

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 of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

### 1. Name of Property

historic name N/A  
other names/site number Stewartstown Engine House, Stewartstown Railroad

### 2. Location

street & number North Hill Street N/A not for publication  
city, town Stewartstown Borough N/A vicinity  
state Pennsylvania code PA county York code 133 zip code 17363

### 3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>1</u>	<u>      </u> buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:  
Railroad Resources of York County, PA

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

### 4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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.  See continuation sheet.

DR. BRENT D. GLASS

Signature of certifying official

PA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION

State or Federal agency and bureau

3/23/95  
Date

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

### 5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this 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

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Transportation/rail related  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Not in use  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

No style  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete  
walls Weatherboard  
\_\_\_\_\_  
roof Metal  
other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Still standing along North Hill street in Stewartstown Borough, this engine house is located at the eastern terminus of the Stewartstown Railroad and west of the Stewartstown Railroad Station. Most likely built at the time of the construction of the Stewartstown Railroad, c. 1884, the building today stands abandoned.

Situated parallel to the tracks, the engine house is of simple design and construction. It is designed to provide an interior working area for the maintenance of engines and cars out of the weather. Therefore, the side elevations are long in contrast to the building's narrow ends. The building is topped by a gable roof with exposed rafter tails. The most noticeable features of the structure are the two large bay doors located on the facade. The height of the doors, when opened, allowed for the movement of cars and engines into and out of the building. The tracks are still present and can be seen approaching the building and running beneath the doors. On the east elevation are four 6/6 windows, two of which have been covered. Also present on this elevation is a board and batten door.

The only notable interior feature of the engine house is a wheel or inspection pit found in the approximate center of the building.

A small cement block addition is attached to the north elevation of the building. Protected by a gable roof, the addition is only half as wide as the main structure. Today the building stands vacant and is suffering from the lack of maintenance and upkeep, although its integrity remains intact.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally  statewide  locally

Applicable National Register Criteria  A  B  C  D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture/Transportation

Period of Significance

c. 1884 - 1942

Significant Dates

c. 1884

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Located in Stewartstown Borough along North Hill Street, this engine house is one of the few buildings which remain from the Stewartstown Railroad. Sitting parallel to the tracks, the structure was built c. 1884 by the railroad company at the time of the line's construction. The Stewartstown Engine House is the only one of its type still existing in York County. The Stewartstown Railroad satisfied the supply and demand needs of the merchants located to the east of New Freedom Borough and allowed for the transportation of their goods to its junction with the Northern Central Railway

Consisting of 7.2 miles, the Stewartstown Railroad connects with the Northern Central Railway at New Freedom Borough. The railroad company, before and during its operation suffered from the lack of large revenues. A small population from which to draw subscriptions for the necessary capital and a limited passenger and freight base were the only available sources. The railroad company was forced to construct the railroad through economically efficient means. This can easily be seen in the numerous bridges along the route of the Stewartstown Railroad that are constructed from salvaged parts from other lines (most notably the Valley Road Bridge).

The Stewartstown Engine House stands as a reminder of an industry, which was not only important to the transportation of the nation, but to this small community as well.

See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Hart, George (Stewartstown Railroad), Interview, March, 1992.  
Hilton, George W., History of the MA and PA Railroad, Columbia.  
Historical Society of York County, Manuscript Files, York, PA.  
Prowell, George, History of York County, J.H. Beers and Co., Chicago, 1907.

**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 # \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

**Specify repository:**

Historic York, Inc.

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property Less than one acre

**UTM References**

A 18 363240 4401520  
 Zone Easting Northing

C \_\_\_\_\_

B \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zone Easting Northing

D \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

Beginning at a point on east side of Hill Street thence east approximately 120 feet to a point on the southeast corner of the building, thence north, 20 feet to a point on the northeast side of the building, thence west 120 feet to a point on the east side of Hill Street, thence south 20 feet to place of beginning.

