

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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| STATE: Pennsylvania |
| COUNTY: Washington |
| FOR NPS USE ONLY |
| ENTRY DATE |

1. NAME

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| COMMON: Register Log House |
| AND/OR HISTORIC: |

2. LOCATION

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| STREET AND NUMBER: L. R. 62176 (R.D. #1) | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Fredericktown | | CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 26th | |
| STATE: Pennsylvania | CODE: 42 | COUNTY: Washington | CODE: 125 |

3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure | <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both | Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered | Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

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| OWNER'S NAME: John Register | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: R. D. #1 | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Fredericktown | STATE: Pennsylvania | CODE: 42 |

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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| COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Office of Recorder of Deeds, Washington Co. Courthouse | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: South Main Street | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Washington | STATE: Pennsylvania | CODE: 42 |

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

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| TITLE OF SURVEY: | | | | |
| DATE OF SURVEY: | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal | <input type="checkbox"/> State | <input type="checkbox"/> County | <input type="checkbox"/> Local |
| DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: | | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: | | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: | STATE: | CODE: | | |

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| STATE: Pa. |
| COUNTY: Wash. |
| ENTRY NUMBER |
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7. DESCRIPTION

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| CONDITION | (Check One) | | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins |
| | (Check One) | | (Check One) | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

both

The building consists of two, two-story log houses joined together; one having its gable end flush with the front elevation of the other and the gabled roof of each joined accordingly. The house therefore has an L-plan. Both houses have rubble masonry foundations, creating a high basement as the houses are on a steep hill.

The house with the central chimney was probably built first; the placement of the chimney in the center of the house was an older, more practical vernacular tradition. Also, the irregular second-story window disposition reveals a later window addition. It would most likely be aligned to a first-story window if it were original to the house. The second-story windows are original 19th Century sashes. It is interesting to note that one sash is three-over-six lights, while the other was installed as six-over-three lights.

The logs of both houses are square hewn. In the older house, they are simply notched, while in the newer house they are saddle notched, indicating a more refined, practical joint.

The gable ends of both houses are weatherboarded with clapboards. The newer house appears to have its original gable-end chimney, while the older structure's chimney is of newer construction.

In the newer house, the fenestration is symmetrical, indicating a more refined original plan. The floor joists, roof ridges and basement walls of each house precisely join the other, indicating a sophisticated architectural attitude and skill of materials and tools.

The houses' sensitive placement on an irregular site supports the construction abilities of its vernacular builder(s). The house remains in good condition.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1830 and 1885

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Log houses provided the first shelters for early settlers in Western Pennsylvania. They were built from the pioneer period, which ended roughly about 1785, well into the middle of the 19th Century. They were simple, direct, economic solutions to housing needs in an isolated area with an abundance of timber.

The size and sophistication of this log house places it in the second quarter of the 19th Century -- with a later 19th Century addition. It is most unusual to find two log houses attached, creating a substantially large dwelling. The vernacular builder displays a high level of sophistication in the placement of the houses on the irregular steep site and the masterful joinery of the roofs, basement foundations and wall corners.

It must be counted among the most interesting architectural remains in the district. Because log houses are a vanishing architectural species, good examples like the Register house should be preserved.

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9 MAJOR GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Stotz, Charles Morse. The Architectural Heritage of Early Western Pennsylvania. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 1966.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY | | | O R | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES | | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|---|-------------------------|--|
| CORNER | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | |
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acre

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

| STATE: | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: James D. Van Trump, Landmarks Planning, Inc.

