

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**  
**INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**  
 FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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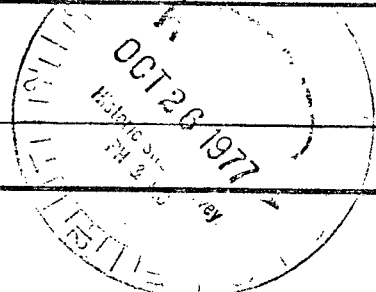
SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
 TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Marie Zimmerman Farm



**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

(off) U.S. 209

CITY, TOWN

Delaware Township

STATE

Pennsylvania

VICINITY OF

CODE  
42

Tenth, Pennsylvania

NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

COUNTY

Pike

CODE

103

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 AGENCY**

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

United States Army Corp of Engineers

STREET & NUMBER

United States Customhouse, Second and Chestnut Streets

CITY, TOWN

Philadelphia

VICINITY OF

Pennsylvania

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Pike County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Milford

STATE

Pennsylvania

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Historical Architectural Survey of Delaware Water Gap National Recreational Area (cont'd)

DATE

1975

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
 SURVEY RECORDS

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area

CITY, TOWN

Bushkill

STATE  
 Pennsylvania

# 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 Zimmerman Farm Complex is located on a tract of land comprising almost 1300 acres on a broad sloping hillside off U.S. Route 209, about four miles south of Milford, Pennsylvania. The farm overlooks a broad, sweeping curve in the Delaware River, which lies below it, and a panorama of rural New Jersey beyond the river. The complex consists of a large stone main house, two large frame barns, a smaller frame house, and associated out-buildings.

The main house which dates from ca. 1910 is a large 2 1/2 story stone house with a gambrel roof, flared eaves, a large, shallow dormer in the front and three small curved windows peeking out from the roof in the upper 1/2 story above the main dormer. To the rear, perpendicular to the main section, is a 2 story wing, also of cut fieldstone, with a steep gabled roof with slightly flared eaves.

There are large dormers in both eaves of this section. In the interior of the L formed by the intersection of the two wings, is a round, 2 story tower. The house has three large stone chimneys, one in either end of the main wing, and one in the rear gable of the smaller wing. The entire house is sheathed in an asbestos shingle roof.

The large dairy barn, located about 1/2 mile from the house along a straight formal lane, lined with tall trees, dates from approximately the same period as the main house. It is an upright, spare wooden structure, built into a hillside, with an overhang on the downhill side. It is adorned by a frilled cupola in the center of the roof. A large fieldstone workshop is connected to one end, a wagonshed to the other end, and in the rear is an elongated wooden section, with a large wooden silo. All of these structures appear to be in good condition.

In addition, there is a slightly smaller frame barn, and an undistinguished frame house of more recent construction (ca. 1920s). The latter structure is visually incompatible with the cohesiveness of the rest of the structures, and to that extent, at least, constitutes an intrusive element to the integrity of the complex. It appears to have been a tenant house.

# 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"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Zimmerman Farm Complex represents the best example of the relatively late arrival in the Upper Delaware Valley of inhabitants whose purpose was neither primarily agricultural, nor oriented to the newer commercial possibilities of the blossoming tourist and vacation industry, but who rather saw in the region a pleasant place to live the comfortable lives their affluence afforded them. Of the specific history of the Zimmerman's relatively little is known, except that the family was well to do, and had no local economic purpose in choosing a place of residence.

The Zimmerman estate was created on land purchased in the 1870's from Daniel Ennis Van Etten, a descendant of one of the oldest families in the area. The property was probably used as a vacation retreat for the more than thirty years between that date and the erection of a permanent residence. When the Zimmermans built their country home, theirs was not typical of the farm houses of the area, except perhaps in a few accidental details, but was rather the eclectic product of an attempt by a moneyed city dweller to create an estate in the romantic image. Of it, a local historic architect has said "it has many oddly conflicting lines and planes, and while being vaguely suggestive of a translation into masonry of the shingle style of the 1880's and reminiscent of the French Provincial style, it fails to achieve a true architectural integrity. Despite this fault, the house has many attractive features." 1

It is as an architectural document- a structure which articulates the significant social elements which went into its creation - rather than as a pure type of any particular style or technique, that the Zimmerman Complex is significant. In it can be seen the transformation of the Upper Delaware Valley into an early exurban playground for the cityborn affluent. As the constellation of economic factors which had shaped the area's development for almost two centuries began to fray the Zimmerman estate pointed in one of the alternative directions in which the region would move.

