

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 Glassworks/Core House

other names/site number Building 302-B (Army Corps Historic Buildings Survey)

2. Location

street & number SR 2014 not for publication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

Brent D. Glass 11/18/94
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:)

Glassworks/Core 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.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

Greensburg/New Geneva Multiple Property Submission 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)

Other: Vernacular I House

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone

walls Wood

roof Asphalt

other Steel

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)

Industry

Period of Significance

C 1820 - C 1860

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:

Glassworks/Core House
Name of Property

Greene Co., PA
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 1/2 acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone	Easting	Northing	
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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

name/title Jerry A. Clouse/Bureau for Histor Preservation Staff

organization Penna. Hist. & Museum Commission date September 20, 1994

street & number P.O. Box 1026 telephone _____

city or town Harrisburg state PA zip code 17108-1026

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 Richard McIntire

street & number Box 4 telephone _____

city or town Greensboro state PA zip code 15338

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Description

The Glassworks/Core House, built c. 1820, is a three bay, two-and-a-half story, timber frame house. Built in the vernacular I house style, the house is located about a quarter mile north of Greensboro in the village of Glassworks. There is a shed roof kitchen addition to the rear with a later small addition built to the east side of the kitchen. The main block measures 20 x 17 feet and appears to have been only a single room on the first floor. The chimney is located along the south wall of the house similar in position as those found in the Glassworks/Gabler and Reppert/Gabler houses. Situated on the floodplain of the Monongahela River, the house faces west onto the main road (SR 2014) from Glassworks into Greensboro. 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.

Of post and beam construction, the Glassworks/Core house has a central door flanked by two windows on the first floor facade. There are no windows on either gable end. Although the fenestration location and size appears to be original, the actual windows were replaced in the twentieth century with modern ones. The house is sheathed in vertical board and batten siding. The edges of the battens are molded. There is a twentieth-century, shed roof porch on the front of the house. The porch has wrought iron posts and railing. The house rests on rubblestone foundation, and there is a bulkhead entrance into the cellar on the north side of the house. The kitchen addition to the rear of the house rests on stone piers.

As previously mentioned, the first floor, main block, shows no evidence of a room partition. The fireplace is centrally located along the south wall of the house. In the southeast corner there is a very narrow box winder stair next to the fireplace. The treads of the stair are well worn. There is a small closet beneath the stair. A double door cupboard is situated between the fireplace and west wall. The doors to the closet and cupboard are constructed in vertical board and batten fashion. The battens are fastened with screws. The walls of the first floor have been covered with twentieth-century panelling.

The one-and-a-half story kitchen addition to the rear of the house has a small room divided off to the north side. There is a built-in cupboard in the northeast corner of this dividing wall. The kitchen is entered from the main block through a door in the southeast corner of the house.

The stair to the second floor opens into a landing/room. A low balustrade of rectangular spindles protects the stairwell. The landing/room is partitioned

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from a smaller bedroom on the north side of the house. There is a fireplace surround along the south wall which shows vernacular Federal influence. The curvilinear design of the molded panels on the pilasters are reminiscent of those found in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. The low ceiling on the second floor is partially sloped where it meets the rafters. A door was cut into the southwestern corner of the second floor in the late twentieth century to allow for a separate apartment there. As with the first floor, the second floor interior walls have been sheathed with twentieth-century panelling.

It can be seen from a cut-out in the second floor ceiling that the rafters and joists were sawn. The rafters are butted together. Apparently there was never a floor on the attic, and consequently, it was not used for storage.

