

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 Hopwood/ Miller Tavern

other names/site number _____

2. Location

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

not for publication

city or town Hopwood (South Union Twp.)

vicinity

state Pennsylvania

code PA

county Fayette

code 051

zip code 15545

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 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
 See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the
National Register.

removed from the National
Register.

other. (explain:)

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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>2</u>		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
<u>2</u>		Total

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

Hist. Resources of the National Road

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic : Hotel

Domestic : Single Dwelling

Domestic: Secondary Structure

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Commerce : Restaurant

Domestic: Secondary Structure

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Federal

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone

walls Stone

roof Asphalt

other Wood

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

C. 1816- C. 1850

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:

Hopwood/ Miller Tavern
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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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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

name/title Jerry A. Clouse, Preservation Specialist

organization Penna. Hist. & Museum Commission date July 13, 1995

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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 Gerard Meyer

street & number East Rt. 40 telephone _____

city or town Hopwood state PA zip code 15445

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Description

The Hopwood/Miller Tavern is located on the south side of the U.S. Route 40, about eight 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. Doyle Street runs along the east side of the building, and along the west side there is a tree shaded lawn which also extends to the rear of the house. The tavern is a five-bay, single pile, two-and-a-half story stone building built c. 1816 with a center hall floor plan. There is a one-and-a-half story, stone kitchen ell to the rear. A late twentieth-century stone clad addition was made to the rear of the kitchen ell and a frame addition was made to the west side of the entire kitchen section soon afterward. A one-story stone spring house stands to the rear of the kitchen ell. The building is distinguished as a tavern by its relatively large size and interior stone gable end chimneys. 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. (1)

The front elevation of this tavern displays coursed ashlar stonework, but the ends are random rubblestone. An early twentieth-century shed roof porch extends along the west gable wall, and there is a porch of approximately the same vintage along the west side of the kitchen ell. A small stone clad addition was made to the rear of the kitchen ell in the late twentieth century. The windows in the main block consist of double hung sash of six-over-six configuration and have segmented flat arches.

The eight panelled front door has a multi-paned transom and a reeded reveal typical of the Federal period. This door opens into a narrow, central stair hall providing access to the parlors on either side, the stairs, and the door to the rear. The open stair winds its way around the wellhole to the second floor. The primary newel post is turned, but the others are square with circular caps. The balustrade is otherwise comprised of rectangular balusters and a curved, round handrail. The spandrel is framed with single beaded vertical boards.

The west parlor has been converted into a barroom, but the east parlor remains largely intact. Fireplaces are centered on the gable ends of each parlor. The plaster was removed from these in the late twentieth century exposing the stone. The fireplace in the west parlor has a simple quarter round surround and mantel with a stepped cornice. The thin mantelshelf has a molded edge. There is a similar fireplace surround in the east parlor, but the chimney breast is larger there. In addition, there is a cupboard built between the chimney and the south wall of the east parlor. The composite, molded chair rail in these rooms has a single bead at its top and bottom.

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There is a simple cove cornice, about two inches in height, in these rooms.

The kitchen ell may be entered from the east parlor or through an entrance at the northwest corner of the room. A ganged window with multi-paned sash lights the east side of this room, but the small window on the west side has been infilled. A large, walk-in fireplace basically fills the south end of the room. A stair to the loft formerly went up from the southeast corner of this room. The fireplace stone have been whitewashed or painted.

On the second floor, the doors have six panels. The west second floor room has quarter round window surrounds and a simple molded chair rail. The fireplace surround consists of a quarter round molding with a single bead. The mantle shelf has a simple molded cornice. There is a cupboard between the fireplace and the south wall with double recessed panels below and a single panel above.

The low pitched roof allows for no loft above the second floor. There is a small basement beneath the eastern half of the house but only a crawl space beneath the rest of the house. The narrow, sawn floor joists are about ten inches in height. The basement walls have been plastered.

About eight feet south of the kitchen addition is the stone spring house. The only openings into the building is a door on the east side and a small window on the west side. Round rafters, hewn on the top side, support a shingle roof. The interior walls are whitewashed. It appears that the exterior was whitewashed as well.

