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AND/OR COMMON	White Horse Inn	, Old Swanenburg	Farm	
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7 DESCRIPTION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The White Horse Tavern is a two-story stone structure, pointed beneath its present stucco surface. It was built in two stages, the eastern end being built circa 1750. The western end was built at the last decade of the 18th century. The former portion being lowceiled, the roof of that part is lower than that of the western end thus giving the Tavern an easily recognizable profile.

The exterior is distinguished by two end chimneys and a center chimney which actually served the west end of the old section before the addition around 1790. These stone chimneys are capped with brick at the attic level. Two broad doors serve as front entries, and two smaller doors exit from the kitchen-ell and the rear hall. The windows in the eastern end are predominately 6 over 6, with deep sills and plastered squarely on the interior. Those in the western end are 6 over 9.

An enclosed porch runs the length of the Tavern front. It is likely, from accounts of the times, that this was enclosed in the 19th century.

The interior of the tavern is as follows:

The eastern end is constructed in the style of early Pennsylvania. The first floor has two fieldstone fireplaces lined with brick. Two oak lintels remain intact, the one 11-12 feet in length, the other 8'. The larger fireplace has stone ledges for cookware and a candle niche, as it no doubt served the needs of the tavern for cooking. This fireplace is flanked by a spiral stairway leading to the second floor landing.

The western end downstairs has two adjoining rooms with one fireplace in each. These are of steel-grey marble and are closeted on the side.

The cellar is stone-walled with no less than four chimney arches. Some had open flues in the past and may have been used for soapmaking and some cooking. A tunnel connects the new and old portions of the cellar. Original doors still persist between the cellar compartments, and to the outside, leading to a stairway on the exterior. The timbers are at this date, in good repair.

Broad plank flooring exists throughout the Tavern, and all ceilings were originally lath and plaster. Two of these have been "renovated" in the recent past, exposing the beams. These would have to be replastered to the original state. These would have to be replastered to the original state. Vandalism has left many windows broken and the interior exposed to the elements. In spite of this the plaster and woodwork remain intact, Form No. 10-300a . (Hev. 10-74)

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save for one door and two mantles recently stolen. Original hardware is in most cases present. However, several shutters, catches, door knobs, etc. have fallen prey to scavengers. Also located on the property is a gable roofed stucco barn.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

24th

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The White Horse Tavern was situated at the 23rd milestone from Philadelphia, on an early east-west trail (called "The Great Wagon Road"; later, called the "Old Lancaster Turnpike"; later still, "Swedesford Road).

An inn stood in this area from the early 18th century, the first building of log. On the opening of Several 1735-40, the log inn was enlarged to the east with the present (early) stone section. Later, (Post-Revolutionary) the log building was removed for the new west section.

The White Horse Tavern served as a center of commerce to the west for the early life of the colonies. It later served as headquarters for the American forces following the Battle of Brandywine, and at the Battle of the Clouds. It served as a waystation on the Post to Lancaster during the sessions of the Continental Congress there. Its owners were implemental in the communications with Washington at Valley Forge.

As a tavern on the edge of the civilized colonies, the White Horse drew from all classes its clientele; the general, traveling westward to Lancaster and York would sit beside the cattle drovers on the split slab benches and stools of the Inn. Indians, sometimes a threat and at other times entertainment, would perform feats with bow and arrow for drinks of rum or room in the loft of the barn.

The tavern served as a waystation for the first successful coach line to Lancaster. Established by Frederick Doersch and William Weaver, it began its trip from the King of Prussia Tavern, at Market and Third in Philadelphia twice a week. Since the White Horse Tavern stood at the 24 milestone of the Lancaster Road, it served exclusively as the overnight stop of the stage. The fare was 20 shillings.

From its strategic location in the Great Valley, the White Horse commanded a fine view not only of the valley but of the hills to the south. This fact, and the ready access to routes of escape, caused the Inn to serve as headquarters of the continental army after the defeat at Brandywine. On September 16, 1777, Washington regrouped at White Horse, a spot of his own choosing for the reasons above and Form No. 10-300a (Rev. 10-74)

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Significance: (continued)

took a stand against Howe's troops, then at the site of Immaculata College on the Edgmont Road. Skirmishing occurred but a heavy downpour wetted the powder of both armies and prevented further confrontation. Washington's troops withdrew down the Lancaster Road toward Howellville, John Kerlin, then the proprietor of the Inn, served captive host to the Hessian regulars. Their pillage amounted to 199 pounds in value, and Kerlin's claim for this amount still exists. When, in December of 1777, Washington went into quarters in Valley Forge, one of his most trusted messengers, Captain Patrick Anderson, rested here on his relay to Lancaster where the Continental Congress was then in session. Indeed, his home was a short mile or two from the White Horse.

