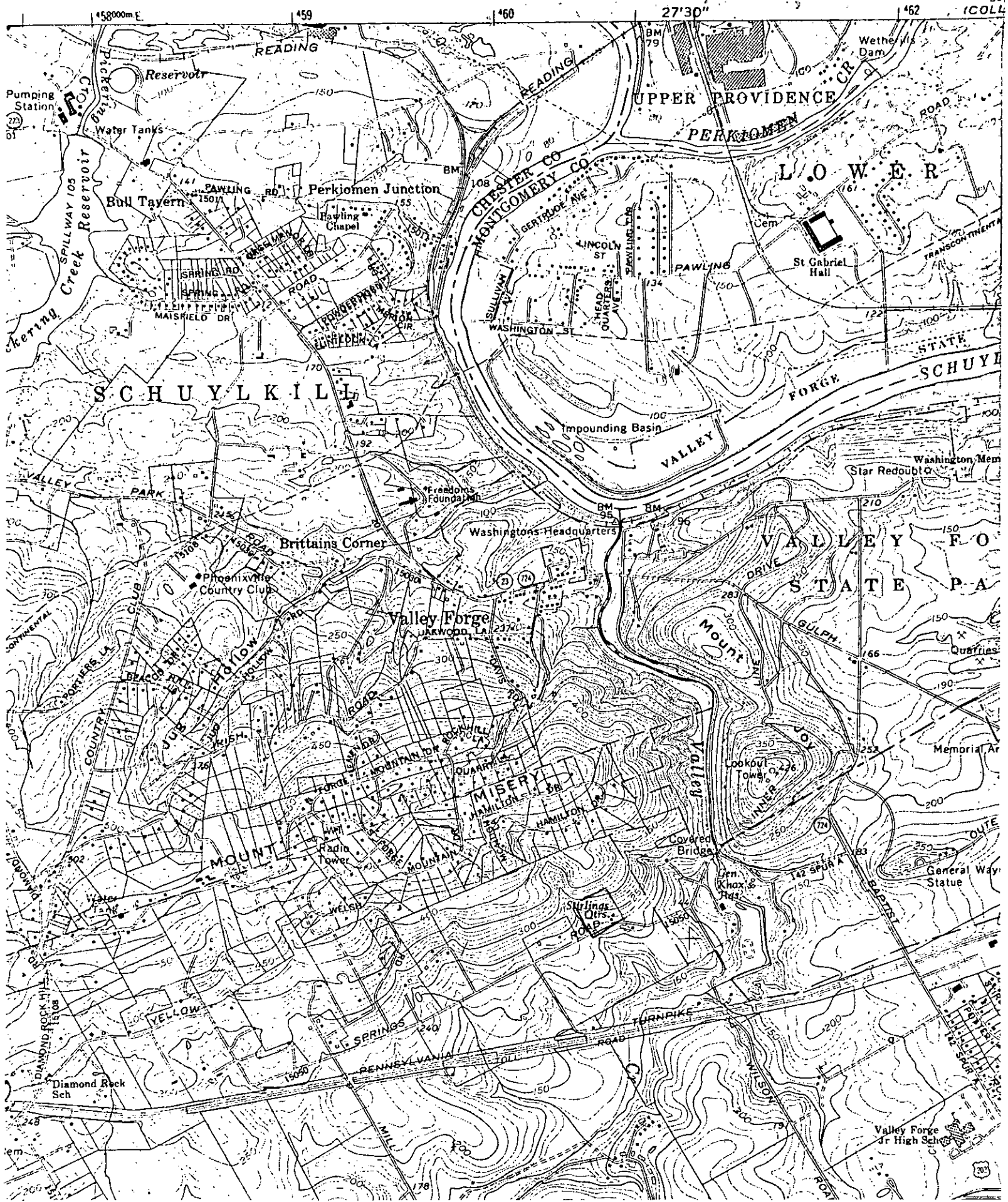


Major Gen. Stirling's Quarters



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:
COUNTY:
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**1. NAME**

COMMON: Major-General Lord Stirling's Quarters

AND/OR HISTORIC: "Homestead Farm" (1880) "Echo Valley Farms" (1926-1973)

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: Yellow Springs Road

CITY OR TOWN: Treddyffrin CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Fifth District

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42 COUNTY: Chester CODE: 029

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: Robert C. Ligget, Trustee of the Robert C. Ligget Trust

STREET AND NUMBER: Yellow Springs Road Box 97

CITY OR TOWN: Valley Forge STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Chester County Courthouse (Recorder of Deeds)

