

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 any 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 Segers, Redferd, House

other names/site number Hoffman, Kenneth, House

2. Location

street & number U. S. Route 219, opposite Snyder Township Route 1025 not for publication N/A

city or town Snyder Township (Village of Crenshaw) vicinity

state Pennsylvania code PA county Jefferson code 065 zip code 15824

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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.)

[Signature]
Signature of certifying official/Title

Executive Director 3/15/2000

Date

PA Historical and Museum Commission
State or 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 commenting official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this 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): _____

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply) in the count)

- 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 resource

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

N/A

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)

LATE VICTORIAN/Stick/Eastlake

MID-19TH CENTURY/Gothic Revival

LATE VICTORIAN/Italianate

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE/sandstone

walls WOOD/weatherboard; SYNTHETICS

roof ASPHALT

other

Narrative Description

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

Refer to 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.
[X] 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 a 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

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 #

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

c. 1870

Significant Dates

c. 1870

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
Other state agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
Other

Name of repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	17	687060	4568360	3		
2				4		

N/A 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 the SHPO or FPO.)

name _____

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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The c. 1870 Redferd Segers House, located in the unincorporated village of Crenshaw, is an eclectic example of domestic Stick, Gothic Revival, Italianate, and Shingle style influences. The building is of wood frame construction, two and a half stories in height, and rests on a large, flat, open, lot opposite the intersection of Snyder Township Road 1025 where it joins U. S. Route 219. The major changes to this dwelling are the relatively sensitive application of vinyl shiplap siding, the historic replacement of the original porch, and the replacement of historic shutters with modern shutters. The property retains its original interior appearance and the exterior alterations do not greatly affect the building's ability to convey its historic architectural themes and detailing.

The Segers House (Photos 1, 2, 3) is L-shaped in plan and is set upon a foundation of coursed ashlar sandstone. The property is capped with a hipped roof with intersecting gables. The most distinctive exterior features are the cornice (Photo 4), which extends around the full perimeter of the house, and the gables (Photo 5), which are located on the facade and on both side elevations. The cornice is ornamented with Stick-style trim applied to the exterior to suggest the interior structural framing of the property. The cornice is further defined by a series of "sandwich" brackets, typical of the Italianate style, which interrupt the soffit and fascia in a random pattern. Each of the three gables (Photos 4 and 5) is trimmed identically, with square-butt shingles, sawtooth trim, diagonal trim boards, and a sandwich bracket at the peak. Each gable also contains a pointed-arched double-hung window, one-over-one light, reminiscent of the Gothic Revival style. With the exception of the aforementioned windows in the gables, fenestration on the house is flat-topped, with two-over-two sash. At the present, exterior shutters of non-historic material are at each of the flat-topped windows. The exterior has been sided with shiplap vinyl siding and cornerboards, but without significant loss of detail. Historic photos (one dating from c. 1888 and the other from 1940s or '50s and both reproduced on Continuation Sheets) reveal that the historic siding was of a shiplap design and that the house originally had operable louvered wood shutters. These photos also show finials on the roof (removed at an indeterminate time) and indicate that the present front porch is at least the third to adorn the house. The first porch was a simple one-bay unit which was trimmed with turned Eastlake-style ornament; it shielded only the main doorway on the left side of the facade. The second porch, dating from the early twentieth century, extended across 26' of the 28' facade. It included modest wood posts and was trimmed with a balustrade of curvilinear sawn wood. The present porch (Photos 1 and 2) maintains the general profile and dimension of the second porch and is supported by attenuated turned posts, trimmed with turned balusters, and capped with a hipped roof. The main entrance to the house is on the left side of the facade and is shielded by the porch; it includes a single four-panel door with glazed upper panels, a transom sash, and original escutcheons. The rear elevation of the house (Photo 3) includes a one-story shed-roofed porch which has been enclosed. The only altered opening on the house is a shortened second-story window which is centered on the rear elevation (Photo 3); this modification, located on a secondary elevation, does not significantly impact upon the integrity of the property.

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The interior of the Segers House is nearly unaltered from the original; its plan incorporates a first story with a side hallway (Photo 6) on the left, a parlor and diningroom on the right, and a kitchen at the rear. Four bedrooms, an upstairs hall, and a bathroom are on the second story and the third story contains two finished rooms. The most significant feature of the house is the unusually lavish original interior woodwork (Photo 7) which draws upon a variety of native hardwoods including walnut, cherry, and oak and is finished naturally. Rising from the entrance hall to the third story is a curved stair with an open balustrade and turned balusters (Photos 6, 8, and 9). Doorways are enframed with reeded trimboards with bull's-eye corner blocks. Wainscoting employing alternating species of wood is found throughout the first story and the hallway is floored with tongue-in-groove boards of alternating walnut and oak, giving the surface an unusually ornate and distinctive striped effect. Both the parlor and diningroom are further ornamented with intact, original mantles of marbled slate. The plan of the Segers House has been altered only minimally, including the installation of bathrooms and some updating of the kitchen, neither of which compromises the otherwise unimpaired integrity of the interior.

