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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 Harvey, Nathan, House

and or common N/A

2. Location

street & number 425 - 427 South Water Street N/A not for publication

city, town Mill Hall N/A vicinity of

state Pennsylvania code 042 county Clinton code 035

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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	<u>N/A</u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<u>N/A</u> being considered	<input 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 Cummo, John A. and Romig, David F.

street & number R. D. #1, Box 254

city, town Beech Creek N/A vicinity of state Pennsylvania

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clinton County Courthouse

street & number Water and Jay Streets

city, town Lock Haven state Pennsylvania

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Clinton County Historic Site Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date July 11, 1984 Survey Code # 035-MH-001 federal state county local

depository for survey records Clinton County Planning Commission

city, town Lock Haven state Pennsylvania

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Nathan Harvey House is a detached two-story, seven-bay, rectangular stone dwelling located at 425 - 427 South Water Street, Mill Hall. The house is situated on the east slope of the Bald Eagle Ridge where it breaks for the Mill Hall/Fishing Creek Gap. Due to this elevated location, this residence is very prominent. The neighboring structures are two-story, single-family residences built at the turn of this century.

This residence features traditional Georgian building characteristics which are common to the other four stone houses in Clinton County's Bald Eagle Valley. The exterior of this building is random-sized and -coursed fieldstone with rough cut and squared stone quoining. The windows in the main body of the house are two-over-two. The two front entrances each have a four-pane transom over the door. The gabled roof is pierced by two interior chimneys -- one at the north end which services two large stone fireplaces, and the other offset to the left, also serving two fireplaces both of which are much smaller.

The main entranceway to this residence opens into the center hall of the northern five-bay section. Located in this hall are the main stairs with bracketed steps, square balusters, a small cylindrical staircase rail, and simple newel post. The attic and cellar stairway doors are constructed of verticle beaded boards held together and supported by a horizontal board at top and bottom. The hand-wrought attic door latch is also unique. The floors are pine, tongue and groove.

The rooms which have been added to the rear of the house are in poor condition and include a two-story frame and partially brick veneered addition and a one-story concrete block coal storage shed. These additions are completely out of character with the rest of the house and are scheduled for removal. The full-front porch is free-standing of the main house and also appears to be a later addition. This porch is also scheduled for removal.

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"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics, government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates circa 1804 Builder/Architect Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Nathan Harvey House, located in Mill Hall at 425 - 427 South Water Street, represents the only remaining structure associated with the first settler of Mill Hall and that town's founding father, Nathan Harvey.

Built circa 1804, this house is characteristic of Georgian architecture due to its symmetry and plan. Of the five remaining stone houses in Clinton County's Bald Eagle Valley, this is the only one not attributed to builder, Adam Smith. It is the oldest house associated with the original town plot of Mill Hall and was built by Nathan Harvey. The mill, his dwelling, and the bridge across Fishing Creek were all of stone construction. The stone-arch bridge was irreparably damaged in the 1889 flood and subsequently removed.

Nathan Harvey came to Mill Hall from Chester County in 1789 at the approximate age of fifteen. In 1803, he purchased a 276-acre tract of land in partnership with his brother-in-law, John Fredericks. This tract of land derived from Thomas and John Penn by patent, June 1, 1773. Eleven years later, in 1814, Fredericks sold his half-share to Samuel Harvey, Nathan's brother.

Nathan Harvey has been documented by several historians as the first settler of Mill Hall and responsible for the town's 1805 town plot. This dwelling is located on Lot #5 of that plan. His first endeavor was to construct a stone grist mill in 1804 on the east side of Fishing Creek at the southern end of Mill Hall and across the creek from his dwelling. It was this mill which was responsible for the name derivation, "Mill Hall". Other structures constructed for Nathan Harvey were a sawmill, a store in 1804, a blacksmith shop in 1812, a hotel and a dwelling. His dwelling overlooked his grist mill and remained as his home until 1833 after which he left the area eventually settling in Illinois where he died in 1847 at 73 years of age. Neither the sawmill, store, blacksmith shop, nor hotel are standing today.

This residence was later owned by John P. Salmon from 1852 to 1892. In 1835, John Salmon came to this country from England and settled in Farrandsville, Colebrook Township, where he was employed in the construction of the Farrandsville Iron Furnace and nail works. Mr. Salmon is credited with having sent to England, circa 1838, requesting Benjamin Perry to come to Clinton County and assume control of the furnace. After coming to the Mill Hall area, Perry established one of the early anthracite furnaces in Pennsylvania. He later operated furnaces in Allentown, Pottstown and Chester County and gained a reputation as one of the foremost iron furnace operators in the state.

