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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Bonnet's Tavern

AND/OR COMMON

Old Forks Inn

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Intersection of US 30 & Pa. 31, 4m. west of Bedford

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Mapier Township

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

9

STATE

Pennsylvania

CODE

42

COUNTY

Bedford

CODE

009

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES, RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES, UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Frank & Lucille Enyeart

STREET & NUMBER

RD #2

CITY, TOWN

Bedford

VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania 15522

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Bedford County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Juliana Street

CITY, TOWN

Bedford

STATE

Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

1974

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Fork's Inn, c. 1769, was built in the late colonial period, a time when the Allegheny mountain Range was the frontier for the settled portion of Pennsylvania.

The building measures 40' by 51'. The Inn is constructed of cut field stone set in random ashlar fashion. The walls are over two feet thick. The site plan embankment changes a 2½ story structure into a 3½ story structure. All four levels provide a total of nearly 8,000 square feet of floor area. Two levels of balcony porches extend the length (51') of the first two floors on both the south and north faces. The porches are verandas which are accessible only from inside the inn, via plain framed doors with four-paned rectangular transoms. Porches are garnished with upper rows of spindle trim, and rectangular railing of recent vintage. The roofing material is recent metal on the south face and shingle on the north face. The end chimneys rise above the ridgeline in brick; however the inside single stack chimneys are predominantly stone and vent eight massive fire places, some with open hearths.

The architectural condition of the exterior structure is good, no extensive alterations to the main structure have taken place. The porches, decking, rails, and roof covering undoubtedly have been replaced numerous times. At one time veranda porching extended across the first floor of the east face. The metal roof covering is still good, but the shingles are deteriorating.

The interior structure has been remodeled and refurbished numerous times. Hewn beams, which are in good sturdy condition, are exposed in the basement tavern and first floor. Large single pane sash windows have replaced the colonial window sash and small panes an early American flavor prevails throughout the inside of the Inn despite the numerous minor alterations which have been made over the centuries.

The Inn still serves as a tavern and private residence. A modern kitchen/storage addition is attached to the west basement building face to provide maintenance to the tavern. This shed addition and commercial highway signs are the only major discontinuities in the colonial flavor this landmark frontier structure.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

PREHISTORIC
 1400-1499
 1500-1599
 1600-1899
 1700-1799
 1800-1899
 1900-

ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
 ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
 AGRICULTURE
 ARCHITECTURE
 ART
 COMMERCE
 COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

COMMUNITY PLANNING
 CONSERVATION
 ECONOMICS
 EDUCATION
 ENGINEERING
 EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
 INDUSTRY
 INVENTION

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
 LAW
 LITERATURE
 MILITARY
 MUSIC
 PHILOSOPHY
 POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

RELIGION
 SCIENCE
 SCULPTURE
 SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
 THEATER
 TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES

c. 1762

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Builder John Bonnet

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

During the early part of the eighteenth century and for some years after Bedford County became a political unit in 1771, it was actually the western frontier of Pennsylvania. Peaceful days did not come to this part of the state until after the close of the Revolutionary War, the end of the Indian troubles, and the settlement of the Whiskey Rebellion. Tied closely to the development and expansion of Bedford County is the history of the Old Forks Inn.

The Old Forks Inn, also known as Bonnet's Tavern, (circa 1762), was built on the site of an original William Penn land grant of 690 acres to Hans Ireland. The Inn is located four miles west of Bedford at the forks of the Forbes (c. 1758) and Burd (c. 1755) military roads. Prior to the construction of the building, there was an old Indian village at the site. Also prior to construction - about 1758, the time General Forbes was cutting a road through the mountain wilderness to Fort Duquesne - there was also a military encampment on the site.

The tavern was built by John Bonnet in c. 1762 and became an important stopping point for travelers on journey from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 Acre

QUADRANGLE NAME 1 Acre QUADRANGLE SCALE _____

UTM REFERENCES			QUADRANGLE SCALE		
A	1, 7	70, 81, 0, 0	4, 4	3, 5	0, 9, 0
	ZONE	EASTING		EASTING	NORTHING
B					
	ZONE	EASTING		EASTING	NORTHING
C					
	ZONE	EASTING		EASTING	NORTHING
D					
	ZONE	EASTING		EASTING	NORTHING
E					
	ZONE	EASTING		EASTING	NORTHING
F					
	ZONE	EASTING		EASTING	NORTHING
G					
	ZONE	EASTING		EASTING	NORTHING
H					
	ZONE	EASTING		EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION *Starting at point S side of Rt. 30 then moving west along Rt. 30 for 200 ft. then south for 400 ft to N. side of Rt. 31 then NE along Rt. 31 for 200 ft then N for 100ft to starting point.*

