

United States Department of the Interior  
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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 Morris / Hair Tavern

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number U. S. Rt. 40, Main Street

not for publication

city or town Hopwood

vicinity

state Pennsylvania

code PA

county Fayette

code 051

zip code 15445

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

*Brent D. Glass* 9/29/73

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 commenting 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  
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determined not eligible for the  
National Register.

removed from the National  
Register.

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

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Fayette 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	
<u>1</u>		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
<u>1</u>		Total

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

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

Hist. Resources of the National Road

0

**6. Function or Use**

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

Domestic : Hotel  
Domstic : Single Dwelling

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

Other : Fire Station

**7. Description**

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

Early Republic

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone

walls Stone

roof Asphalt

other

**Narrative Description**

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

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**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)

Commerce

Architecture

**Period of Significance**

1818-C.1855

**Significant Dates**

1818

**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 Less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	17	611180	4414320
Zone	Easting	Northing	
2			

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 Hopwood Volunteer Fire Company

street & number U.S. Rt. 40, National Pike telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town Hopwood state PA zip code 15445

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## Description

The **Morris/Hair Tavern** is located on the south side of the U.S. Route 40, about twenty-five feet off the road in the village of Hopwood. Like all the National Road taverns, not only is it situated near the road, but faces the road as well. An asphalt paved parking lot adjoins the east and north sides of the building, and a c. 1945 cement block firehouse addition is connected to the west gable end of the building, fits into the kitchen ell, and extends around the back. The tavern is a five-bay, single pile, two-and-a-half story stone building built with a center hall floor plan. A two-and-a-half story, stone kitchen ell extends back from the east side of the building. The diamond shaped datestone is nearly centrally located on the second floor of the front elevation and is inscribed, "William Morris, September the 7, 1818." The building is distinguished as a tavern by its relatively large size and interior stone gable end chimneys. The **Morris/Hair Tavern** displays another diagnostic characteristic of many of the National Road taverns, which is the hipped roof on the end of the building where the main block connects with the kitchen ell. Although changes have been made to this property over the years since its construction, it retains sufficient integrity to represent its historic association with the early commercial development of the National Road.

The random ashlar sandstone construction of the **Morris/Hair Tavern** is accentuated with large quoins at each corner. Further elaboration by the stone mason is accomplished through diamond shaped stones centrally located between each opening on the first and second floors of the front elevation. The fenestration on all elevations is highlighted with keystones. The multi-paned windows are late twentieth-century replacements for earlier multi-paned sash. Although this building has a five-bay facade, it is not completely symmetrical. The western windows are more closely spaced than the eastern ones. The easternmost opening on the first floor originally opened into the barroom. Although that opening is still there, it is not operable as a door.

The nearly central front door opens into a large room used as a lounge area for the firemen. The fireplace along the eastern wall of this room is enclosed and the surround has been removed. Another door opens from the east elevation beside the fireplace and the south wall of this room. This room is entirely sheathed in mid-twentieth-century knotty pine panelling. To the rear of this room an enclosed stairwell rises to the second floor. It is sheathed with knotty pine panelling as well.

The window on the west side of the front door was made into a door in the twentieth century so that the west room could serve as the Hopwood Post Office. It now serves as an office for the fire company. The fireplace along the western wall has been enclosed, and the room is sheathed in knotty pine

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panelling.

The first floor room in the kitchen ell also serves as a lounge for rescue personnel. It is panelled in knotty pine, and the fireplace on the south wall has been enclosed.

On the second floor, a large front room serves as a recreation area for the firemen. The fireplace along the eastern gable wall remains open but the plaster has been removed from the surround area. A smaller room on the west gable end serves as an office for the firemen. The room above the former kitchen area is now a storage area. There is only a crawl space to the attic. However, the attic is rather high, eight to ten feet and could have served as sleeping quarters at one time.

Although alterations, such as replacement of the original multi-paned sash with modern multi-paned sash throughout the building, replacement of interior finishes, removal of partition walls, and additions have been made to the Morris/Hair Tavern over the years, the building is recognizable as an early nineteenth century tavern associated with the National Road. The character and feeling of the property remains intact.