Viewed in its entirety, the Segers House, with its original and distinctive patterned shingling, Gothic Revival-style windows, Italianate brackets, and locally-unique original interior reflects the prosperity of a successful sawyer in the nineteenth-century lumber region of north-central Pennsylvania. The intact character of these features, in the context of this architecturally-undistinguished community, more than compensates for the presence of non-historic material on the exterior.

The Redferd Segers House is located in the rural hamlet of Crenshaw, approximately two miles north of the Borough of Brockway, and sits back from U. S. Route 219 ca. 60 feet. Immediately east of the house is a self-serve credit card fueling facility. It is not known if historic outbuildings were associated with the house; none are extant.

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The Redferd Segers House is significant under National Register Criterion C, as a locally-distinctive and unusually elaborate eclectic rural village residence which incorporates elements of the Stick, Shingle, Italianate, and Gothic Revival styles. It was constructed c. 1870 for a successful sawyer in the lumber region of northern Pennsylvania and within the context of the village of Crenshaw is a locally-unique example of eclectic residential design from its Period of Significance, which is set at its date of construction. With its lavish use of wood on the exterior and interior, the Segers House reflects the late nineteenth-century abundance of natural resources in the area and characterizes the propensity of residents to employ the full range of species in the construction of their homes.

The house was built as the residence of Redferd Segers (1834-1913), a native of Dresden, Maine whose early career was that of a New England boatbuilder. He came to Pennsylvania in 1858 and secured employment in the timberlands of the north-central section of the state. He first settled in Elk County in the vicinity of Kersey, about thirty miles northeast of the nominated property and in 1860 he married Martha J. Horning. His early Pennsylvania employment was in the Horning mill, which was likely owned by his wife's family. The Segers relocated to Snyder Township in 1863 and Redferd became a leading contract sawyer for a number of the large logging operations of the northern Jefferson-Elk County environs. Among these were the Bogy, Keystone, Short's, and Vineyard mills, as well as the operations of Buzard & McCain, south of Brockway. His 1913 obituary in the *Brockwayville* (later Brockway) *Record* recorded that at the Buzard and McCain mill, Segers "finished the last big timber operations in this immediate section." Martha Horning Segers died in 1871 and Redferd Segers married Elvira Grass in 1876. Shortly after Segers' death, local writer Bion Butler wrote one of his "Bear Run Sketches" about Segers and noted

he bought a farm on the banks of Walburn Run . . . and there he built what was at that time the handsomest farm house for miles and possibly the finest house for farm or town between Ridgway and Brookville.

"Fred" Segers—the nickname by which he was known—came to symbolize the lumber industry in this region. He was eulogized as

one of the old-time pioneers [who] has gone from the community, together with the extinction of an industry that made this section famous in the former days.

It is not known where Segers lived prior to building this home. He occupied this property until his death, at which time he was further eulogized as one who, "despite his environment, was a gentlemen with the finer instincts of culture rarely found among the pioneer lumber areas of western

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Pennsylvania." He apparently instilled his cultural interest into his two daughters, to whom the homestead passed and who occupied the property until their own deaths. Frone Renelle Segers (1884-1945), taught for 33 years at the nearby Crenshaw School and Mabel Segers (1879-1935) was college-educated and gave piano lessons. Upon Frone Segers' death, the house passed to her nephew, Kenneth Henry Hoffman, whose grandson is the present owner.

The property is significant under National Register Criterion C, as a locally-significant example of the type of home built by successful lumbermen in northern Jefferson County, which was an area of major lumber development during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Eclectic in its overall character, the house employs features from a variety of elite architectural styles: the pointed-arched gable windows from the Gothic Revival, the bracketed cornice from the Italianate, the textured surfaces of the Shingle style, and the faux exposed framing elements from the Stick style. The interior of the house is its most remarkable feature, and is the reflection not only of the vastness of the natural materials available in the forests of north-central Pennsylvania at the time of its construction, but also of the degree of craftsmanship which existed even in the backwoods. It is particularly significant for its lavish use of native hardwood trim, for the locally-distinctive three-story spiral staircase, and for the surviving marbelized slate mantles.

