

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 Boughner, Alexander V. House

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number Corner of Second & Minor Streets not for publication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

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

_____	_____
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Boughner 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	
<u>1</u>		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
<u>1</u>		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 . . .

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)

Domestic: Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Greek Revival

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone

walls Wood

roof Asphalt

other _____

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)

Architecture

Period of Significance

C. 1857

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:

Boughner House
Name of Property

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10. Geographical Data

Acreege of Property 1/4 acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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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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organization Penna. Hist. & Museum Commission date October 7, 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 Charles D. Ponte

street & number 308 Morris St. telephone _____

city or town Morgantown state WV zip code 26505

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Description

Located on the southeast corner of Second and Minor streets, in Greensboro, the Alexander Boughner House was built c. 1857 facing north onto Minor Street. This three bay, two-and-a-half story, frame house, displaying elements of the Greek Revival style, was built using the I house floor plan. The house is built on Lot 39 on the sloping bluff which rises above the Monongahela river. Built into the bank, the first floor of the house can be entered at street level by climbing a few steps on the north side, but the cellar can be entered at ground level on the east side. A one-story kitchen ell was added to the south side probably soon after the erection of the main block. This ell was enlarged in the late twentieth century. There is a picket fence in front of the house and a hedge along the west side of the yard. 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 Boughner House displays some typical features of vernacular interpretations of the Greek Revival style including pedimented window surrounds, wide cornices, and cornice returns. It also exhibits features characteristic of the I house form including the narrow gable ends with only one window per floor.

The Boughner House rests on a rubblestone foundation. The house is sheathed with horizontal German siding with a narrow mold at the top. The focal point of the facade is a small, frame porch which rests on a rubblestone foundation. It is supported with four square columns, chamfered on their edges. Small brackets, characteristic of the Italianate style, grace the tops of the columns. A low balustrade connects the columns with the main block of the house. In recent years wooden latticework has been inserted in front of this balustrade. The porch is topped with a shallow pitched, hipped roof. The windows are two-over-two configuration throughout the house. There is a wide, unadorned cornice on all sides of the main block. Interior brick chimneys rise at each gable end of the house.

The front door is topped with a single-paned transom. The original doors in the house have two, long recessed panels, another characteristic trait of the Greek Revival style. The front door opens into a small hall which provides openings into the two parlors and the enclosed staircase. There is high, molded baseboard in the hall and stairwell. Each parlor measures seventeen feet square and has a fireplace centrally located on the gable wall. The fireplace surrounds are composed of chamfered pilasters and raised panels characteristic of the Greek Revival style. Closets were built between the chimney wall and the north wall of the house. Modern doors have replaced the

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originals in both parlors. (1)

There is a small landing at the top of the stairs. Then there is one step up to the bedroom above each of the parlors. There is also a small room above the hall. The original door surrounds and two-panelled closet doors survive on this floor. These rooms have three-inch, beaded board ceilings. There is a crawl space entrance into the unfinished attic from the east bedroom.

There is a bulkhead entrance into the cellar from the east gable end of the house. The thin, sawn floor joists which support the first floor can be seen in the cellar. There are rubblestone fireplace supports along the east and west gable walls and two small windows on the north wall.

A modern kitchen has been installed in the original kitchen ell, and the open porch along the east wall of this ell has been enclosed. Modern doors and windows have replaced originals in this section.

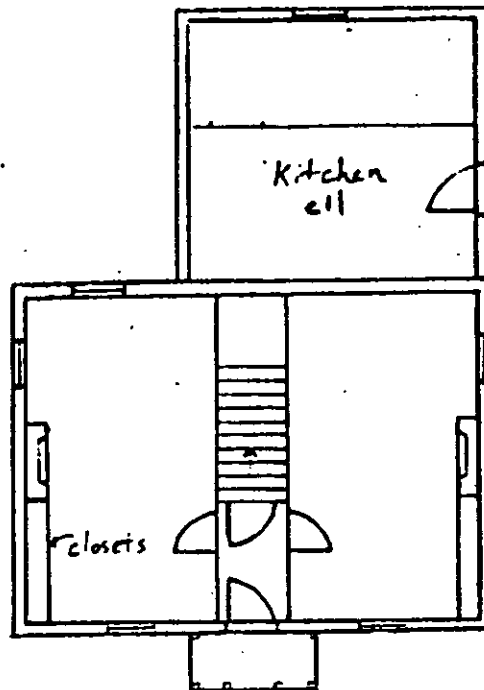
Although relatively minor alterations, such as the removal of original closet doors, door surrounds, and the addition of a modern kitchen have been made to the Boughner House, it still retains its dominant architectural features and physical setting and is able to convey its mid-nineteenth-century significance as a vernacular Greek Revival style building.

Notes

(1) Dixie Nicklow, interview, 18 November 1994.

Boughner House
Greensboro, Greene Co.