Although alterations, such as small additions to the rear and west side of the kitchen and interior modifications, such as the insertion of a bar in the west parlor, have been made to the Hopwood/Miller Tavern, it is still able to convey its early nineteenth century significance in association with the National Road. The building retains good integrity overall, and the character and feeling of the property remains intact.

End Notes

1) The plot plan of Monroe (Fayette County Deed Book L, p. 217) shows Lot 68 bordering on Washington Street. In a conversation with Janet Marker, July 5, 1995, it was learned that local historian Jack Bell had knowledge that Doyle Street was formerly known as Washington Street.

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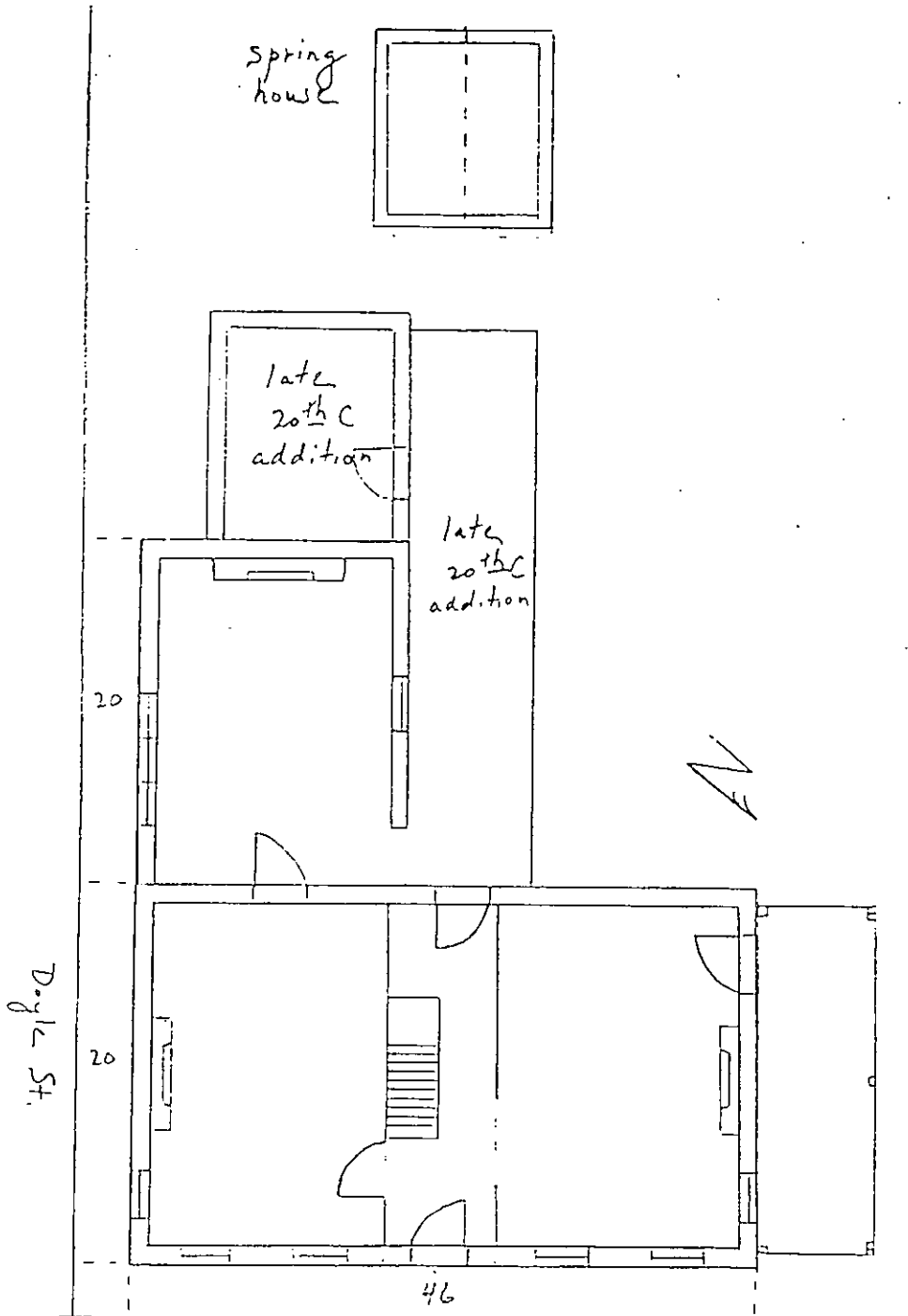
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First Floor Plan
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Significance

