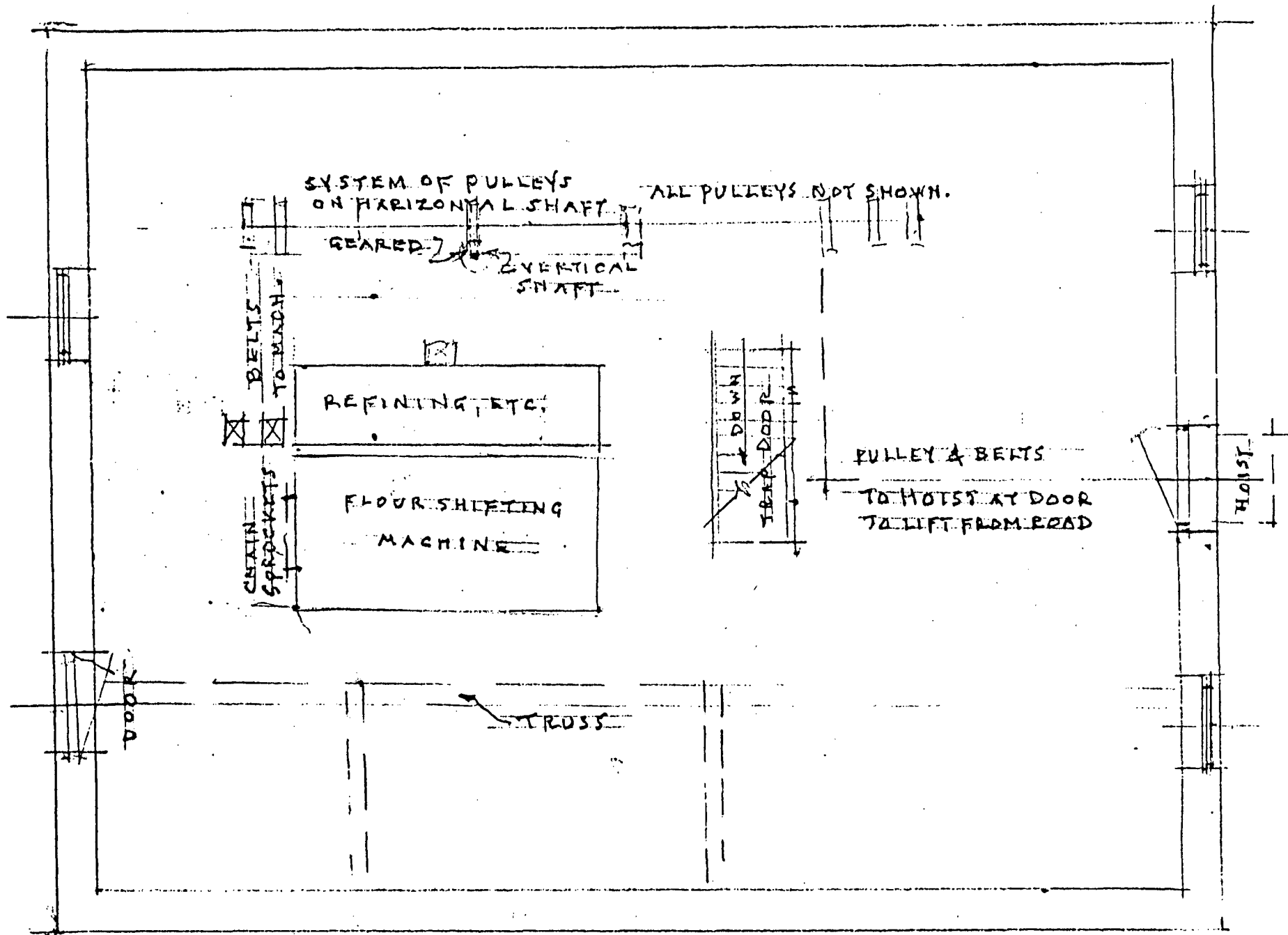
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STOVER MILL ERWINNA,



SECOND FLOOR PLAN.