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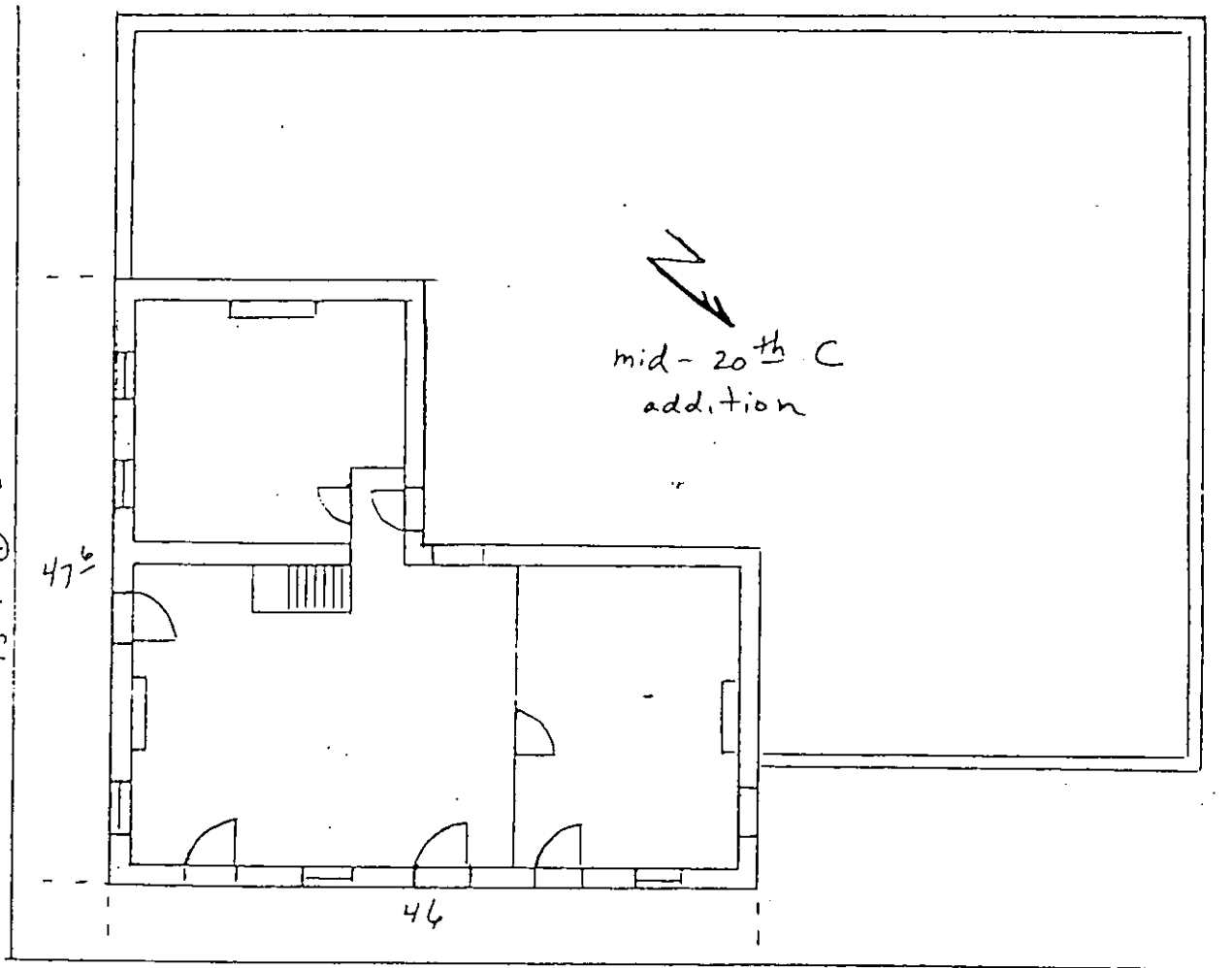
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First Floor Plan  
(Not Drawn to Scale)



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### Significance

The 1818 **Morris/Hair Tavern** is significant in the areas of commerce and architecture. This building is part of the property type "Tavern Buildings" as discussed in Historic Resources of the National Road in Pennsylvania Multiple Property Documentation Form. Among the requirements to meet Criterion A the tavern must be documented to be associated with the National Road. To meet Criterion C a tavern must possess architectural integrity which means it should still be identifiable as a tavern through its form and basic floor plan. This building has been documented as a tavern house from 1818 through the 1850s, and it retains its form from that period. The fact that the **Morris/Hair Tavern** is of masonry construction is typical of the vast majority of tavern buildings surviving along the National Road. However, the signed datestone and other embellishments such as the diamond shaped stones placed between the facade's fenestration place it above the ordinary. It is largest surviving tavern in the village of Hopwood.

