

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 Jones, James House

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number Corner of Front & Stone Streets  not for publication

city or town Greensboro  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

11/17/94  
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.)

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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): \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of the Keeper

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Action

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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	
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.

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0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Single Dwelling

Current Functions  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Italianate

Materials  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone

walls Brick

roof Asphalt

other Wood

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)

Architecture

**Period of Significance**

c. 1879 - c. 1900

**Significant Dates**

c. 1879

**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:

\_\_\_\_\_

James, Jones House  
Name of Property

Greene Co., Pa.  
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acresage of Property 1/2 acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing

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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organization Penna. Hist. & Museum Commission date Sept. 28, 1994

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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 James South

street & number P. O. Box 427 telephone  

city or town Greensboro state PA zip code 15338

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James Jones House, Greene Co., Pa.

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### Description

This three bay, two-and-a-half story, brick house was built in the Italianate style c. 1879 by James Jones. Located within the borough of Greensboro, the James Jones House is situated on the southwest corner of Front and Stone streets and faces east onto Front Street. A Colonial Revival porch was added in c. 1900 to the front of the house. There is a c. 1950, one-and-a-half story, frame addition to the rear of the house. 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 James Jones House is built in typical I house form with two parlors on either side of a central hall and stair. The kitchen was built to the rear of the main block as was typical of area houses. About 1950 the present owner removed the original kitchen section and replaced it with the present frame addition. The brick are laid in common bond, and the house rests on a cut stone foundation.

The James Jones House displays some typical features of the Italianate style including the shallow pitched roof with wide eaves and arched windows with raised brick crowns as well as the tall, narrow windows on each elevation of the house. The crowns are highlighted with keystones and drip molds. All the windows from the first floor to the attic have cut stone sills. There is two-over-two window configuration throughout the main block of the house.

The central front door is topped with an arched transom. The transom is filled with a single plate of ruby glass etched in a floral design. Jones, who had been a glass cutter, cut the glass for the windows throughout the house. There are single paned, frosted glass transoms above the entrances into the parlors. The narrow hall is nearly filled with the open staircase. The staircase features a finely turned newel post with a finial. The balustrade is composed of turned spindles topped with a carved handrail. There are cuvilinear embellishments beneath the treads and molded and deeply recessed panels beneath the stairs. There is a closet at the rear of the stairs.

The north parlor features a carved slate fireplace surround and mantel along the north wall. The surround and mantel are painted in faux marble design. The rear or west window in this parlor has been infilled. Otherwise this room is intact. There are four recessed panel doors and heavy molded window and door surrounds throughout the house. High, molded baseboards extend throughout the main block of the house as well. The fireplace in the south parlor has been enclosed. The double door cupboard beside the fireplace have four recessed panel doors above and two recessed panel doors below.

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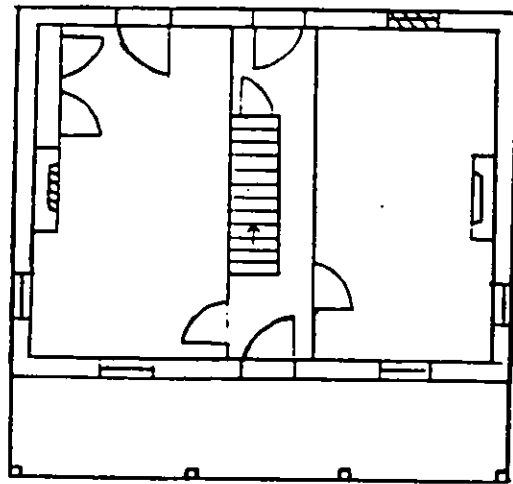
The c. 1900 front porch, which has a low cement foundation, features a cross gabled and hipped roof. The cross gable pediment shows a sunburst design. The porch's wide cornice is highlighted with dentils. The four evenly spaced wooden columns have Ionic capitals.

The c. 1950 addition has modern windows and siding of the period. The interior of this section is done in knotty pine, also typical of the period, and a brick chimney to the rear or west side of the building.

Although alterations, such as some window replacements, and a new kitchen addition have been made to the James Jones House, it still retains its dominant architectural features and physical setting and is able to convey its late nineteenth century significance as an Italianate style building.

**James Jones House**  
**Greensboro, Greene Co.**

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



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### Significance

The James Jones House is significant in the area of architecture. 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 C, a residence must be representative of nineteenth century vernacular architecture or representative of a popular national style. It must retain sufficient integrity of materials and stylistic details to be representative of that style. Fenestration patterns and door openings should not be greatly altered or blocked in. The interior of the building should retain most of its original floor plan. The James Jones House was built c. 1879 on a previously empty lot (Lot 28) in Greensboro. This house retains sufficient integrity to represent its Italianate style of architecture.