The settlement of Crenshaw is little more than a hamlet dotted by a series of completely unremarkable houses, several environmentally-blighting commercial/industrial properties, and coal tailings left in the wake of unfettered surface mining in the years preceding reclamation legislation. Larger, incorporated municipalities such as Brockway, Brookville, and Ridgway (located between two and twenty miles distant) possess more pretentious residential architecture than the Segers House. However, within the local context of this rural village, even taking into consideration the application of non-historic materials, the Redferd Segers House is significant under Criterion C as this Jefferson County hamlet's best-preserved example of nineteenth-century domestic architecture.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

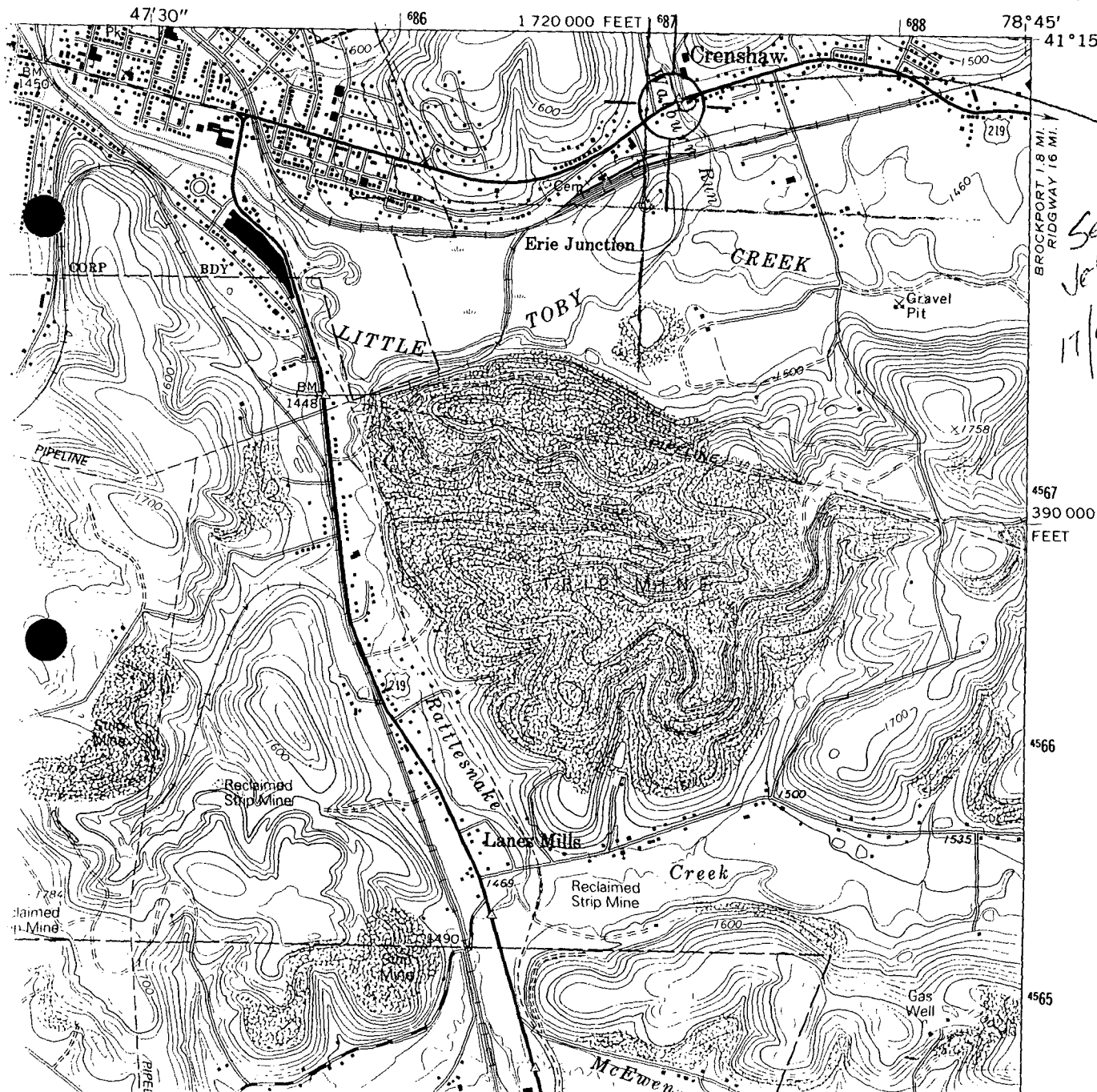
Consisting of Jefferson County Parcel No. 33-250-177 as shown on the tax maps of the County of Jefferson, as filed in the Jefferson County Court House, Brookville, Pennsylvania.

JUSTIFICATION

The boundaries of this nomination consist of those lands which were historically associated with the nominated resource.

FALLS CREEK QUADRANGLE
PENNSYLVANIA
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

5266 (S.W.
(BRANDY CAMP)



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