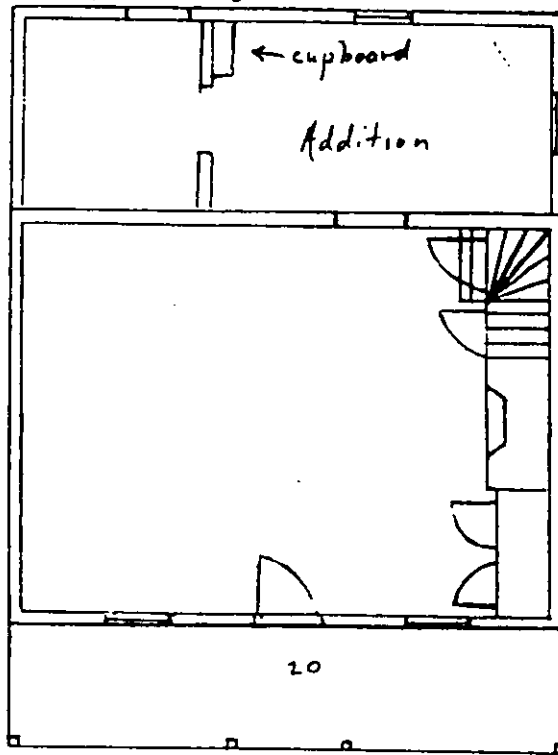
Although alterations, such as modern interior panelling and modern windows and doors have been made to the Glassworks/Core House, it is still able to convey its early nineteenth century significance. It still retains the feeling, character, and form of an early nineteenth century vernacular style house.

Glassworks/Core House

Glassworks, Monongahela Twp., Greene Co.

First Floor Plan
(Not Drawn to Scale)

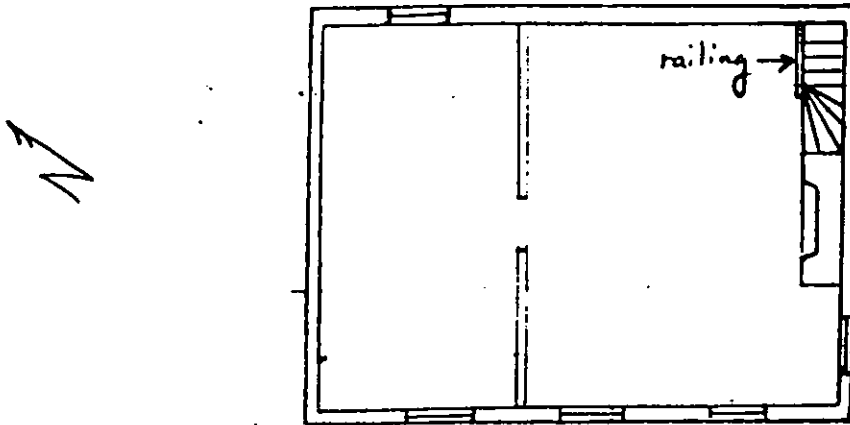
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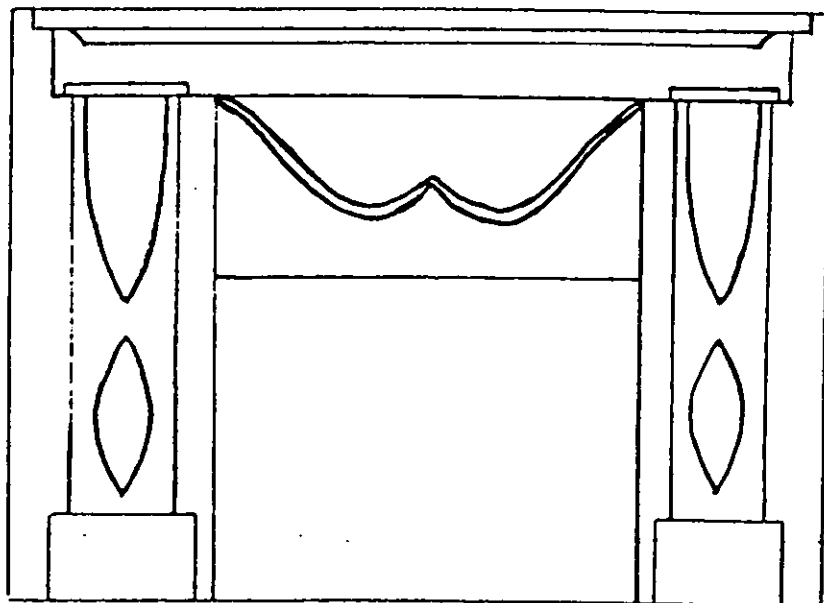
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Glassworks, Monongahela Twp., Greene Co.

