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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 Fullerton Inn Hotel,
and/or common Jacktown Inn, Jacksonville Fullerton-Sverdrup House

2. Location

street & number 11029 Old Trail Rd. N/A not for publication
city, town North Huntingdon Twp. N/A vicinity of
state Pennsylvania code 42 county Westmoreland code 129

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"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" 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 Edward F. and Nuala Sverdrup
street & number 11029 Old Trail Road
city, town Irwin vicinity of state PA 15642

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse, register of deeds office (Westmoreland County)
street & number Main Street
city, town Greensburg state PA 15601

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Westmoreland County Historical Site Survey, North Huntingdon Twp. index file #49. has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date 1979-1981 federal state county local
depository for survey records Planning Commission, Westmoreland County Courthouse

city, town Greensburg state PA 15601

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Fullerton Inn is a 2½ story, four bay stone building with a five bay wood frame addition. Both sections are rectangular in plan and vernacular Federal in style.

The original section of the inn was built in 1798. The building is of fieldstone and has a porch on the front facade. Added in the late nineteenth century, the porch has a spindle friese and turned posts. There is also a cantilevered porch on the rear elevation. The roof of the building is gable and has a fieldstone chimney at both ends.

In 1805 a five bay, wood frame section was added to the original stone building. Built on a fieldstone base, the addition has a front porch with a spindle friese that was built as part of the addition in 1805. There is also a cantilevered porch on the rear elevation. The roof is gable and has a chimney at the gable end. Like the original section, the addition retains some of its original hardware including eighteenth century iron strap hinges on the doors.

Fullerton Inn has undergone few changes since its construction. Both rear porches were enclosed to conserve energy and inselbrick was applied to the frame addition (the inselbrick is being removed in an effort to restore the building to its original appearance). The roof of both sections have also been re-shingled.

8. Significance

stone
frame

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 type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 1798 stone 1805 frame **Builder/Architect** Willian Fullerton.

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Travel to western Pennsylvania in the late eighteenth century was fraught with many hardships. The extension of the Great Road (now Rt. 30) from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh made the long trip a bit easier. Further facilitating the journey were the inns and taverns, like the Fullerton, that eventually dotted the road. These establishments provided food, lodging and a welcomed respite for weary visitors. Regular stage service and an ever increasing number of travelers in the early nineteenth century brought additional prominence to many of the wayside hospices. Inns like the Fullerton Inn became gathering places, as well as commercial centers for both travelers and the small rural communities that surrounded the taverns. By 1825 these inns had become almost as much a part of the trip west as was the Great Road itself. While most of the early nineteenth century taverns are gone, the Fullerton Inn continues to remind us of the inns that were once an integral part of travel and commerce in Pennsylvania.

William Fullerton came to western Pennsylvania from Lancaster County in the late eighteenth century and built his tavern along the Great Road in 1798. Known for its homey style, the four bay, fieldstone building quickly became a favorite stop for travelers. A large, well supplied fireplace and ready refreshments welcomed all who visited the inn.

As the western traffic accelerated and because his inn had become a regular stage-coach stop, Fullerton expanded his business in 1805. A five bay, wood frame addition was built onto the original stone structure. Afterwards the inn sheltered wagoneers, coach drivers and travelers 365 days a year. A place where abundance made up for delicacy and common manners for urbanity, the inn was recognized as a place of conviviality as well as comfortable, clean lodgings.

In addition to being a popular hospice, Fullerton Inn became the commercial heart of the small community, Jacktown, that developed around it. Local farmers found a thriving market at the inn. Meat, fowl, vegetables and fruits were sold to both the tavernkeeper and travelers staying at the tavern. By the 1830's the inn had become a local gathering place where social events could be planned and current events discussed. At least one local fraternal organization, Huntingdon Lodge # 549 of the Independent Order of the Odd Fellows, was formed at the inn. Runaway slaves may also have been harbored at the tavern just prior to the Civil War. Though the name was changed to the Jacktown Inn sometime after the death of William Fullerton in 1820, the inn continued to play a very prominent role in the community well into the late nineteenth century.

Though it survived longer than most stagecoach inns, the Fullerton Inn succumbed in the late nineteenth century. Fortunately the building was maintained and today offers a rare insight into the evolution of transportation, commerce and community in western Pennsylvania.

