

R

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
RECEIVED	JUN 18 1979
DATE ENTERED	JUL 23 1979

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Cornelius Gunn House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

SW of Wallpack Center area

STREET & NUMBER

Ridge Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Wallpack Center

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Wallpack Township

VICINITY OF
CODE

13th, New Jersey

STATE

New Jersey

34

Sussex

037

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- 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 S. Third Street

CITY, TOWN

Philadelphia

VICINITY OF

Pennsylvania

STATE

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 1: Architectural Data Section on
Historic Buildings in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area

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 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.

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 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.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Souder, Norman M. Historic Structures Report, Part 1: Architectural Data Section on Historic Buildings in the DWGNRA. 1967.

Snell, James P. (Compiler), History of Sussex and Warren Counties, New Jersey. Philadelphia, Everts and Peck, 1881. pp. 324, 330.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .6

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,8 5,0,8 3,1,0 4,5 55 41,0
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

D
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See attached sheet.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Wayne K. Bodle

Park Technician

ORGANIZATION

National Park Service

DATE

4/22/77

STREET & NUMBER

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bushkill

STATE

Pennsylvania

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

See SHPO letter

3/20/79 - L. B. Baker 7/19/79

Betty Wilson
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

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

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

DATE

7-27-79

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

Lynn A. Beebe
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

July 19, 1979

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

RECEIVED

JUN 18 1979

JUL 23 1979

DATE ENTERED

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

CONTINUATION SHEET

ITEM NUMBER 10

PAGE 2

Verbal Boundary Description 10
(Cornelius Gunn House)

A

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.