1. John B. Dodd, "Classified Structure Field Inventory Report," NPS, April, 1976, p.1

# MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Dodd, John B. Historical Architectural Survey of Delaware Water Gap National Recreational Area. Volume 1, 1975

Classified Structure Field Inventory Report, April, 1976

## GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 52

UTM REFERENCES

A	18	5111870	4566510	B			
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Zimmerman Farm Complex is located on United States Army Corps of Engineers TIL Tract #11504, which includes a total of 1255.80 acres. The boundary of the nominated property begins at Point A at the intersection of a dirt access road to the Zimmerman farm with the western edge of the U.S. 209

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Wayne K. Bodle Park Technician DATE 4/22/77  
 ORGANIZATION National Park Service  
 STREET & NUMBER Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY OR TOWN Bushkill STATE Pennsylvania

## CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES  NO

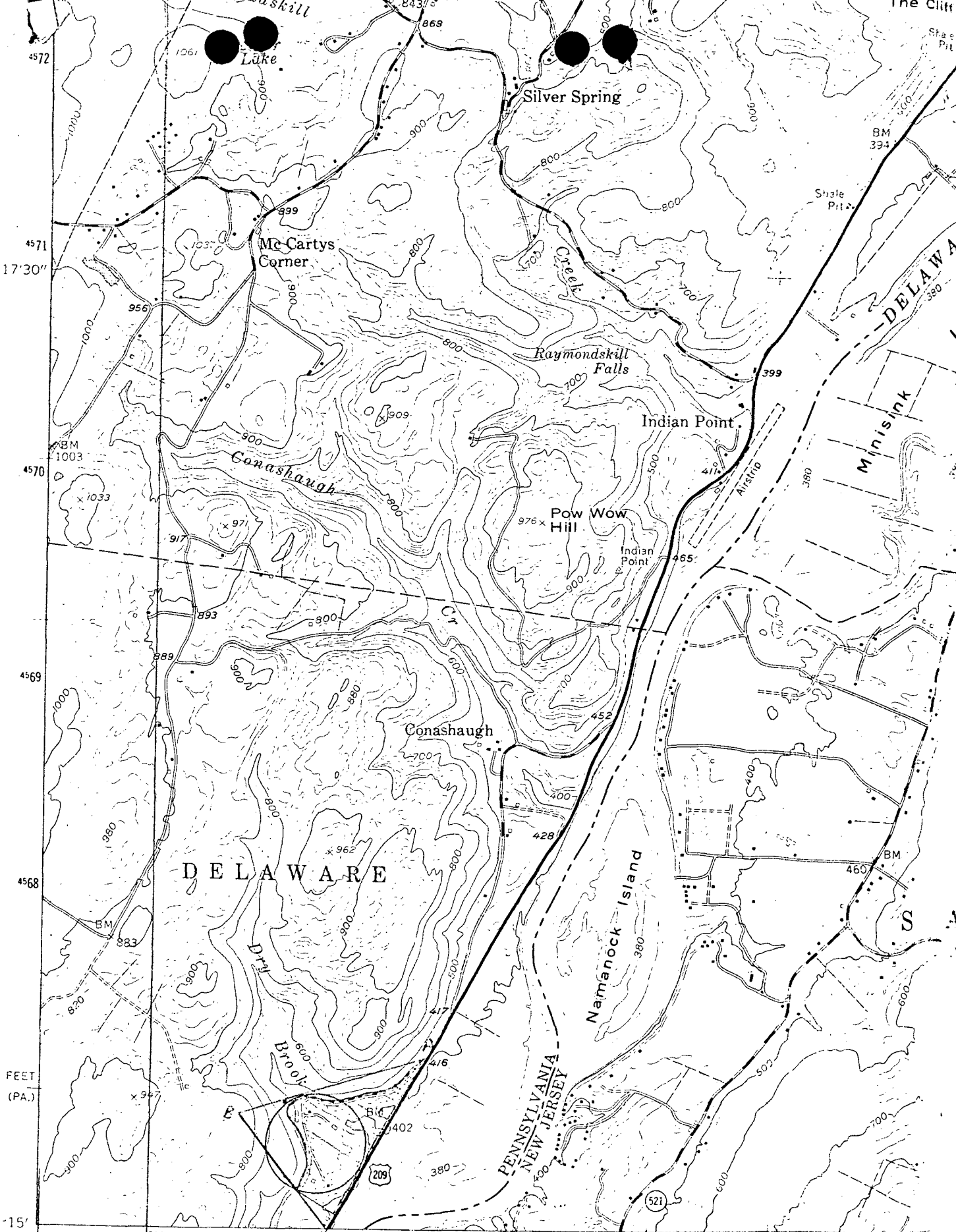
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 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is \_\_\_ National \_\_\_ State \_\_\_ Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
DATE	
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	DATE
ATTEST:	
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	



410000 FEET (PA.)

41-15' 74° 15' 30"

EDDINGMANS FERRY 2.4 MI. STROUDSBURG 28 MI.

2 800 000 FEET (PA.)

TUTTLES CORNER (JUNC. U.S. 206) 7 MI.

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