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



Detail of Second Floor Fireplace Surround



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Statement of Significance

The Glassworks/Core House is significant in the area of industry. 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 A, a residence must be directly associated with the glass industry, built prior to 1850, and must retain its dominant architectural features and physical setting. The main block of this house was built c. 1820 on land owned by the New Geneva Glassworks Company. Therefore, this house's association with the glass industry has been well substantiated. This house also retains sufficient integrity to represent its vernacular style. The Glassworks/Core House is significant as one of four surviving houses associated with the early glass industry of southwestern Pennsylvania.

The Glassworks/Core House appears to have been built on part of the "New Glass Works Lot" 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 and apparently was used as company housing during this period. The small lot (86 perches), just south of this lot, and deeded to Albert Gallatin in 1810, later became incorporated with this lot. Prior to 1810 the New Geneva Glassworks land was held in George Reppert's name. In that year separate deeds were made out to the other six company members. Reppert had purchased the glassworks tract from Joseph Dunn in 1806. The survey plot of this division shows Lewis Reitz as owner of the lot just east of George Reppert's lot, and just north of the Reitz lot was the small Gallatin lot. The company was taxed as Baltzer Kramer & Company from 1820 until 1859 when the factory was noted as "not in use." About the time this house was constructed, the company owned sixteen houses. In 1850 the glassworks in New Geneva, established in 1837, was outproducing its sister factory at the Greene County Glassworks. 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.(1)

As previously mentioned the small Gallatin lot later became associated with this property. (See Glassworks/Gabler House significance narrative for further information on this relationship.) Later this lot was referred to as the Eberhart lot when the adjoining lot to the north, the Glassworks/Core House lot, was being sold in 1865. In 1874 the Glassworks/Gabler lot was sold to John C. Gabler.(2)

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In March 1865 the owners of the Glassworks property (Baltzer Kramer, J. C. G. Black, and James A. Black) sold the Glassworks/Core lot to John Neil. A month later Neil sold the lot to Samuel H. Core. The 1860 Monongahela and Youghiogheny Directory listed Core as a laborer in Glassworks. From 1865 to 1873 Core was taxed as a laborer with a house and lot in Monongahela Township. The 1877 tax noted him as a coal miner, and the property was transferred that year to John C. Gabler. (3)

From the late nineteenth century and well into the twentieth century the property remained in the Gabler family. In 1884 John C. Gabler's heirs sold this property to Sophia and Anna Gabler. In the period 1887 to 1897 the Gabler sisters were assessed with two houses and two lots, but they were taxed with just one house and lot from 1903 to 1910. Sophia Gabler died in 1915, and Letters of Administration were granted to Benjamin F. Gabler. B. F. Gabler died in 1931, and his executor Ernest Gabler sold this tract among two others to Mary Gabler. Mary conveyed the property to T. Herbert Gabler in 1939. (4)

This house is associated with the New Geneva Glassworks whose history began in 1797 when the Albert Gallatin Company entered an agreement with five German glassmakers to erect a glassworks at New Geneva, Fayette County. Entrepreneur Albert Gallatin along with the German glass workers brought financial resources, skilled labor, and the required raw materials together to produce a high quality glass on the American frontier. After trials and much labor, successful glass was produced and the company was a pioneering success. The New Geneva Glassworks produced the first glass west of the Alleghenies. Six German glass blowers signed a second agreement with Gallatin in 1803 to produce glass. Under this new agreement the owner/workers rotated yearly as superintendent of the works. By 1807 the company had moved to near Greensboro in order to take advantage of the nearby coal beds. (The use of coal in glass production meant reduction in labor and fuel costs.) In 1808 the glassworks was assessed as Reppert & Company with six houses and five cabins, and in 1809 the company was assessed in addition to the above with 420 acres, one barn, and five horses. (5)

The Glassworks/Core House is one of four known houses associated with the early glass industry not only at Glassworks but in southwestern Pennsylvania as well. (Glassworks was the name given to the area laid out for the second New Geneva Glassworks factory and associated housing.) The second glass factory in southwestern Pennsylvania, the O'Hara/Craig glassworks, located at Pittsburgh has no known extant resources. Its location has been covered over with modern industrial and transportation resources. (6)

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The Glassworks/Core House is significant as a rare survivor in association with southwestern Pennsylvania's early glass industry and as a good example of a small vernacular style house built in the early nineteenth century. The New Geneva Glassworks is significant in the development of the glass industry as a major regional industry. (7)

