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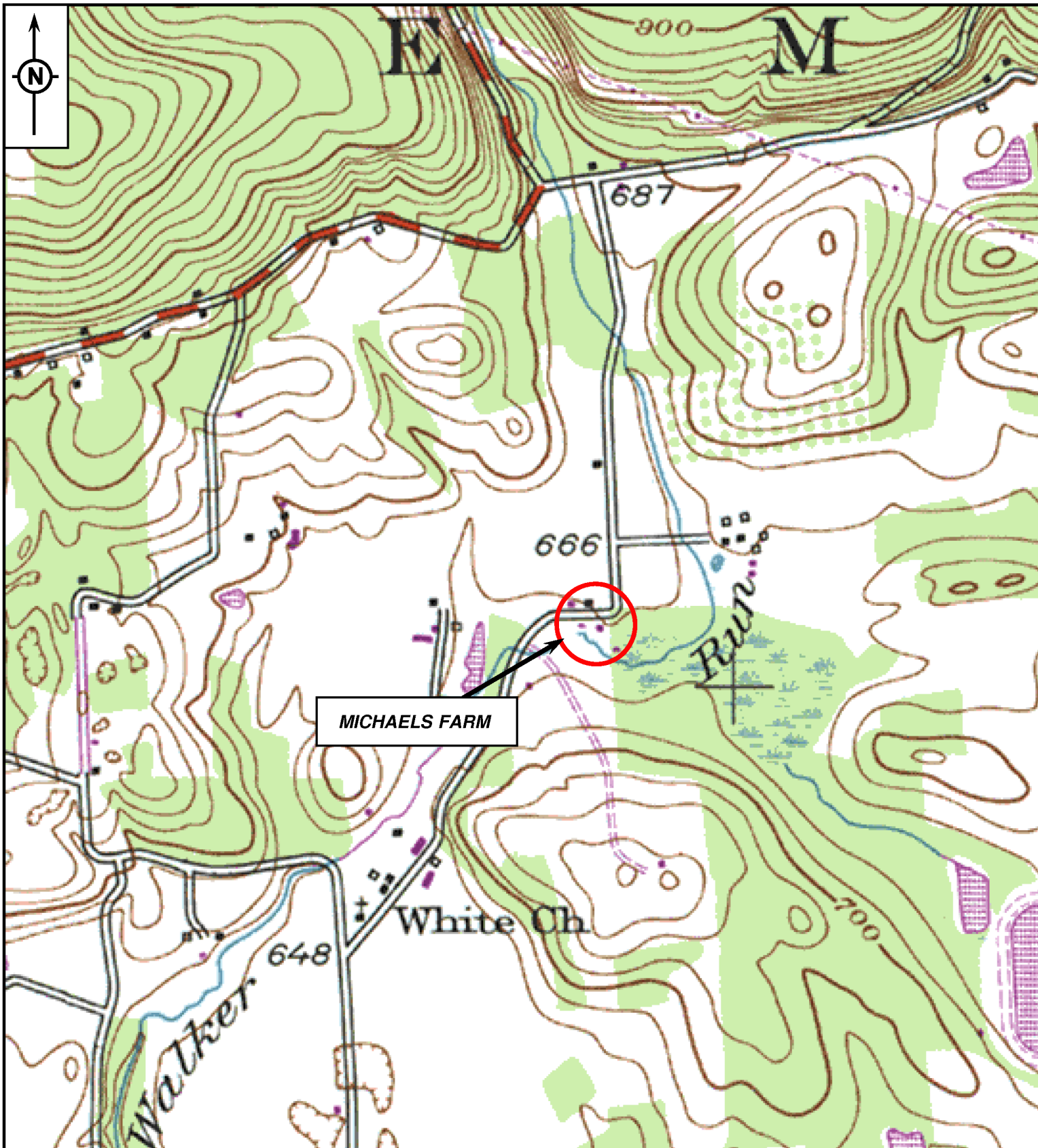
<u>Type of Outbuilding</u>	<u>Materials</u>	<u>Date</u>
Garage #2	Concrete block, asphalt	circa 1960

**Outbuilding Notes:**

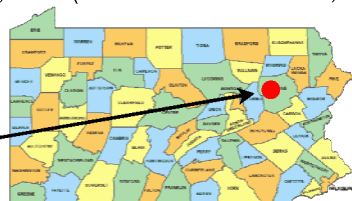
There are a handful of small-scale agricultural and domestic outbuildings associated with the house. Located to the southwest of the house is a gable-roofed, 2-bay, concrete block garage. This building has modern hinged doors, 4-light windows, and exposed rafter tails. Located immediately to the rear of the house are another concrete block garage and a small building that may serve as a smokehouse. The garage behind the house is a 1-bay replica of the 2-bay garage located to the southwest of the house, and has the same features and design. This building, as with the 2-bay garage, was likely constructed in the 1960s. The small frame smokehouse building is clad in drop siding and has a small flue piercing the roof. Further to the west of the house stands a circa-1965 concrete block equipment storage shed. This gable roofed building has three closed bays, as well as an open shed roofed extension. Near this outbuilding stands a wood-framed, shed-roofed storage building also dating from the late 20th century.







SOURCE: USGS 7.5 MINUTE BERWICK, PA  
QUADRANGLE MAP, 1955 (PHOTOREVISED 1969,  
1976)



PROJECT LOCATION

**gai consultants**

MICHAELS FARM  
BELL BEND NPP-1 PROJECT  
LUZERNE COUNTY

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1. Photograph 1
2. Michaels Farm
3. Salem Township, Luzerne County
4. Farm Overview, Facing Southwest



1. Photograph 2
2. Michaels Farm
3. Salem Township, Luzerne County
4. Main House-Facade and West Elevation, Facing Northeast





1. Photograph 3
2. Michaels Farm
3. Salem Township, Luzerne County
4. Barn and Silo, Facing South



1. Photograph 4
2. Michaels Farm
3. Salem Township, Luzerne County
4. Garage, Facing Southwest





1. Photograph 5
2. Michaels Farm
3. Salem Township, Luzerne County
4. Garage #2 and Smokehouse, Facing Southwest



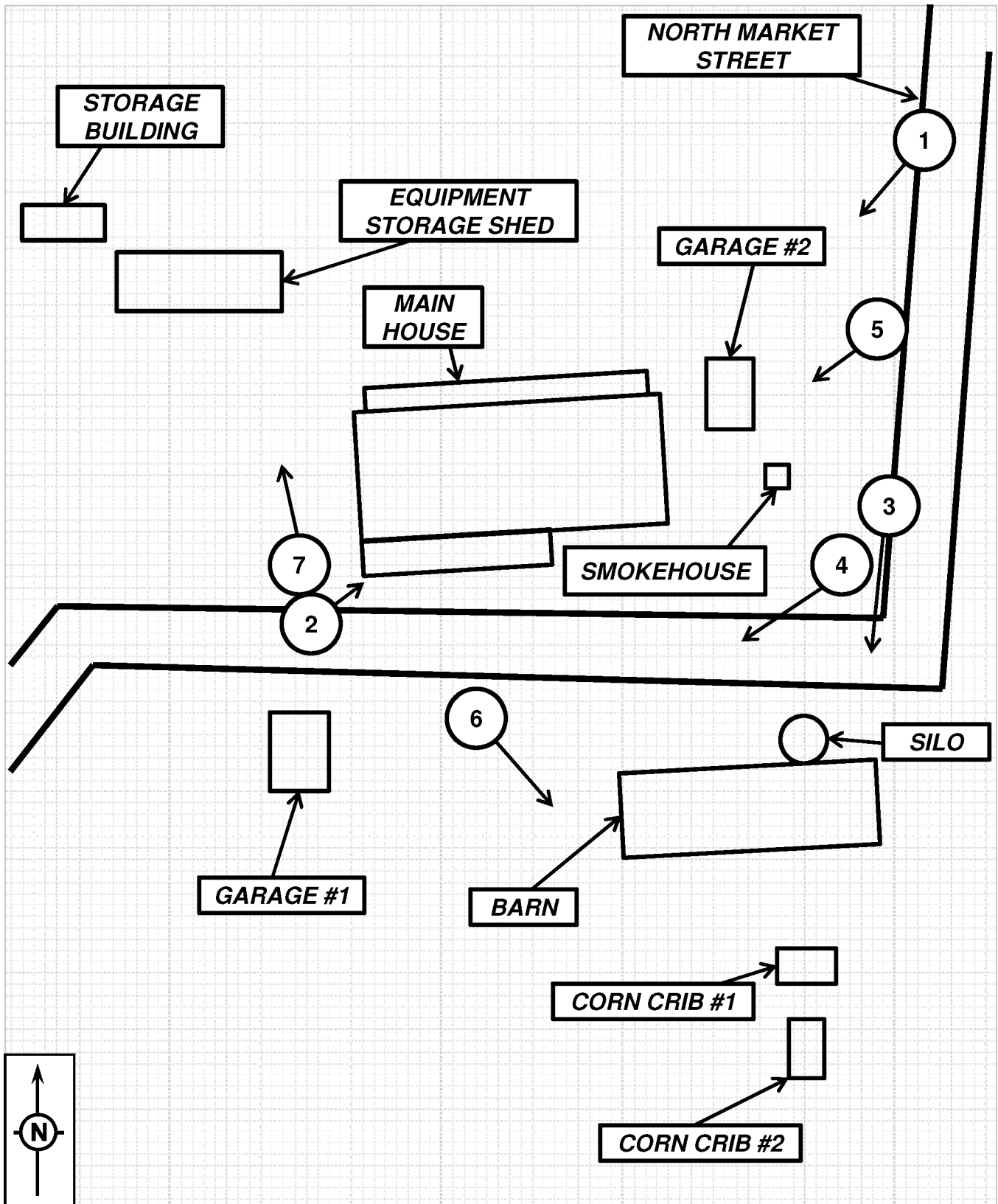
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2. Michaels Farm
3. Salem Township, Luzerne County
4. Corncrib #1 and #2, Facing Southeast



1. Photograph 7
2. Michaels Farm
3. Salem Township, Luzerne County
4. Equipment Storage Shed, Facing Northwest

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# PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM – PHOTO/SITE PLAN SHEET

**Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission**

## Bureau of Historic Preservation

**Commonwealth Keystone Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**  
**400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0093**

Survey Code / Tax Parcel / Other No.:

**County:** Luzerne 079

**Municipality:** Nescoeck Township

**Address:** 1405 Berwick-Hazleton Highway (SR 93)

**Historic Name / Other Name:** House (Red Brick Studios)

## SITE PLAN

## PHOTO INFORMATION

**Attach Photo Here**



Number	Description of View	Direction of Camera
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Facade and S Elevation

**Date:** January 28, 2008

**Photographer Name:** Matthew G. Hyland

**Negative Location:** GAL Consultants, Inc.

# Historic Resource Survey Form

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION  
Bureau for Historic Preservation

Key # \_\_\_\_\_

ER# \_\_\_\_\_

## Name, Location and Ownership *(Items 1-6; see Instructions, page 4)*

HISTORIC NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT/Common Name House at 1405 Berwick-Hazleton Highway

STREET ADDRESS 1405 Berwick-Hazleton Highway ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

MUNICIPALITY Nescopeck Township COUNTY Luzerne

TAX PARCEL #/YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ USGS QUAD Berwick, PA: Zone 18

OWNERSHIP ☒ Private  
☐ Public/Local ☐ Public/County ☐ Public/State ☐ Public/Federal

OWNER NAME/ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CATEGORY OF PROPERTY ☒ Building ☐ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Object ☐ District

TOTAL NUMBER OF RESOURCES 4

## Function *(Items 7-8; see Instructions, pages 4-6)*

Historic Function	Subcategory	Particular Type
<u>Domestic</u>	<u>Single Dwelling</u>	<u>House</u>
<u>Domestic</u>	<u>Secondary Structure</u>	<u>Garage</u>
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## Architectural/Property Information *(Items 9-14; see Instructions, pages 6-7)*

### ARCHITECTURAL CLASSIFICATION

Other: Brick Vernacular with Gothic Revival influences

### EXTERIOR MATERIALS and STRUCTURAL SYSTEM

Foundation	<u>Brick</u>
Walls	<u>Brick</u>
Roof	<u>Asphalt</u>
Other	_____
Structural System	<u>Brick</u>

WIDTH \_\_\_\_\_ (feet) or 3 (# bays) DEPTH \_\_\_\_\_ (feet) or 3 (# rooms) STORIES/HEIGHT 2

Key # \_\_\_\_\_  
ER# \_\_\_\_\_

### Property Features *(Items 15-17; see Instructions, pages 7-8)*

Setting Rural highway

#### Ancillary Features

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Acres \_\_\_\_\_ (round to nearest tenth)

### Historical Information *(Items 18-21; see Instructions, page 8)*

Year Construction Began \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Circa Year Completed 1880 ☒ Circa

Date of Major Additions, Alterations \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Circa \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Circa \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Circa

Basis for Dating ☐ Documentary ☒ Physical

Explain Dating is based on architectural style and construction materials.

