

United States Department of the Interior
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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 Doak/Little House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

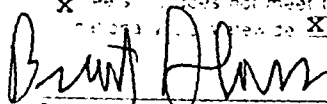
street & number U.S. Rt. 40, 1/2 mi. w. of S. Strabane not for publication

city or town South Strabane Twp. vicinity

state Pennsylvania code PA county Washington code 125 zip code 15301

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 locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)



Dr. Brent Glass
Exec. Director 2/21/96

Signature of commenting official>Title

Date

Pennsylvania 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 the property is

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

included 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):

Doak/Little House
Name of Property

Washington 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	
2	1	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
2	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

Hist. Resources of the Nat. Rd. in PA

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 Brick

roof Metal

other Wood

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)

Commerce

Architecture

Period of Significance

c. 1850-c. 1880

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:

Doak/Little House
Name of Property

Washington Co., PA
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing
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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 SHPO or FPO.)

name Ralph & Peggy Moore

street & number R D 2, Box 84 telephone

city or town Washington state PA zip code 15301

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Description

The **Doak/Little House** is situated thirty-five feet off the north side of U.S. Route 40, about a half mile west of the South Strabane in South Strabane Township. Like all the National Road associated dwellings, not only is it situated near the road, but it faces the road as well. This two-and-a-half story, five bay, brick house was built with a kitchen ell to the rear c. 1850. Just northeast of the house stands a contributing 1879 brick tenant house. A twentieth-century noncontributing tavern/bar stands just east of this property. Otherwise the house is surrounded by a tree shaded lawn. The house rests on a low foundation of rubble sandstone. Although changes have been made to this property over the years since its construction, it retains sufficient integrity to represent its historic association with the National Road.

The exterior features that indicate that the **Doak/Little House** was influenced by the Greek Revival style include the narrow sidelights and the single rectangular transom light that surround the front door. In addition, the house has a low pitched roof with a boxed cornice and cornice returns on the gable ends. Otherwise, the exterior of the **Doak/Little House** lacks characteristics of any national architectural style. The blank gable end walls are a characteristic fairly common in the vernacular architecture of southwestern Pennsylvania. Typically, the facade is laid in Flemish bond, and the end and rear walls are laid in common bond.

The fenestration throughout the house has projecting cut stone sills and wooden lintels. Most of the windows throughout the house are two-over-two configuration. However, the first floor facade windows were changed in the mid-twentieth century to multi-paned casement windows. The second floor window lighting the staircase has been infilled with glass block. The seven-panelled front door is highlighted with engaged pilasters. The mid-to-late twentieth-century, gable fronted porch consists of a cement slab resting on a cement block foundation supporting the wrought iron posts and railing.

Corbeled chimneys pierce the roof of standing seam metal. There is a bulkhead entrance into the cellar on the east gable end of the main block.

Typical of National Road associated dwellings, this building has a kitchen ell to the rear with a shed-roof porch extending along the east side. This porch also extends along the rear of the main block of the house. It is supported with wrought iron posts and railing, probably replacing earlier wooden posts and railing.

The interior of the **Doak/Little House** is laid out in typical I house form with

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a single parlor on either side of the central hall and staircase. The open staircase consists of a turned newel post, tapered round spindles, and a curved handrail. There are no step brackets beneath the treads. The spandrel is filled with vertical beaded boards. The original rear door has been filled in, and a small bathroom has been built to the rear of the hall.

There are fireplaces centered along the gable walls of each parlor. The eastern fireplace surround is of carved and marbled slate with a curvilinear mantle. However, the western fireplace has been enclosed and the surround removed. Molded window and door surrounds and high baseboards, typical of the late Greek Revival period, remain throughout the first floor of the house.

The enclosed rear staircase helps divide the kitchen ell into two rooms. The northernmost room is the actual working kitchen.

The three-bay brick tenant house retains some fine architectural details including the stone lintels with bullseye corner blocks. Like the main house, it has a low pitched roof pierced by corbeled chimneys and has boxed cornices and cornice returns. This single pile building has a central door and rests on a rubblestone foundation. The windows are six-over-six configuration.

