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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 VANSANT FARMHOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

Overlook Valley Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

7/10 mile on Cedar Lane (off Railroad Avenue) NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Rushland

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8th

STATE

Pennsylvania

CODE
42

COUNTY
Bucks

CODE
017

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input 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"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Schmueckle

STREET & NUMBER

Overlook Valley Farm

CITY, TOWN

Rushland

VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania 18956

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Recorder of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

Bucks County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Doylestown

STATE

Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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 Vansant Farmhouse is a two story "L" shaped stone building. The house was built in two periods with the (now) two story back structure and one story kitchen shed built in 1762. The front addition was built ca. 1820.

The early section is a simple stone structure with a single large room on each floor, approximately 15' square with 8' high ceilings. A stairway occupies the north wall. An enormous looking fireplace is on the south end, opening into a kitchen. The kitchen is several steps below the floor level of the adjoining room and originally had an earthen floor.

The early 19th century addition is stone covered with stucco. Of similar proportions although appearing from the exterior somewhat more formal and symmetrical, the newer section maintains the modest character of the older section. The newer section has two rooms on each floor, one somewhat larger than the other. Although the northern facade of three bays has a window-door-window arrangement, the interior doesn't appear to have had any central hall or stair. The stairwell of the 1762 section appears to have served in both building periods, permitting a somewhat more original (functional) spatial solution on the interior. A one story, 20th century terraced porch has been added to the west to "square" the "L" of the 19th century structure.

In the immediate area of the farmhouse there are several other structures. A roof cellar is banked into the rise of the ground just at the N.E. corner of the house. It is 10'x 20', 6' high with stone arch construction and earthen floor. There is also a carriage house (mid-19th century) now used as garage and artist's studio. A functioning barn is also in the area.

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"/> 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 1768

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Garret Vansant, Sr. settled on this site in 1716, having come from Holland via Long Island, New York. The grandson of Garret, Sr., Garret Vansant III married Rebekah Evans in 1760. He and/or his brother, Cornelius, built the present structure. The datestone "CLV G R 1768" appears to identify Cornelius, (possibly) his wife, Marylee, Vansant, Garret III and Rebekah. As Cornelius had no children, the property remained in Garret III's and Rebekah's family being inherited by his daughter, Mary (Carver). The newer section was probably built by Jesse Worthington, who bought the house and property from the Carvers in 1818.

The Vansant Farmhouse is an austere building illustrating in fine example, a simple building style of the 18th century. A structure, once commonplace and often replaced by larger farmsteads, remains here a rare reminder of the early types of farm residences.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Buck, William J. History of Bucks County.
U.S. Direct Tax of 1798.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING						

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Madeline L. Cohen, Office of Historic Preservation