Cultural/Ethnic Affiliation(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Associated Individual(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Associated Event(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Architect(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Builder(s) \_\_\_\_\_

### Submission Information *(Items 22-23; see Instructions, page 8)*

Previous Survey/Determinations \_\_\_\_\_

Threats ☒ None ☐ Neglect ☐ Public Development ☐ Private Development ☐ Other

Explain There are no known threats to this resource.

This submission is related to a ☐ non-profit grant application ☐ business tax incentive

☐ NHPA/PA History Code Project Review ☒ other

### Preparer Information *(Items 24-30; see Instructions, page 9)*

Name & Title Matthew G. Hyland, Megan L. Otten

Date Prepared July 28, 2008 Project Name Berwick, PA NPP-1 Project

Organization/Company GAI Consultants, Inc.

Mailing Address 385 East Waterfront Drive Homestead, PA 15120

Phone 412.476.2000 Email \_\_\_\_\_



**National Register Evaluation** (Item 31; see Instructions, page 9)

(To be completed by Survey Director, Agency Consultant, or for Project Reviews ONLY.)

- ☐ Not Eligible (due to ☐ lack of significance and/or ☐ lack of integrity)
- ☒ Eligible      Area(s) of Significance Architecture
- Criteria Considerations Criterion C      Period of Significance \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Contributes to Potential or Eligible District      District Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Bibliography** (Item 32; cite major references consulted. Attach additional page if needed. See Instructions, page 9.)

Bradsby, H.C.

1893 History of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, with Biographical Sketches. S.B. Nelson & Company, Chicago.

Pearce, S.

1860 Annals of Luzerne County: A Record of Interesting Events, Traditions, and Anecdotes from the First Settlement at Wyoming to 1860. J.B. Lippincott & Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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ER# _____

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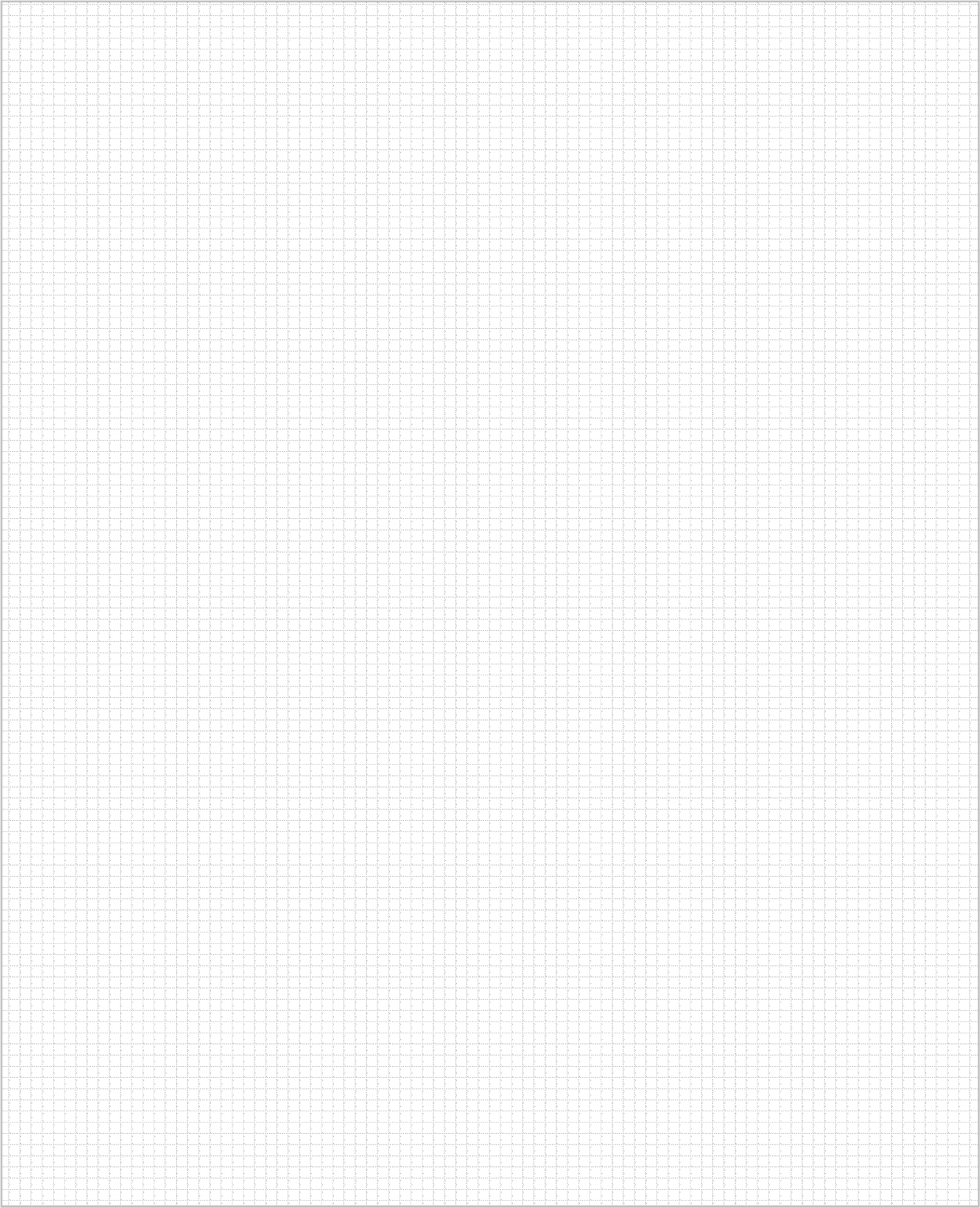
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ER# \_\_\_\_\_

**Floor Plan** (Item 35)

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## Physical Description and Integrity (Item 38)

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Constructed circa 1880, this resource is a 2-story, gable-roofed, vernacular brick house with elements of the Gothic Revival style, built on a modified T plan. This house is built on a brick foundation and has common bond brick exterior walls. The steeply-pitched gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles, and it is marked by a steeply-pitched cross gable with pent eaves. This cross gable is clad in fish scale shingles, as are the gable ends. The roofline is marked by a molded frieze band and gable end returns. A full-width, hip-roofed porch with Doric columns is located on the façade. The centered door is flanked by squared pilasters with a splayed reveal and decorative door molding with cornerblocks. A shallow, screened side porch is also marked by Doric columns with decorative detailing similar to that of the principal entrance. The fenestration on the house includes 1/1 double-hung vinyl sash windows with splayed reveals and cut stone lintels and sills. The rear ell has a corbelled gable end chimney.

Associated with this property is a collection of several domestic outbuildings that date from circa 1880 to circa 1970. Immediately to the rear of the house is a modern 3-bay, gable-roofed, wood-framed garage (garage #1). This building is clad in vinyl and has a composition shingle-clad roof. Three vinyl doors mark the vehicle entrances, and a man door is located on the south elevation. Located next to this modern garage is an original smokehouse/summer kitchen building. This wood-framed building is built on a stone foundation, is clad in weatherboard, and is topped by a gable roof clad in asphalt shingles. The west elevation of this building is marked by a substantial exterior brick chimney that is built on a stone foundation. Located to the east of the house and opposite the modern garage is an early 20th-century wood framed garage (garage #2). This building is clad in weatherboard and has a steeply-pitched gable roof clad in asphalt shingles. The sides of this building have 6-light windows.

A large barn and a small agricultural outbuilding have been demolished.

## History and Significance (Item 39)

Provide an overview of the history of the property and its various resources. Do not substitute deeds, chapters from local history books, or newspaper articles. See page 14 of the Instructions for detailed directions. Continue on additional sheets as needed. Suggested outline for organizing this section:

- History [Summarize the evolution of the property from origin to present]
- Significance [Explain why the property is important]
- Context and Comparisons [Describe briefly similar properties in the area, and explain how this property compares]

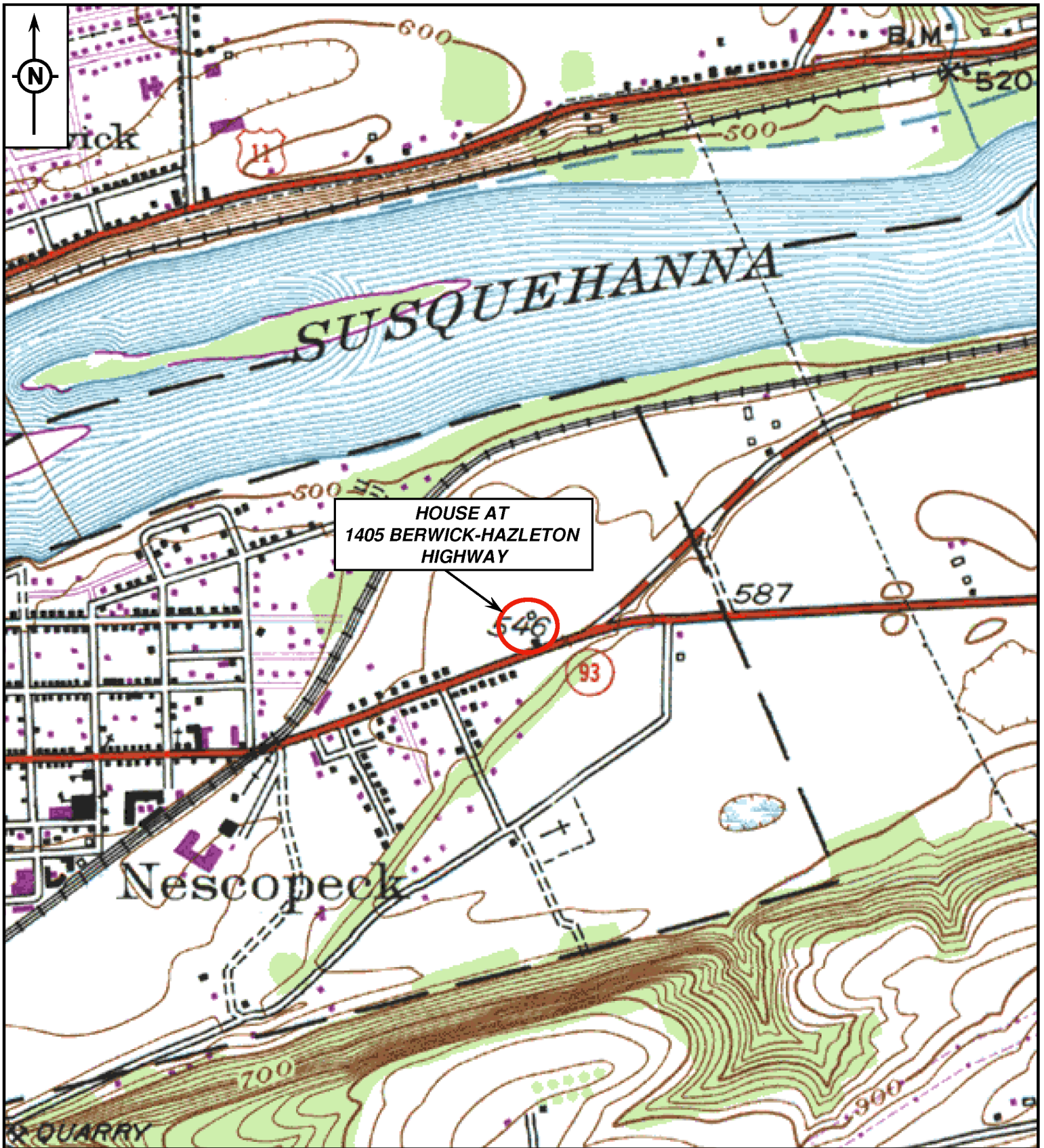
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Writing in 1860, a local historian described the Bell Bend area as “open country” and “an agricultural township” extending from Beach Grove to Bloomsburg. In 1860, Nescopeck Township, which was formed in 1792 from part of Newport Township, featured valuable timber lands, three saw-mills, two grist mills, one carding and fulling mill, one forge, two stores, two churches, and three taverns. Although a bridge crossing the Susquehanna River to Berwick at Nescopeck dates from 1810, most produce from Nescopeck was marketed at Hazelton in the antebellum period (Bradsby 1893: 643).

Industrial manufacturing, supported by anthracite extraction, emerged as the prominent theme in Luzerne County’s social and economic history. Light manufacturing occurred in some of Luzerne County’s agricultural districts. For instance, Nescopeck Township featured a forge, utilizing iron ore and limestone from Columbia County, with two hammers beginning in 1830 (Pearce 1860: 355, 386). After the Civil War, mergers and consolidations of railroad and coal companies and the arrival of immigrants from eastern Europe intensified the pace of anthracite extraction in Luzerne County and brought about various cultural transformations. The majority of population growth in Luzerne County occurred in the county’s mining districts. Early railroad development in Luzerne County took place near Wilkes-Barre and Scranton. Railroads played an instrumental role in anthracite extraction for energy production in Luzerne County. Anthracite remained a viable economic endeavor until the post-World War II time period.

