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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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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

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Wallpack Center

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Walpack Township

VICINITY OF

13th, New Jersey

STATE

New Jersey

CODE

34

COUNTY

Sussex

CODE

037

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: *(If applicable)*
National Park Service

STREET & NUMBER

143 South Third Street

CITY, TOWN

Philadelphia

___ VICINITY OF

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

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Headquarters

CITY, TOWN

Bushkill

STATE

Pennsylvania

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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

Souder, Norman M. Historic Structures Report, Part 1: Architectural Data Section on Historic Buildings in the Delaware Water Gap NRA. 1967.

Snell, James P. (Compiler), History of Sussex and Warren Counties, New Jersey. Philadelphia, Everts & Peck, 1881. p. 419.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5.4

UTM REFERENCES

A 18 | 508060 | 4555000
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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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
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Wayne K. Bodle Park Technician

ORGANIZATION

National Park Service

DATE

04/22/77

STREET & NUMBER

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bushkill

STATE

Pennsylvania

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

See SHPO letter
 of 3/29/79 (A. Bunker 7/19/79)

YES

NO

NONE

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 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

J.R. Holland

TITLE

Asst. Dir. Cultural Resources

DATE

5/30/79

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

Charles A. ...
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

7-23-79

ATTEST:

Kynn A. Beebe

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

July 19, 1979

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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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.