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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

### 1. Name of Property

historic name Crawford, John Minor, House

other names/site number Building 301 (Army Corps Historic Buildings Survey)

### 2. Location

street & number SB 2014  not for publication

city or town Glassworks (Monongahela Township)  vicinity

state PA code PA county Greene code 059 zip code 15338

### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

DR. BRENT D. GLASS

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

PA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION

State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

### 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

- 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:)

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Crawford House  
Name of Property

Greene Co., Pa.  
County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

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

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

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

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1		Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Greensboro/New Geneva Multiple Property Submission 0

**Number of contributing resources previously listed  
in the National Register** 0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Single Dwelling

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Vacant: Not in Use

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Italianate

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone

walls brick

roof metal

other wood

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8.- Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

c1878

Significant Dates

N/A

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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

Name of repository:

\_\_\_\_\_

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 1/2 acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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3			
	Zone	Easting	Northing
4			

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Duquesne Light Company

street & number 301 Grant St. telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town Pittsburgh state PA zip code 15279

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### Description

This four bay, two-and-a-half story, brick house was built in the Italianate style c. 1878 by John Minor Crawford. Located about a quarter of a mile north of Greensboro in the village of Glassworks, the Crawford House is situated on the floodplain of the Monongahela River and faces west onto the main road (SR 2014) from Glassworks into Greensboro. There is a c. 1920 garage just southwest of the house but is not within the present National Register boundaries. There are no other surviving historic buildings associated with this property. Although changes have been made to the house over the years, it retains sufficient integrity to represent its historic period of significance.

The Crawford House displays some typical features of the Italianate style including the shallow pitched roof with wide eaves and decorative brackets as well as the tall, narrow windows on each elevation of the house. Although the asymmetrical facade of this house would indicate that this house was built in the gable front and wing floor plan, in actuality the rear elevation mirrors the front with an opposing cross gable such that there is an equal number of rooms on either side of the central hall. A single-story, frame porch flanks each cross gable, and a first-floor bay window accents each gable front as well. The rear porch has been enclosed at the door and directly above, a frame bathroom addition extends out over the porch roof. The porch posts are square with beveled edges and fan-like brackets. The cornices to the main block of the house as well as the porches and bays are bracketed and dentiled. The gable end pediments are highlighted with circular windows or portholes and turned finials. Windows throughout the house have wide cut stone lintels and narrow stone sills. The house rests on a finely cut sandstone foundation. The individual stones have about one inch margins with crandelled interiors. There is a bulkhead entrance into the cellar at the southeast corner of the house. Central brick chimneys pierce the roof line where the cross gables meet the wing sections. Most of the windows throughout the house retain their original two-over-two configuration.

On the interior, there is a sense of light and openness throughout the house which is provided by the tall, telescoped windows and high ceilings. There is narrow oak flooring and high molded baseboard throughout the house. The house also features a wide central hall with an open staircase. At the foot of the staircase, there is a large, molded and panelled newel post with a finial ball. The balustrade, which continues beyond the stairs and curves around the landing on the second floor, consists of heavily turned and closely spaced spindles. A finely carved handrail tops the balustrade. The sidelights of both the front and rear doors have been replaced with glass blocks.

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The window and door surrounds in the halls and front parlor are wide and heavily molded while those in the less public areas, such as bedrooms, are narrow and not as bold. Above each door into a hall are single-paned, rectangular transoms. There is vertical, beaded panelling beneath each of the windows. The original doors surviving on the second floor have four molded panels.

The south front parlor is the most intact room on the first floor. Although the fireplace surround has been vandalized, the closet beside it remains intact. The closet features doors with three panels which are molded, relieved, and grained.

The north half of the first floor was converted into a health center in the 1970s. Consequently, there are no extant window or door surrounds in this part of the house. A modern door, a picture window on the facade, and smaller windows on the north side of the house, were installed in this section of the house. Although the original room partitions have been removed, the chimney location and window placement indicates that this side mirrored the south side.

