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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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1. Name of Property

historic name McClelland Homestead
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number McClelland Road
city, town North Beaver Township N/A not for publication
state Pennsylvania code PA county Lawrence code 073 zip code 16102
N/A vicinity

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>3</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
	_____ sites
	_____ structures
	_____ objects
<u>3</u>	<u>1</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official Dr. Brent Glass, Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission
State or Federal agency and bureau

3/22/89
Date

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official _____
Date _____
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper _____

Date of Action _____

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6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling
Agriculture/animal facility
Agriculture/agricultural outbuilding

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling
Agriculture/animal facility
Agriculture/agricultural outbuilding

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Federal

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone
walls Brick
roof Slate
other Wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

7. Description

The 89 acre McClelland farm includes the Federal style McClelland house and two agricultural outbuildings dating from the mid-nineteenth century. The house is a two story five bay brick structure originally built in the 1840s; and enlarged in 1879. It exhibits a high level of integrity in its materials and workmanship. The house has elliptical fanlights over the central door and upper window characteristic of the Federal style, and a frame porch in the Italianate style dating from c. 1879. Two of the farm's six outbuildings are included in the nomination: the two story wooden barn and a small gable roofed machinery shop. Both retain their pegged oak interior framing from the early 1850s and are on their original sites. The homestead represents a prosperous mid-nineteenth century Western Pennsylvania farm setting.

Visual and documentary evidence prove that the house was rebuilt substantially in 1879. Two stone sills which drain from south to north separate the northern and southern sections of the house. The wooden moldings at all windows and doors in the southern 1840s portion of the house are more elaborate than those in the northern 1870s portion. Flat stone exterior lintels and a graceful interior Federal stairway also indicate an earlier age for the southern portion of the house. Access to the northern section of the house at the second story is via several awkward steps obviously added to an otherwise well proportioned stairway.

Five bays of wooden double sash (6/6) windows are spaced symmetrically across the southern facade. They have simple wooden surrounds and flat stone lintels and sills. The original front door is made of four panels of thick oak flanked by cranberry colored glass sidelights and a small recessed fanlight above. The Palladian style window arrangement in the central bay of the second story consists of a single double hung sash window flanked by narrow 2/2 sidelights and a fan-shaped transom.

The side elevations have three bays on the west and two on the east of double sash (6/6) windows irregularly spaced. The rear elevation has four bays of 6/6 windows, those on the upper story have segmentally arched brick lintels rather than the flat stone lintels of the other windows.

See continuation sheet

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

c. 1840 - 1879

Significant Dates

c. 1840

1879

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

8. Significance

The McClelland house is a fine example of the vernacular Federal style. It typifies the style's Western Pennsylvania interpretation, but has one unique element, a pseudo-Palladian window. Therefore while it is definitely representative of the style it is a more elaborate interpretation of it than is normally seen in Lawrence County. The original portion of the house is larger and in better condition than the other houses in the Township dating from the first half of the nineteenth century. Two agricultural outbuildings are included in the nomination for the integrity of their c.1850s interior components and their original siting near the house.

The McClelland house is a more highly ornamented vernacular interpretation of mid-nineteenth century Federal style than is generally found in the area. The house most similar in size and scale to the McClelland house is the 1847 Reynolds house in nearby New Castle at 418 Bleakley Street. The gable-roofed Reynolds house is brick, two stories, and five bays across, but lacks the Palladian style second story window and fanlight transom of the McClelland house. The Pearson house at 503 Pearson Street is similar in size, scale, and fenestration to the McClelland house. It has a special three part window in the central bay of the second story, but no house in the vicinity has a pseudo-Palladian window similar to that of the McClelland house.