The energy industry continues to play a prominent role in the local economy. For instance, late-twentieth-century developments in the project area include the construction of a nuclear power plant at Bell Bend. Pennsylvania Power and Light (PPL) constructed a two-unit Susquehanna plant in 1975. The plant consists of two boiling water reactors and employs approximately 1,000 people.

The extant collection of buildings at this property do not definitively convey the history of farming practices at this location in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Furthermore, no documentary evidence could be located that identified a connection between this property and any significant trends or events in local history. Therefore, this resource is recommended not eligible for NRHP listing under Criterion A. No information identifying a connection between this property and any significant individuals in local history could be located. As such, this resource is recommended not NRHP eligible under Criterion B. The main house of this property stands as a well-preserved and rare example of Gothic Revival-influenced vernacular architecture in this area from the late 19th century. Additionally, two of the outbuildings maintain sufficient integrity to convey their architectural significance. As such, this resource is recommended eligible for NRHP listing under Criterion C. The proposed NRHP boundary for this resource has been drawn to include the contributing main house, smokehouse/summer kitchen, and garage #2 while excluding the non-contributing garage #1.



SOURCE: USGS 7.5 MINUTE BERWICK, PA  
QUADRANGLE MAP, 1955 (PHOTOREVISED 1969,  
1976)

PROJECT LOCATION



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HOUSE AT 1405 BERWICK-HAZLETON  
HIGHWAY  
BELL BEND NPP-1 PROJECT  
LUZERNE COUNTY

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1. Photograph 1
2. House at 1405 Berwick-Hazleton Highway
3. Nescopeck Township, Luzerne County
4. Main Dwelling-Facade, Facing Southeast



1. Photograph 2
2. House at 1405 Berwick-Hazleton Highway
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4. Barn-Facade and West Elevation, Facing East

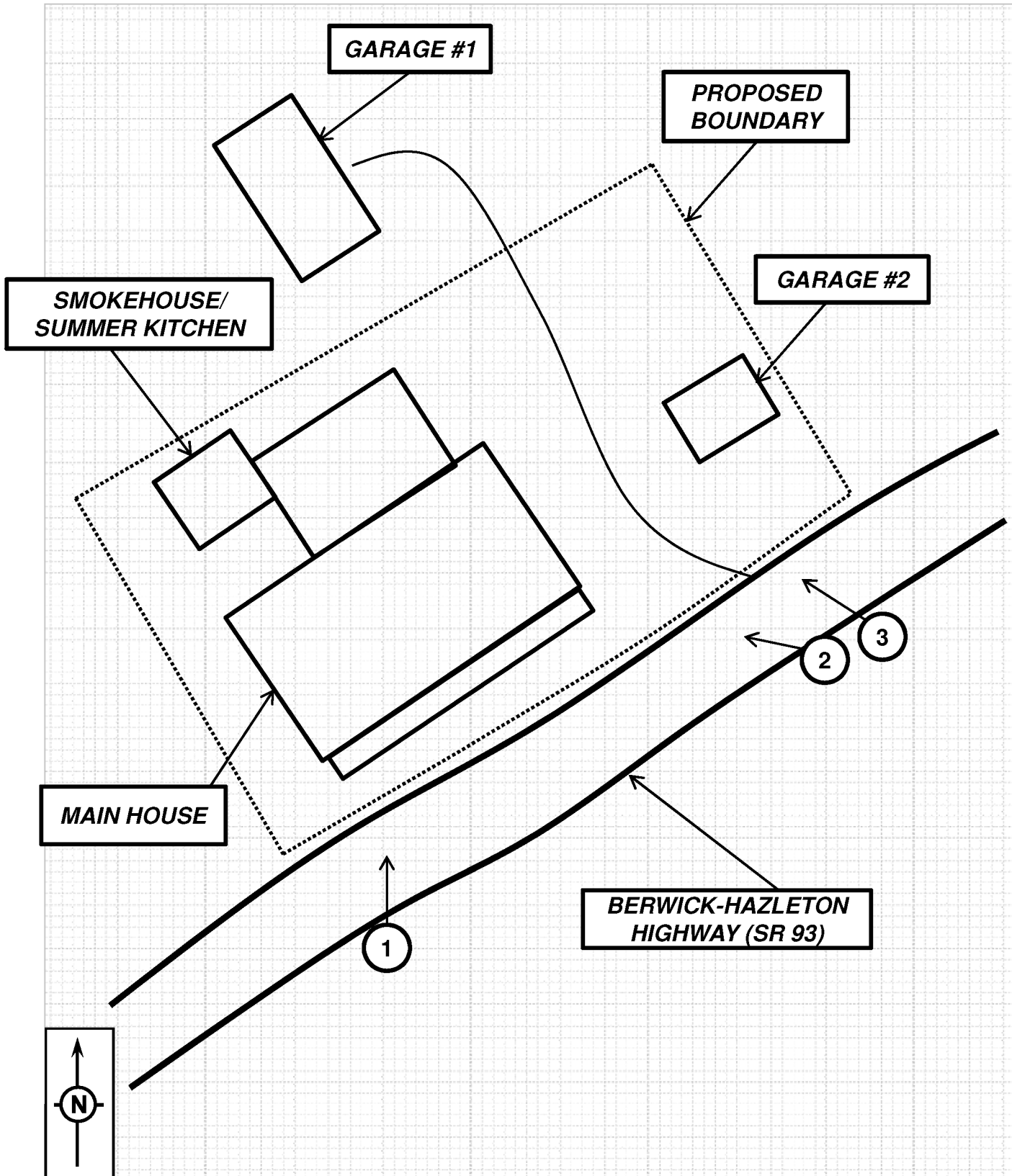




1. Photograph 3
2. House at 1405 Berwick-Hazleton Highway
3. Nescopeck Township, Luzerne County
4. Outbuildings, Facing Northwest

**Site Plan** (Item 34)

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Key # \_\_\_\_\_

ER# \_\_\_\_\_

## Name, Location and Ownership *(Items 1-6; see Instructions, page 4)*

HISTORIC NAME North & West Branch Railroad

CURRENT/Common NAME Pennsylvania Railroad- Sunbury Line/Delaware & Hudson Railroad

STREET ADDRESS Along Susquehanna River in Vicinity of River Road and SR 239

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

MUNICIPALITY Nescopeck Township

COUNTY Luzerne

TAX PARCEL #/YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

USGS QUAD Berwick, PA: Zone 18

OWNERSHIP

☒ Private

☐ Public/Local

☐ Public/County

☐ Public/State

☐ Public/Federal

OWNER NAME/ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CATEGORY OF PROPERTY ☐ Building ☐ Site ☒ Structure ☐ Object ☐ District

TOTAL NUMBER OF RESOURCES 1

## Function *(Items 7-8; see Instructions, pages 4-6)*

Historic Function

Transportation

Subcategory

Rail-related

Particular Type

Railroad

Current Function

Transportation

Subcategory

Rail-related

Particular Type

Railroad

## Architectural/Property Information *(Items 9-14; see Instructions, pages 6-7)*

### ARCHITECTURAL CLASSIFICATION

No style

### EXTERIOR MATERIALS and STRUCTURAL SYSTEM

Foundation

Walls

Roof

Other

Structural System

Wood

Steel

WIDTH \_\_\_\_\_ (feet) or \_\_\_\_\_ (# bays) DEPTH \_\_\_\_\_ (feet) or \_\_\_\_\_ (# rooms) STORIES/HEIGHT \_\_\_\_\_



Key # \_\_\_\_\_  
ER# \_\_\_\_\_

### Property Features *(Items 15-17; see Instructions, pages 7-8)*

Setting Rural, small towns

#### Ancillary Features

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Acres \_\_\_\_\_ (round to nearest tenth)

### Historical Information *(Items 18-21; see Instructions, page 8)*

Year Construction Began \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Circa Year Completed 1894 ☐ Circa

Date of Major Additions, Alterations \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Circa \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Circa \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Circa

Basis for Dating ☒ Documentary ☐ Physical

Explain This resource is documented as having a construction date of 1894.

Cultural/Ethnic Affiliation(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Associated Individual(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Associated Event(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Architect(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Builder(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Previous Survey/Determinations \_\_\_\_\_

Threats ☒ None ☐ Neglect ☐ Public Development ☐ Private Development ☐ Other

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Date Prepared July 28, 2008 Project Name Berwick, PA NPP-1 Project

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Mailing Address 385 East Waterfront Drive Homestead, PA 15120

Phone 412.476.2000 Email \_\_\_\_\_



**National Register Evaluation** *(Item 31; see Instructions, page 9)*

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- ☐ Not Eligible (due to ☐ lack of significance and/or ☐ lack of integrity)
- ☒ Eligible      Area(s) of Significance Transportation
- Criteria Considerations Criterion A      Period of Significance \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Contributes to Potential or Eligible District      District Name \_\_\_\_\_

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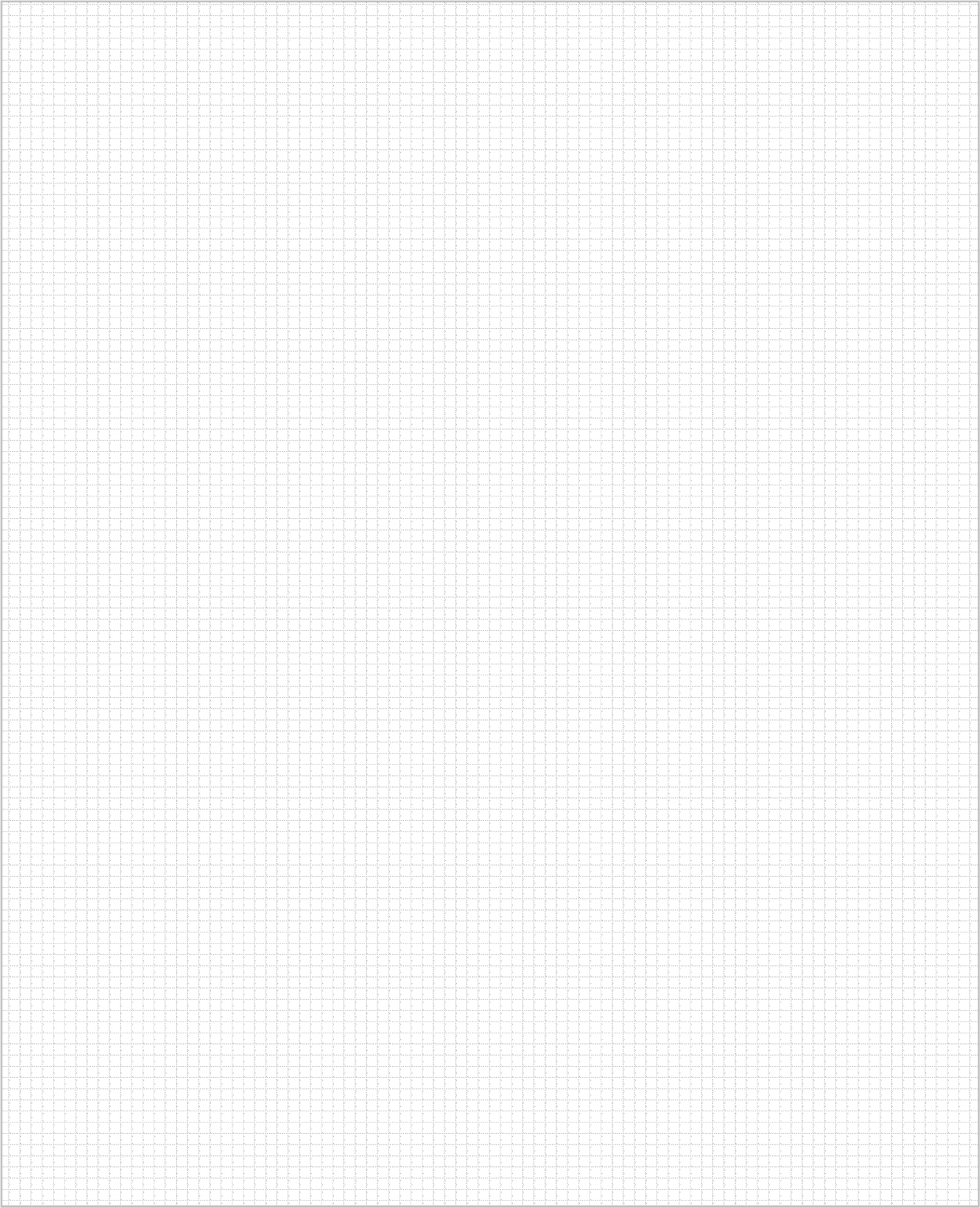
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**Floor Plan** (Item 35)

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In the vicinity of the project area, this railroad line generally runs along the floodplain on the east bank of the Susquehanna River, often paralleling River Road and SR 239, in the vicinity of Nescopeck and Wapwallopen. Currently, the railroad consists of a single set of steel rails on wood ties, constructed on a stone ballast. There are several at-grade highway crossings in the project vicinity. No ancillary features, such as depots or yards, were identified within the study area.