Most of the original woodwork survives on the second floor. The large bedrooms there have ample closet space with two closets each. As on the first floor, the panels to these doors are grained, and the windows have vertical beaded panelling beneath them. A bathroom was installed at the rear of the hall and over the back porch c. 1910. Its multi-paned windows are typical of the Queen Anne period.

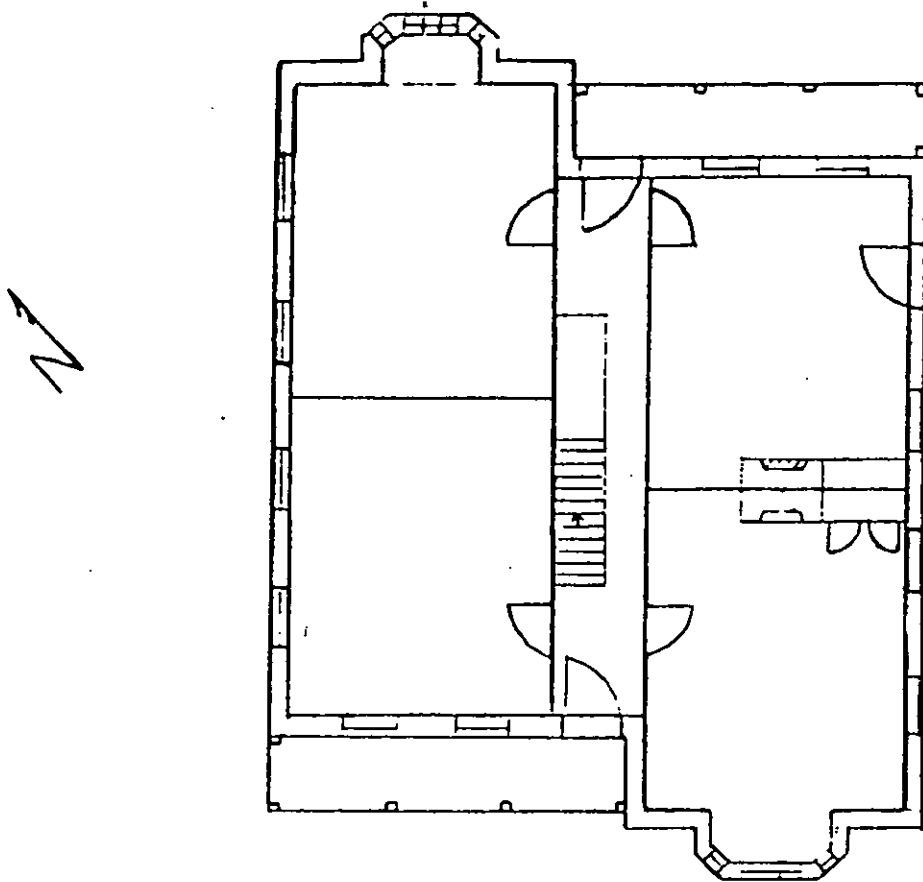
A narrow stair leads to the attic. The attic is low with a complex roof structure, part of which is curved like the hull of a boat. The sawn rafters are nailed together.

In summary, the removal of room partitions and the changes made to the windows and doors on the north side of the first floor along with the minor frame additions to the rear do not significantly alter the overall feeling of this Italianate style house. The Crawford House still retains its dominant architectural features and physical setting and is able to convey its late nineteenth century significance.

**Crawford House**

**Glassworks, Monongahela Twp., Greene Co.**

**First Floor Plan  
(Not Drawn to Scale)**



**Detail of Foundation Stone  
Showing Margin and Crandelling of Interior**



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### Statement of Significance

The Crawford House is significant in the area of architecture. This house is part of the property type "Residences of the Greensboro/New Geneva Area" as discussed in the Greensboro/New Geneva Multiple Property Documentation Form. Among the requirements to meet Criterion C, a residence must be representative of late nineteenth century vernacular architecture or representative of a popular national style. They must retain sufficient integrity of materials and stylistic details to be representative of that style. Fenestration patterns and door openings should not be greatly altered or blocked in. The interior of the buildings should retain most of their original floor plan. The Crawford House was built c. 1878 on land earlier part of the New Geneva Glassworks Company. This house retains sufficient integrity to represent its Italianate style of architecture.