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**Boundary Justification**

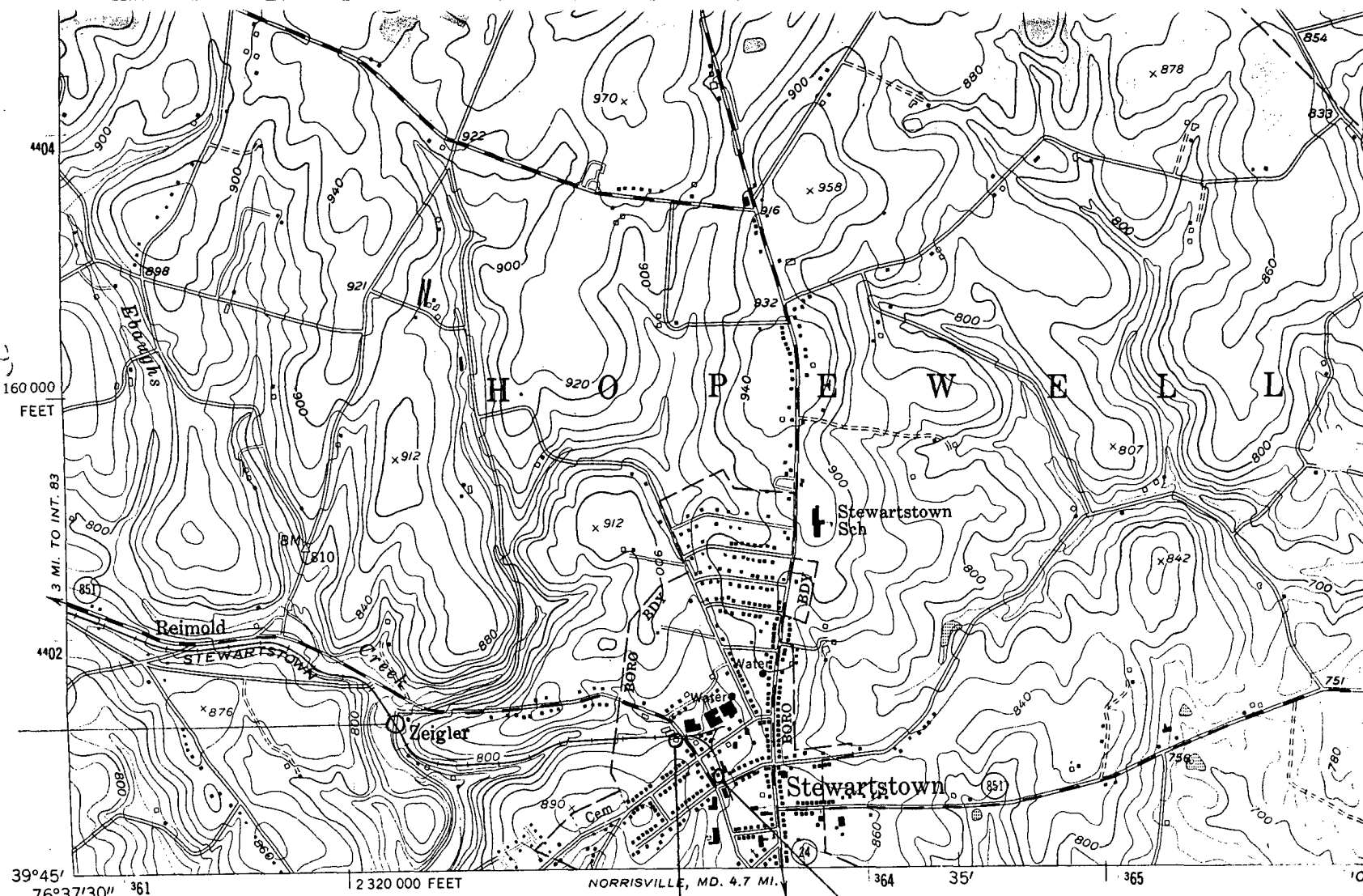
The above description contains only the building. The adjoining vacant land, and buildings were excluded as a result of their lack of significance.

See continuation sheet

**11. Form Prepared By**

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STEWARTSTOWN,  
PA  
QUADRANGLE



VALLEY ROAD BRIDGE  
Z 18  
E 362100  
N 4401620

(NEW FREEDOM)  
5663 11 NW

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey  
Control by USGS and USC&GS

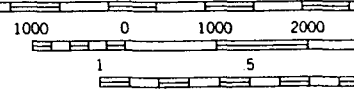
Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods. Aerial photographs taken 1952. Field check 1953  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Pennsylvania coordinate system, south zone

1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 18, shown in blue  
Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with State of Pennsylvania agencies, from aerial photographs taken 1968 and 1973. This information not field checked

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Stewartstown Engine House,  
Stewartstown RR  
Z 18  
E 363240  
N 4401520

Stewartstown Railroad Station

Z 18  
E 363400  
N 4401380



CONTOUR  
DATUM IS

UTM GRID AND 1973 MAGNETIC NORTH  
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH  
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