## History and Significance (Item 39)

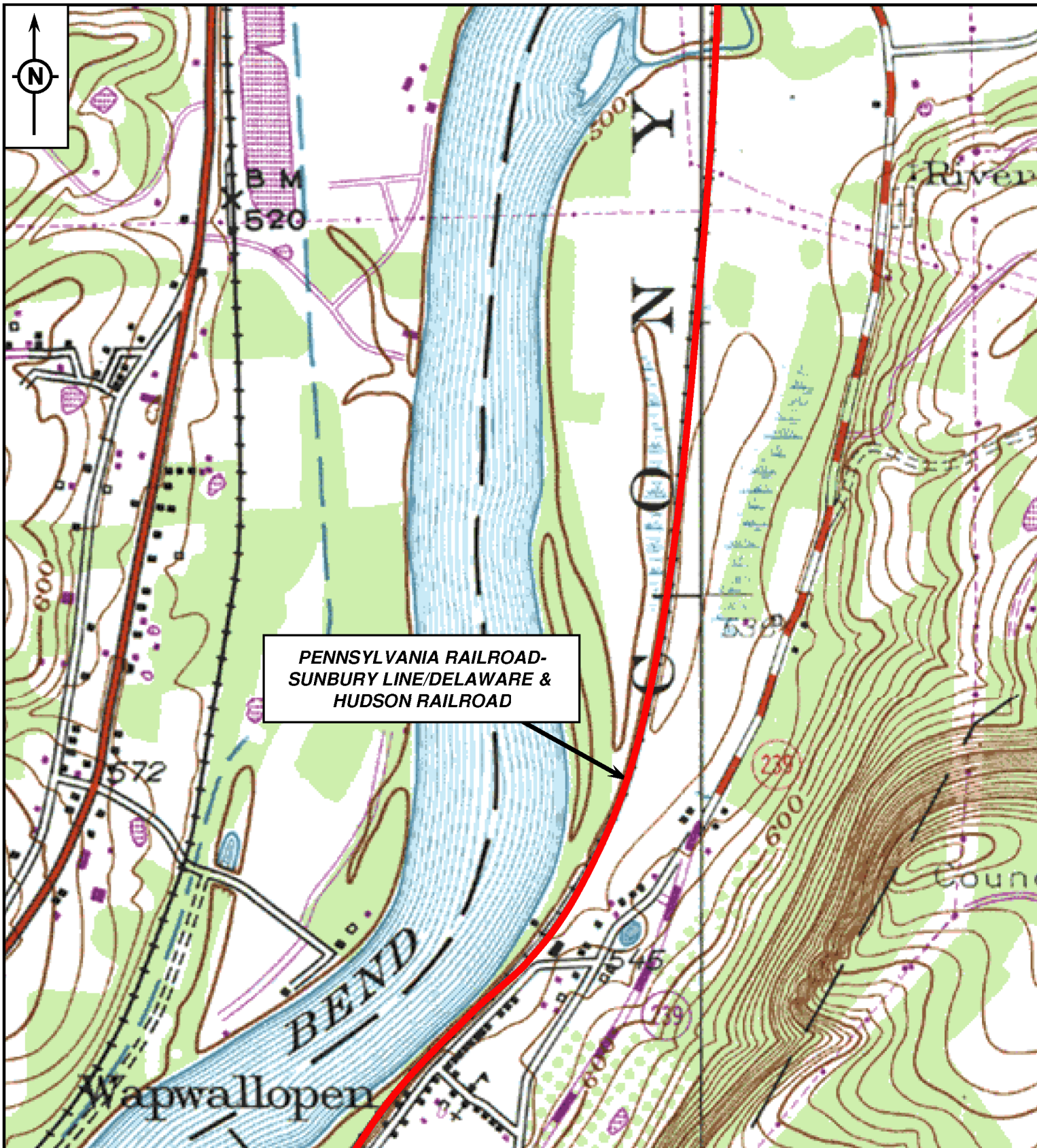
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Originally a Pennsylvania Railroad route constructed following the Civil War as part of a series of short routes in the region to interchange with the Reading Company, Delaware Lackawanna & Western, and other northeastern anthracite-hauling roads, the Sunbury Line (also known as the North & West Branch Railroad) historically ran from Sunbury to Wilkes-Barre. This line was operated by the Pennsylvania Railroad until 1968, when the PRR was merged with the New York Central to form the Penn Central. Following Penn Central's bankruptcy, Congress decided to grant trackage rights to the Delaware & Hudson Railroad. This move extended the Delaware & Hudson's southern terminus from Wilkes-Barre to Sunbury, stretching as far north as Albany and Montreal. Congress believed that new trackage rights would strengthen the Delaware & Hudson's position as a bridge route carrier. In 1976, most trackage in the northeast was conveyed to the Consolidated Rail Corporation. Trackage rights were gained on three major routes as a result (Nescopeck Centennial Committee 1996: 36).

This railroad is significant for its role in the development and growth of the Pennsylvania Anthracite region. While only a small connector line, this railroad brought together important shipping centers such as Sunbury, Wilkes-Barre, and larger cities further away on major connecting routes from these local shipping centers. Because of this historical association, this resource is recommended eligible for NRHP listing under Criterion A. No information could be located that identifies a connection between this resource and a significant individual in local or regional history. As such, this resource is recommended not eligible for NRHP listing under Criterion B. This railroad does not possess any unique or distinctive engineering features in the vicinity of the project area. Since this is only a small, single-track configuration with no architecturally significant associated structures or buildings (e.g., bridges, yards, depots, etc.), it is recommended not eligible for NRHP listing under Criterion C. The recommended NRHP boundary of the Pennsylvania Railroad- Sunbury Line/Delaware & Hudson Railroad incorporates the Right-of-Way limits, including the ballast, ties, and track.



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SOURCE: USGS 7.5 MINUTE BERWICK, PA  
QUADRANGLE MAP, 1955 (PHOTOREVISED 1969,  
1976) AND SYBERTSVILLE, PA QUADRANGLE MAP,  
1955 (PHOTOREVISED 1969)

PROJECT LOCATION



**PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD-SUNBURY  
LINE/DELAWARE & HUDSON  
RAILROAD  
BELL BEND NPP-1 PROJECT  
LUZERNE COUNTY**

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1. Photograph 1
2. Pennsylvania Railroad- Sunbury Line/Delaware and Hudson Railroad
3. Nescopeck Township, Luzerne County
4. Facing Southeast

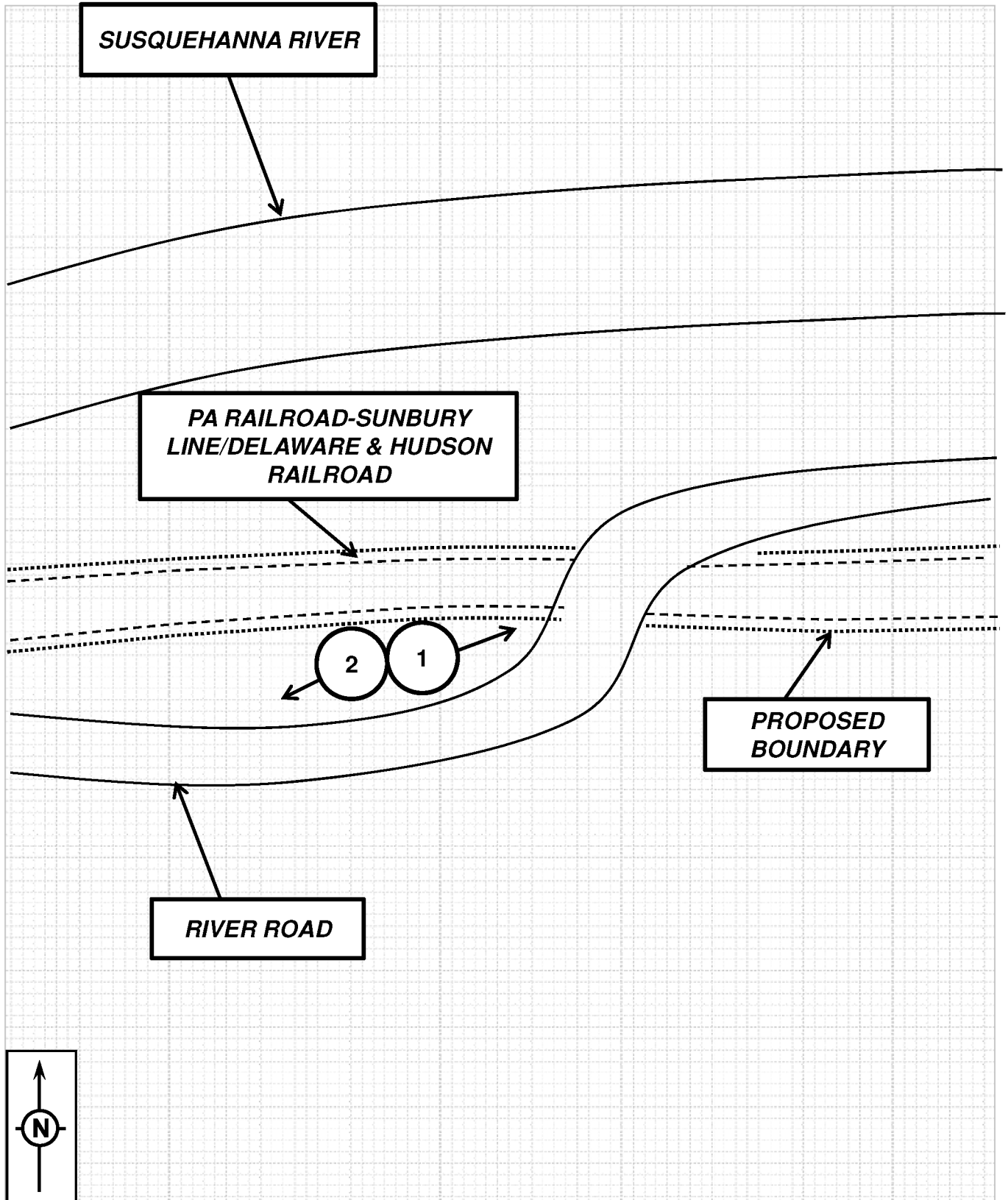


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2. Pennsylvania Railroad- Sunbury Line/Delaware and Hudson Railroad
3. Nescopeck Township, Luzerne County
4. Facing Northwest



**Site Plan** (Item 34)

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## Bureau of Historic Preservation

**Commonwealth Keystone Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**  
**400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0093**

Survey Code / Tax Parcel / Other No.:

**County:** Luzerne 079

**Municipality:** Nescopeck Township

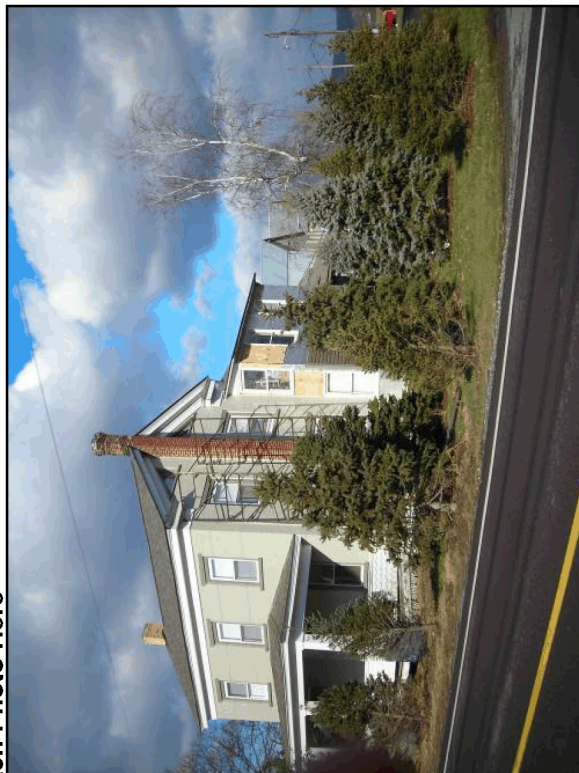
**Address:** 950 Berwick-Hazleton Highway (SR 93)

**Historic Name / Other Name:** Farm at 950 Berwick-Hazleton Highway (SR 93)

## SITE PLAN

## **PHOTO INFORMATION**

**Attach Photo Here**

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**Photographer Name:** Matthew G. Hyland

**Date:** January 28, 2008



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**Farmstead Information (Page 1)**  
**Identification and Location**

Tax Parcel/Other No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Farm Acreage \_\_\_\_\_

County Luzerne Municipality Nescopeck Township

Street Address 950 Berwick-Hazleton Highway (SR 93)

Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_

Other Name Farm at 950 Berwick-Hazleton Highway

UTM Coordinates Zone 18, 0399729 E, 4545380 N

Date of Farmstead circa 1870 to \_\_\_\_\_

Explain Basis for Dating Farmstead: A construction date of circa 1870 can be estimated based on architectural style, building materials, and method of construction of the main dwelling and associated outbuildings.

