

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/Gabler House

other names/site number Building 302-A (Army Corps Historic Building 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street & number SR 2014 not for publication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:

- 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): _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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 "NA" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed
in the National Register

Greensboro/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 Two-Thirds
Georgian

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone

walls Aluminum

roof Asphalt

other

Narrative Description

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

Name of Property

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 1810 - 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/Gabler 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.)

1	117	591301410	414059100
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 Richard W. McIntire

street & number Box 4 telephone _____

city or town Greensboro state PA zip code 15338

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Glassworks/Gabler House, Greene Co., Pa.

Section number 7 Page 1**Description**

The c. 1810 Glassworks/Gabler House, a three bay, two-and-a-half story, log vernacular style house, is located about a quarter mile north of Greensboro in the village of Glassworks. There is a twentieth-century, one-story, shed roof, kitchen addition to the rear. The main block measures 26 x 30 feet. So it is very similar in size to the Reppert/Gabler House. Originally laid out in the two-thirds Georgian plan, it has back-to-back corner fireplaces, also similar to the Reppert/Gabler House. The side hall and stair are on the north gable end while the fireplaces are on the south gable end. 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.

The house is constructed of hand hewn logs which average about 10 inches high. The oak logs were sheathed with eight-inch planks and later the building was clad with aluminum siding. The original window spaces remain, but the windows are modern one-over one configuration. The rubblestone foundation is filled with coarse grained mortar. There is access to the partially excavated basement through a bulkhead entrance on the north side of the house. The basement walls have been whitewashed.

The first floor room partitions have been removed making the first floor one open room. The walls have been sheathed with modern panelling. The back-to-back fireplaces as well as the summerbeam, extending from the north gable wall to the fireplaces, have been covered with the same panelling. Modern clam shell window and door surrounds have been applied over the panelling. The open staircase, along the north wall, is composed of a turned newel post, thin turned spindles, and a molded handrail. There is a small closet beneath the stair. The rear door, in line with the front door, opens into the kitchen addition at the northeast corner of the main block.

The second floor consists of three rooms and a landing. It appears that the front bedroom had a fireplace, but it is now covered over. The rear bedroom is smaller than the front one. The small room over the downstairs hall has been converted into a bathroom. All the window and door surrounds have been replaced with clam shell strips.

The attic and its stairs along the north wall best illustrate the age of this house. The original board and batten door to the attic survives. It is fastened on the rear with clinched nails. The staircase to the attic is lined with vertical boards fastened with rose head nails. At this location, the hewn

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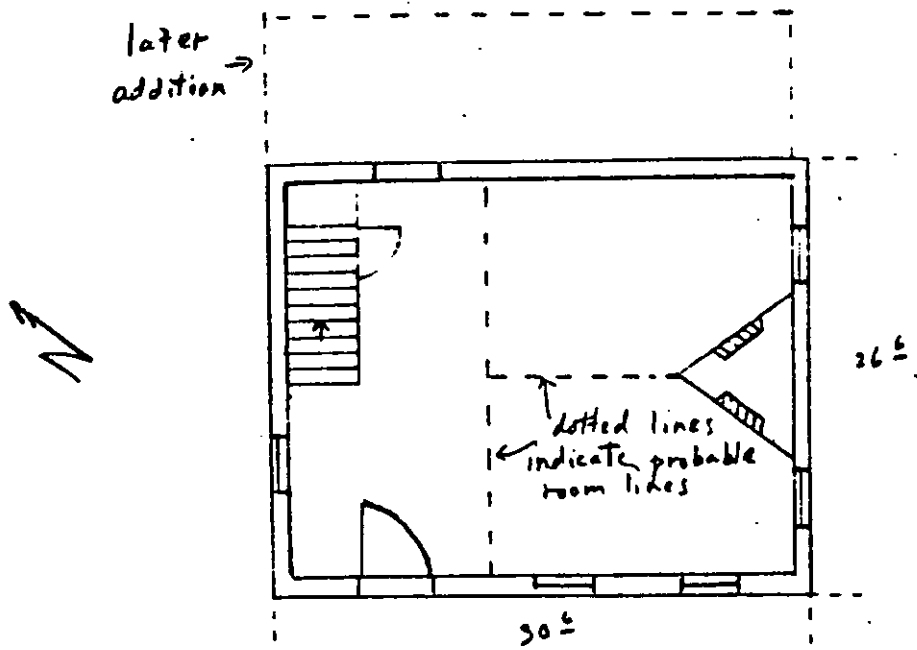
logs can be seen with their stone and mud chinking. The attic floor is composed of wide, random width boards. The attic height measures nine feet from floor to apex. The rafters appear to have been sawn on an up and down saw mill. These tapered oak rafters are numbered. Every other set of rafters has a half lapped collar.