First Floor Plan
(Not Drawn to Scale)



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The Boughner 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 may be representative of nineteenth-century regional vernacular architecture or be 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 Boughner House was built c. 1857 on a previously empty lot (Lot 39) in Greensboro. This house retains sufficient integrity to represent its vernacular Greek Revival style of architecture.

Alexander Vance Boughner was born in Greensboro in 1830 the son of Daniel and Mary (Vance) Boughner. Both his father and his grandfather, Alexander Vance, were potters, and he learned the potter's trade as well. The 1860 tax noted Alexander as a potter and dealer in stoneware. He continued in the potter's trade for twenty-five years and was a storekeeper as well. In 1868 he became a full-time merchandiser. He was married in 1857 to Perle Minor. In 1865 Alexander purchased Lot 22, the family pottery site, from his father's other heirs. (Lot 22 is located directly east of Lot 39.) He was appointed postmaster of Greensboro in 1885. (1)

The 1850s and 1860s was a prosperous time for the Greensboro area. Slackwater transportation on the Monongahela River had been extended to the area in 1856 enabling Greensboro's further growth as a port. The stoneware pottery industry was growing in Greensboro and would peak in the 1870s and 1880s. Although the Boughners were overshadowed in these later decades by the Hamilton and Jones families, they had branched out in the mercantile business and evidently were quite successful. In 1870 Alexander was assessed as a merchant with a storehouse. At that time his real and personal property was valued higher than any of the pottery manufacturers in Greensboro. The Greensboro/New Geneva context study for this nomination showed that most area owners/managers continued to live on a level similar to the local artisans/workers. Therefore, it is not surprising to find a successful family living in a modest home. (2)

As with most of United States, the 1850s through the 1880s was a period of transition in the architectural development of the Greensboro/New Geneva area. In this period some traditional forms were retained, but at the same time national architectural trends were influential, especially in exterior designs. The Boughner House is a good example of this in its use of the vernacular

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Greek Revival facade and fireplace surround and retention of the I house floor plan. The writer's study of the area showed the its predilection for the traditional English single pile layout, and this is perhaps best exemplified in the I house. Another study had shown that the I house was the dominant type in the Shenandoah Valley in the nineteenth century as it came to symbolize the economic success and ethnic assimilation of the people there. (3)

Other area houses built in the I house plan include the c. 1850 J.C. Reppert House, located on County Street and within the Greensboro Historic District. This two-and-a-half story, brick house does not have the pronounced Greek Revival influence as displayed in the Boughner House. The Reppert House lacks the pedimented windows and wide cornice of the Boughner House. The c. 1850 Crawford House on County Street is another Greensboro house which only peripherally reflects the Greek Revival style. This three bay, two-and-a-half story brick house only reflects this style in its roof pitch and cornice returns. The c. 1879 James Jones House was built in the Italianate style, but it also retained the I house floor plan. This latter house has more elaborate interior embellishments than the Boughner House. Although the Boughner House is a modest example of a Greek Revival style house employing the I house plan, it is nevertheless a significant example in the Greensboro area.

Built during a time of commercial growth and transportation development in the Greensboro area, the Boughner House is significant for its mid-nineteenth-century vernacular Greek Revival style architecture. Prosperity spurred by the rise of the stoneware industry enabled modest, yet substantial, buildings executed in popular styles to be built in the area.

Notes

(1) Samuel P. Bates, History of Greene County, Pennsylvania (Chicago: Nelson, Rishforth & Co., 1888), p. 765; Jerry A. Clouse, Greensboro/New Geneva Multiple Property Submission, pp. 45-48.

(2) Clouse, pp. 15, 52, 56, 74.

(3) Clouse, pp. 72, 75.

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Boundary Description

Beginning at a point on the southern edge of Minor Street where Second Street intersects the southeast corner of Minor Street, then proceeding from this point in a southeast direction parallel with the Boughner House eighty-nine feet to a point, the current parcel boundary, then proceeding from this point in a southwest direction one hundred and forty-eight feet to a point, then proceeding from this point eighty-five feet along the current parcel boundary in a northwest direction to a point on the eastern edge of Second Street or the western boundary of this property, then proceeding from this point in a northeast direction one hundred and forty-eight feet parallel with the eastern edge of Second Street to the point of beginning.