The Nathan Harvey House is an early Pennsylvania stone house, the oldest house in Mill Hall Borough and the only remaining structure associated with that town's founding father, Nathan Harvey. Its stone construction and Georgian plan have withstood many years of use and exhibit early craftsmanship and style. Former owners not only include Nathan Harvey and his brother and brother-in-law but also John P. Salmon, who in conjunction with Benjamin Perry constructed the first anthracite blast iron furnace in Pennsylvania. This dwelling has recently been plagued by disrespect and a lack of maintenance. Now under new ownership it is carefully being planned for historical restoration. Mill Hall should be proud that its heritage is being faithfully studied

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Continuation Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property .2 acre

Quadrangle name Mill Hall

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

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan B. Hannegan and G. Jean May, Partners

organization Historic Directions date September 10, 1984

street & number P. O. Box 222 telephone 717-726-6653 or 748-8424


city or town Lock Haven 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 Larry E. Tise, State Historic Preservation Officer date 11/19/84

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

date

Keeper of the National Register

date

Attest:

Chief of Registration

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Starting at a point on the easterly line of Pine Alley at the southwesterly corner of the lot; thence along the southerly lot line, North 55 degrees 45 minutes East 116 feet to the westerly line of a 16-foot wide alley; thence North 33 degrees 15 minutes West 58 feet along the alley to a corner; thence along the northerly lot line South 55 degrees 45 minutes West 116 feet to a pin along the rear alley; thence South 33 degrees 15 minutes East 58 feet along Pine Alley to the place of beginning.

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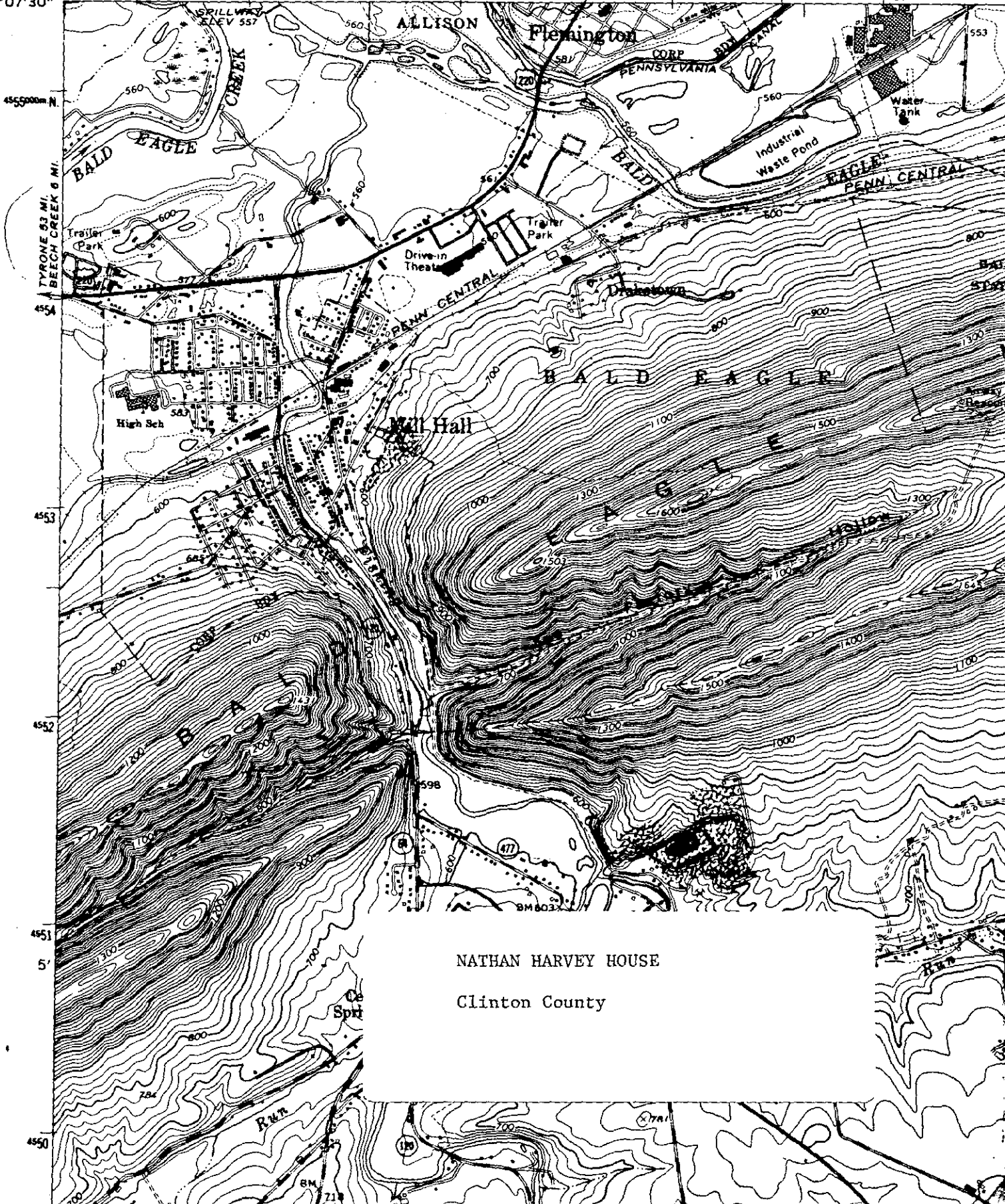
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LOCK HAVEN (COURTHOUSE) 1.7 MI.

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NATHAN HARVEY HOUSE

Clinton County

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(FARRANDSVILLE)

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