Two brick Greek Revival houses in North Beaver Township are closest in age, integrity and proximity to the McClelland house. They date from the 1830s and are smaller in scale and simpler in ornamentation than the McClelland house. The Samuel Chambers house on Couvert Road is a three bay two story brick Greek Revival house which has excellent integrity, but has lost its outbuildings. The Kirkpatrick house on River Road off of Couvert Road dates from 1830 and is very similar in size, scale and integrity to the Chambers house. It too has no original outbuildings remaining. Both of these houses are three bays

9. Major Bibliographical References

McClelland Family Albums and Documents

Maps:

- 1860 Lawrence County Map, Library of Congress
- 1872 Atlas of the County of Lawrence and the State of Pennsylvania
G. M. Hopkins & Co., 1872
- 1909 Warrantee Atlas Map
- 1950 Aerial Map, Wilson Engineering Co.

See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67)
has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings
Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering
Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

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UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at a point approximately 1500 feet east of the intersection of McClelland Road and Mohawk School Road (formerly Beight Road) on the north edge of McClelland Road; north approximately 400 feet to a point beyond the present machine shed; east approximately 250 feet; south approximately 400 feet to the north edge of McClelland Road and east approximately 400 feet to the place of beginning. Approximately 2.3 acres of the 89 acre farm.

Boundary Justification

Approximately 2.3 acres of the 89 acre McClelland farm were chosen to encompass the house, barn and machine shed; only those structures dating from the nineteenth century. The boundary excludes vacant land on the east and west and twentieth century outbuildings on the north that do not contribute to the architectural significance of the property.

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The gable roof shelters two double sash (2/4) windows symmetrically arranged in the gable ends. Winged eaves terminate the roofline. There is a single row of corbelled bricks at the cornice line front and rear.

The exterior brick of the McClelland house is laid in a common bond pattern and was cleaned and re-pointed in the 1960s. The brick appears stable, and its cleaning has done little to harm the integrity of the structure. Aluminum soffit and fascia, also dating from this period, line the corbelled cornice, but follow the original cornice profile as shown in early photos.

Attached to the house on the north elevation is an enlarged garage/family room which was the utility shed in the 1870s. The original wood frame utility shed was attached to the brick house by a breezeway. The shed, dominated by a large stone fireplace, in earlier days housed the cream separator, laundry facilities and a grind stone run by a gas engine. A sampling of the original frame siding exists on the north elevation. Four feet have been added to the length of the garage to accommodate modern vehicles. The present configuration of the utility shed/family room dates from the 1950s, but its floorplan is similar to that of the original shed, as is its relation to the main house.

The original c. 1879 Italianate porch on the facade is in excellent condition. It is a hip-roofed three bay porch with squared wooden posts crowned by three carved brackets. It was echoed until the early part of this century by a similar two bay porch on the east elevation.

The interior as reconstructed in 1879 had four large rooms on each story separated by a wide central hall. Moldings in the earlier southern section of the house are wide and carved. Those in the rear of the house are flat and very simple. In the original portion of the house a stairway with a curved walnut banister lends access to the second story. All moldings and window openings are intact. Simple wooden built-in cabinets remain in the southern rooms. The walls and ceilings are plastered, and have no other ornamentation.

An apartment has been carved out of three large rooms (two on the first floor, one on the second) on the east side of the house. An added interior stairway at the northeast corner lends access to the second story of the apartment. The addition of a modern bathroom and partitioning of the large bedroom in the northeast corner of the house are minor alterations which could be reversed. No windows were altered to accommodate the apartment.

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A modern bathroom was added and rear stairs were closed-in in the northwest portion of the house reducing the size of the northwest corner bedroom on the second floor. In the 1950s two windows in the kitchen at the northwest corner of the first floor were shortened to accommodate kitchen cabinetry. The interior remodeling of the kitchen did not effect the exterior integrity of the structure.

The house originally had four iron stoves with narrow masonry flues which were removed c. 1966. Two of the original interior end chimneys were replaced with small square brick exterior end chimneys at the south ends of the east and west elevations. A third interior end chimney at the north end of the east elevation was not replaced. The fourth chimney, removed from the rear elevation, was also not replaced. The removal of the chimneys has left no scars to the interior of the house, as the small hole for the stoves has simply been re-plastered. The chair rail moldings are all intact. The parlor in the southwest corner of the house has a new brick mantel to accommodate a log-burning fireplace.

Of the outbuildings only two, the barn and machinery shop are contemporaneous with the house and included as part of the nomination.