If historic or current function is different than agriculture, note and describe current function: Vehicle storage

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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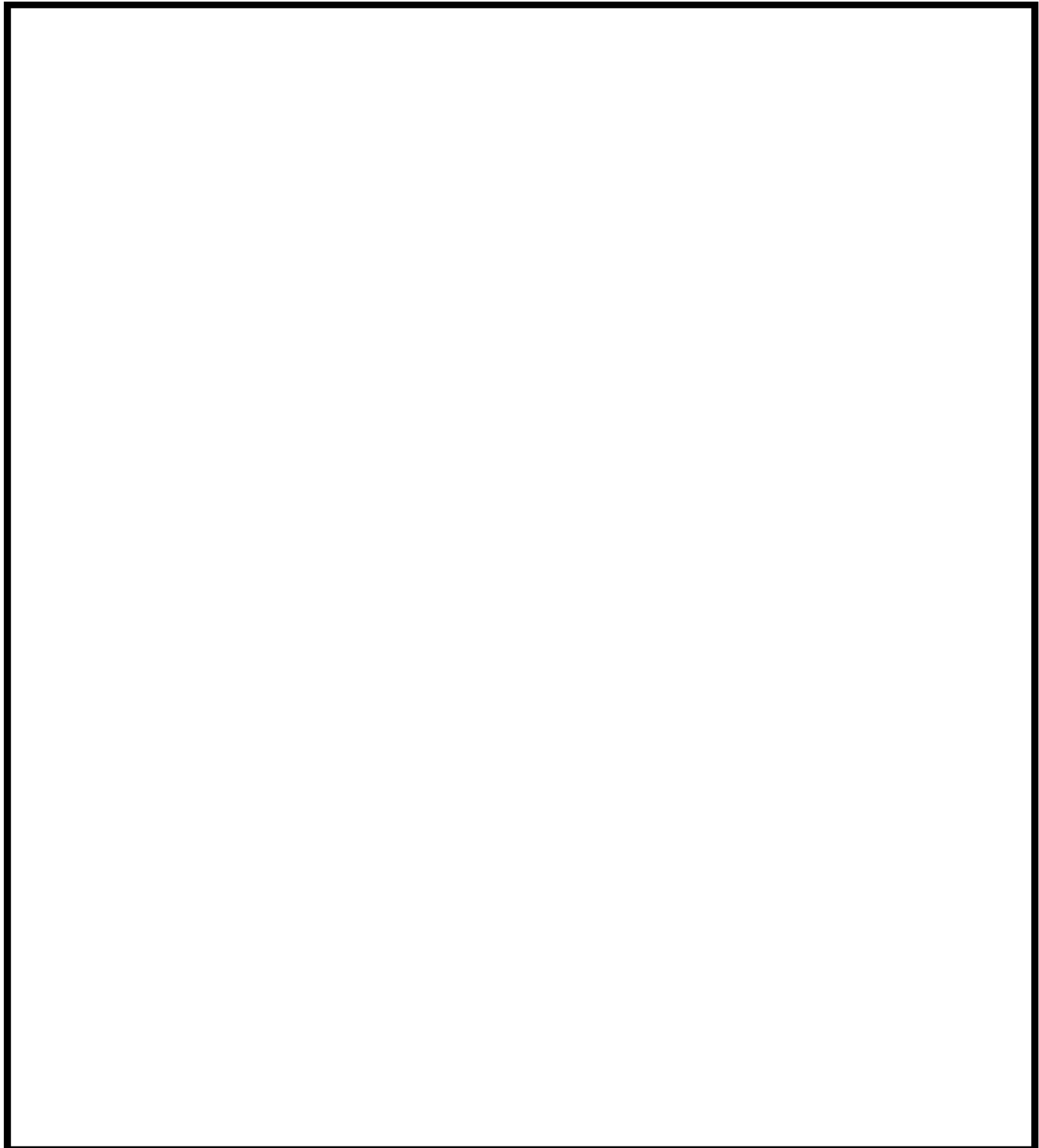
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**Farmstead Information (Page 2)**

**Sketch of Farmstead showing relation of structures and landscape features to one another**

A large, empty rectangular box with a thick black border, intended for a sketch of the farmstead showing the relation of structures and landscape features to one another.

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**Barn Information**

**Barn Type:**

- |   |                                  |
|---|----------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvania Barn | _____ Ground Barn (grundscheier) |
| _____ Basement Barn                                   | _____ One of a Kind Barn         |
| _____ Three-Gable Barn                                | _____ Erie Shore Barn            |
| _____ English Barn                                    | _____ Rainbow Roof Barn          |
| _____ Gable-Entry Bank Barn                           | _____ New England Barn           |
| _____ Wisconsin Style Dairy Barn                      | _____ Foundation                 |
| _____ Round or Polygonal Barn                         | _____ Other (Specify)            |

**Exterior Materials:**

Foundation <u>Concrete block</u>	Roof <u>V-crimp metal</u>
Walls <u>Concrete block</u>	Walls <u>Horizontal wood siding</u>
Other _____	Other _____

**Exterior Barn Features:**

- |   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Banked      | _____ Bridge on Eaves Side |
| _____ Not Banked                                | _____ Bridge on Gable End  |
| _____ Forebay Enclosed on gable end(s)          |                            |
| _____ Forebay Not Enclosed                      |                            |
| _____ Forebay Enclosed on Eaves Side            |                            |
| _____ Forebay Extended and Supported with Posts |                            |
| _____ Outshed on Bankside (one or more)         |                            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable Roof  |                            |
| _____ Gambrel Roof                              |                            |
| _____ Rainbow or Arched Roof                    |                            |
| _____ Shed Roof                                 |                            |
| _____ Combination Roof                          |                            |
| _____ Roof Ridge Ventilators                    |                            |

**Footprint:**

- |   |
|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rectangular (incl square) |
| _____ Tee   |
| _____ Ell   |
| _____ Round   |
| _____ Polygonal   |
| _____ Irregular   |

**Entry (check all that apply):**

- |   |
|---|
| _____ Large Doors in Gable End(s)                             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large Doors in Eaves Side |
| _____ Dutch Doors Under Forebay                               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human Doors               |
| _____ Dutch Doors (Location: _____)                           |

**Access:**

- |  |
|--|
| _____ One Level  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multi Level        |
| _____ Ramp on Eaves Side                               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ramp on Gable End  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank on Eaves Side |
| _____ Bank on Gable End                                |

\_\_\_\_\_ Doors in Forebay or Gable End Wall (for offloading or cross ventilation, not entry)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Louvered Window Ventilators (shape, location \_\_\_\_\_)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Ventilation Slits or Circles  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Star (shape, location \_\_\_\_\_)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Cutout Designs (shape, location \_\_\_\_\_)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Brick Design (shape, location \_\_\_\_\_)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Painted Designs (nature, location \_\_\_\_\_)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Date or Inscription (location and contents \_\_\_\_\_)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Hay Hood

**Visible Exterior Alterations.** Give estimated date, location, and materials if possible.

Enclosed eaves side of Pennsylvania Barn forebay South elevation, circa 1960  
 Windows for poultry Circa 1960  
 Lower level windows for dairy cows added or enlarged \_\_\_\_\_  
 Shed-roof, gable-end extension for corn and/or machinery \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ell extension \_\_\_\_\_  
 Horse power shed (usually on bankside) \_\_\_\_\_  
 One-story additions for livestock \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gable end extension \_\_\_\_\_  
 Storm shed stable level extension \_\_\_\_\_  
 Shed roof eave side extension A 1.5 story addition is located on the north elevation of the western end.

**Year Built:** C. circa 1910 to \_\_\_\_\_

Explain Basis for Dating: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Other Barn Notes:

A small gable-roofed addition is located on the eastern elevation of this barn.



**Survey Form, Barns, Continued.**      **Site Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Interior Features: (only applicable if you are granted access, Please photograph significant features.)**

- \_\_\_\_ Structural System:
- \_\_\_\_ Post and beam framing (sketch bent)
  - \_\_\_\_ Log (indicate notching system, number of cribs) \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_ Shawver truss
  - \_\_\_\_ Rainbow truss
  - \_\_\_\_ Laminated plank
  - \_\_\_\_ Balloon frame
  - \_\_\_\_ Other structural system (explain) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_ Granary:
- \_\_\_\_ in forebay
  - \_\_\_\_ in bankside
  - \_\_\_\_ in outshed
  - \_\_\_\_ central
- \_\_\_\_ Number of threshing floors
- \_\_\_\_ Number of mows
- \_\_\_\_ Number of interior levels
- \_\_\_\_ Pattern of floors, stables, and mows (indicate from what direction and on which level): (eg, upper level, m:f:f:m looking downslope from bank; or one level, s:f:m west to east) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_ Original stanchions
- \_\_\_\_ Longitudinal central aisle
- \_\_\_\_ Crosswise aisles and walkways
- \_\_\_\_ Original stalls
- \_\_\_\_ Integral corn crib
- \_\_\_\_ Other ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

**Dairy Accommodations on Stable Level:**

- \_\_\_\_ Concrete floors replace dirt
- \_\_\_\_ metal stanchions of various types replace wooden restraining systems
- \_\_\_\_ feed and litter alleys are reoriented: Usually lengthwise arrangement of dairy stanchions substitutes for crosswise arrangement of box stalls
- \_\_\_\_ omission of space for horses (some markets banned housing horses and cows together)
- \_\_\_\_ evidence of whitewashing
- \_\_\_\_ evidence of ventilation shafts inserted
- \_\_\_\_ litter carrier systems
- \_\_\_\_ installation of electricity
- \_\_\_\_ relocation or closing of hay chute
- \_\_\_\_ placement of stalls near light source

\_\_\_\_ access from silo

Dairy and Other Alterations on Mow Level:

- \_\_\_\_ re-framing to accommodate hay track and other loading devices
- \_\_\_\_ addition of access from silo
- \_\_\_\_ holes cut in the gable end doors to load hay
- \_\_\_\_ elimination of drive floor use as machinery storage in favor of more hay storage
- \_\_\_\_ holes cut in log cribs to facilitate hay and grain movement
- \_\_\_\_ cleats added to barn bents to accommodate tobacco curing
- \_\_\_\_ evidence of pulley systems, etc. to drive machinery

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### **Farmhouse Information**

**Architectural Classification: (choose one, only if ornament clearly indicates a style)**

☐ Classical Revival

☐ Federal

☐ Gothic Revival

☐ Queen Anne

☐ Colonial

☐ Georgian

☒ Greek Revival

☐ Second Empire

☐ Colonial Revival

☐ Gothic Italianate

☐ Other

### **House Form:**

\_\_\_ I \_\_\_ four over four, one door \_\_\_ two door \_\_\_ four square

\_\_\_ fivebay, central doorway \_\_\_ Upright and Wing ☒ Three bay, two rooms deep

\_\_\_ Single Pen \_\_\_ Double Pen \_\_\_ Gable Front \_\_\_ New England center chimney

\_\_\_ Continental Pennsylvania German

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

### **Exterior Materials:**

Foundation Common bond brick

Roof Composition shingles

Walls Common bond brick

Walls \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Structural System:** 1. Brick

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Year Built:** C. circa 1870 to \_\_\_\_\_

Explain: Based on architectural style and building materials, a circa 1870 construction date can be estimated.

**Additions/Alterations:** C. \_\_\_\_\_ C. \_\_\_\_\_

**Description and dates of any known alterations:** A 2-story, shed-roofed addition is currently under construction and is appended to the 2-story rear ell. Additionally, a previous 2-story addition was placed at the rear of the ell, likely within the last 20 years.

**Other house features (novelty/ornamental, siting, banked or not, etc.):** The gable roof is trimmed with a molded cornice, frieze, rakeboards, and cornice returns. Two brick chimneys constructed during different periods are located on either gable end. The fenestration consists of modern 1/1 double-hung vinyl sash windows, with triangular attic-story lights on the gable ends. The windows have cut stone lintels and sills.

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**Landscape Information**

**Fields:**

☐ Contour plowed  
☒ Cropland  
☐ Pasture  
☐ Orchard  
☐ Woodlots

**Circulation Network:**

☐ Lanes  
☒ Roads  
☐ Pathways  
☐ Streams  
☐ Creeks

**Boundary Demarcations:**

☒ Hedgerows  
☐ Treelines  
☒ Fencing  
☐ Walls

**Other:**

☐ Springs  
☐ Pond  
☐ Drainage Ditches  
☐ Manure Lagoon  
☐ Overgrown

**Miscellaneous information about the landscape:**

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Page 9 of 11Date of Survey January 2008Name of Surveyor Matthew G. Hyland**Outbuilding Information (Page 1)**

Note materials and date. If date is unknown, put best guess within a 25-year time span. Use second page if needed for other outbuilding types present and if more than one of the listed outbuilding types are present on the property. If more than one outbuilding of a particular type is present, please be sure to number them and mark which is which on the site plan (e.g., Poultry House #1, Poultry House #2, etc.).

