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## 1. Name of Property

historic name Zeigler, John Farm House  
other names/site number N/A

## 2. Location

street & number 1281 Mountain Road N/A not for publication  
city, town York Springs (Latimore Twp.) N/A vicinity  
state PA code PA county Adams code 001 zip code 17372

## 3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property			
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>    </u> buildings
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		<u>1</u>	<u>0</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.  
Brent D. Glass, PA historical & Museum Commission  
Signature of certifying official Brent D. Glass Date 3/12/92  
State or Federal agency and bureau

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Signature of commenting or other official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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## 5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

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 See continuation sheet.

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other, (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Federal

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stonewalls Brickroof Wood Shingle

other \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe present and historic physical appearance.**

The John Zeigler Farm House is a 2½ story, 3 bay brick farm house of early 19th century Federal style with modified Georgian plan. Built in 1817, it has exceptional integrity and has recently been restored. Surrounded by farm field,<sup>5</sup> the Zeigler Farm House also retains its agricultural context.

The Zeigler Farm House is comprised of a main block and a rear ell. The main block has a fieldstone foundation. The south facade is 3 bay, 2½ story with flemish bond red brick. The main door, on the east of the facade, is six panel wood semi-circular fan light topped by a brick arch. The windows are wooden, 9/6 with flat brick arches above. All window sashes in the house are reproductions of an original found in the attic. (Original windows had much earlier been replaced.) All shutters are original. All brick was cleaned and repointed during restoration according to Sec. of Interior guidelines.

The western elevation is red flemish bond brick, three bay on both the main block and rear ell. The main block has a door to the north, 6 glass panes over 2 wood panels, with a transom and flat brick arch above. First story windows are 9/6 with flat brick arch above. The two 2nd story windows are 6/6 with flat brick arches above. In the center of the top story is a small, divided circular window. The 1st story of the ell has two 6/6 windows with flat brick arches above and a door to the north, all evenly spaced. The door is the same as that of the main block. The 2nd story of the ell has three 6/6 windows with flat brick arches above, directly over 1st story door and windows. A porch along the western elevation was removed during the recent restoration, leaving 5 small holes. These were re-filled with bricks found on-site.

The eastern elevation is common bond red brick with a small white frame shed addition on the northern side of the main block, constructed during the recent restoration to install bathrooms. The shed is not visible from the road or from the front of the house. The main block has a 9/6 window with shutters and a flat brick arch above on the south side of the 1st story, a similar 6/6 window on the north side of the 2nd story, and two 4 pane windows topped by brick arches in the top story. The clapboard shed addition has a 6/6 window on both 1st and 2nd stories. The east ell elevation has a re-built brick porch leading to a 15 glass pane wood door. There is a 9/6 window in the southern corner. The brick is painted white, and there is a shed roof over the porch. The 2nd story has one 6/6 window in the southern corner. The brick is red. A roof was removed from the porch area during restoration. The area where joists were exposed were tinned, as they had been originally.

The northern elevation of the main block is part of the small shed addition. It is clapboard, with a 15 glass pane wood door on the 1st story and a 6 pane window on the 2nd story. The northern elevation of the ell is common bond brick with a 9/6 window on the 1st story, 6/6 window on the 2nd story, and a 4 pane window on the 3rd story. All windows have flat wood lintels and flat brick arches above.

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Both the main block and the rear ell have gabled roofs. The original wood was wood shingle, and a cedar shingle replacement roof was installed during restoration. A brick chimney is on the western edge of the main block and on both northern and southern ends of the rear ell roof. Both chimneys were rebuilt according to original design during restoration.

As with the exterior, the interior of the John Zeigler Farm House was recently restored using the Sec. of Interior's Guidelines. All wooden floors in the house are original, and original paint colors have been used throughout. The interior, both in plan and in detailing, was largely intact, even prior to restoration. The only notable changes to the interior c. 1990 were removal of a wall in the kitchen and bedroom above and installation of bathrooms in the frame addition, neither of which compromise the building's integrity.

The basement is field stone, basically an open space. A cement floor has been installed. The floor joists visible in the basement display the Germanic construction technique of resting floor joists on the summer beam.

The plan of the main block is side-passage with two parlors, the front parlor measuring 20' x 14'6" and the rear parlor 20' x 13'6". The stair passage runs the depth of the house and is 8'1" wide. It has a simple convex wood chair rail. The staircase has 13 steps to the landing, then turns 180° and has 3 more steps to the 2nd floor. The staircase has plain balusters and a simple newel. The entrance to the modern rear addition is at the rear of the hall and is the former exterior rear entrance to the main block. Recent restoration included removal of a c. 1900 partition in the stair passage.

The front parlor is the most formal room in the house and features flat, geometric decorative elements including reeded corner blocks above all openings. The elegant fireplace mantel has a recessed central horizontal medallion flanked by smaller recessed vertical medallions on the frieze. Supporting the frieze are elongated pilasters with bulbous bases and stylized Doric capitals. To the north of the fireplace is a panelled chimney cupboard. Other features of the room include a peg rail on the western and northern walls in the northwest corner of the room, plain board window reveals and a chair rail. The front parlor paint colors are prussian blue for all woodwork with black baseboards. Rear parlor colors are identical.

