

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

Shoemaker-Houck Farm Complex

HABS: Daniel Shoemaker House (NJ 820)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

S of Walpack Center on

CITY, TOWN

Heney's Mill-Walpack Center Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

Walpack Center, N.J.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Walpack Township VICINITY OF

13th

STATE

New Jersey

CODE

34

COUNTY

Sussex

CODE

037

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (if applicable)

United States Army Corps of Engineers

STREET & NUMBER

United States, Custom House, Second and Chestnut Streets

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

HABS NJ 820 + 821
Daniel Shoemaker House + Spur house

DATE

1976

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 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.

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 checked="" 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 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

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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

Souder, Norman M. Historic Structure Report, Part 1: Architectural
Data on Historic building in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3.2

UTM REFERENCES

A	1, 8	5, 5	0, 99	0, 0	4, 5	5, 4	4, 40
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING				
C							

B						
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING			
D						

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See continuation 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 XX

NO

NONE

Deputy [Signature] 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 State Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE [Signature]

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

[Signature]
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 7-23-79

[Signature] MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: [Signature]

DATE July 19, 1979

[Signature] MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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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

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Area. 1967. pp. 171-172

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

Decker, Amelia Stickney. That Ancient Trail: The Old Mine Road, The First Road of Any Length Built in America. Trenton: Petty Printing Co., 1942

Geographical Data

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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.