The barn although significantly altered on the exterior has its original oak interior structural members and wide paneled horizontal siding. It is a contributing structure due to the integrity of its interior post and lintel construction. It is a two story barn with asbestos shingling sheathing its original siding. The second story hayloft is accessible via a banked entrance on the north side of the structure. The first story milking/stall section, large enough to accommodate 33 cows, is accessible by the entrances on the south and east. A cement block milkhous addition on the south elevation was added in the 1960s after a storm collapsed the original T-portion of the barn. The masonry silo was built c. 1938.

The barn was placed south of the house to take advantage of a natural spring which it now conceals. A road originally separated the house and barn.

The gable roofed two bay machinery shop has been re-sided with vertical aluminum siding, but retains its original interior oak beams with mortise and tenon joints. Lower wings on either side of the nearly square central portion are c. 1938 additions which shield machinery from the rain.

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The only building within the boundaries of the nomination which is not considered a contributing structure is the small square frame shed north of the house which was purchased from a local company and moved to this location in the late 1960s.

Although the McClelland house has undergone several minor alterations over the years, its overall integrity is intact, and it is still a good representative of mid-nineteenth century Federal style farmhouses. The outbuildings, despite the alterations to their exteriors, also contribute to the farm's integrity due to their interior oak construction and original siting.

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across the front and have double sash 1/1 windows with flat lintels and no ornamentation at the cornice line. Their single doorways have rectangular transoms and sidelights. The 1840s portion of the McClelland house, in contrast, is larger and has more ornamentation than contemporary houses remaining in the Township.

A review of the 1877 History of Lawrence County by Everts illustrates that the massing of the McClelland house was typical of the simple vernacular housing being built in Lawrence County in the late 1840s. The McClelland house is very similar in fenestration and massing to the 1824 Thomas Wilson Shaw house and the 1831 DeHaven-Leet house in Allegheny County. Both of these brick gable-roofed houses are five bays across with double sash (six over six) windows symmetrically spaced. What is unique to the house is its elaborate central window ornamentation.

The elliptical fanlights of the McClelland house illustrate the wealth and style of William McClelland, sixth owner of Lot #1799 in the Second District of Donation Lands, who owned the property from 1807 to 1848. His son Joseph McClelland owned the house from 1848 to 1895, and supervised the 1879 enlargement. The addition of two Italianate porches at that time typifies attempts by homeowners to "modernize" their houses to keep up with changing architectural styles.

The minor changes to the house have done little to alter its 1879 integrity. The second porch, which was located on the east elevation, was removed before World War II, and documentation exists for its rebuilding if total restoration were planned. The original chimneys were not a major element in the style of the house. The two replacement chimneys, while exterior rather than interior-end, are similar in size and location to the originals. The exterior brick appears stable despite the 1960s sandblasting.

The McClelland farm is an important local example of mid-nineteenth century vernacular architecture as well as one of the few intact farmsteads remaining in a Township which is fast becoming a bedroom suburb of New Castle.