Notes

- (1) Greene County Deed Book 21, p. 279, Deed Book 135, p. 577
- (2) Greene County Deed Book 7, p. 241, Deed Book 12, p. 26, Deed Book 23, p. 644; Letter 16 July 1810, Albert Gallatin to James W. Nicholson, and letter, 28 February 1832, J.W. Nicholson to Albert Gallatin, The Albert Gallatin Papers.
- (3) Greene County Deed Book 23, p. 644-645, Deed Book 26, p. 383; Dr. Carmen A. Guappone, New Geneva and Greensboro Pottery (McClellandtown, Pa.: Guappone's Publishers, 1975), p. 12.
- (4) Greene County Deed Book 25, p. 329, Deed Book 19, p. 96, Deed Book 34, p. 96, Deed Book 276, p. 148, Deed Book 360, p. 520, Deed Book 387, p. 92; Greene County Will Book 13, p. 185.
- (5) Articles of Agreement, 14 September 1797, between Albert Gallatin, Louis Bourdillon, John Badolet, James W. Nicholson, and Charles A. Casenove, trading under the firm of Albert Gallatin & Co. and George Kramer, Adolph Eberhart, Ludwig Reitz, Christian Kramer, and George Reppert, glassmakers, Letter, 11 January 1803, Albert Gallatin to J.W. Nicholson, Ledger, 21 August 1807, The Papers of Albert Gallatin; LeRoy Kramer, Johann Baltaser Kramer, or "Baltzer" Kramer, Pioneer American Glass Blower: a Record of His Known Descendants and Relatives (Chicago: American Printers and Stationers, 1939), p. 14.
- (6) History of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania (Chicago: A. Warner & Co., 1889), pp. 533-534.
- (7) Earl E. Moore, "Adventures of an Antiquary," The Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine Vol. 36, No. 2, 1953, p. 71; Helen and George S. McKearin, Two Hundred Years of American Blown Glass (Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday & Co., Inc., 1950), pp. 46-47.

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Boundary Description

Beginning at a point on the eastern edge of SR 2014 and the northern edge of this property which is twenty feet from the northern side of the Glassworks/Core 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 sixty 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 in a northwest direction along the eastern edge of SR 2014 to the point of beginning.