ORGANIZATION Washington Co. Overall Economic Development Program DATE Summer 1972

STREET AND NUMBER: 1 South College Street

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE Pennsylvania CODE 42

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name William J. Wewer
 Title Executive Director, PA. Historical and Museum Comm.
 Date 7/11/74

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

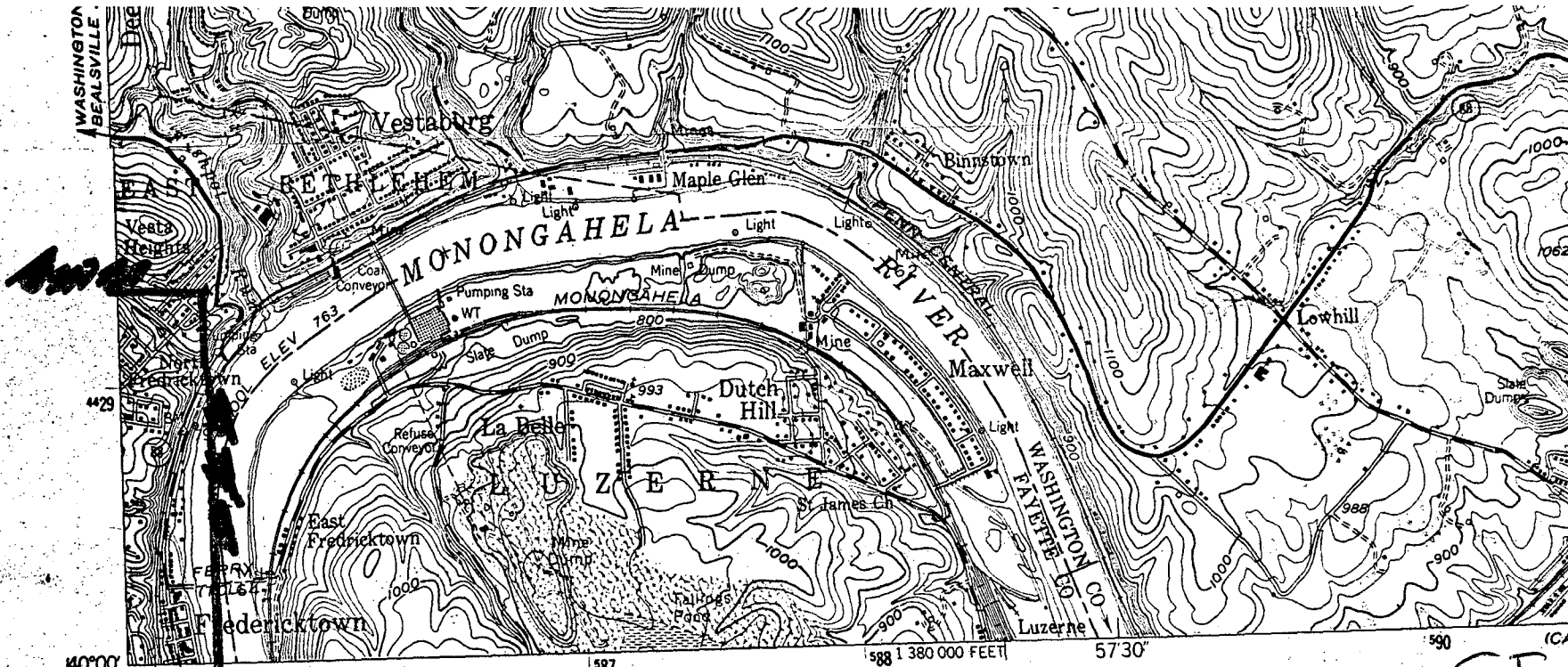
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ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

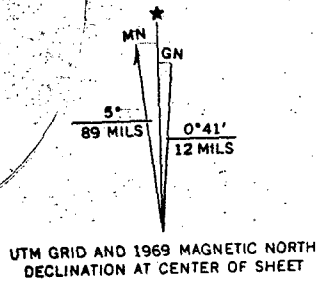
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 (MATHER)
 1963 / AE

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 Control by USGS and USC&GS
 Topography from aerial photographs by multiplex methods
 Aerial photographs taken 1952. Field check 1954
 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 17,
 shown in blue
 Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
 Broken contours in strip mine areas indicate mining
 since photography
 Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with
 State of Pennsylvania agencies from aerial photographs taken 1969
 This information not field checked



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