<b><u>Type of Outbuilding</u></b>	<b><u>Materials</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
Bake House		
Butcher House		
Carriage House		
Corn Bins (specify how many)		
Corn Crib		
Corn Crib #2		
Corn Crib #3		
Garage		
Granary		
Horse Barn		
Ice House		
Machine Shed #1		
Machine Shed #2		
Milk House		
Pigsty		
Pole Barn	Standing seam metal	circa 1980
Poultry House		
Poultry House #2		
Root Cellar		
Silo	Concrete	circa 1950
Silo #2		
Silo #3		
Smokehouse		
Springhouse		
Summer Kitchen		
Tobacco Barn		
Tool Shed		
Wagon Shed		

**Other Outbuildings:**

<u>Type of Outbuilding</u>	<u>Materials</u>	<u>Date</u>
Barn	Concrete, asphalt, metal	circa 1960
Storage building	Metal	circa 1960

**Outbuilding Notes:**

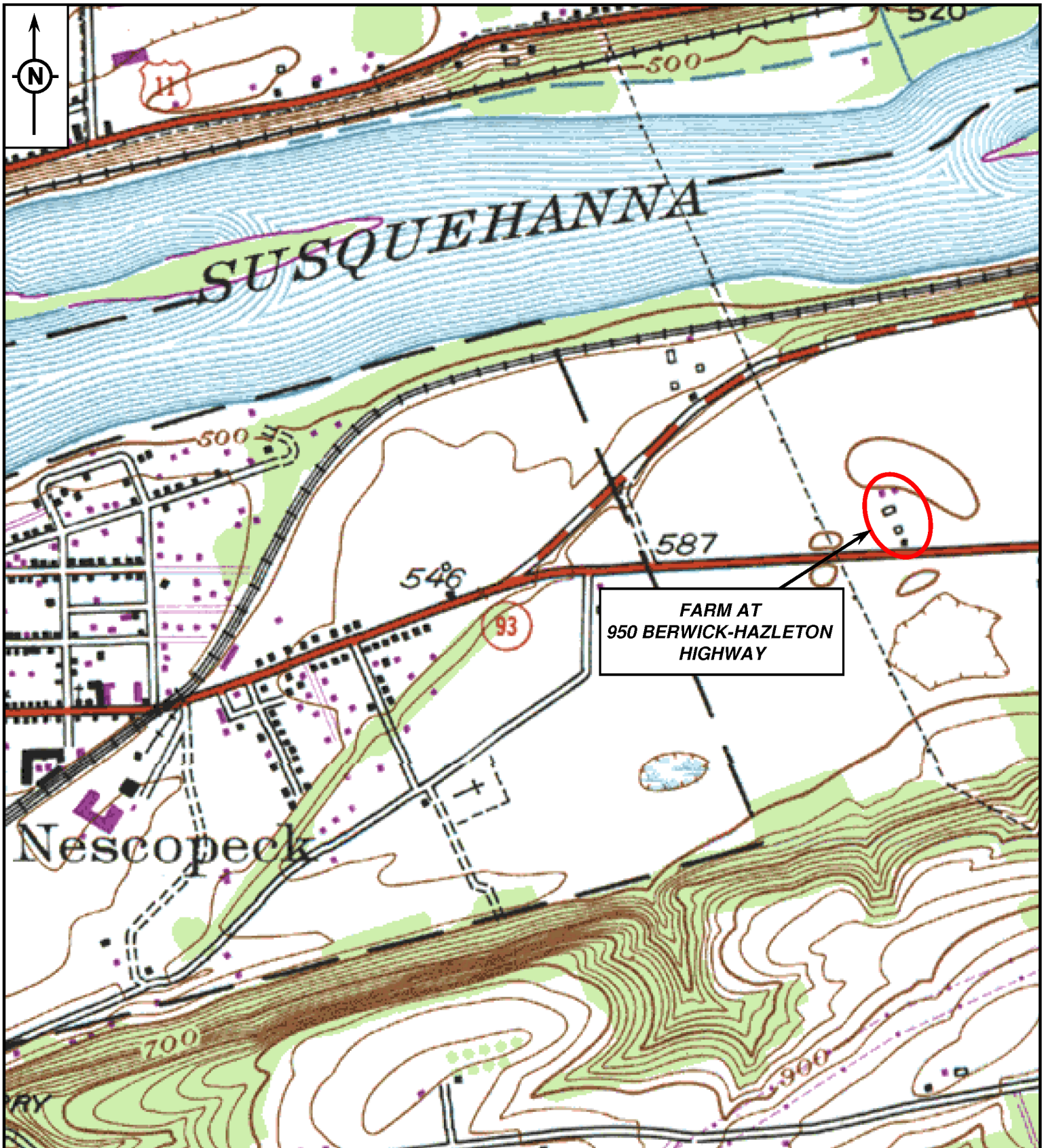
Associated with this property are several outbuildings. Immediately to the rear of the main house stands a 2-story, gambrel-roofed barn constructed with a concrete base and a shingle-clad second story. This building has gabled wall dormers on either side, and its entrance is located on the east elevation. Further to the north stands a modern metal-shell pole building. This gable-roofed building has two open bays on the east elevation and fixed windows on its side elevations. Beyond the pole building stands a larger dairy barn, which is constructed in two distinct sections. The western section is constructed of concrete block and is adjoined by a circa-1950 concrete stave silo, and the eastern section is constructed with a wood frame and is clad in horizontal wood siding. A 1.5-story, shed-roofed addition is located on the north elevation of the western end, opposite an open shed-roofed storage area, and a small gable-roofed addition is located on the eastern elevation of this barn. Further to the north stands a circa-1960, gable-roofed storage building.

**Date of Survey** January 2008

**Name of Surveyor** Matthew G. Hyland

## Photo Log

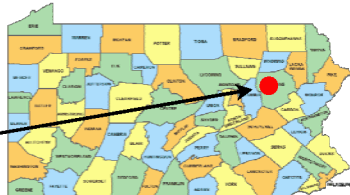
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SOURCE: USGS 7.5 MINUTE BERWICK, PA  
QUADRANGLE MAP, 1955 (PHOTOREVISED 1969,  
1976)



PROJECT LOCATION



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FARM AT 950 BERWICK-HAZLETON  
HIGHWAY  
BELL BEND NPP-1 PROJECT  
LUZERNE COUNTY

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1. Photograph 1
2. Farm at 950 Berwick-Hazleton Highway
3. Nescopeck Township, Luzerne County
4. Farm Overview, Facing Northeast



1. Photograph 2
2. Farm at 950 Berwick-Hazleton Highway
3. Nescopeck Township, Luzerne County
4. Main House-Facade & W Elevation, Facing Northeast



1. Photograph 3
2. Farm at 950 Berwick-Hazleton Highway
3. Nescopeck Township, Luzerne County
4. Main House-Facade and East Elevation, Facing Northwest

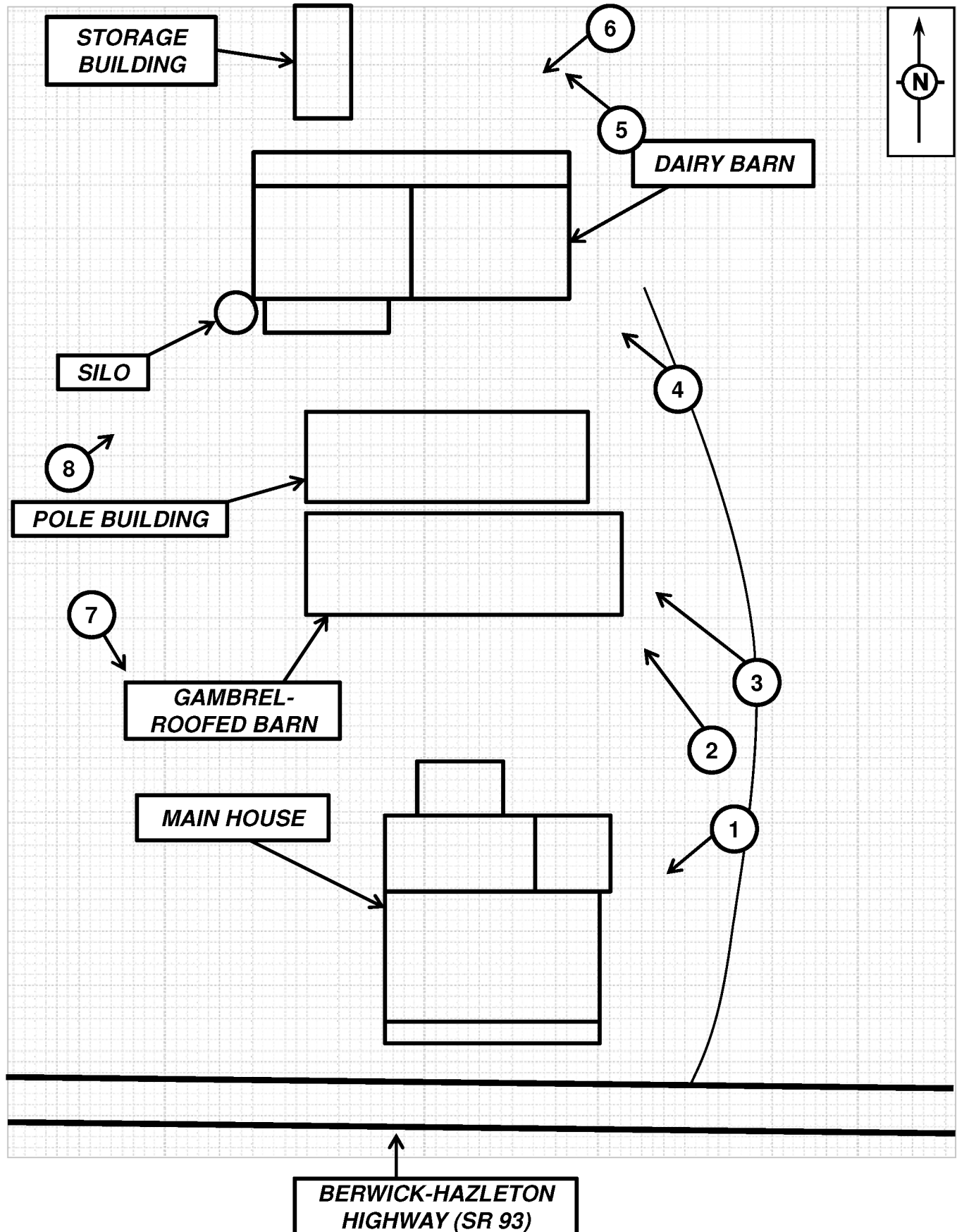


1. Photograph 4
2. Farm at 950 Berwick-Hazleton Highway
3. Nescopeck Township, Luzerne County
4. Farm Overview, Facing Northwest



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**Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission**

## Bureau of Historic Preservation

**Commonwealth Keystone Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0093**

Survey Code / Tax Parcel / Other No.:

**County:** Luzerne 079

**Municipality:** Nescopeck Township

**Address:** 944 Berwick-Hazleton Highway (SR 93)

Historic Name / Other Name:	House at 944 Berwick-Hazleton Highway (SR 93)

## SITE PLAN

## PHOTO INFORMATION

**Attach Photo Here**

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**Photographer Name:** Matthew G. Hyland

Date: January 28, 2008



# Historic Resource Survey Form

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION  
Bureau for Historic Preservation

Key # \_\_\_\_\_

ER# \_\_\_\_\_

## Name, Location and Ownership *(Items 1-6; see Instructions, page 4)*

HISTORIC NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT/Common Name House at 944 Berwick-Hazleton Highway

STREET ADDRESS 944 Berwick-Hazleton Highway ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

MUNICIPALITY Nescopeck Township COUNTY Luzerne

TAX PARCEL #/YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ USGS QUAD Berwick, PA: Zone 18

OWNERSHIP ☒ Private  
☐ Public/Local ☐ Public/County ☐ Public/State ☐ Public/Federal

OWNER NAME/ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CATEGORY OF PROPERTY ☒ Building ☐ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Object ☐ District

TOTAL NUMBER OF RESOURCES 1

## Function *(Items 7-8; see Instructions, pages 4-6)*

Historic Function	Subcategory	Particular Type
<u>Domestic</u>	<u>Single Dwelling</u>	<u>House</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Current Function	Subcategory	Particular Type
<u>Domestic</u>	<u>Single Dwelling</u>	<u>House</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

## Architectural/Property Information *(Items 9-14; see Instructions, pages 6-7)*

### ARCHITECTURAL CLASSIFICATION

Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Vernacular variant of the Georgian style

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### EXTERIOR MATERIALS and STRUCTURAL SYSTEM

Foundation	<u>Brick</u>	_____
Walls	<u>Brick</u>	_____
Roof	<u>Asphalt</u>	_____
Other	_____	_____
Structural System	<u>Brick</u>	_____

WIDTH \_\_\_\_\_ (feet) or 5 (# bays) DEPTH \_\_\_\_\_ (feet) or 2 (# rooms) STORIES/HEIGHT 2

Key # \_\_\_\_\_  
ER# \_\_\_\_\_

### Property Features *(Items 15-17; see Instructions, pages 7-8)*

Setting Rural highway

#### Ancillary Features

Fencing \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Acres \_\_\_\_\_ (round to nearest tenth)

### Historical Information *(Items 18-21; see Instructions, page 8)*

Year Construction Began \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Circa Year Completed 1870 ☒ Circa

Date of Major Additions, Alterations \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Circa \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Circa \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Circa

Basis for Dating ☐ Documentary ☒ Physical

Explain Dating is based on method of construction and architectural style.