ORGANIZATION

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

DATE

January, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

William Penn Memorial Museum, P. O. Box 1026

TELEPHONE

717-787-4363

CITY OR TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

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

DATE

Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

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

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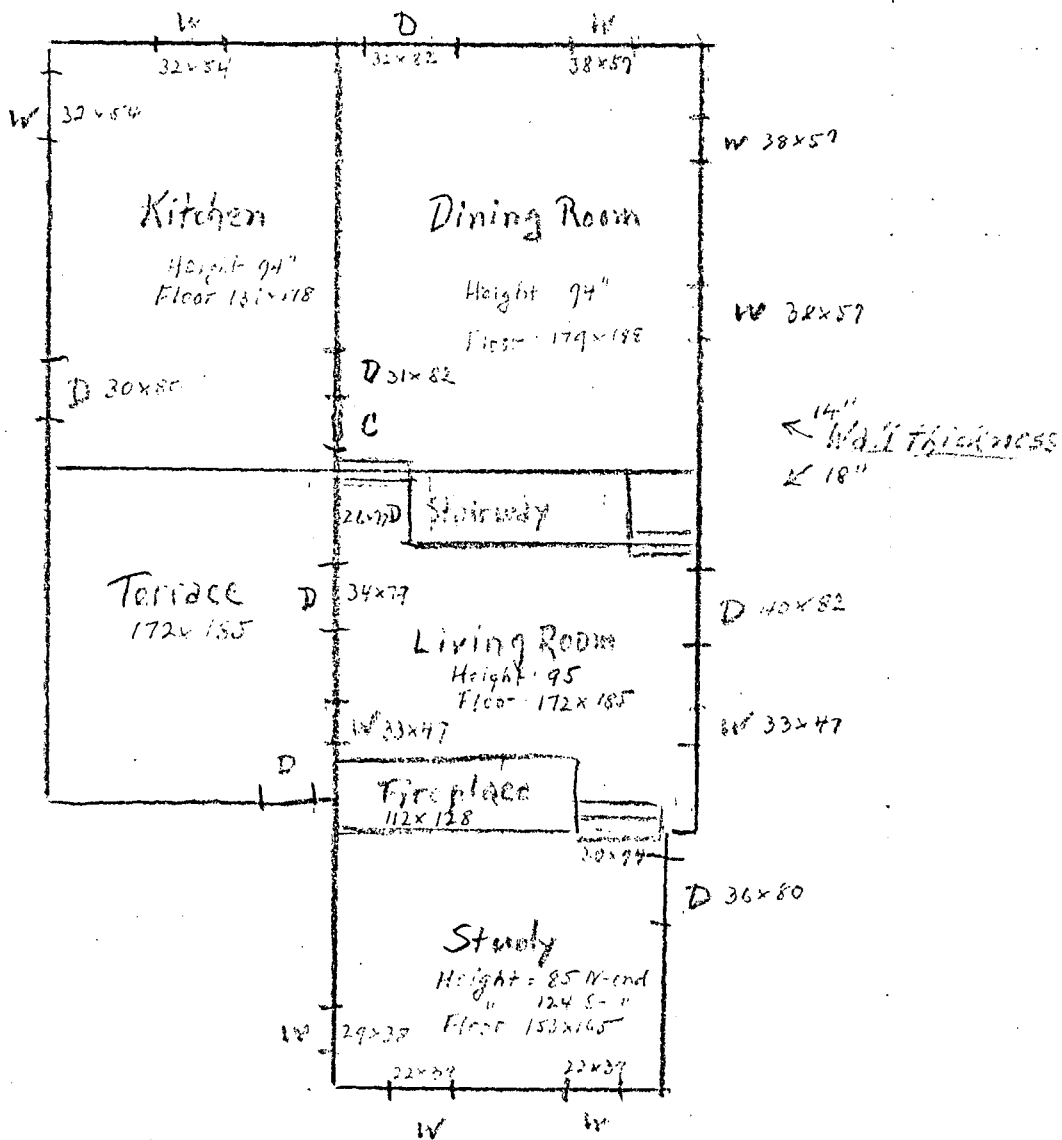
