UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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

1 NAME
HISTORIC ANDREW SNABLE HOUSE

2 LOCATION
Sandyston-Haney’s Mill Road

3 CLASSIFICATION

4 AGENCY
REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: United States Army Corps of Engineers

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE Classified Structure Field Inventory Report (#404)
The Andrew Snable House, located near the Flat Brook, about a mile north of Walpack Center, New Jersey, is a 1½ story stone cabin, probably dating from ca. 1801. The house is thirty-six feet long by twenty feet deep, with a frame sloped roof addition to the rear, which runs the length of the building and is approximately thirteen feet deep. The house is covered with a slate roof, and has two original brick chimneys, slightly indented from the gable ends of the main section. A newer brick chimney projects through the middle of the roof of the rear addition. The front wall of the main section has been roughly stuccoed. There are two front entrance doors; a six panel door with edge moldings in the original doorway, and a modern door in the second entry. A narrow porch roof, supported by three slender posts, extends across about two thirds of the front facade, over the two doorways. The interior has some original details, including beaded wainscot in one room, an original fireplace, a corner winder stair, and cupboards with board and batten doors and original hardware.

The stonework and general structural elements of the house are in unusually good condition. The rear addition is decrepit and detracts from the integrity of the structure. It could easily be removed without any adverse effect. A small spring-house set on the creek which runs behind the house, which had been in fragile condition, was recently damaged by a spring freshet.
The Andrew Snable House is one of at most a handful of the small early stone cottages remaining in the area, in good condition. These structures, which preceded the larger frame farmhouses built from the mid-19th century on, were once fairly common in this vicinity. The Snable House is probably the best preserved of the group which have survived. As it retains an unusual degree of original detailing, it readily lends itself to architectural and historical interpretation, thereby promising to contribute to a continued understanding of the development of society and culture in the Upper Delaware Valley.

The land upon which the house was built was a part of the large tract owned by Colonel John Rosenkrans, a prominent local militia leader during the American Revolution. Rosenkrans divided his holdings during the late 18th century, giving a total of 671 acres to his sons, Levi and Bery. In 1800, they in turn divided their common holding. During the following year Levi sold 175 acres along the Flat Brook to Andrew Snable. It is supposed that Snable began the construction of this house at about this time.

A date stone in the gable of the house reads 1844, however it is doubtful that this structure was built as late as that year. The features of the house, especially the ca. 1820's—1830's mantelpieces, suggest otherwise. It was not an uncommon practice to repair houses with materials taken from demolished structures, and a date stone would probably have been used as readily as any other stone if it filled an opening. It is conceivable that a later owner chose this method to patch the house. It is also possible that such an owner scratched the date onto the stone himself, on the erroneous impression that the house had been built in 1844.

Later in the 19th century the farm passed through the hands of a series of new owners, including Timothy Shaw, Isaac S. Rundle (by whose name the house is also known locally) and, during the
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GEOPHYSICAL DATA

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

(See continuation sheet)

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

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

FORM PREPARED BY

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ORGANIZATION
National Park Service

STREET & NUMBER
Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area

CITY OR TOWN STATE
Bushkill Pennsylvania

CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION
YES XX NO NONE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is National ___ State ___ Local.___

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE
Asst. Dir., Cultural Resources

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DIRECTOR OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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20th, George F. Hewitt and the Flatbrook Experimental Farms, Inc. While it was continuously maintained, and received considerable Victorian decoration on the exterior, it retains a substantial amount of the flavor of a small, unpretentious stone farm dwelling. It is as an example of that building type that it merits recognition as an historically important structure.

The Andrew Snable House is located on United States Army Corps of Engineers TIL Tract #8220-1, which includes a total of 161.64 acres. The boundary of the nominated portion of this property begins at a point on a small unnamed stream which crosses under Sandyston-Haney's Mill Road approximately 4700' north of the small settlement of Walpack Center, New Jersey (centerline of Walpack Center Road and Sandyston-Haney's Mill Road) as shown on the accompanying Army Corps of Engineers tract map. The boundary begins at Point A, on the south bank of the above-mentioned stream, 250' east of Sandyston-Haney's Mill Road. From this point, the boundary turns to the east and extends for 250' to Point C. From this point, the boundary turns to the north and extends for 200' to Point D, on the south bank of the afore-mentioned stream, east of Point A. From this point, the boundary turns to the west and extends for approximately 275' along the bank, back to Point A.
ANDREW SNABLE HOUSE
View from northeast. 3/77
Wayne K. Bodle. Negative
at DWGNRA Headquarters,
Bushkill, Pennsylvania.

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Negative at DWGNRA Headquarters, Bushkill, Pa.
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