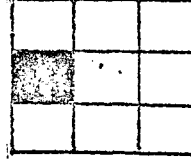
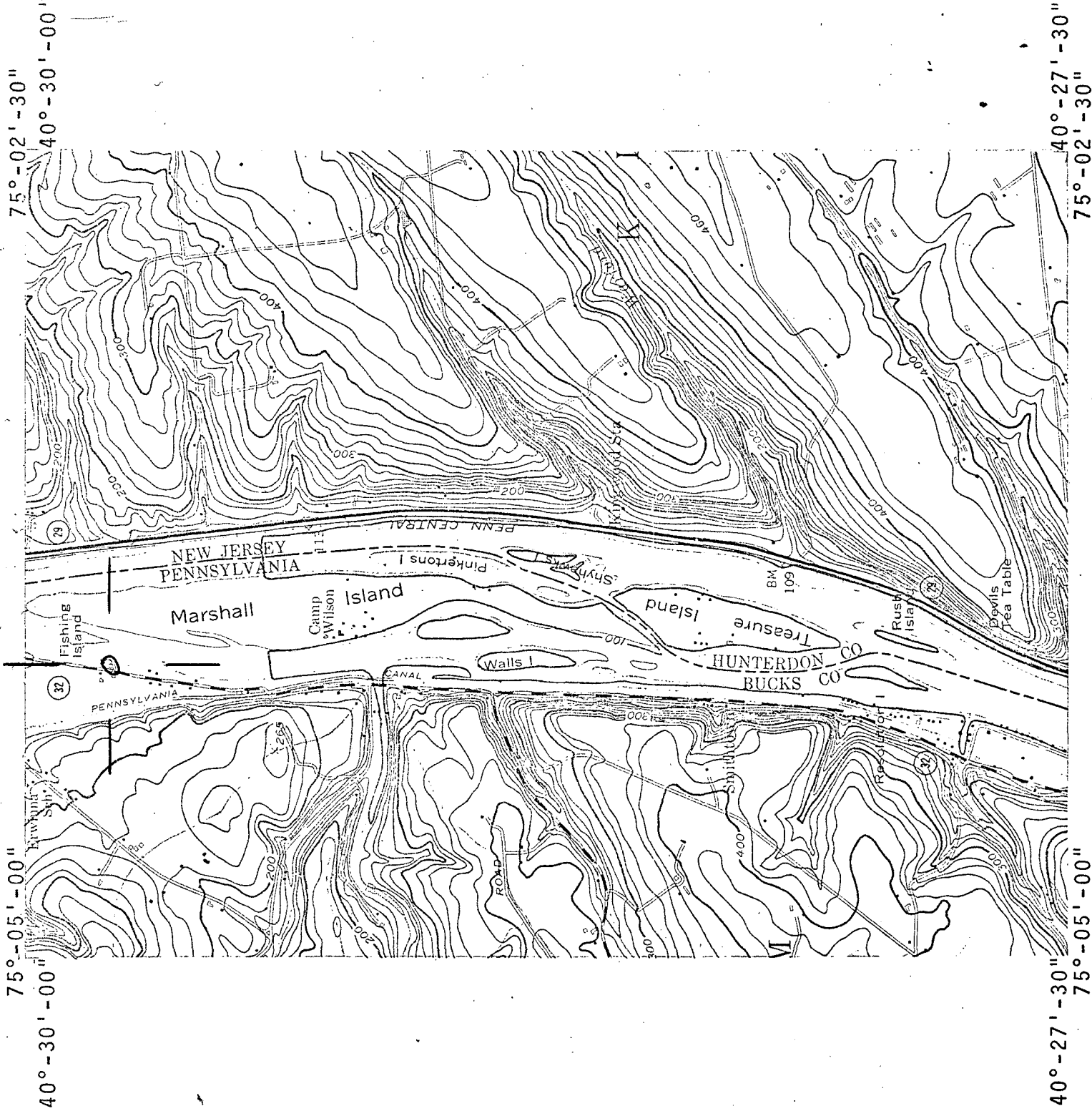
STOVER MILL
ERWINNA, PA



THIRD FLOOR PLAN.

STOVER MILL
ERWINNA PA.

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
Section 10, Continuation Sheet Number 1



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Tinticum Township
Bucks County
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