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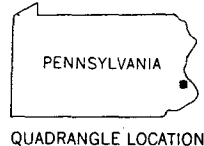
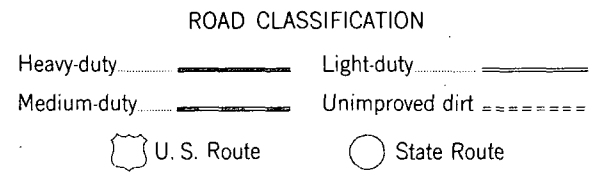
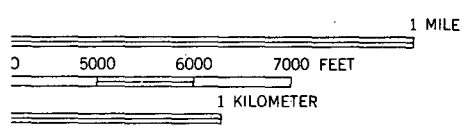
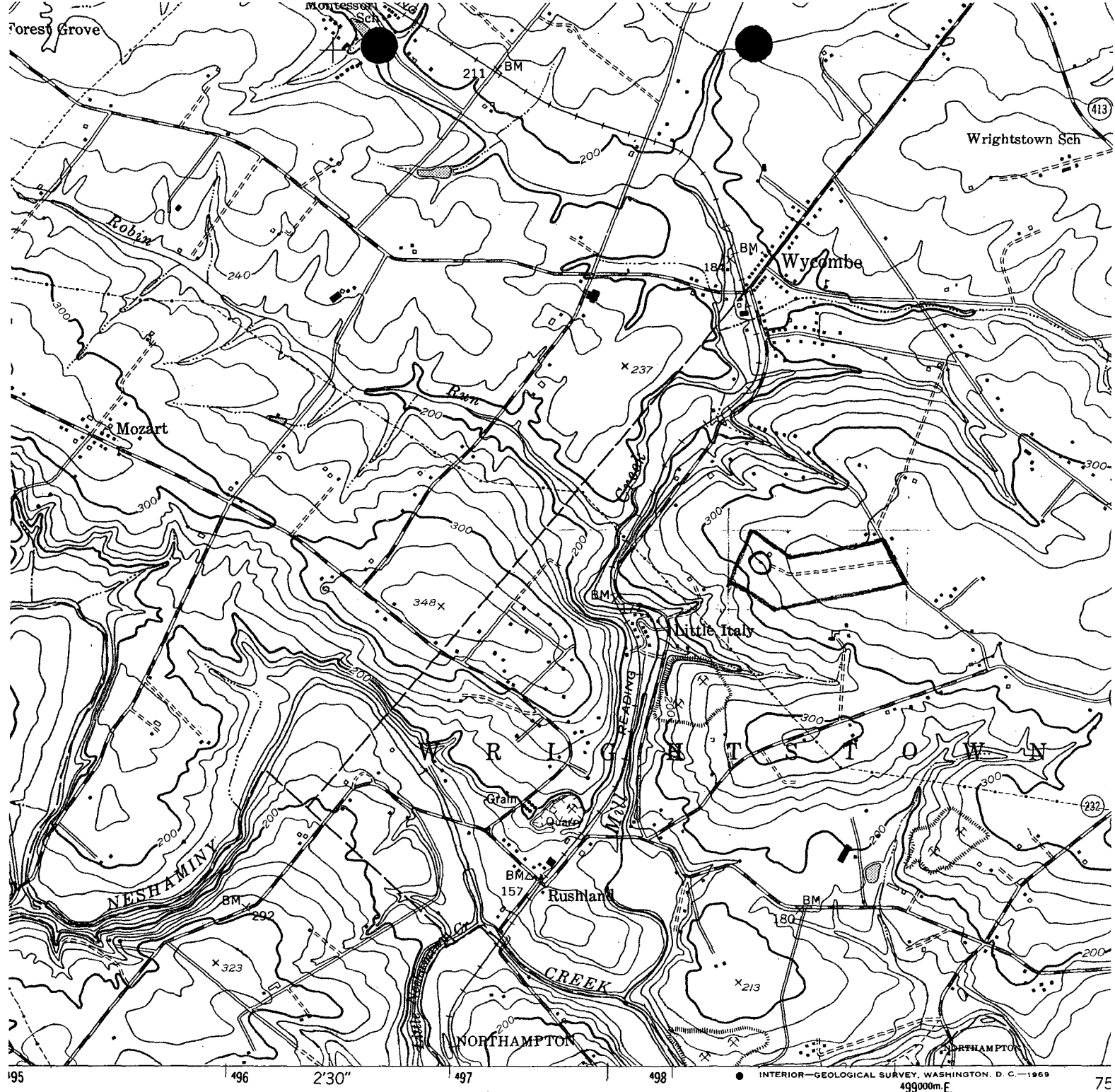
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First Floor

D - Door
 38" Windows (3 on) 2 pan
 Dining
 Terom.
 C - Closet



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 Overlook Valley Farm
 Rushland, Bucks Co., Pa. 18956
 Built 1768
 72 acres



BUCKINGHAM, PA.

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