STREET AND NUMBER: High Street

CITY OR TOWN: West Chester STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic Zoning Ordinance, Treddyffrin Township (Bldg. #1)

DATE OF SURVEY: 1966  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Township Building

STREET AND NUMBER: 973 Old Lancaster Road

CITY OR TOWN: Beryn STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Quarters of Lord Stirling was constructed in three sections. Tax records, wills, and deeds indicate that buildings, gardens, and orchards were established prior to 1739. It is possible that Henry John who purchased 100 acres in 1715 from the original tract of 1000, established the west section as a one story, one room structure. The center structure has been dated at 1769 and is credited to William Curie who purchased the farm in 1767. Thomas Walker who acquired the property in 1791 may have constructed the "new" kitchen mentioned in his will of 1835.

Sometime in the nineteenth century the west side was deepened into two rooms and the roof raised to accommodate a full second story.

The three structures were constructed of stone and faced with plaster. All structures included a medium height gable roof. The center section was three bays with a covered front porch. Chimney placement is on the east wall. Second floor windows were six over six double hung while the first floor windows were nine over six double hung. The front door is eight, raised panel. A small four light attic window is the only opening in the west wall.

The west section is two bays with a pent eve. Both first and second floor windows were six over six double hung. Chimney placement is in the west wall as well as a small four light window on the second floor. An attic window opening in the west wall is also evident.

The east section includes two bays and pent eve. The windows were six over six double hung. The chimney placement was in the east wall along with a small four light attic window.

Prior to 1926 windows were added in the west front and central and west rear. Sometime in the Nineteenth century a mantel of Federal design covered the walkin fireplace in the west front room. In the three sections, each served by boxed stairs, were five second floor rooms and a hallway, as well as five first floor rooms. There were back to back corner fireplaces in the two central rooms, two cooking fireplaces, as well as raised panel wall covering.

In 1926 the structure was renovated under the direction of Boyle Irwin. Additions on the first floor included; a powder room installed in the stair closet of the west front room; a bathroom and a linen room constructed in the rear central chamber and a bath and study built into the rear west chamber. Three windows were added in the west gable and the original four light window was removed and the opening enlarged. The corner fireplaces received new mantels; new flooring was put in the west addition; stair closets in the cellar of the east and central sections were converted to storage closets. Restoration hardware was installed and the raised panel woodwork painted. On the north side of the west gable a chimney and the fireplace it served were removed and a new kitchen installed. From the rear wall of the west section a dormered addition was constructed to connect the outbuilding which stood to the north some twenty feet. The roof of the bakehouse-springhouse complex was raised to provide new quarters in this area. The enclosed entry on the front porch was added in the nineteen thirties.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century            |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic     | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Stirling's Quarters includes both architectural and historical significance.

Architecturally the entire site displays an excellent example of an Eighteenth century farm complex. Evolving from a one room, one story house plan, the rambling additions mark the entire evolution of a Eighteenth century mid-Atlantic Farm. When the structure was renovated care was taken not to destroy the historical character of the site. Where rooms were changed or added the changes were carried out within the limitations of the early proportions. Remaining are the two stair closets, cooking fireplaces, early doors and windows, moulded chair-rails, wainscot, original boards as well as a bakehouse, springhouse, and an unidentified bank outbuilding.

General Stirling was noted as a general in Washington's army and occupied this structure during the 1777-78 winter at Valley Forge. Stirling also achieved fame in Washington's Campaign in New York as well as the Battle Of Brandywine.

The significance of Stirling's Quarters lies in its historical role in the American revolution as well as its study of early Pennsylvania farm life.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
NW	Degrees Minutes Seconds 40 ° 05 ' 06 "	Degrees Minutes Seconds 75 ° 27 ' 52 "		Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "	Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "	
NE	40 ° 05 ' 06 "	75 ° 27 ' 43 "				
SE	40 ° 05 ' 01 "	75 ° 27 ' 43 "				
SW	40 ° 05 ' 01 "	75 ° 27 ' 52 "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 10 Acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

David C. Stacks, Student Aide

ORGANIZATION

Historic Sites Survey, Pa. Historical & Museum Commission

DATE

6/15/73

STREET AND NUMBER:

Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN:

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

CODE

42

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name

William J. Wewer  
William J. Wewer

Title

Executive Director, Pa. Historical and Museum Commission

Date

11/8/73

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

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Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

ATTEST:

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Keeper of The National Register

Date

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