Although alterations, such as removal of partitions and modern panelling and windows, have been made to the Glassworks/Gabler 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/Gabler House

Glassworks, Monongahela Twp., Greene Co.

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



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Statement of Significance

The Glassworks/Gabler 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 original section of this house was built c. 1808 by the New Geneva Glassworks Company, possibly for Albert Gallatin, an original member of the New Geneva Glassworks at New Geneva in 1797 as well as of the second works by that same name in Greene County in 1807. Therefore, this house's association with the glass industry has been well substantiated. The Glassworks/Gabler House is significant as one of the few surviving houses associated with the glass industry of southwestern Pennsylvania.

The Glassworks/Gabler House appears to have been built on part of the "New Glass Works Lot" as noted on the 1810 plot of Glassworks. (Glassworks was the name given to the area laid out for the second New Geneva Glassworks factory and associated housing.) In 1810, about the time this house was built, the company owned six houses. The property appears to have remained in company hands until it dissolved in the late 1850s/early 1860s. The small lot (86 perches), just south of this lot, and deeded to Albert Gallatin in 1810, also 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." 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 was included in this property. Gallatin sold his one seventh share in the Glassworks Company to James W. Nicholson in 1833 along with his two individual lots in Glassworks. Nicholson in turn sold his share and this small lot to Alfred B. and Martin Eberhart in 1848. This lot was referred to as the Eberhart lot when the adjoining lot to the north was being sold in 1865, and that same year, "Alfred Everhart & Co."

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was taxed with one house and lot in Monongahela Township. In 1867 Alfred B. and William Eberhart sold the Glassworks/Gabler House and lot to Isaac P. Eberhart, and Isaac in 1874 sold it to John C. Gabler.(2)

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.(3)

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.(4)

The Glassworks/Gabler House is one of four known houses associated with the early glass industry not only at Glassworks but in southwestern Pennsylvania as well. 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. Therefore, the Glassworks/Gabler House is significant as a rare survivor in association with southwestern Pennsylvania's early glass industry.(5)

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- (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.
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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.
- (5) History of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania (Chicago: A. Warner & Co., 1889), pp. 533-534.

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Boundary Description

Beginning at a point on the eastern edge of SR 2014 and the northern edge of the boundary to this property which is twenty feet from the northern side of the Glassworks/Gabler 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 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.