9. Major Bibliographical References

History of Westmoreland County, George Dallas Albert, Phila. 1882 pp 553, 556, 654.
History of Westmoreland County, John N. Boucher, edited by John W. Jordan,
1906, New York/Chicago, Vol. I, p 515; Vol. II, p 477; Vol. III, pp 154-155.
Westmoreland County Atlas, 1867, 1876, p 54, (H. Fullerton Heirs.)
Tales from Tinker Run, Gail P. Altman and Dr. Tom Agnew, Irwin, PA 1872, 524.

10. Geographical Data

Westmoreland County Deed Book, Vol. 2208, p/

Acreeage of nominated property 0.97 acre

Quadrangle name Irwin

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

— (See Continuation Sheet)

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

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city or town Greensburg

state PA 15601

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 Larry E. Tise, State Historic Preservation Officer date

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

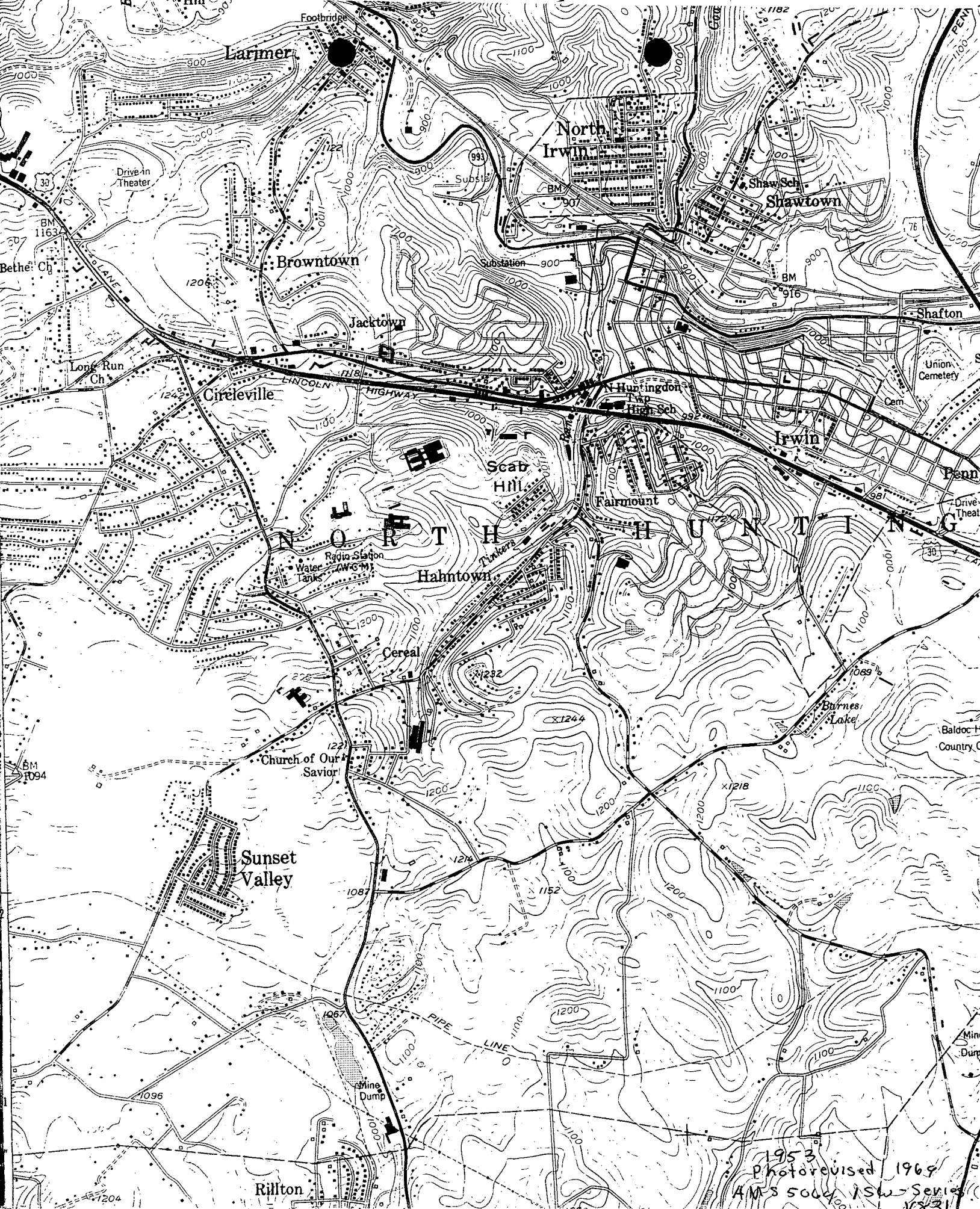
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Keeper of the National Register

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Chief of Registration



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