The Crawford House appears to have been built on part of the "New Glass Works Lot" located between the lots of Lewis Reitz and Adolphus Eberhart as noted on the 1810 plot of Glassworks. This particular property remained in company hands until the New Geneva Glassworks was dissolved in the late 1850s/early 1860s. The company was taxed as Baltzer Kramer & Company from 1820 until 1859 when the factory was noted as "not in use." In 1860 the 50-acre tract known as the "old glass manufacturing company" was sold to Alfred Myers, James A. Black, Baltzer Kramer, and John J.C. Black. During this period many of the Glassworks lots and houses were sold off individually. For example, the Reitz house and lot, just south of this lot, was sold by the Reitz heirs to Nancy Neil in 1864. Likewise Baltzer Kramer and others sold a lot in "Old Glassworks" to John B. McCoy in 1865. Many of these deeds do not give the acreage so it is hard to determine which lot is referred to. (1)

The 1876 Centennial Atlas shows J.B. McCoy and J.M. Crawford as owning lots and cooper shops on the Old Glassworks Property. The same source lists Crawford as a merchant and his date of settlement in the area as 1827 (his birth date). In 1866 John B. McCoy sold a lot of land at old Glassworks with buildings and improvements to John M. Crawford for \$1000. Crawford was evidently eliminating his competition and expanding his operation. The 1869 through 1877 Monongahela Township tax lists note J.M. Crawford as a cooper with a house and lot and a cooper shop among other properties. From 1875 through 1890 he is listed as a merchant. In 1883 he is also taxed with a ferry. J.M. Crawford died in 1905, and he willed his real estate and personal property to his wife Sarah. From about 1935 until 1975 the house was used as the mine superintendent's office of Duquesne Light Company. It was a health center from about 1977 until about 1988. (2)

Documentation in the Greensboro/New Geneva Multiple Property Submission



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showed the Greensboro/New Geneva area as an early trading center and that coopering was one the early industries in the area. This same report indicated that the Greensboro area developed further commercially during the 1860-1880 period. This was brought about in part by the completion of Lock and Dam Numbers 5 and 6 in 1856 which extended the head of navigation on the Monongahela River to Greensboro/New Geneva. Steamer packet service began at that time. In addition, the Greensboro potteries reached their peak during the decade of 1870 to 1880, and the nearby Gray Distillery also expanded its operations during this period. All of this development prompted the need for greater shipping abilities in the area. During this period many things were shipped in barrels, hence the need for a large cooperage business and the success of John M. Crawford in that line. (3)

During the late nineteenth century, a period of commercial development for the area, several properties in the Greensboro area were built in the Italianate style. Among these was the Reppert & Williams Store/House in Greensboro. Built in 1874, this two-and-a-half story brick building is the most notable extant example of the Italianate style used on a commercial building in the area. It features a curved roofline and cornice and arched windows elaborated with raised brick crowns. However, the largest and perhaps grandest Italianate style building in Greensboro was the Monongahela House, an eight bay, three-and-a-half story, brick hotel. It also served as a theatre. It's first floor was cased in cut stone, but the upper floors featured arched windows with raised crowns. This building was demolished in the 1980s. A more subtle and modest example of the Italianate style is the James Jones House in Greensboro. Built c. 1879, this three bay, two-and-a-half story, brick house was built in I house form with just two rooms up and down. Although it has arched windows with raised crowns, it does not have all fine details such as bracketed cornice, cross gables, and bay windows which the Crawford House displays. The Crawford House remains the area's best extant example of the Italianate style in residential architecture. In conclusion, the Crawford House is significant for its late nineteenth-century Italianate style architecture. Among a handful of Italianate style buildings in the area, the Crawford House is the largest and most detailed residence.

