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

2 LOCATION
STREET & NUMBER
Ridge Road
CITY. TOWN
Walpack Center
STATE
New Jersey

3 CLASSIFICATION
CATEGORY
DISTRICT
BUILDING(S)
STRUCTURE
SITE
OBJECT

OWNERSHIP
PUBLIC
PRIVATE
BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
IN PROCESS
BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS
X OCCUPIED
UNOCCUPIED
WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
YES: RESTRICTED
YES: UNRESTRICTED
NO

PRESENT USE
AGRICULTURE
COMMERCIAL
PARK
EDUCATIONAL
PRIVATE RESIDENCE
ENTERTAINMENT
GOVERNMENT
INDUSTRIAL
TRANSPORTATION
MILITARY
OTHER:

4 AGENCY
REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)
National Park Service
STREET & NUMBER
143 S. Third Street
CITY. TOWN
Philadelphia
STATE
Pennsylvania

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Hall of Records
CITY. TOWN
Newton
STATE
New Jersey

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE
DATE
1967
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Headquarters
CITY, TOWN
Bushkill
STATE
Pennsylvania
The Cornelius Gunn House is a 1 ½ story fieldstone structure dating from ca. 1814. The house is four bays wide, with a simple boarded entrance door at the center, and a small window above the door which reaches to the roofline. Three stone steps lead to the doorway. There is no porch, although a wood plate with rafter mortises imbedded in the stonework at the front indicate a former porch. In one gable end is a wide brick chimney, with a smaller brick chimney at the other end of the house. At one end is a wood shingled addition.

The stone wing contains two rooms and a large center hall. Three original mantels remain, one elaborately carved, the other two more plain. The center stairway is extremely plain. The flooring is of wide boards, and appears to be original. In the newer wing are the present kitchen, a bedroom and a bath.
The Cornelius Gunn House is, together with the nearby Richard Layton House, the neighboring Shoemaker/Houck House, and the not-too-distant Andrew Snable House, one of a handful of well preserved early 19th century stone residences in the New Jersey portion of the Upper Delaware Valley. It is significant for the quality of its detailing, which reveals it to have been built for a person of relative means. Compared with the Andrew Snable House, with which it shares some features, such as its scale and general proportions, it represents a slight advance beyond the status of "stone cottage."

The Gunn House was built by John Shoemaker, brother of Daniel Shoemaker, whose somewhat larger stone house was built at roughly the same period on the other side of the Flat Brook Valley. The Shoemakers were the sons of a militia leader who became something of a local hero during the American Revolution. Their large family had lived in the Valley since about the mid 18th century, principally in Smithfield Township, across the river in Pennsylvania. John Shoemaker was one of the freeholders from Walpack Township, New Jersey between 1827 and 1831, and again in 1834. Shortly thereafter he moved with his family to the Susquehanna Valley in central Pennsylvania. The house was later owned by Cornelius D. Gunn, a local farmer who was a trustee of the Walpack Center Methodist Episcopal Church.

During the mid-19th century, the Gunn House must have been one of the most elegant residences in the Flat Brook Valley, or anywhere in the vicinity for that matter. It betrays no evidence of outside architectural influence, but the quality of the craftsmanship, particularly in the stonework, is noteworthy. During its period, the prevailing architectural styles of the region were undergoing a transition, with local modifications of a variety of cosmopolitan styles replacing or adding to pre-existing simple frame carpenter houses. The transition produced a profusion of hybrids of varying degrees of quality and taste. The handful of simple but well built stone houses needed no such elaboration to hold their place with the best examples of domestic architecture in the Valley. The Cornelius Gunn House is a member of this select group.
**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY**

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**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

See attached sheet.

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

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**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

**NAME / TITLE**

Wayne K. Bodle
Park Technician

**ORGANIZATION**

National Park Service

**DATE**

4/22/77

**ADDRESS**

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area

**CITY OR TOWN**

Bushkill

**STATE**

Pennsylvania

**12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION**

**STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

YES____ NO____ NONE____

**DATE**

5/30/77

**FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE**

**TITLE**

Asst. Dir., Cultural Resources

**DATE**

7/27/77

**FOR NPS USE ONLY**

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

**DIRECTOR OF ARCH AEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

**DATE**

7/27/77

**ATTORNEY**

**DATE**

July 19, 1979
The Cornelius Gunn House is located on United States Army Corps of Engineers TIL Tract # 7108, which includes a total of 1.82 acres. The boundary of the nominated portion of this property begins at the intersection of the southern tract boundary line which separates tracts #7108 and 7107-2 with the northwestern edge of the right of way of Ridge Road (Point A), as shown on the accompanying Army Corps of Engineers tract map. From this point, the boundary extends to the northwest, following the abovementioned tract boundary line, for approximately 80' to Point B. From this point, the boundary turns to the northeast and extends, still following the tract line, for 250' to Point C. From this point, the boundary turns to the southeast and extends for 150' to Point D, on the northwestern edge of the abovementioned right of way, northeast of Point A. From this point, the boundary turns to the southwest and extends along the abovementioned right of way for approximately 275' back to Point A.
CORNELIUS GUNN HOUSE
Walpack Township, N.J.
Wayne K. Bodle
April, 1977
Sussex County
Negative at DWGNRA Headquarters
Bushkill, Pennsylvania
View from south

JUN 18 1979

JUL 23 1979