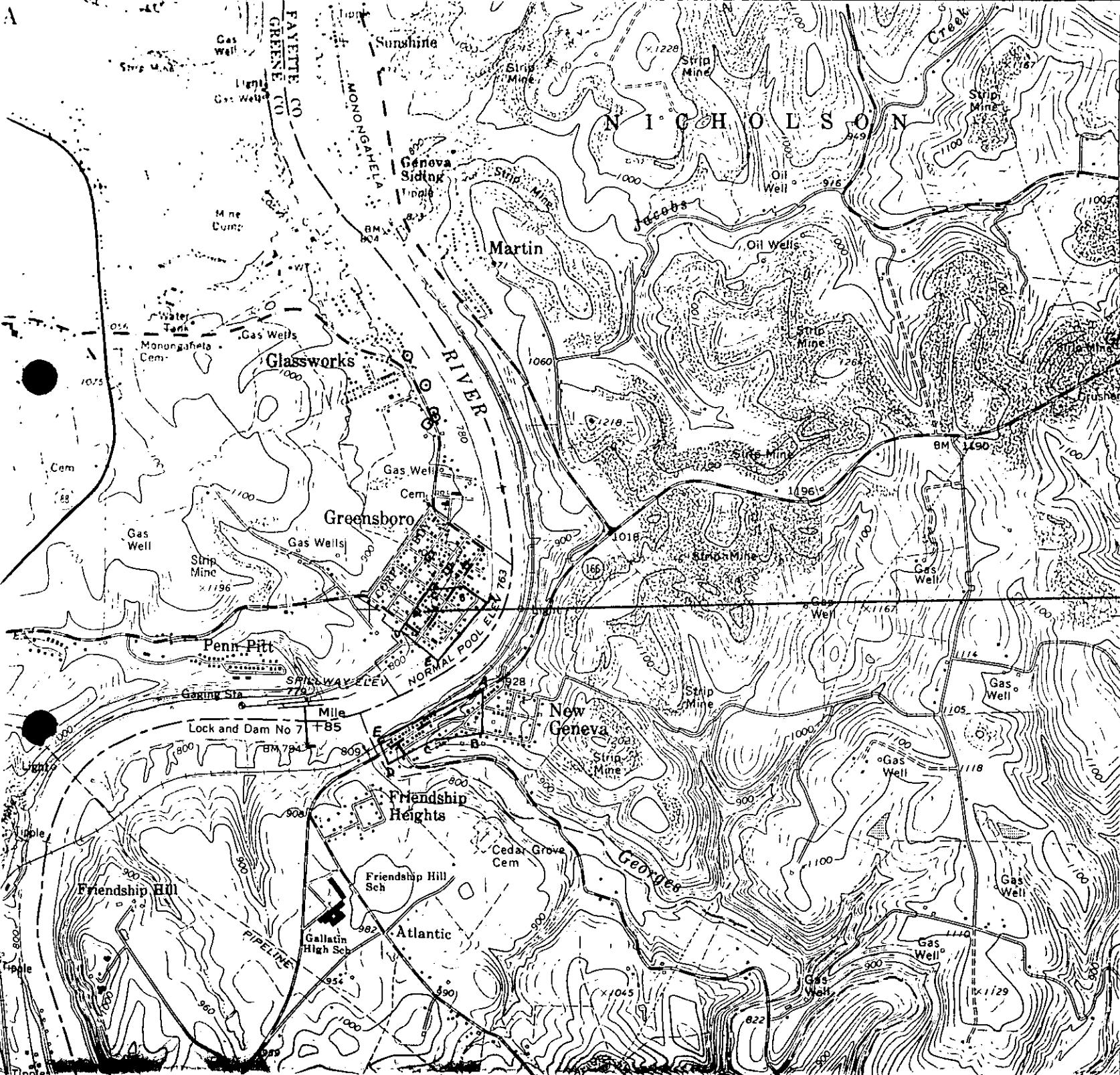
Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the land immediately surrounding the Boughner House and is the current tax parcel lot.

Boughner House Photo List

All of the following photographs of the Boughner House, located in the borough of Greensboro, 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 southeast at the facade and west elevation of the Boughner House.
2. Looking southeast at the facade and west elevation of the Boughner House showing the kitchen ell to the rear.
3. Looking west at the east elevation of the Boughner House.
4. Looking east in the east parlor showing the fireplace surround.
5. Looking north at the door going from the kitchen ell into the main block of the house.



(SMITHFIELD)
5063 IV SE

GLASSWORKS (GREENE COUNTY)

4407 EBERHART/GABLER HOUSE (BLDG. 124)
ZONE 17, E 592890/N 4406190

CRAWFORD HOUSE
ZONE 17, E 592790/N 4406040

GLASSWORKS/KOCH HOUSE (BLDG. 302-B)
ZONE 17, E 593030/N 4405920

GLASSWORKS/GABLER HOUSE (BLDG. 302-A)
ZONE 17, E 593040/N 4405900

REPPERT/GABLER HOUSE (BLDG. 314-A)
ZONE 17, E 593000/N 4405860

4406 GREENSBORO (GREENE COUNTY)

JAMES JONES HOUSE
ZONE 17, E 593200/N 4405210

PARRECO HOUSE
ZONE 17, E 593040/N 4405240

GREENSBORO SCHOOL
ZONE 17, E 593120/N 4405190

PETERS/GRAHAM HOUSE
ZONE 17, E 593060/N 4405100

BOUGHNER HOUSE
ZONE 17, E 592980/N 4404980

4405 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

4404 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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