### Notes

(1) Greene County Deed Book 19, p. 556, Deed Book 20, p. 514, Deed Book 21, p. 279, Deed Book 135, p. 577.

(2) Greene County Deed Book 20, p. 515; Greene County Will Book 10, p. 169; Caldwell's Illustrated Historical Atlas of Greene County (Condit, Ohio: J.A. Caldwell, 1876), p. 151; Roger McHugh, interview, 18 November 1993.

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(3) Jerry A. Clouse, "Greensboro/New Geneva Multiple Property Submission,"  
June 1994, pp. 8, 15, 23-24, 52-53.

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### Boundary Description

Beginning at a point on the eastern edge of SR 2014 and the northern edge of National Register boundary for this property which is twenty feet from the northern side of the Crawford House, then proceeding from this point in a northeast direction parallel with the house to a point twenty feet beyond the eastern wall of the house, then proceeding from this point seventy-five feet in a southeast direction to a point, then proceeding from this point in a southwest direction parallel with the house to a point on the eastern edge of SR 2014, then proceeding from this point seventy-five feet in a northwest direction along the eastern edge of SR 2014 to the point of beginning.

### Boundary Justification

The boundary only includes the land immediately surrounding the Crawford House and excludes the noncontributing garage and the open ground related to this tax parcel.

### Crawford Photo List

All of the following photographs of the Crawford House, located at Glassworks in Monongahela Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania, were taken by Jerry Clouse, November 1993. All of the negatives are located in the offices of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

1. Looking east at the facade of the Crawford House.
2. Looking east at the facade of the Crawford House with a corner of the garage showing at the right side.
3. Looking northeast at the south elevation of the Crawford House.
4. Looking west at the rear elevation of the Crawford House.
5. Looking south at the north elevation of the Crawford House.
6. Looking southwest inside the south front parlor of the Crawford House.
7. Looking north from the front parlor at the first floor newel post in the hall of the Crawford House.
8. Looking east at the closet in the front parlor of the Crawford House.

