

Form 10-300
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

(Type all entries complete applicable sections)

STATE: Ohio
COUNTY: Mahoning
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
William Holmes McGuffey Boyhood Home Site

AND/OR HISTORIC:
William Holmes McGuffey Boyhood Home Site

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
4505 McGuffey Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Youngstown Coitsville Township

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
19th

STATE: **Ohio** CODE: **39** COUNTY: **Mahoning** CODE: **099**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mr. Julius Laurie

STREET AND NUMBER:
4505 McGuffey Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Youngstown (Coitsville Township)

STATE: **Ohio** CODE: **099**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Registry of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:
120 Market Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Youngstown

STATE: **Ohio** CODE: **39**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The William Holmes McGuffey Boyhood Home Site is located on McGuffey Road near its intersection with State Highway 616, in Coitsville Township, Mahoning County. Although the family apparently resided on the property as early as 1802, county records show that they did not purchase the tract from its original owner until 1814.

The original homestead of 165.96 acres has been subdivided, but the central tract of approximately 73 acres remains in the single ownership of Mr. Julius Laurie. No structures dating from the period of the McGuffey occupancy remain, and the exact location of the log cabin home of the McGuffeys is a subject of dispute, although there is agreement on its general location.

Visitors approach the farm from the center of Youngstown by way of McGuffey Road. Near the roads junction with State Highway 616, the farm may be seen from the distance of one-half mile across an open flat field. Running from north to south across the end of the field is a distant ridge about 40 feet high and about 100 yards in length. The log cabin stood some where in the vicinity of this ridge. The Laurie House sits on the eastern slope of this glacial esker and is barely seen from the approach. Behind the ridge, forming a background, is a forested belt running from east to west. Apple and Peach trees are plentiful along the expanse of open ground. Acres of corn, potatoes, onions and other vegetables are grown on the fertile grounds that were once the McGuffeys.

The William Holmes McGuffey Historical Society is presently in the process of acquiring the property, having raised half of \$65,000 for purchase. Extensive plans for development are proposed which include a replica of the old McGuffey Homestead, an Educators Hall of Farm, a School (McGuffey's father, Alexander, donated land for the purpose of building a schoolhouse soon upon his arrival in Mahoning County from Pennsylvania), gardens and extensive parking facilities.

Boundary Information and Justification

Coitsville Township, Mahoning County

The Northeast part of Great Lot No. Eight (8) and the Northwest part of Great Lot No. Nine (9) of original survey of said Township - Beginning at a point in the center line of the McGuffey Road where the same is intersected by an East line of lands now or formerly owned by Alexander Mack, running thence South by said line of said Mack lands and by the East line of lands now or formerly owned by Jessie P. Wilson about thirty-nine (39) chains and thirty-three (33) links to the North line of lands now or formerly owned by J. L. Burnett, thence East by the North line of lands now or formerly owned by J. L. Burnett; thence East by the North line of said Burnett lands and by the North line of lands now or formerly owned

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1802 - 1818

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

William Holmes McGuffey, college professor and administrator, was one of the nation's foremost advocates of a public school system. He is best known, however, for his famous elementary school texts, the Eclectic Readers. Six in number, they were in common use in 37 states for over 70 years, and some 122 million copies of them were sold. Four generations of Americans learned to read from them, and they exerted a major cultural and educational influence in the life of 19th-century America.

McGuffey was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, on September 23, 1800. Two years later, when the Connecticut Reserve was opened, his parents left Pennsylvania and settled on a farm near Youngstown in what is now Mahoning County, Ohio. On this pioneer homestead, young William spent 16 years. Here his education began. His mother taught him at home, and he attended the short, intermittent sessions of the local schools. In his teens his education was supplemented by private lessons in Latin taught by the pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Youngstown. When McGuffey left the homestead in 1817 to enroll in the Old Stone Academy in Darlington, Pennsylvania, he took with him the love of knowledge instilled in him by his mother and a personal philosophy based on the teachings and precepts of his mother. After graduation from the academy, he matriculated to Washington College, where he graduated with honors in 1826.

Later, in that same year, McGuffey accepted a position as professor of Languages at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. While teaching there he wrote the First, Second and Third Eclectic Readers. Leaving Miami University in 1836, he served in administrative and faculty capacities at several colleges and universities, including the University of Ohio, before becoming Professor of Moral Philosophy and Political Economy at the University of Virginia in 1845. He held this position until his death on May 4, 1873.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Cubberly, Ellwood P., Public Education in the United States (Cambridge Massachusetts: 1947)

Dictionary of American Biography

Mennich, Harvey, William Holmes McGuffey and His Readers (New York: 1936)

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER				LATITUDE		LONGITUDE	
	Degrees	Minutes		Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	17.536860	45	1880	°	'	"	
NE	17.537250	45	1880	°	'	"	
SE	17.537250	45	1110	°	'	"	
SW	17.536860	45	1110	°	'	"	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **73 acres**

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 AND TITLE:
Joseph Scott Mendinghall, Historian

ORGANIZATION: **National Park Service - Historic Sites Survey** DATE: **2/15/75**

STREET AND NUMBER:
1100 L Street NW.

CITY OR TOWN: **Washington** STATE: **D.C.** CODE: **11**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

(NATIONAL HISTORIC
LANDMARKS)

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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