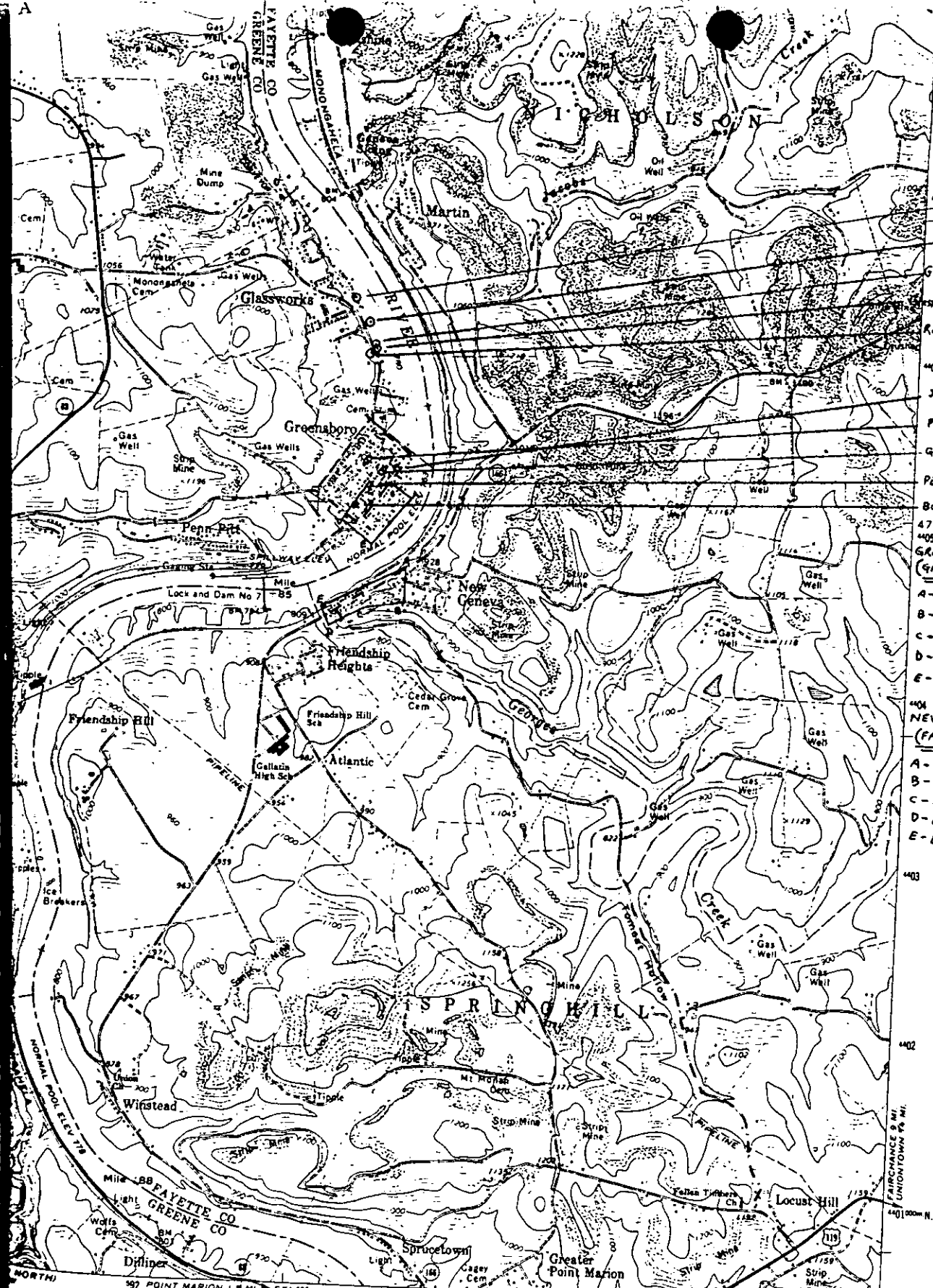
Boundary Justification

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

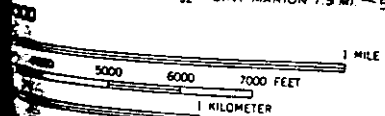
Glassworks/Gabler House Photo List

All of the following photographs of the Glassworks/Gabler 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.

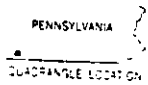
1. Looking northeast at the facade and the south side of the Glassworks/Gabler House.
2. Looking north at the south side of the Glassworks/Gabler House showing the kitchen addition to the rear.
3. Looking northwest at the rear elevation of the Glassworks/Gabler House.



- GLASSWORKS (GREENE COUNTY)**
- 401 EBERHART/CABLER HOUSE (BLOG. 302-A) ZONE 17, E 593030/N 4406170
 - J. McCRAWFORD HOUSE ZONE 17, E 592790/N 4406040
 - GLASSWORKS HOUSE (BLOG. 302-B) ZONE 17, E 593030/N 4405920
 - GLASSWORKS/CABLER HOUSE (BLOG. 302-A) ZONE 17, E 593040/N 4405900
 - REPPERT/CABLER HOUSE (BLOG. 314-A) ZONE 17, E 593000/N 4405860
- 405 GREENSBORO (GREENE COUNTY)**
- JAMES TONES HOUSE ZONE 17, E 593200/N 4405210
 - PARRCO HOUSE ZONE 17, E 593040/N 4405240
 - GREENSBORO SCHOOL ZONE 17, E 593100/N 4405190
 - PETERS/GRAMHAM HOUSE ZONE 17, E 593060/N 4405100
 - BOUGHNER HOUSE ZONE 17, E 592980/N 4404980
- 47°30' 405 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
- 404 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



ACCURACY STANDARDS
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- ROAD CLASSIFICATION**
- Heavy-duty —————
 - Medium-duty - - - - -
 - Light-duty ————
 - Unimproved dirt
 - U.S. Route (square symbol)
 - State Route (circle symbol)

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