James South, the present owner of the house and a grandson of James Jones, told the writer that his grandfather was a glass cutter before he joined the Union army during the Civil War. His war record is substantiated by his discharge recorded in the Greene County Deed records. The 1876 Centennial Atlas shows that this lot was owned by Baltzer Kramer and was vacant. The 1880 Census for Greensboro listed James Jones aged 36 as a worker in a stoneware shop, but the 1900 census record does not note his occupation. Jones, born about 1845, died in 1927. At that time the property passed to his daughter, Alice Jones South. James South purchased the property in 1938.(1)

As documented in the context of the Greensboro/New Geneva Multiple Property Submission the I house was a common house form in the Greensboro/New Geneva area. Typically, these houses were two-story, two rooms per story, and one room deep with a hall inserted between the two rooms to provide greater control of movement through the house. Antecedents of this house type can be traced to the Delaware Valley and the Chesapeake Tidewater region. The context also discussed the fact that many late nineteenth-century houses of the area retained some vernacular details but otherwise adopted national trends. The James Jones House is a good example of this with its Italianate features and Colonial Revival porch covering an I house form.(2)

Documentation in the Greensboro/New Geneva Multiple Property Submission showed that the Greensboro/New Geneva area expanded commercially during the 1860-1880 period. This was brought about in part by the completion of Lock and Dam Numbers 5 and 6 in 1856 which extended the head of navigation on the Monongahela River to Greensboro/New Geneva. Steamer packet service began at that time. In addition, the Greensboro potteries reached their peak



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during the decade of 1870 to 1880. This transportation development and commercial success was expressed by area businessmen and workers in houses showing national architectural trends. (3)

As previously noted, during the late nineteenth century several properties in the Greensboro area were built in the Italianate style. Among these was the Reppert & Williams Store/House in Greensboro. Built in 1874, this two-and-a-half story brick building is the most notable extant example of the Italianate style used on a commercial building in the area. It features a curved roofline and cornice and arched windows elaborated with raised brick crowns. However, the largest and perhaps grandest Italianate style building in Greensboro was the Monongahela House, an eight bay, three-and-a-half story, brick hotel. It also served as a theatre. It's first floor was cased in cut stone, but the upper floors featured arched windows with raised crowns. This building was demolished in the 1980s. The largest and most elaborate Italianate residence in the area is the Crawford House at Glassworks. Built c. 1878, this four bay, two-and-a-half story, brick house features cross gables, bay windows and bracketed cornices. Although the architecture of the James Jones House is less flamboyant than the Crawford House, it is nevertheless a good example of a modest expression of the Italianate style.

Built during a period of commercial development in the area, the James Jones House is significant for its reflection of popular national styles including Italianate features and a late Colonial Revival porch. Among a handful of Italianate style buildings in the area, the James Jones House is representative of Greensboro/New Geneva area builders' ability to combine popular national styles with traditional vernacular forms.

**Notes**

(1) James South, interview, 9 December 1993; Greene County Court Record M B 1, p. 497.

(2) Jerry A. Clouse, "Greensboro/New Geneva Multiple Property Submission," p. 72.

(3) Ibid., pp. 23-24, 52-53.

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**Boundary Description**

Beginning at a point on the western edge of Front Street where Stone Street intersects the southwest corner of Front Street, then proceeding from this point in a southwest direction parallel with the James Jones House fifty-nine feet to the southern boundary of this property, then proceeding from this point in a northwest direction fifty-five feet, then proceeding from this point fifty-nine feet in a northeast direction to a point on the southern edge of Stone Street or the northern boundary of this property, then proceeding from this point in a southeast direction parallel with the southern edge of Stone Street to the point of beginning.

**Boundary Justification**

The boundary includes the tax parcel boundary on all sides except the west side where the boundary was drawn to exclude any noncontributing buildings on that side of the house.

**James Jones House Photo List**

All of the following photographs of the James Jones House, located in the borough of Greensboro, Greene County, Pennsylvania, were taken by Jerry Clouse, November and December 1993. All of the negatives are located in the offices of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

1. Standing at the intersection of Stone and Front streets looking southwest at the facade and northern elevation of the James Jones House.
2. Looking northwest at the facade and southern elevation of the James Jones House.
3. Looking northwest at the southern elevation of the James Jones House showing the detail of the window crowns and sills.
4. Looking west at the facade of the James Jones House showing details of the Colonial Revival style front porch.
5. Looking east in the hall of the James Jones House at the staircase and front door.
6. Looking north in the north parlor of the James Jones House at the fireplace surround.