Hopwood was laid out as "Woodstock" in 1791 by John Hopwood. By 1793 the town had a wide range of businessmen and artisans including merchants, tavern keepers, printers, a bookbinder, a clock maker, a gunsmith, and blacksmiths. In anticipation of the National Road John's son, Moses Hopwood, laid out an addition to the town in 1816 and named the whole town "Monroe." By the late nineteenth century the village was known as Hopwood. Hopwood thrived during the early development of the National Road as it was a destination point sought by travelers before nightfall. This goal was set in order to have a fresh start over the mountains in the morning. Ellis's history remarked that "acres of covered wagons could be seen every night in Monroe." In addition, thousands of animals were quartered in this town overnight. At one time there were seven licensed hotels in the town. Historian Robert Bruce remarked in 1916 that a half dozen old stone houses could be still seen in Hopwood, all once used as taverns. These are the buildings which make Hopwood recognizable as a pike town. (1)

Historian Thomas Searight stated that the **Morris/Hair Tavern** was built by Andrew McMasters and was subsequently owned and kept by German D. Hair for many years. Ellis's History of Fayette County noted that the stone masons were Benjamin Goodin, Robert Cooper, John Sutton, and John Harvey, Sr. William Morris, the builder of this tavern, is noted on the 1820 Union township tax lists as an innkeeper with a house and three lots. In 1822 William Morris and wife Lyla conveyed this stone house and lot of ground, adjoining St. Paul Street, to Thomas Brownfield. Brownfield was a wagoner on the roads across the Alleghenies prior to the National Road era. The 1823 tax list shows this tavern house and lot among Thomas Brownfield's holdings. (2)



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In 1839 German Hair was assessed with a house and lot from the Brownfield Heirs. German D. Hair (1790-1873) was married to Thomas Brownfield's daughter Rebecca. Hair, a native of Chester County, was an early stone mason of bridges on the National Road. Hair first appears as an innkeeper in Union Township in 1825. As a tavernkeeper, Hair's tax valuation was among the highest, and often times the highest, indicating his was a popular stand along the National Road. By 1832 the heirs of Thomas Brownfield, innkeeper, were assessed for a house and a third of a lot in Union Township. The assessment lists of the late 1840s and early 1850s show innkeeper's valuations were considerably lower than during the earliest peak period of the National Road. (3)

Two grantor deeds were recorded for the estate of German Hair. One, dated January 1876, was for 13 acres in South Union Twp. The other was for an interest in a lot fronting on the National Road. Both tracts were granted to Mary Canon. In 1903 the bulk of Mary Canon's estate, including this two-story house, were deeded from Edward Campbell to William Stone. In 1944 the property was purchased by the Hopwood Volunteer Fire Company. (4)

The Morris/Hair Tavern is one of about thirty taverns/hotels which were determined eligible as part of the Multiple Property National Register nomination "Resources of the National Road." Like most of the surviving National Road taverns, this one is of masonry construction. However, there is more masonry detailing in this tavern than most. The Morris/Hair Tavern was one of the seven taverns listed in Monroe (Hopwood) by Ellis's 1882 history. These are apparently the same seven operating in Hopwood during the early development of the National Road. The three, the Monroe Tavern, Morris/Hair Tavern, and Hopwood/Miller Tavern, that can be documented to survive, are part of this multiple property nomination.

The Morris/Hair Tavern is significant not only for its association with the early nineteenth century commercial development of the National Road but also for its association with the development of Monroe/Hopwood as a transportation hub and pike town. It is also significant for its tavern related early nineteenth-century vernacular architecture.

(1) Ellis, pp. 685-687; Robert Bruce, The National Road (Berryville, Va: The Prince Maccus Publishers, 1983), p. 64.

(2) James Hadden, A History of Uniontown: the County Seat of Fayette County, Pennsylvania (Evansville, Ind.: Unigraphic, Inc., 1913), pp. 146, 670; Fayette County Deed Book, N, p. 63; Thomas B. Searight, The Old Pike: A History of the National Road, with Incidents, Accidents, and Anecdotes Thereon (Berryville, VA: The Prince Maccus Publishers, 1983),

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p. 233; Franklin Ellis, ed., History of Fayette County, Pennsylvania  
(Philadelphia: L.H. Everts & Co., 1882), p. 687.

(3) Union and South Union Township, Fayette County Tax Records, 1818-1856.

(4) Fayette County Deed Books, 35, p. 549; 123, p. 504; 215, p. 207; 598, p. 235.

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Fayette County Deed Books.

Fayette County Will Books.

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## Boundary Description

Beginning at a point on the southern edge of U.S. Route 40 twenty feet beyond the eastern wall of the Morris/Hair Tavern and proceeding southwest from this point along this line to a point thirty feet behind the Tavern, then proceeding from this point in northwesterly direction to a point fifty feet beyond the western edge of the hotel, then proceeding in a northeasterly direction approximately 103 feet to a point on the southern edge of U.S. Route 40, then proceeding in a southeasterly direction approximately 116 feet to the point of beginning.

