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**INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**
**FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES**

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS.

### 1 NAME

**HISTORIC**: Shoemaker-Houck Farm Complex

**AND/OR COMMON**: 

### 2 LOCATION

**STREET & NUMBER**: Heney's Mill-Walpack Center Road

**CITY, TOWN**: Walpack Center, N.J.

**STATE**: New Jersey

**CODE**: 34

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

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### 4 AGENCY

**REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS**: United States Army Corps of Engineers

**STREET & NUMBER**: United States, Custom House, Second and Chestnut Streets

**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**: Classified Structure Field Inventory Reports, Philadelphia, National Park Service, Mid-Atlantic Region

**DATE**: 1976

**DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS**: Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Headquarters

**CITY, TOWN**: Bushkill

**STATE**: Pennsylvania
The Shoemaker/Houck House is a two story structure of split, coursed stone, built ca. 1822. To the rear is a 1½ story stone wing, built probably ca. 1815 (although possibly as early as 1783), which contained the original kitchen. A modern gabled frame kitchen has been added to the wing. The house has undergone an extensive amount of renovation, especially during the late 1940's and early 1950's, when wide brick chimneys were added at both gables of the main wing, composition shingles applied to the roof, and the stonework of the entire building re-pointed. The interior has been extensively modernized. It retains a good deal of the original detailing, however, including three broad stone fireplaces, with delicate, crown-moulded mantels, chair rails, window surrounds, original flooring, and a corner circular stair.

Other buildings on the property include a large gabled barn with vertical wood siding (ca. early 1800's), and a tiled silo, a workshop, and connected ice and milk houses dating from ca. 1829 and 1854, respectively. There is also a modern storage building erected between 1948 and 1957.
The Shoemaker/Houck House and outbuildings stand on property which was at one time part of the tract belonging to John Cleves Symmes, a prominent citizen of the area. Symmes commanded a battalion during the American Revolution, served in the Continental Congress, was an associate justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey, and was one of the largest property holders in the Northwest Territory. He headed a syndicate which purchased more than a quarter of a million acres in Ohio from the United States Government. His daughter Ann married President William Henry Harrison.

Following Symmes departure for Ohio, Daniel Shoemaker purchased part of the tract from another of Symmes daughters, Mary, and her husband Peyton Short. Shoemaker and his brother John were sons of another local hero from the Revolution, and were decendants of a family who had settled early on the Pennsylvania side of the Delaware River, in Smithfield Township. Daniel Shoemaker may have inherited the rear kitchen wing of the present house with his purchase, or he may have erected it shortly thereafter. If the former, it was probably built by or for John Cleves Symmes. In either case, Shoemaker built the larger main wing of the house in 1822.

The architectural development of this house reveals a different pattern of social history than do many of other structures in the area. Unlike houses whose progressively more elaborate additions show the gradual accumulation of affluence over a period of generations, accompanied by an increasing awareness of popular architectural styles, the Shoemaker House was built by a family of some means from the beginning. This is suggested by the Shoemaker's early history in the Upper Delaware Valley, their prominence during the Revolutionary War, as well as the ability of Daniel and John Shoemaker to purchase some of the most fertile land in the Flat Brook Valley. The very fact that Daniel Shoemaker would have entered into a transaction with the family of John Cleves Symmes, one of the wealthiest in the entire region, bespeaks his probable social and financial status. The house which Shoemaker
MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Dodd, John B.  Classified Structure Field Inventory Report, Structure #403-c  April, 1976


GEOGRAPHICAL DATA
ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY  3.2

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION
See continuation sheet

FORM PREPARED BY

Wayne K. Bodle, Park Technician  National Park Service  4/22/77

CITY OR TOWN
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

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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Significance
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proceeded to erect for himself, combining country simplicity with superior craftsmanship, points to much the same conclusion.

More recently, the Shoemaker House has been owned by Harry W. Houck, a pioneer in the development of radio technology during the early part of the 20th century. Under this ownership, the complex has received a considerable amount of modernization. This has resulted in some slight loss of architectural integrity, particularly on the interior, but it has kept the building in unusually good condition.

Bibliography

Area. 1967. pp. 171-172


Geographical Data

The Shoemaker/Houck House is located on United States Army Corps of Engineers TIL Tract #8005-1, which includes a total of 145.39 acres. The boundary of the nominated portion of this property begins at a point on the driveway which enters tract #8005-1 from the Haney's Mill-Walpack Center Road, as shown on the accompanying Army Corps of Engineers tract map. The boundary begins at Point A, on the southwest side of the abovementioned driveway, 100' northwest of the point where the driveway intersects with Haney's Mill-Walpack Center Road. From this point, the boundary extends to the south/southwest for 150' to Point B. From this point, the boundary turns to the west/northwest and extends for 300' to Point C. From this point, the boundary turns to the north and extends for 250' to Point D. From this point, the boundary turns to the east and extends for 450' to Point E. From this point, the boundary turns to the south and extends for 225' back to Point A.
SHOEMAKER/HOUCK HOUSE
Barns and other outbuildings.
Walpack Township, N.J.
Wayne K. Bodle
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Negative at DWGNRA Headquarters
Bushkill, Pennsylvania
View from south

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View from northwest

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