About twelve feet behind the kitchen ell is a square, frame, hipped roof shed. Built in the early twentieth century, it is noncontributing to this property.

Despite alterations, such as replacement of the first floor front windows, the addition of a front porch and replacement of rear porches, enclosure of a fireplace and a rear entrance, the building is still able to convey its early nineteenth-century significance in association with the National Road. The **Doak/Little House** retains good integrity overall, and the character and feeling of the property remains intact. Likewise, the building remains a good example of the vernacular Greek Revival style.

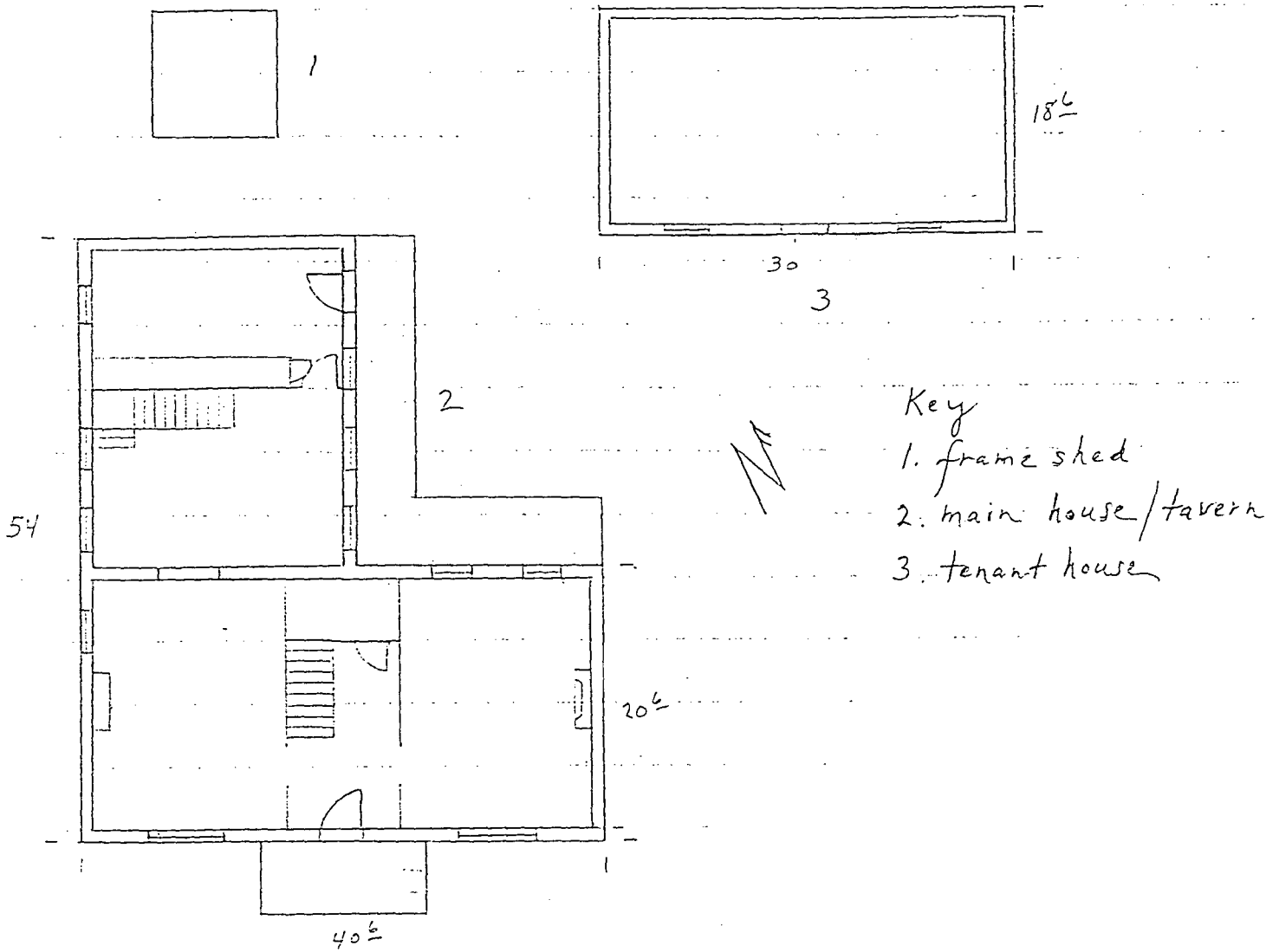
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First Floor Plan
(Not Drawn to Scale)



