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
Richard Layton House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION
SW of Wallpack Center

STREET & NUMBER
Ridge Road

CITY. TOWN Wallpack - Carter

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
MUSEUM
COMMERCIAL
PARK
EDUCATIONAL
PRIVATE RESIDENCE
ENTERTAINMENT
RELIGIOUS
GOVERNMENT
SCIENTIFIC
INDUSTRIAL
TRANSPORTATION
MILITARY
OTHER

4 AGENCY
REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)
National Park Service

STREET & NUMBER
143 South Third Street

CITY. TOWN Philadelphia

STATE Pennsylvania

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Hall of Records

STREET & NUMBER

CITY. TOWN Newton

STATE New Jersey

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE Historic Structures Report, Part I: Architectural Data Section on Historic Buildings in the Delaware Water Gap National RA

DATE 1967

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Headquarters

STREET & NUMBER

CITY. TOWN Bushkill

STATE Pennsylvania
The Richard Layton House is a large 2½ story stone house built ca. early 19th century, with a 1½ story wing to one side, which may be the original part of the house. It is five bays wide, with a large center hall and two windows on either side of the original central entrance, which consists of a six panel door with sidelights and a fanlight. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles. There are wide brick chimneys in either gable end of the main wing, slightly recessed, and a wide stone chimney at the open end of the smaller wing. To the rear of the smaller wing is a sloped-roof, 1 story enclosed porch addition. On the front of the main wing six stone steps lead to a modern flagstone terrace.

Also on the property is a cluster of barns and other outbuildings. The largest of these is the earliest barn, and has hewn structural timbers.
8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

- PREHISTORIC
- 1400-1499
- 1500-1599
- 1600-1699
- 1700-1799
- 1800-1899
- 1900-

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

- ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
- ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
- AGRICULTURE
- ARCHITECTURE
- ART
- COMMERCE
- COMMUNICATIONS
- COMMUNITY PLANNING
- CONSERVATION
- ECONOMICS
- EDUCATION
- ENGINEERING
- EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
- INDUSTRY
- INVENTION
- LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
- LAW
- LITERATURE
- MILITARY
- MUSIC
- PHILOSOPHY
- POLITICS/GOVERNMENT
- RELIGION
- SCIENCE
- SCULPTURE
- SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
- THEATER
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER SPECIFIC

SPECIFIC DATES

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Richard Layton House is significant as one of the best preserved of the early 19th century stone houses in the New Jersey portion of the Upper Delaware Valley and, conjecturally, as an example of the mobility which was available in the area to a family which belonged neither to the long established Dutch, nor to the culturally advantaged English ethnic groups. The Layton family in Sussex County probably descends from Thomas Layton, an Irishman who migrated to Sandyston Township, probably from Pennsylvania, about 1790. The family spread quite prolifically throughout the Valley. Little is known of the Layton who built this house, and, indeed, it is only a matter of conjecture that one even did. If this was the case, then the smaller wing was probably constructed during the first generation (1790-1810), and the larger almost certainly by 1840, placing this house squarely in the pattern of many other two-section residences in the area, both frame and stone. The larger wing, like the smaller, is essentially in the traditional country style, with few adornments beyond the somewhat ornamental doorway. The house has recently been carefully restored, and is in excellent condition. It is an honest expression of the elegant but unpretentious styling which was typical of many of the best houses in the vicinity during its period. As such, it illustrates the prevailing country principal of craftsmanship over style.
9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES


10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA
ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5.4

UTM REFERENCES
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION
(See continuation sheet)

11 FORM PREPARED BY
NAME / TITLE Wayne K. Bodle Park Technician
ORGANIZATION National Park Service
STREET & NUMBER Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area
CITY OR TOWN Bushkill
STATE Pennsylvania
DATE 04/22/77
TELEPHONE

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION
YES No

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE
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
DATE 5/19/79

FOR NPS USE ONLY
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
DATE 7/23/79

ATTEST: Lynne A. Bebee
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
DATE July 19, 1979
The Richard Layton House is located on United States Army Corps of Engineers TIL Tract #7101, which includes a total of 8.10 acres. The boundary of the nominated portion of the property begins at the intersection of the northeastern tract boundary line which separates tracts #7101 from 7100-2 with the southeastern edge of the right of way of Ridge Road, as shown on the accompanying Army Corps of Engineers tract map (Point A.). From this point, the boundary extends to the southeast, following the above-mentioned tract line for 300' to Point B. From this point, the boundary turns to the southwest at a right angle and extends for approximately 600' to Point C, where it meets the southeastern segment of the above-mentioned tract line, and continues along that line for approximately 250' to Point D. From this point, the boundary turns to the northwest and extends for approximately 200' to Point E, on the southeastern edge of the above-mentioned right of way southwest of Point A. From this point, the boundary turns to the northeast and extends along the above-mentioned right of way for approximately 780' back to Point A.
RICHARD LAYTON HOUSE
Walpack Township, N.J.
Wayne K. Bodle
April, 1977
Negative at DWGNRA Headquarters
Bushkill, Pennsylvania
View from northwest
Sussex Co.

JUN 18 1979

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