Cultural/Ethnic Affiliation(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Associated Individual(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Associated Event(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Architect(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Builder(s) \_\_\_\_\_

### Submission Information *(Items 22-23; see Instructions, page 8)*

Previous Survey/Determinations \_\_\_\_\_

Threats ☒ None ☐ Neglect ☐ Public Development ☐ Private Development ☐ Other

Explain There are no known threats to this resource.

This submission is related to a ☐ non-profit grant application ☐ business tax incentive

☐ NHPA/PA History Code Project Review ☒ other

### Preparer Information *(Items 24-30; see Instructions, page 9)*

Name & Title Matthew G. Hyland, Megan L. Otten

Date Prepared July 28, 2008 Project Name Berwick, PA NPP-1 Project

Organization/Company GAI Consultants, Inc.

Mailing Address 385 East Waterfront Drive Homestead, PA 15120

Phone 412.476.2000 Email \_\_\_\_\_

**National Register Evaluation** *(Item 31; see Instructions, page 9)*  
(To be completed by Survey Director, Agency Consultant, or for Project Reviews ONLY.)

- ☒ Not Eligible (due to ☒ lack of significance and/or ☐ lack of integrity)  
☐ Eligible Area(s) of Significance \_\_\_\_\_  
Criteria Considerations \_\_\_\_\_ Period of Significance \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Contributes to Potential or Eligible District District Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Bibliography** *(Item 32; cite major references consulted. Attach additional page if needed. See Instructions, page 9.)*

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**Additional Information**

The following must be submitted with form. Check the appropriate box as each piece is completed and attach to form with paperclip.

- ☒ Narrative Sheets—Description/Integrity and History/Significance (See Instructions, pages 13-14)  
☒ Current Photos (See Instructions, page 10)  
☒ Photo List (See Instructions, page 11)  
☒ Site Map (sketch site map on 8.5x11 page; include North arrow, approximate scale; label all resources, street names, and geographic features; show exterior photo locations; See Instructions, page 11)  
☐ Floor Plan (sketch main building plans on 8.5x11 page; include North arrow, scale bar or length/width dimensions; label rooms; show interior photo locations; See Instructions, page 11)  
☒ USGS Map (submit original, photocopy, or download from TopoZone.com; See Instructions, page 12)

**Send Completed Form and Additional Information to:**

National Register Program  
Bureau for Historic Preservation/PHMC  
Keystone Bldg., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
400 North St.  
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0093

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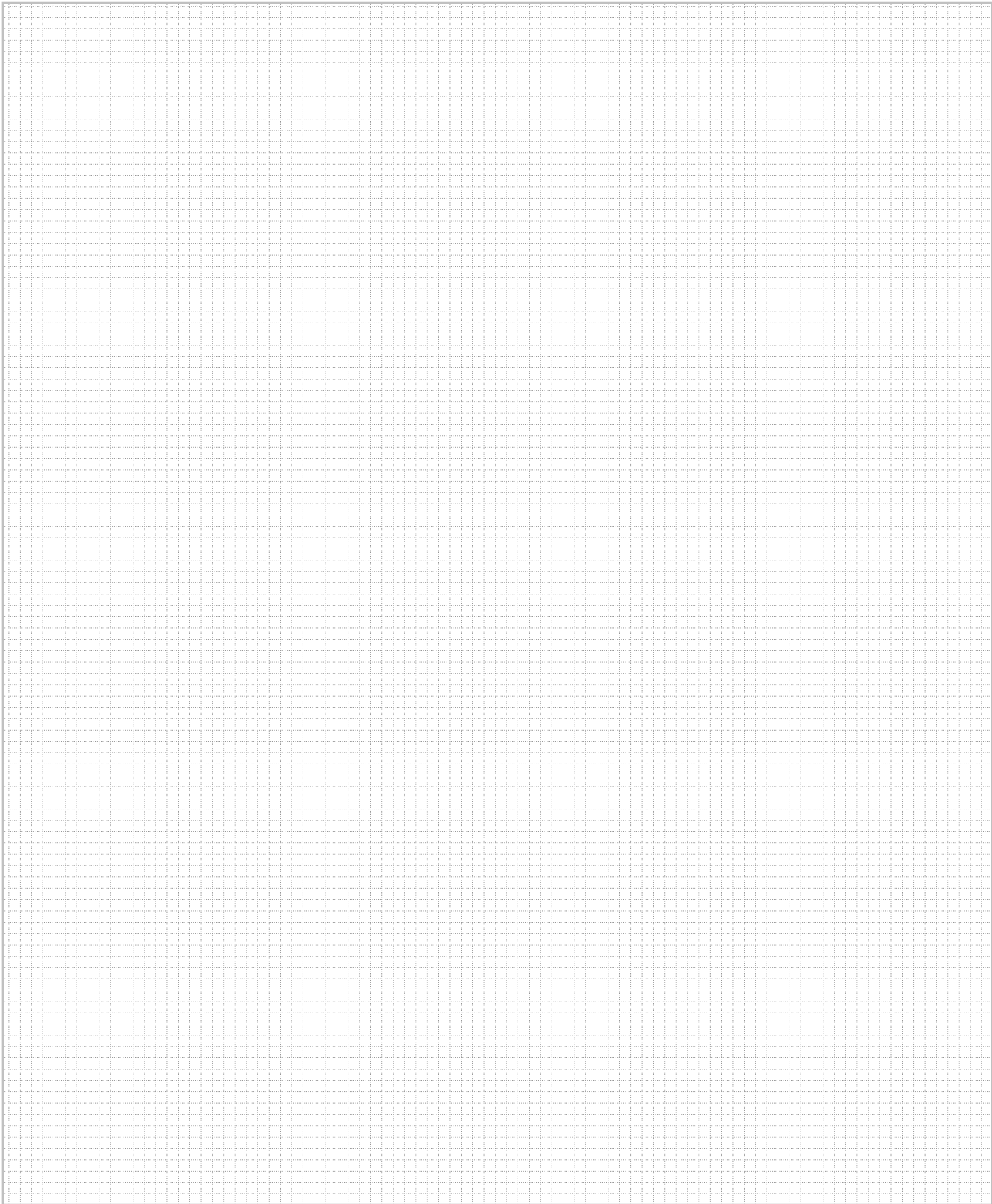


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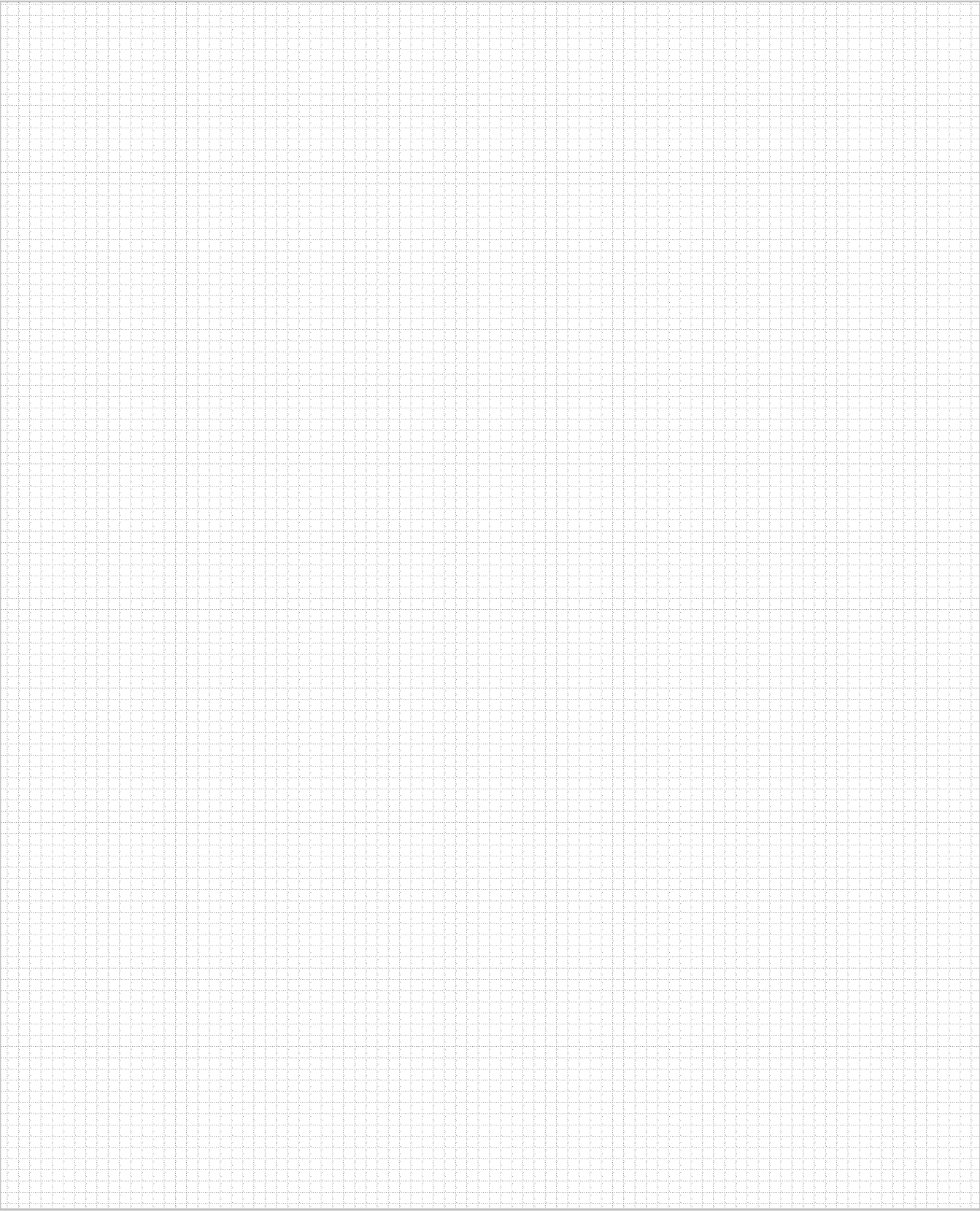


Key # \_\_\_\_\_

ER# \_\_\_\_\_

**Floor Plan** (Item 35)

See page 11 of the Instructions for more information regarding the floor plan. Provide a floor plan for the primary buildings, showing all additions. Label rooms and note important features. Note the date of additions. Include a North arrow and a scale bar (note if scale is approximate) or indicate width/depth dimensions. This sheet may be used to sketch a floor plan or another map/plan may be substituted.



**Physical Description and Integrity** (Item 38)

Provide a current description of the overall setting, landscape, and resources of the property. See page 13 of the Instructions for detailed directions. Continue on additional sheets as needed. Suggested outline for organizing this section:

- Introduction [summarize the property, stating type(s) of resource(s) and function(s)]
- Setting [describe geographic location, streetscapes, natural/man-made landscape features, signage, etc.]
- Exterior materials, style, and features [describe the exterior of main buildings/resources]
- Interior materials, style, and features [describe the interior of main buildings/resources]
- Outbuildings/Landscape [describe briefly additional outbuildings/landscape features found on property, substitute Building Complex Form if preferred; See Instructions, page 18]
- Boundaries [explain how/why boundaries chosen, such as historic legal parcel, visual natural features such as tree lines, alley separating modern construction, etc.]
- Integrity [summarize changes to the property and assess how the changes impact its ability to convey significance]

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Built circa 1870, this 2-story, gable-roofed brick house is a vernacular variant of the Georgian style. The foundation and exterior of this L-shaped house are constructed of common bond brick, and a 2-story, shed-roofed addition to the rear ell is clad in weatherboard. The gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles and is marked by a molded cornice with gable end returns. The fenestration throughout consists of modern 1/1 double-hung vinyl sash windows, with the exception of 4-light attic story windows. The window openings are marked by cut stone lintels and sills. A small gable-roofed portico on the west elevation of the house marks the location of a side entry. A modern wood ramp leads to the open front porch, which has no roof. Located to the rear of the house is a small brick gable-roofed outbuilding of unknown function. This building is partially obscured by a privacy fence built to surround the back yard.