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Barbara K. Hufnagel / William Burke

ORGANIZATION

Bedford County Planning Commission/ Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission 814/623/8138

STREET & NUMBER

203 S. Juliana Street / Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN

Bedford / Harrisburg

DATE

TELEPHONE

STATE

Pennsylvania

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL x

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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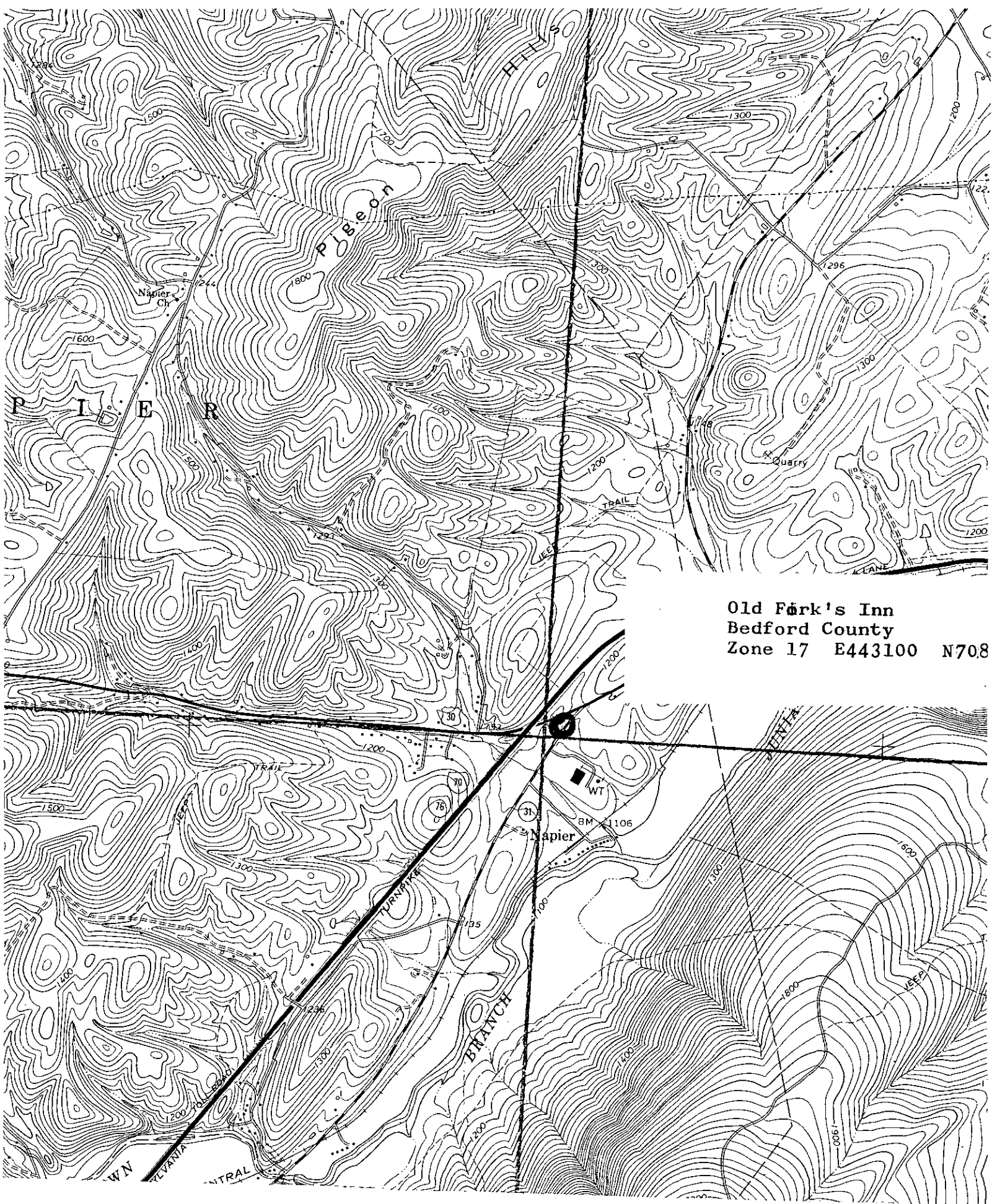
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Old Fark's Inn
Bedford County
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