The Hopwood/Miller 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. Although this house was built as Moses Hopwood's residence c. 1816, by the 1830s it was being used as a tavern. This was during the peak period of development along the National Road.

Although this house was reportedly built by Moses Hopwood in the 1790s, only John Hopwood appears on the 1798 Direct Tax list with a hewed log house. Ellis's History of Fayette County noted that the stone building was built by Moses Hopwood, Jr. as a residence. Moses Hopwood, Jr. is listed as a farmer in Union Township from 1823 through 1832. (1)

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." Hopwood thrived during the early development of the National Road as it was a destination point sought by travelers before night fall. 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. (2)

Although Ellis's history stated that Moses Hopwood sold this property to Elisha Hyatt, no deed was found to document this. Likewise, Ellis noted that Hiram Miller operated a public house in the Hopwood/Miller house for twenty years, but this was not substantiated in the tax records. The Hopwood/Miller house passed out of the Hopwood family when in 1833 Moses Hopwood and wife Hannah deeded a one-and-a-quarter acre lot to Hiram Miller. Miller was assessed as a shoemaker in 1831. In 1832 he was taxed with a tannery, and in that same year he was among those "desirous of keeping an inn or tavern." However, from 1834 through 1845 Miller was assessed as a tanner. From 1846

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through 1848 he was assessed as a farmer. In 1849 he was noted as an innkeeper. From 1850 through 1853 Miller was again noted as a farmer. No occupation was listed for Miller thereafter. In 1885 Hiram Miller's administrator deeded a tract of fourteen acres and lots 67 and 68 in Monroe to Hugh Rankin. Searight's 1894 book does not mention this house as among the taverns of the village. According to Janet Marker's write-up on Hopwood, among the distinguished guests there were: John Quincy Adams, Gen. William Henry Harrison, James Polk, James Buchanan, and Abraham Lincoln. Unfortunately, no hotel registers survive to document this. Like most National Road taverns, the Hopwood/Miller Tavern didn't operate as a public house after the mid-1850s, but served thereafter as a private residence. (3)

The Hopwood/Miller Tavern is one of about thirty taverns/hotels which were determined eligible as part of the Multiple Property Resources of the National Road. Like most of the surviving National Road taverns, this one is of masonry construction. Although it is smaller than many of the taverns, it retains more of its interior woodwork than most. During the early development of the National Road there were about seven taverns operating in Hopwood. Only three, including the Monroe Tavern, Morris/Hair Tavern, and Hopwood/Miller Tavern are known to survive to the present.

The Hopwood/Miller 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 architectural features as well as elements from the Federal period.

End Notes

(1) Franklin Ellis, ed., History of Fayette County, Pennsylvania (Philadelphia: L.H. Everts & Co., 1882), p. 688; List A, 1798 Direct Tax, Union Township, Fayette County.

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

(3) Ellis, 688; Fayette County Deed Books, T, p. 324; 63, p. 10; 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), pp. 232-233; Janet Marker, "Old Pike Taverns & Stone Houses: Village of Hopwood, Pa," unpublished paper, 1995.