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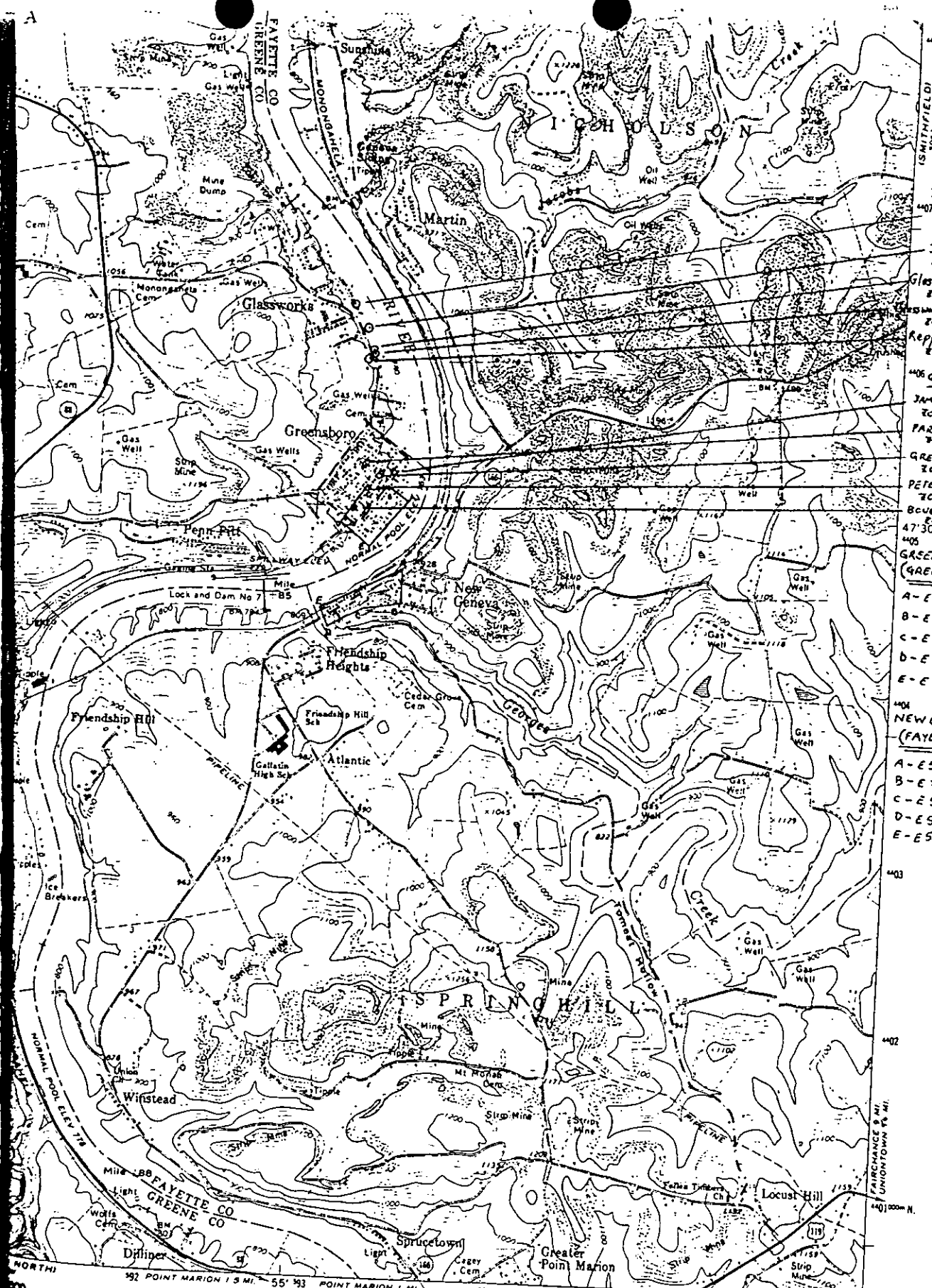
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9. Looking east at the balustrade in the second floor hall of the Crawford House.

10. Looking southwest at the closets in the southeast bedroom of the Crawford House.



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- 440 EBERHART/GABLER HOUSE (ZONE 17, E 591890/N 4406190)
- J. MCRAWFORD HOUSE (ZONE 17, E 591890/N 4406190)
- GLASSWORKS HOUSE (BLDG. 302, ZONE 17, E 593030/N 4405910)
- GLASSWORKS/GABLER HOUSE (BLDG. 302-A, ZONE 17, E 593040/N 4405910)
- REPPERT/GABLER HOUSE (BLDG. 314, ZONE 17, E 593000/N 4405860)
- 440 GREENSBORO (GREENE COUNTY)
- JAMES JONES HOUSE (ZONE 17, E 593100/N 4405210)
- PARRCO HOUSE (ZONE 17, E 593040/N 4405240)
- GREENSBORO SCHOOL (ZONE 17, E 593100/N 4405190)
- PETERS/GRAHAM HOUSE (ZONE 17, E 593000/N 4405100)
- BOUGHNER HOUSE (ZONE 17, E 592980/N 4404980)
- 440 GREENSBORO HISTORIC DISTRICT (GREENE COUNTY) ZONE 17
- A - E 593310/N 4405020
- B - E 593210/N 4405100
- C - E 593040/N 4405090
- D - E 592710/N 4404890
- E - E 593090/N 4404740
- 440 NEW GENEVA HISTORIC DISTRICT (FAYETTE COUNTY) ZONE 17
- A - E 593300/N 4404610
- B - E 593300/N 4404410
- C - E 593100/N 4404380
- D - E 592860/N 4404260
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