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Significance

The Doak/Little House is significant in the areas of transportation and architecture. This building is part of the property type "Associated Dwellings" as discussed in Historic Resources of the National Road in Pennsylvania Multiple Property Documentation Form. Among the requirements to meet Criterion A the associated dwelling must be documented to be associated with the National Road. To meet Criterion C an associated dwelling must possess architectural integrity which means it should still be identifiable through its form and basic floor plan.

According to Searight's history, Samuel Hughes operated a tavern at this location in 1844. This large frame tavern was known as the "Upland House." In 1849 the sheriff of Washington County sold this tract to Joseph Doak. Searight further stated that Joseph Doak tore down the large frame tavern and erected a "fine brick building on the site." Searight describes Doak as an old wagoner, subsequently a tavern keeper, and later a superintendant of the National Road. Doak in 1863 sold his tract of 107 acres situated in Amwell and South Strabane townships to John H. Little. Washington County historian Earle Forrest described Little as "an old pike boy and rich farmer." The 1876 atlas shows Little's farm on the National Pike with 53 sheep. (1)

The Doak/Little House is one of about thirty taverns and associated dwellings which were determined eligible as part of the Multiple Property Resources of the National Road. It is the only associated dwelling documented to survive in South Strabane Township according to Grantz's 1987 study. (Grantz concluded that less than a third of the taverns of the early National Road era have survived. In addition, few associated dwellings have remained intact to the present.) Like most of the surviving National Road associated dwellings, this one is of masonry construction. In addition to its large size, the Doak/Little House retains other features that make it identifiable as a associated dwelling including the kitchen ell. The building's floor plan remains largely intact, and it retains most of its interior woodwork. (2)

The Doak/Little House is significant not only for its association with the early nineteenth century transportation development of the National Road but its early nineteenth century vernacular Greek Revival style architecture as well.

End Notes

(1) Thomas B. Searight, The Old Pike: A History of the National Road, with Incidents, Accidents, and Anecdotes Thereon (Berryville, VA: The Prince Maccus Publishers, 1983), pp. 138, 270-271; Washington County Deed Book 2 K, p. 226 and 4 A, pp. 507, 515; Strabane Township, Washington County,

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(2) Denise L. Grantz. "National Road: Historic Resource Survey, Final Report and Analysis Submitted to the Bureau for Historic Preservation (unpublished report dated June 30, 1987), pp. 25, 30-31, 42.

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Boundary Description

Beginning at a point on the northern edge of U.S. Route 40 approximately twenty feet beyond the western wall of the **Doak/Little House** and proceeding northeast from this point along this line to a point twenty feet behind the tavern, then proceeding from this point in a southeasterly direction to a point ten feet beyond the eastern edge of the tenant house, then proceeding in a southwesterly direction approximately 109 feet to a point on the northern edge of U.S. Route 40, then proceeding in a northwesterly direction approximately 101 feet to the point of beginning.