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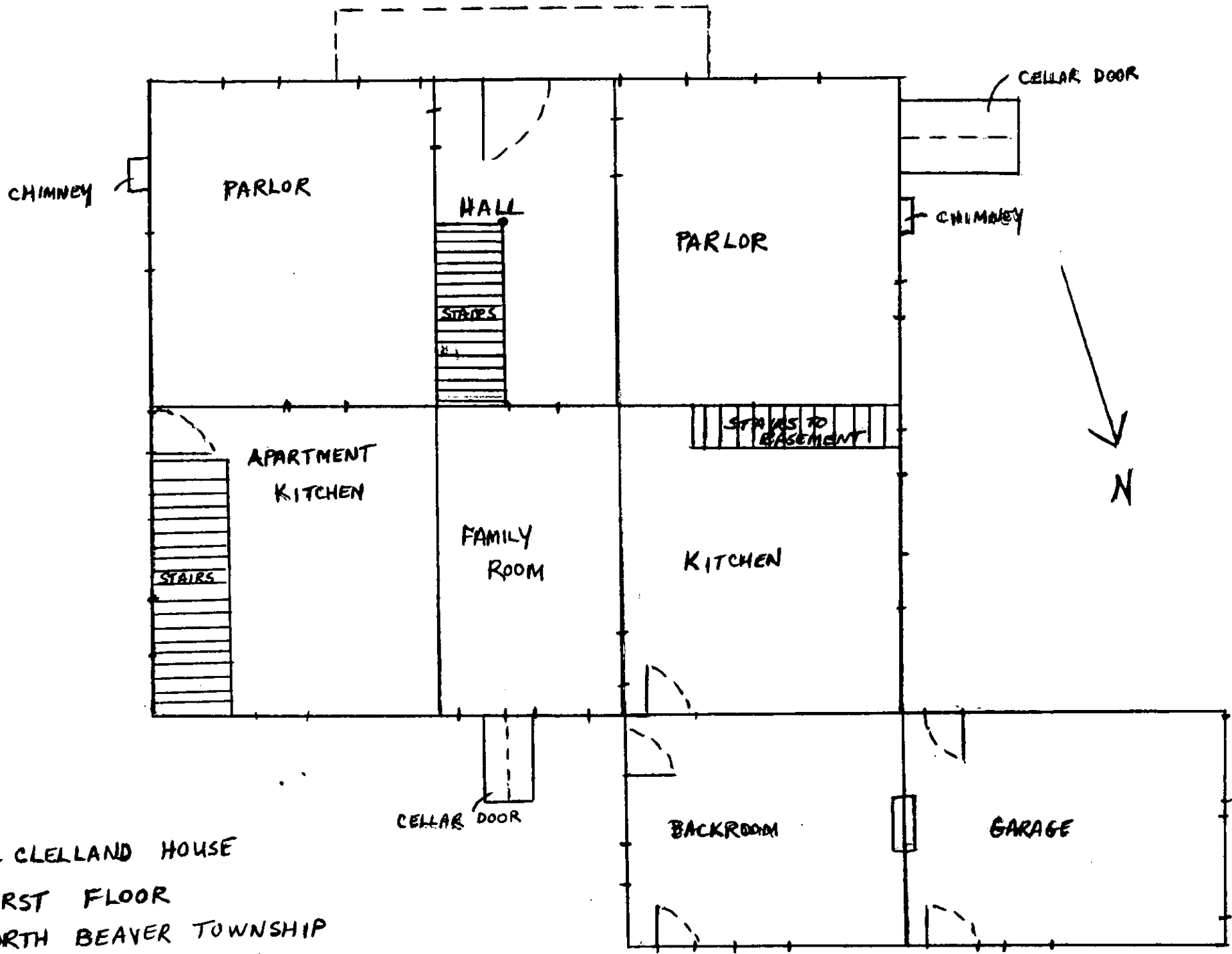
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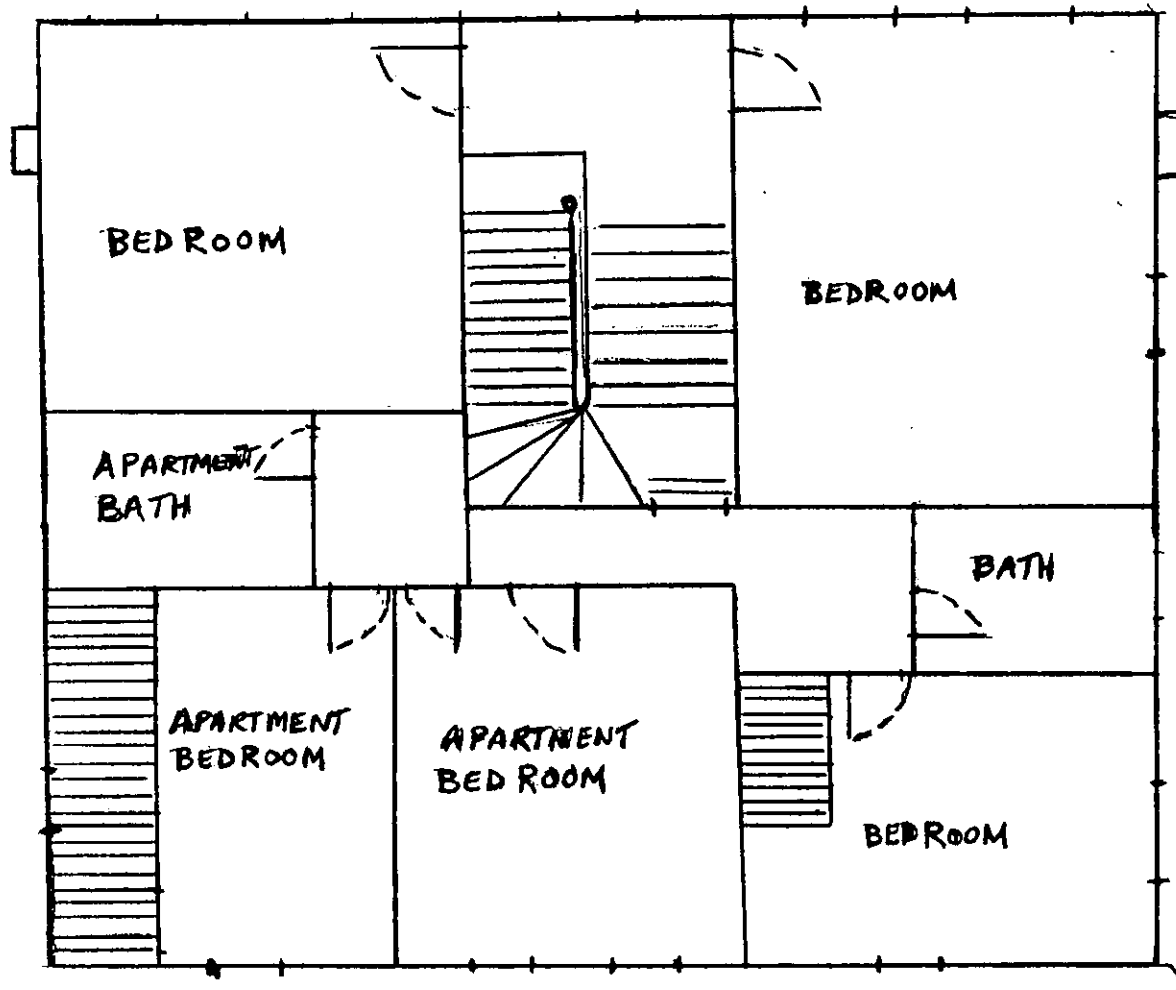
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MC CLELLAND HOUSE
 FIRST FLOOR
 NORTH BEAVER TOWNSHIP
 LAWRENCE COUNTY
 PENNSYLVANIA