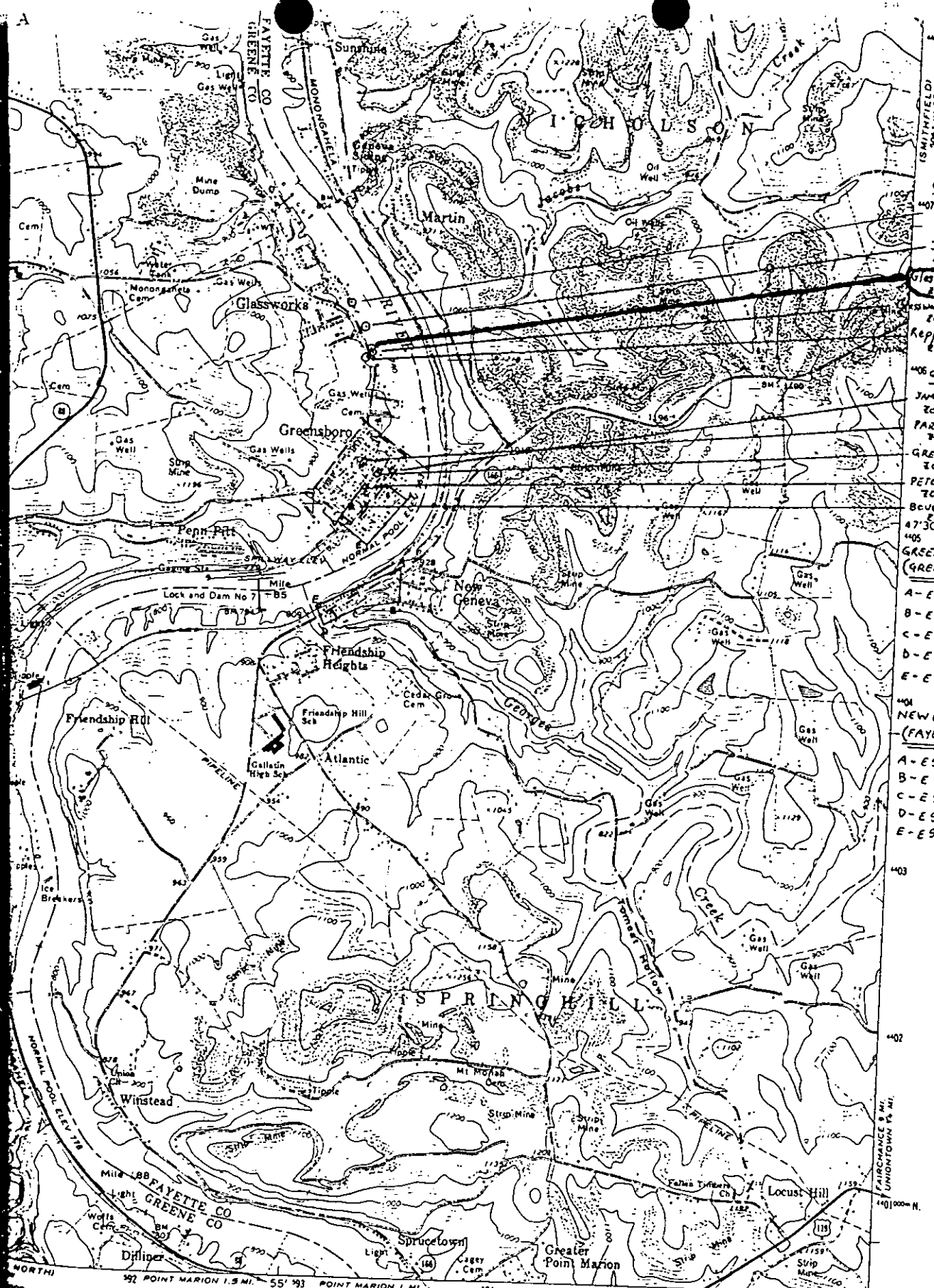
Boundary Justification

The boundary only includes the land immediately surrounding the Glassworks/Core House and excludes open land to the rear of the house.

Glassworks/Core House Photo List

All of the following photographs of the Glassworks/Core 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 Glassworks/Core House.
2. Looking at a detail of the molded battens on the facade of the Glassworks/Core House.
3. Looking northeast at the southern elevation of the Glassworks/Core House showing the shed roof additions to the rear.
4. Looking southeast at the Glassworks/Core House showing the facade and northern elevation of the house. The cellar entrance is in the depression along this side of the house.



- GLASSWORKS (GREENE CO.)
- 407 EBERHART/GABLER HOUSE (ZONE 17, E 593290/N 4408190)
- J. M. RAWFORD HOUSE (ZONE 17, E 592790/N 4406540)
- 408 WILKINSON HOUSE (BLDG. 302 ZONE 17, E 593030/N 4405930)
- WILKINSON/GABLER HOUSE (BLDG. 302-A ZONE 17, E 593040/N 4405940)
- REPPERT/GABLER HOUSE (BLDG. 314 ZONE 17, E 593000/N 4405860)
- 409 GREENSBORO (GREENE COUNTY)
- JAMES ZONES HOUSE (ZONE 17, E 593100/N 4405210)
- PARRICO HOUSE (ZONE 17, E 593040/N 4405240)
- GREENSBORO SCHOOL (ZONE 17, E 593100/N 4405190)
- PETERS/GRAHAM HOUSE (ZONE 17, E 593060/N 4405100)
- BOUGHNER HOUSE (ZONE 17, E 592980/N 4404980)
- 410 GREENSBORO HISTORIC DISTRICT (GREENE COUNTY) ZONE 17
- A - E 593310/N 4405020
- B - E 593210/N 4405100
- C - E 593040/N 4405090
- D - E 592910/N 4404890
- E - E 593090/N 4404740
- 411 NEW GENEVA HISTORIC DISTRICT (FAYETTE COUNTY) ZONE 17
- A - E 593300/N 4404610
- B - E 593300/N 4404420
- C - E 593100/N 4404380
- D - E 592860/N 4404260
- E - E 592820/N 4404370

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 Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt
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