The rear parlor, less ornate than the front parlor, retains its original woodwork. The fireplace mantel is geometric with reeded detailing. An original exterior door in the northeast corner leads into the room. Peg rails are on the southern and eastern walls. An enclosed staircase, c. 1900, was removed from the northeast corner during restoration.

The 2nd floor plan of the main block mirrors the 1st floor plan. The front chamber features a simple mantel and a panelled chimney cupboard in the northwest corner. The woodwork colors are vibrant green with black baseboard.

The rear chamber is plainer than the front chamber. It has a masonry chimney stack for a heating stove and no fireplace mantel.

Unlike the main block, which has remarkably few physical changes, the kitchen ell was rebuilt during the late 19th century. Originally a 2 story shed roof ell, a full 2nd story and gable roof were added c. 1900, and the cooking fireplace on the north wall was removed. Physical evidence of the renovation is a change in the brickwork and types of bricks used on the north wall and at the 2nd story level of the east wall and the change in the window surrounds on the north wall and the 2nd story of the ell. Other

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evidence is that the 1st floor joists of the main block and the ell are identical, but the construction of the gable roofs of the 2 sections are very different. The main block has mortised, tenoned and pinned vertical sawn rafters while the ell's rafters are butted and circularly sawn.

The original plan of the kitchen ell appears to have been 2 rooms with an unheated room adjacent to the main block and a small room with cooking fireplace to the rear. As mentioned above, the interior wall was removed c. 1990, resulting in one large room with a c. 1900 built-in cupboard in the northwest corner. An original exterior door is on the western wall. The same wall removed in the 1st story ell was removed in the 2nd story ell during restoration. There is a c. 1900 closet in the northeast corner of this room.

Recent restoration work on the John Zeigler Farm House has served to enhance its original appearance. All work was done using the Sec. of Interior's Guidelines. Almost all of the work was to eliminate changes made during renovations c. 1900. Exterior work includes: replacement of windows with reproductions of the originals, cleaning and painting woodwork, cleaning and repointing brick, removal of a porch c. 1900 and re-installation of brick in holes, rebuilding of brick porch, removal of porch roof and re-tinning of joist ends, reinstallation of wood shingle roof, rebuilding of chimneys according to original design, and construction of small frame 2 story bathroom addition in the northeast corner of the main block. Interior changes include: restoration of original colors, removal of partition in stair passage and enclosed staircase in rear parlor (both c. 1900), and removal of an interior wall in both 1st and 2nd story of ell.

The John Zeigler Farm House is a remarkably well preserved 19th century rural house with elements of the Federal style. Like many farm houses, it underwent renovations during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Unlike most, renovations to the Zeigler Farm House were relatively minor and largely confined to the rear ell, leaving the main block basically intact and its original Federal detailing untouched.

**6. 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)  NA  B  C  D  E  F  G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period of Significance  
1817

Significant Dates  
1817

Cultural Affiliation  
NA

Significant Person

NA

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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

The John Zeigler Farm House is an outstanding example of a Federal style brick farm house in northern Adams County that retains excellent integrity.

The Adams County Historic Sites Survey (Stoner, Paula, Preservation Associates, 1978) identified only 1% of houses built between 1800-1830 as brick. The predominant materials used at that time were wood and stone. In northern Adams County, the few other brick houses remaining c. 1800-1830 are of less interest architecturally and have less architectural integrity than does the Zeigler Farm House.

The only other brick house in Latimore Twp. from the early 19th century is on R.D. 1, East Berlin (Survey #001-LA-008). Originally four bay, a large three bay addition along the west of the front elevation has compromised its integrity.

In Huntingdon Twp., three brick houses c. 1800-1830 have been identified - all are on R.D. 2, York Springs. The original door of Survey #001-HU-021 has been replaced by a small window, and the main entrance has been moved to the south gable end. The window do not appear to be original. Survey #001-HU-027 is a small, three bay house, vernacular style, with a wrap-around front porch as a more recently added feature. Survey #001-HU-058 is also much plainer in style, four bay with two doors in the center. Window replacement and the addition of a front porch compromise integrity.

In Reading Twp., two brick houses from the early 19th century have been identified. Survey #001-RE-073, R.D. 2, East Berlin, is three bay, simple vernacular style, and windows have been replaced. Survey #001-RE-110 is five bay, vernacular style, with a Victorian-detailed front porch and probable replacement windows.

John Zeigler owned the land on which the house was built for several years before the construction in 1817. There is a strong possibility that one of the existing outbuildings, a brick two story square, was constructed in the 18th century, but this has not been documentable. The Zeigler family owned the property until 1865, when it was sold to the Lerews. In 1900, it was sold to Mr. Williams. John Masseur purchased the property in 1940 and later sold it to Mr. Worley, who sold it to the present owners in 1986.

The John Zeigler Farm House stands as a unique representative of the early 19th century Federal brick farm house in northern Adams County. Its exterior and interior integrity are remarkable, and its agricultural setting enhances its historical quality.

See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Adams Co. Estate Papers, Adams Co. Historical Society, Gettysburg, PA.