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NOT TO SCALE



McCLELLAND HOUSE
SECOND FLOOR
NORTH BEAVER TOWNSHIP
LAWRENCE COUNTY
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NOT TO SCALE : MEASUREMENTS APPROXIMATE

MOHAWK SCHOOL ROAD 1000 ft to

McCLELLAND ROAD



McCLELLAND FARM
NORTH BEAVER TOWNSHIP
LAWRENCE COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA

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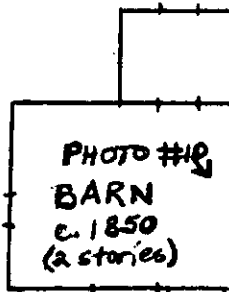


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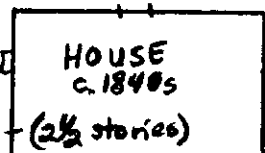


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FAMILY ROOM + GARAGE
(1 story's frame)

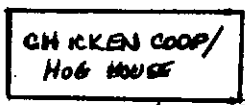
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POWDER MILL
(INTRUSION)
c. 1850

PHOTO #12

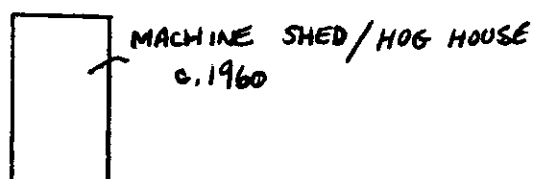
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c. 1900/reconfigured