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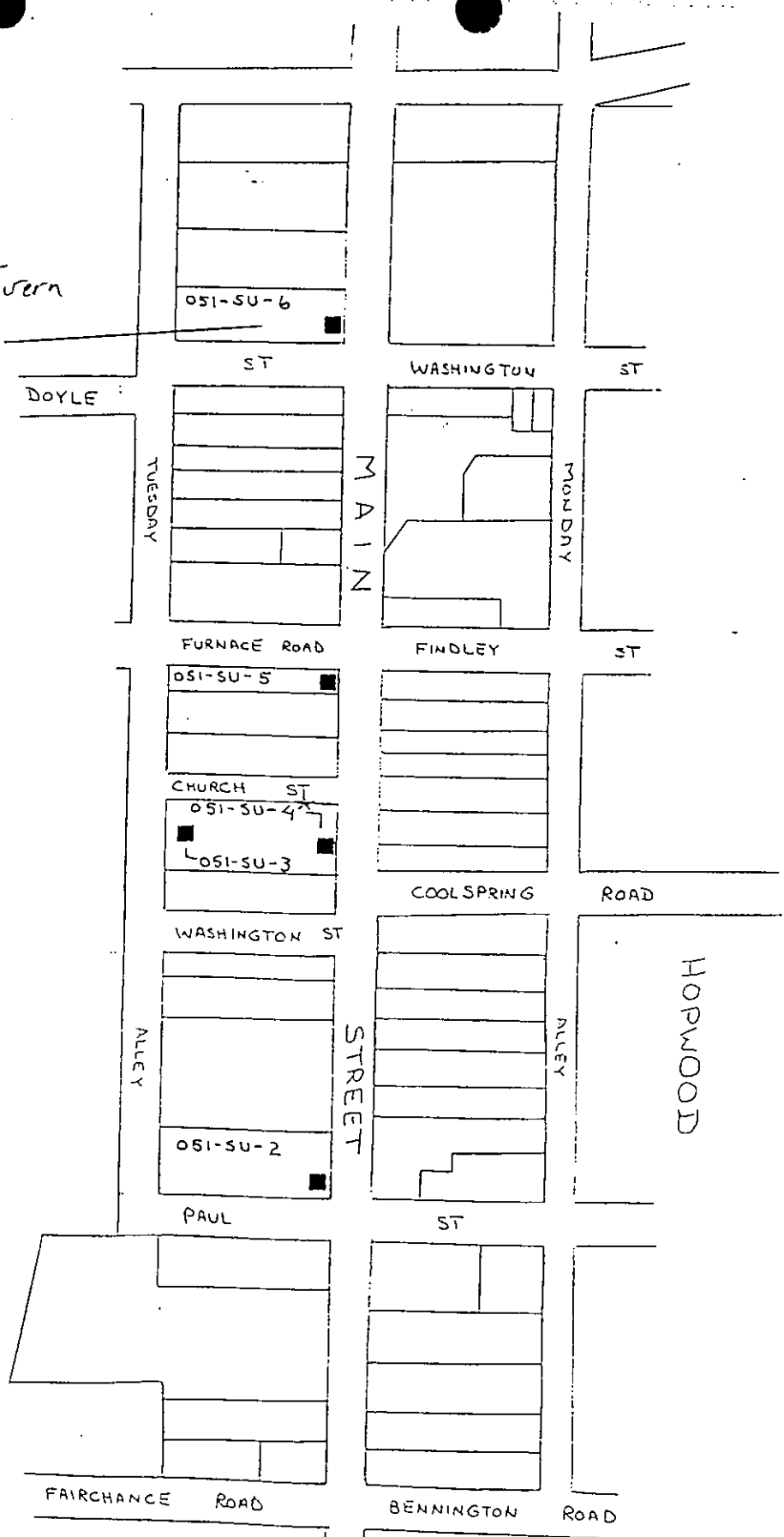
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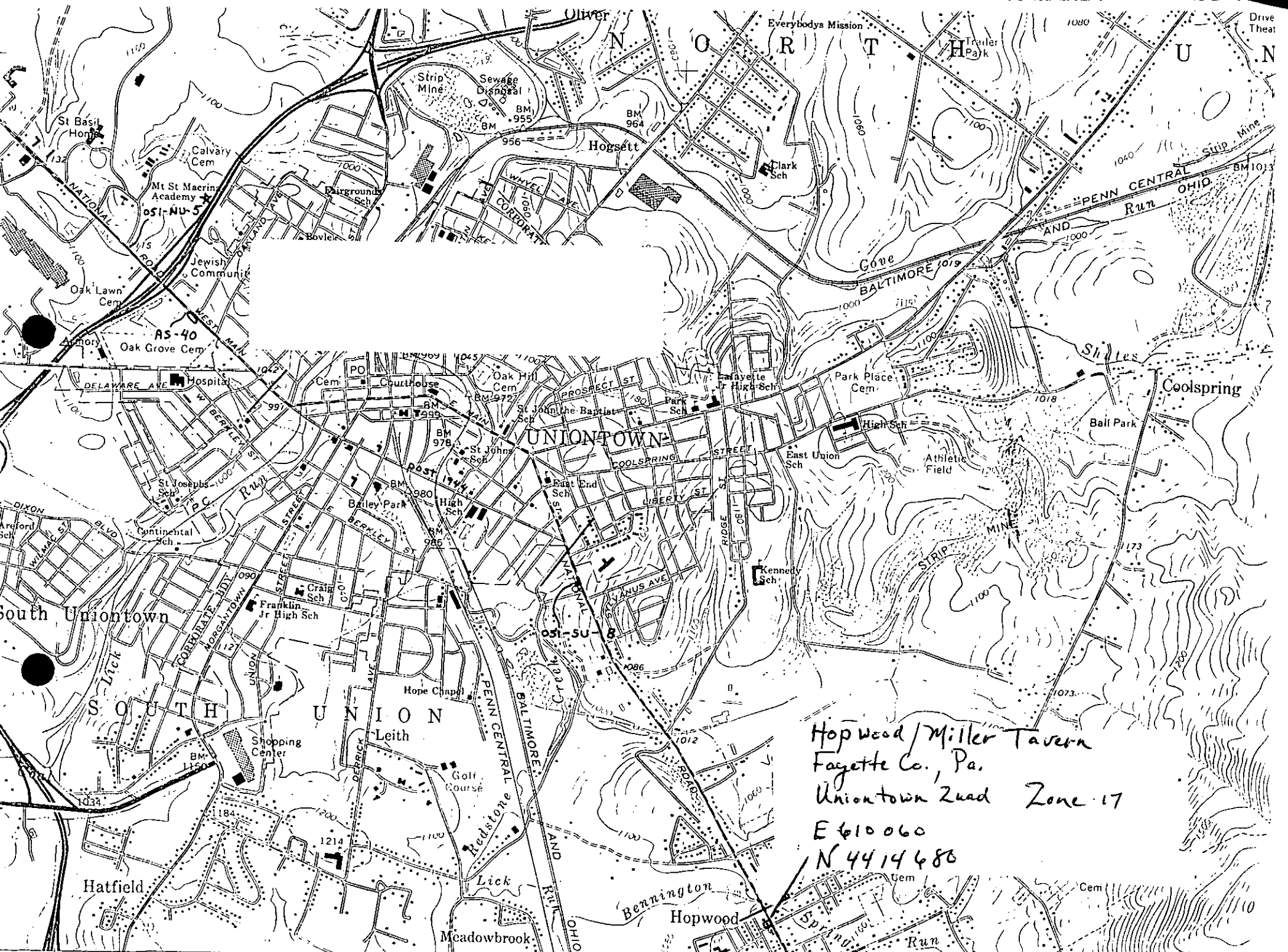
Beginning at a point on the southern edge of U.S. Route 40, four feet beyond the eastern wall of the Hopwood/Miller Tavern, and proceeding southwest from this point along this line to a point thirty-five feet behind the kitchen ell of the tavern, then proceeding from this point in northwesterly direction to a point twenty feet beyond the western edge of the tavern, then proceeding in a northeasterly direction approximately 83 feet to a point on the southern edge of U.S. Route 40, then proceeding in a southeasterly direction 70 feet to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification

The boundary only includes the land immediately surrounding the Hopwood/Miller Tavern and the spring house associated with it, in order to exclude a late nineteenth-century, two-story, frame stable, which post dates the period of significance, and open land surrounding the property.

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