## History and Significance (Item 39)

Provide an overview of the history of the property and its various resources. Do not substitute deeds, chapters from local history books, or newspaper articles. See page 14 of the Instructions for detailed directions. Continue on additional sheets as needed.

Suggested outline for organizing this section:

- History [Summarize the evolution of the property from origin to present]
- Significance [Explain why the property is important]
- Context and Comparisons [Describe briefly similar properties in the area, and explain how this property compares]

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Industrial manufacturing, supported by anthracite extraction, emerged as the prominent theme in Luzerne County's social and economic history. Light manufacturing occurred in some of Luzerne County's agricultural districts.

Construction of the North Branch Canal facilitated local economic development.

Nescopeck's early history includes missionary contact with Delaware and Shawnee groups and later the arrival of agricultural pioneers. European missionaries visited native groups here in 1744. At that time, John Martin Mack and Christian Fröhlich, Moravian missionaries, called the area Hallobanck. In 1748, John Martin Mack and David Zeisberger noted one family living there. Nutimus, a Delaware leader, settled at Nescopeck in the 1740s. Colonial land grants to tracts in the Nescopeck area date from 1769. Early Euro-American settlers of German, Swiss, and Alsatian ancestry arrived from Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Nescopeck Township was formed in 1792 after the American Revolution. Local trade in agricultural products and merchandise utilized road networks that connected Nescopeck and Berwick to Easton and Philadelphia. By 1786, Nescopeck featured a store, which was established by Samuel Mifflin, a tavern, a blacksmith shop, which was established by George Rough, a mill, and increasing numbers of settlers. After 1824, Nescopeck had more mills: a fulling mill, a sawmill, and a distillery. A bridge across the Susquehanna River connected Nescopeck to Berwick after 1812. The Leidy brothers built a forge along Nescopeck Creek in 1830, and Theodore and George Naugle built a tannery there in 1858. Following the Civil War, Nescopeck thrived as a mercantile center. Sales of dry goods, blacksmithing, grocery sellers, a furniture factory, a pottery, a cigar factory, a knitting mill, and a hotel contributed to Nescopeck's economy. In the 1880s, a branch line of the Pennsylvania Railroad utilized a depot in Nescopeck. Between 1905 and 1924, a streetcar line connected Nescopeck to Berwick (Nescopeck Centennial Committee 1996: 11-37; Wapwallopen Historical Society 1964: 3, 14-20).

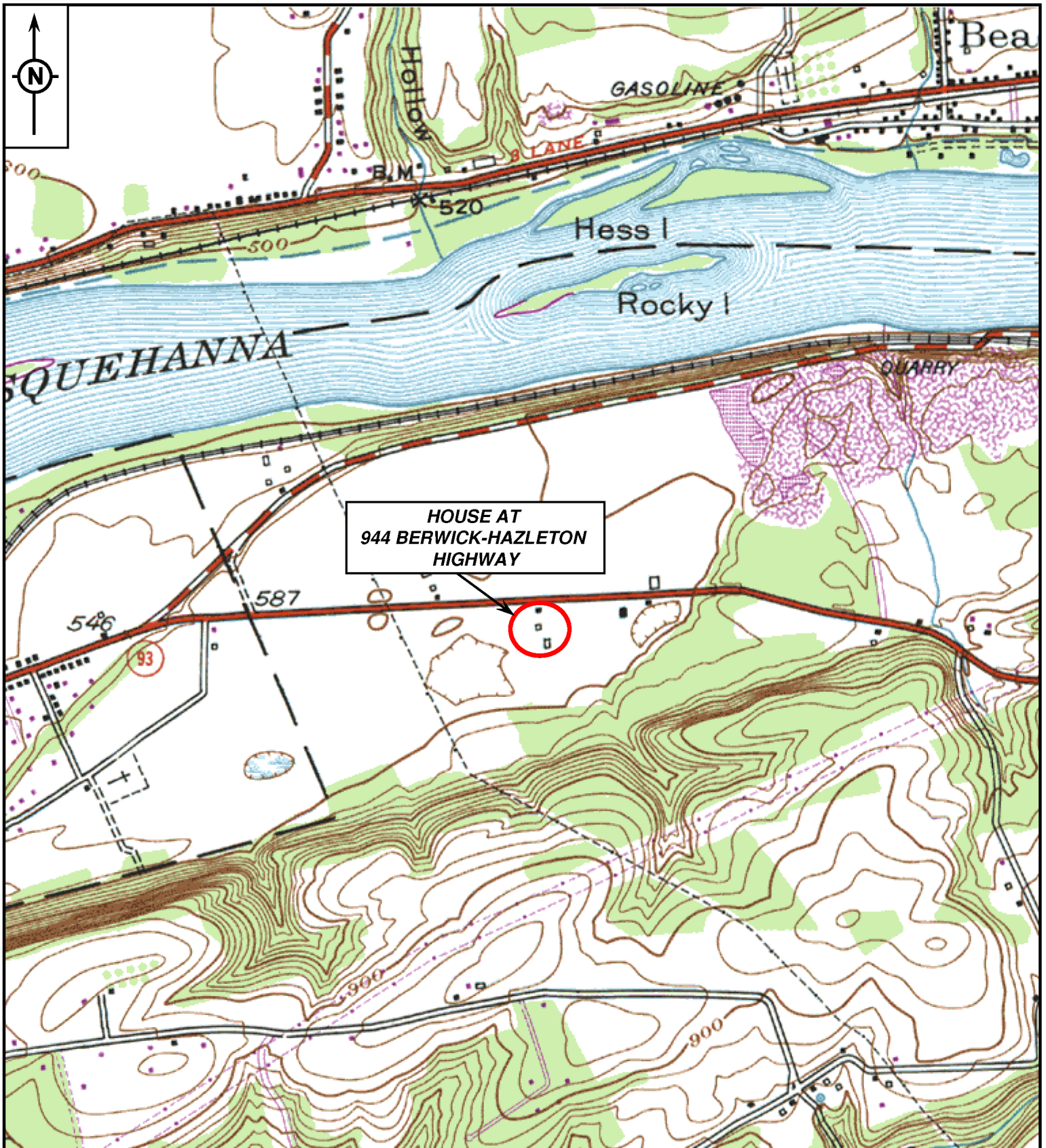
The energy industry continues to play a prominent role in the local economy. For instance, late-twentieth-century developments in the project area include the construction of a nuclear power plant at Bell Bend. Pennsylvania Power and Light (PPL) constructed a two-unit Susquehanna plant in 1975. The plant consists of two boiling water reactors and employs approximately 1,000 people. Plant construction also resulted in the relocation of some Bell Bend families to Berwick (Bicentennial Committee 1976: 6).

Historic mapping (Beers 1873) maps the M. Raber farm at this location. Agricultural census data from 1880 enumerates the farm of William Raber (the only Raber aside from George Raber), which included 190 acres. The farm produced: grains (wheat, rye, Indian corn, oats), Irish potatoes, hay, and butter. William Raber also had planted an apple orchard. Livestock included horses, cows, poultry, and pigs.

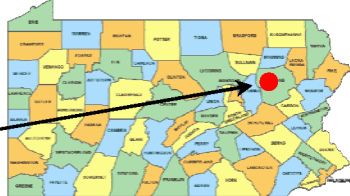
Presently, the farm buildings around the house have been demolished. The remaining buildings no longer reflect an association with the historic agricultural practices of the North and West Branch Susquehanna Diversified Agriculture region. This property no longer has an agricultural function.

This resource does not maintain any connections to significant historical events or themes in local or regional history and is therefore recommended not eligible for NRHP listing under Criterion A. Likewise, this resource does not possess any associations with significant individuals in local history. As such, it is recommended not eligible for NRHP listing under Criterion B. This house has lost integrity through unsympathetic alterations and additions, namely the addition of a frame section to the rear ell and the replacement of original windows. Additionally, there are a number of better-preserved examples of late-19th-century masonry vernacular architecture throughout the area. Therefore, this resource is recommended not eligible for NRHP listing under Criterion C.





SOURCE: USGS 7.5 MINUTE BERWICK, PA  
QUADRANGLE MAP, 1955 (PHOTOREVISED 1969,  
1976)



PROJECT LOCATION

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HOUSE AT 944 BERWICK-HAZLETON  
HIGHWAY  
BELL BEND NPP-1 PROJECT  
LUZERNE COUNTY

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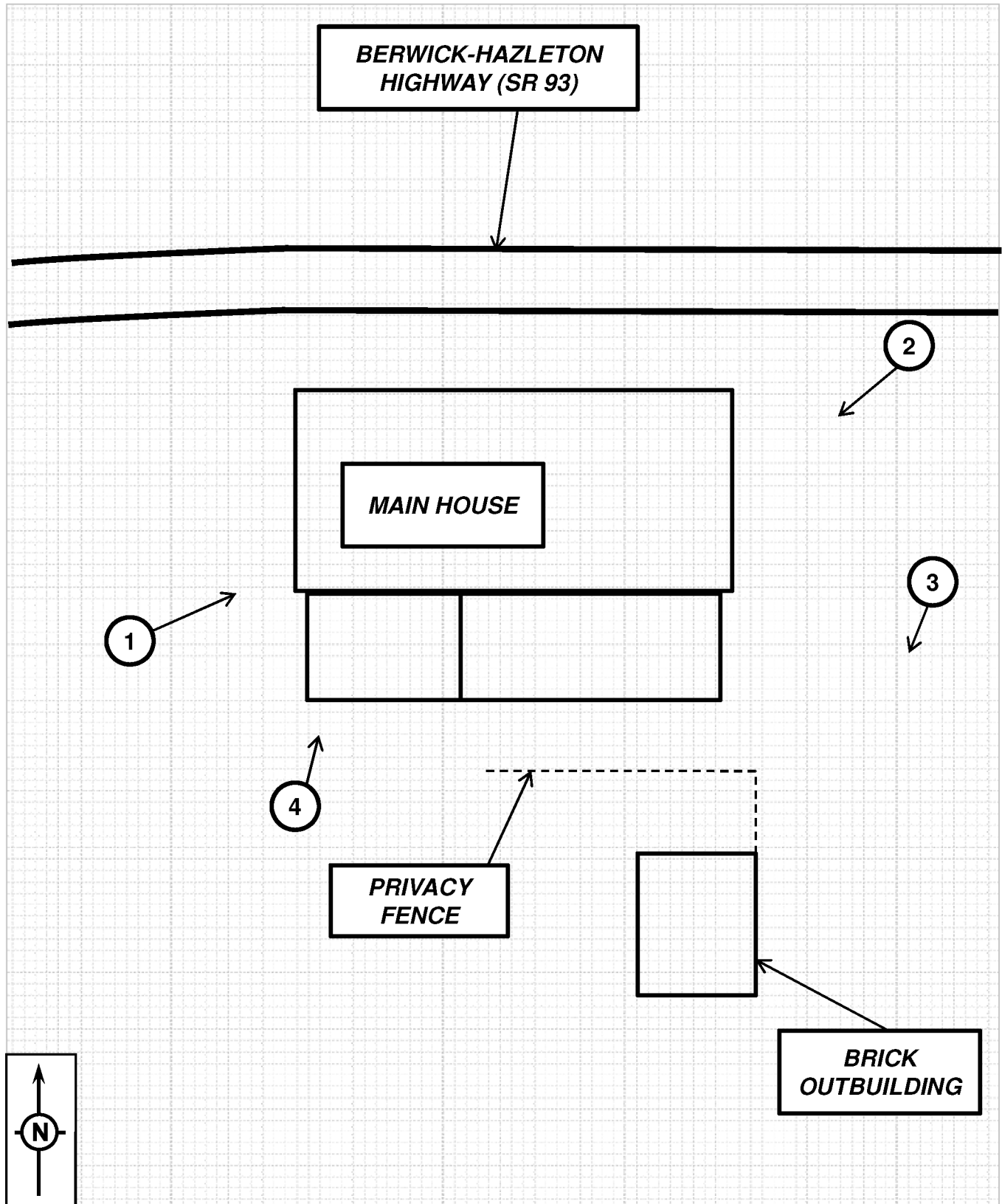
1. Photograph 1
2. House at 944 Berwick-Hazleton Highway
3. Nescopeck Township, Luzerne County
4. Facade and West Elevation, Facing Southeast



1. Photograph 2
2. House at 944 Berwick-Hazleton Highway
3. Nescopeck Township, Luzerne County
4. Main House and Outbuilding, Facing Southwest

**Site Plan** (Item 34)

See page 11 of the Instructions for more information regarding the site plan. Create a sketch of the property, showing the footprint of all buildings, structures, landscape features, streets, etc. Label all resources and streets. Include a North arrow and a scale bar (note if scale is approximate). This sheet may be used to sketch a plan or another map/plan may be substituted.





ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

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