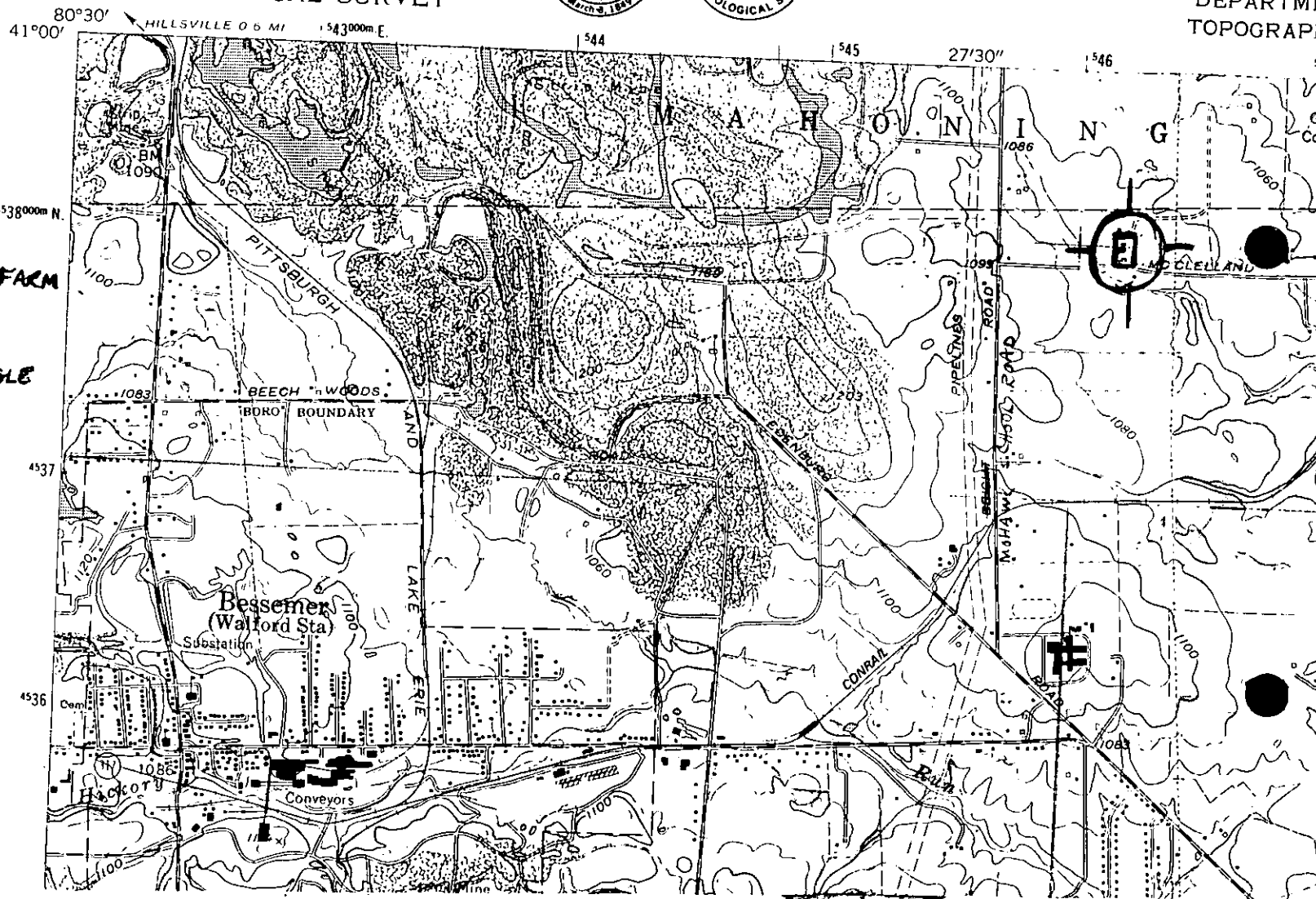
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