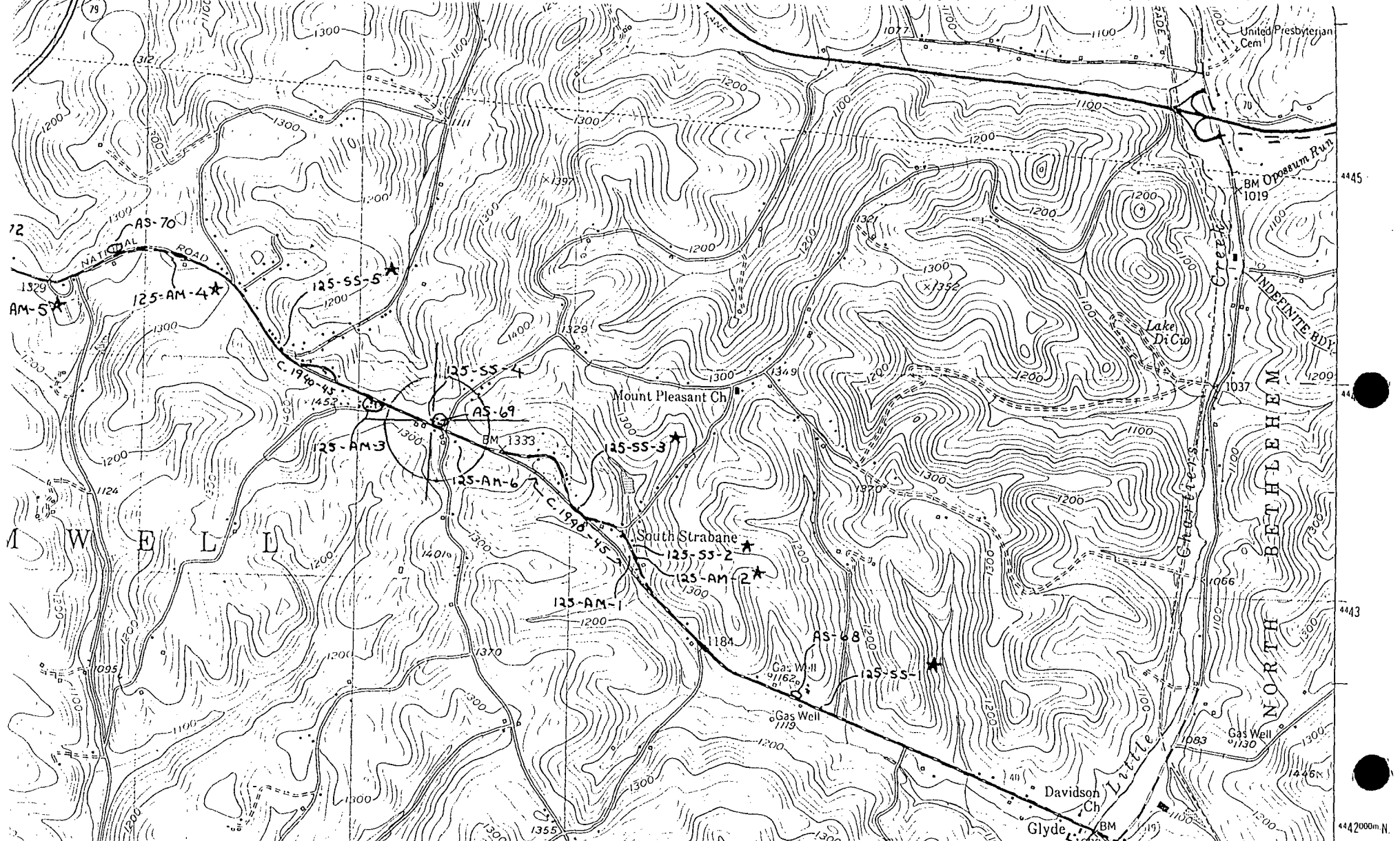
Boundary Justification

The boundary only includes the land immediately surrounding the **Doak/Little House** and its associated tenant house in order to exclude land and buildings not historically associated with this property.

Doak/Little House Photo List

All of the following photographs of the **Doak/Little House**, located in South Strabane Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, were taken by Jerry Clouse, May and August 1995. All of the negatives are located in the offices of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

1. Looking north at front elevation.
2. Looking northwest at east side of kitchen ell.
3. Looking southeast at west elevation.
4. Looking north at front elevation of tenant house.
5. Looking northwest at east elevation of tenant house.
6. Looking north at detail of door lintel.



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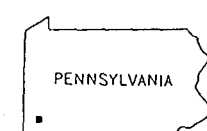
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Daks / Little House
(125-SS-4)



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573000m. E. post 1904 (HIGHTOWN AT 1100 TO 1110)

40°07'30" N
80°07'30" W

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———

U.S. Route () State Route ()
Interstate Route ()

WASHINGTON EAST PA