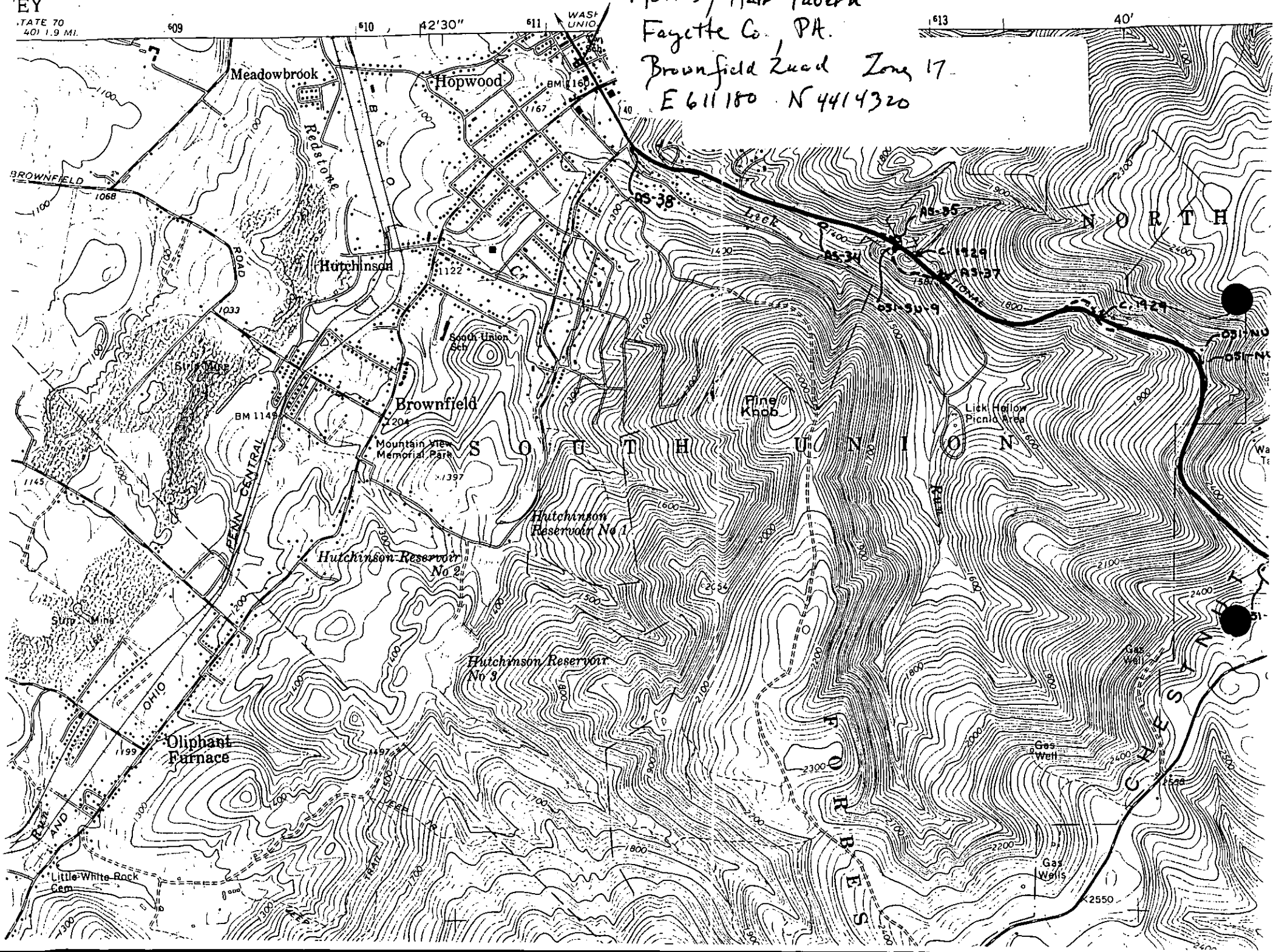
## Boundary Justification

The boundary only includes the land immediately surrounding the Morris/Hair Tavern in order to exclude noncontributing structures and open land surrounding the property.

INTERIOR  
EY

STATE 70  
401 1.9 MI.

Morris / Hair Tavern  
Fayette Co. PA.  
Brownfield Road Zone 17  
E 611180 N 4414320



Meadowbrook  
Hopwood  
Hutchinson  
Brownfield  
Hutchinson Reservoir No 1  
Hutchinson Reservoir No 2  
Hutchinson Reservoir No 3  
Oliphant Furnace  
Little White Rock Cem

WASH UNIO  
BM 165  
AS-38  
AS-34  
AS-35  
AS-37  
FINE Knob  
Lick Hollow Picnic Area  
Gas Wells

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