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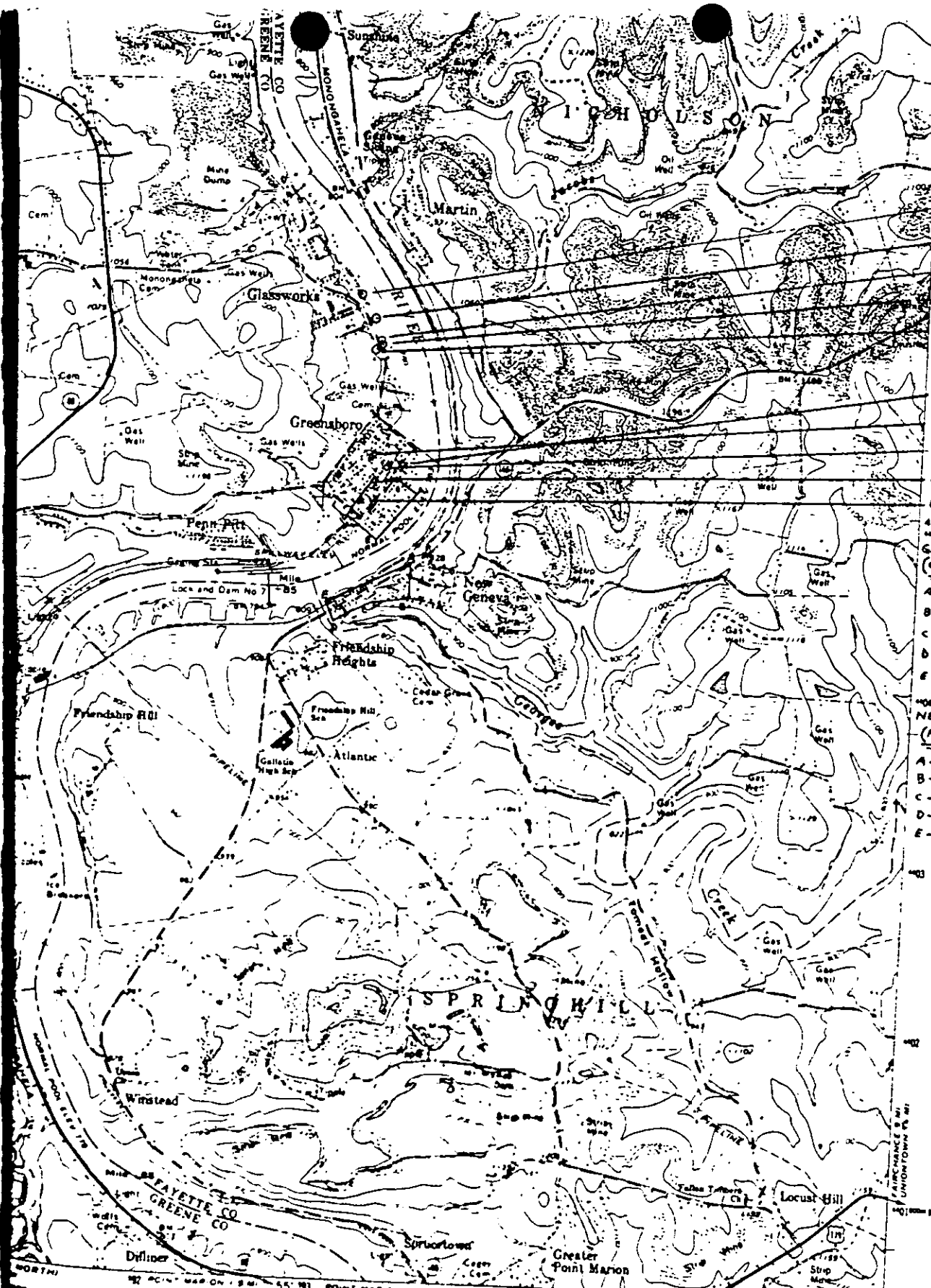
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7. Looking south in the south parlor of the James Jones House at the closet doors and door surrounds.



- GLASSWORKS (GREENE CO.)
- 407 EBERHART/GABLER HOUSE (ZONE 17, E 593090/N 4406190)
  - J. McCRAWFORD HOUSE (ZONE 17, E 593030/N 4406740)
  - GLASSWORKS COAL HOUSE (BLDG. 302, ZONE 17, E 593030/N 440592)
  - GLASSWORKS COAL HOUSE (BLDG. 302-A, ZONE 17, E 593040/N 440594)
  - REPPERT/GABLER HOUSE (BLDG. 31, ZONE 17, E 593000/N 440586)
- 408 GREENSBORO (GREENE COUNTY)
- JAMES JONES HOUSE (ZONE 17, E 593100/N 4405210)
  - PARRCO 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)
- 409 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
- 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

Scale: 1" = 1 MILE (0 1000 2000 3000 FEET) / 1 KILOMETER

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy duty —————
- Medium-duty —————
- Light duty —————
- Unimproved dirt .....
- U.S. Route (circle with line)
- State Route (circle with dot)

MASONTOWN, PA.

39° 45' 79° 52' 30"

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