Adams Co. Land Records, Adams Co. Historical Society, Gettysburg, PA.

Adams Co. Tax Assessments, Adams Co. Historical Society, Gettysburg, PA.

Stoner, Paula Preservation Associates, Adams Co. Historic Sites Survey: Preliminary Research Report & Survey Files, PA Bureau for Historic Preservation, 1978-80.

**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 # \_\_\_\_\_

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**Primary location of additional data:**

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

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreeage of property less than 1 acre

**UTM References**

A 

1	8	3	1	9	4	0	0	4	4	3	5	1	2	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

C 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

Beginning at a point along the east side of the dedicated right of way of Mountain Road 650 ft. from the property line with Melvin S. Worly east for 150 ft. then south for 200 ft., then west for 150 ft. to the dedicated right of way of Mountain Road, then north for 200 ft. along the dedicated right of way of Mountain Road to the point of beginning.

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**Boundary Justification**

The boundaries include the farm house and immediately surrounding land. There are four associated outbuildings to the west of the house, all in poor condition and not relevant to the architectural period. The banked barn and the smokehouse are both frame with stone foundation. The outhouse is frame. The fourth building, use unknown, is a square, two story brick structure with one room on each floor. Its construction date may precede that of the farm house.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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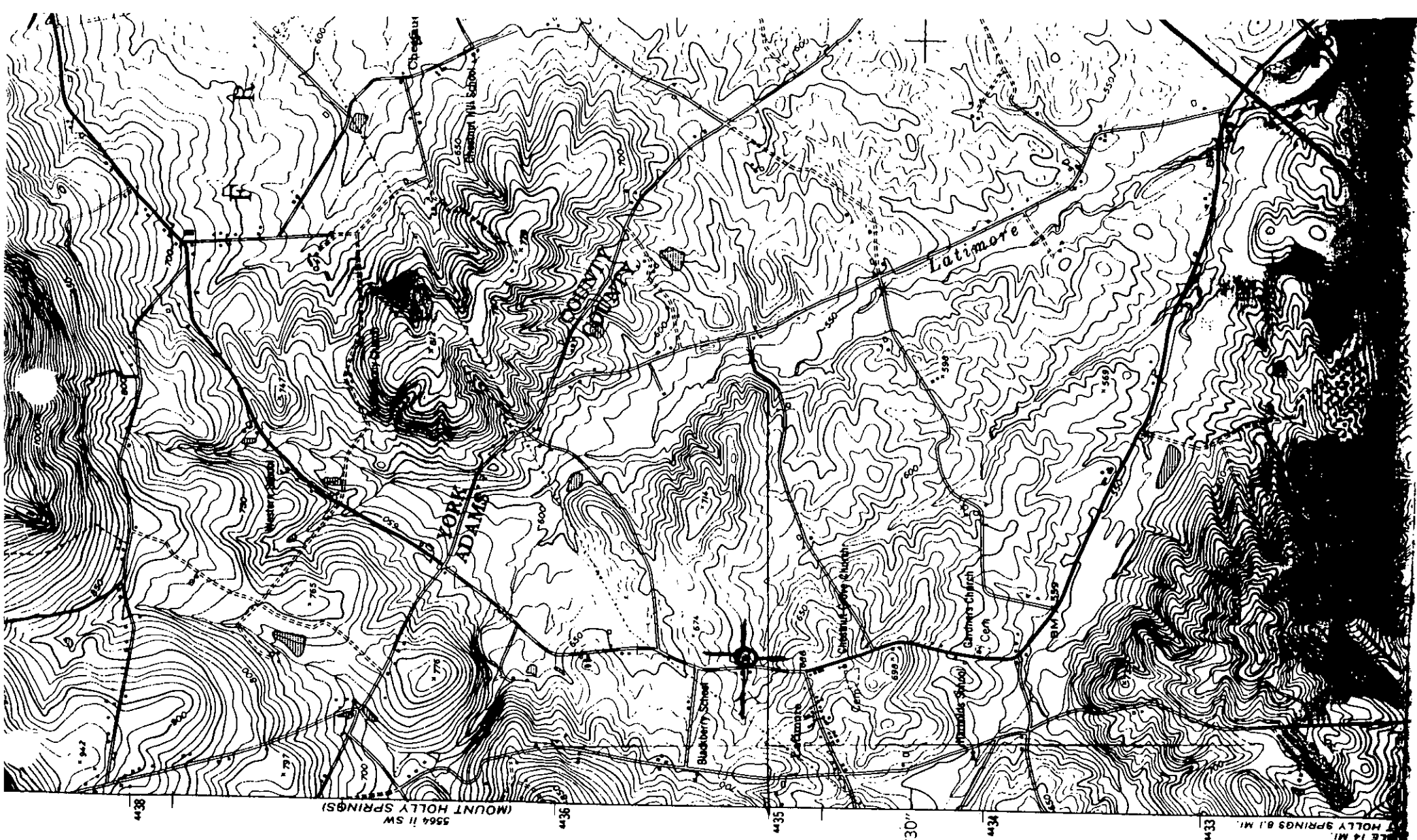
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