The history of the White Horse as a center of commerce and transportation, of military concerns, and the concerns of simple Pennsylvania farm life is long and has touched many lives in the growth of Pennsylvania and our nation. It has only been since the construction of the new road to Lancaster one mile south of White Horse, that the use of the Tavern as such has declined. Under the care of the Swanenburgs of Frazer, the Inn stood in fine condition for the better part of this century. Within the past 22 years, the Tavern has changed hands often, and received inadequate care.

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ALL THAT CERTAIN parcel of land, with the hereditaments and appurtenances, Situate in the Township of East Whiteland, County of Chester and State of Pennsylvania, bounded, and described according to a certain Plan thereof, made for Watson and Mark Swanenberg, by G.D. Houtman, on March 27, 1954, and described he follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a point in the center line of the Swedesford , Road (proposed Fifty feet wide) at the distance of Two hundred twenty-five feet measured Southeastwardly along the said center line of Swedesford Road from its intersection from the center line of Foute #29, (proposed Fifty feet wide); thence continuing along the center line of the said Swedesford Road, the two following courses and distances: (1) South nighty-four degrees, thirtyfour seconds East, One hundred twelve feet and six-tenths feet to a point, and (2) North Seventy-eight degrees, forty-two seconds Lest. Eighty-seven and fifty-seven one-hundredths feet to a point; whence puscing through an Island (located at the intersection of the suid center line of the Swedesford Road and the center line of the Old Planebrook Avenue) and along the center line of Old Planobrook Avenue, South whisty-two degrees, forty-seven seconds East, Two hundred eighty-eight and seventy-eight onehundredths feet to a point, a corner of Lot #27 on said plan; thence along Lot #27 South Fifty-nine degrees, fourteen seconds West, Two hundred twenty and sixty - seven one-hundredths feet ty a point, a corner of Lot #29 on said plan; thence along Lot #29, the two following courses and distances: (1) North Thirty degrees, forty-six seconds West, One hundred feet to a point; (2) North Sixty-eight degrees, two seconds West, One hundred fortythree and ninety-five one-hundredths feet to a point, a corner of Lot #24; thence extending along said Lot #24, North Five degrees, twenty-six seconds East, Two hundred ten and twenty-nine the-hundredths feet to the first mentioned point and place of beginning.

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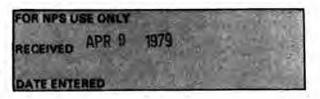
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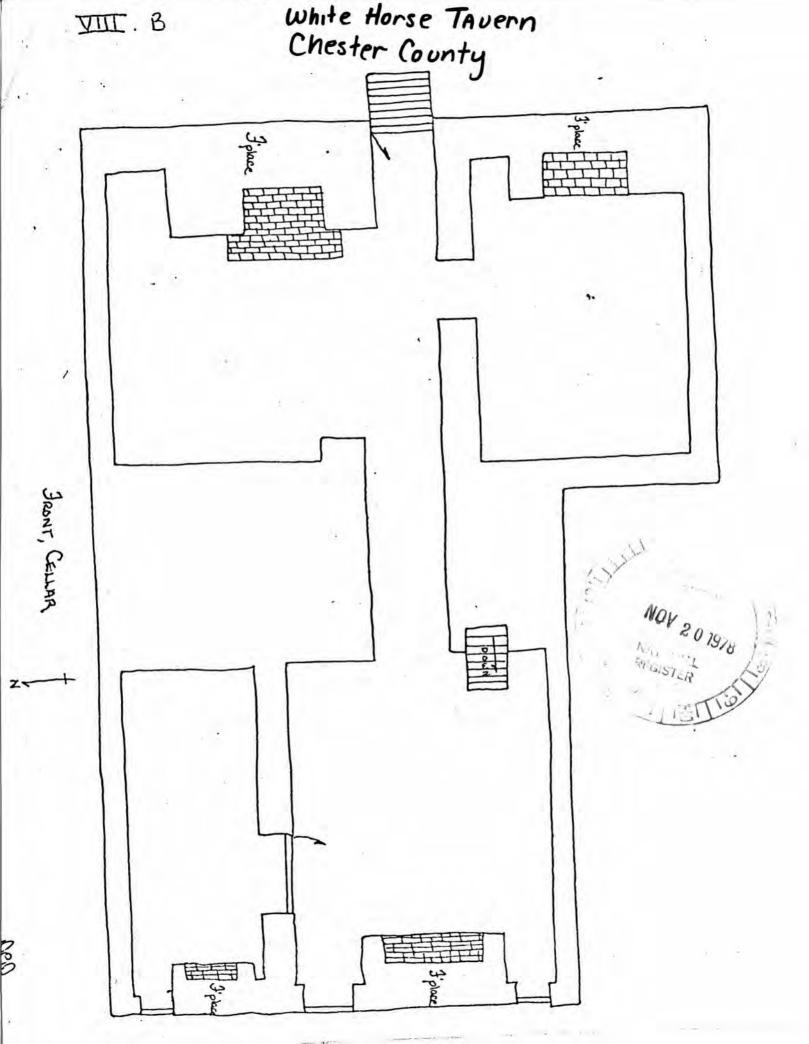
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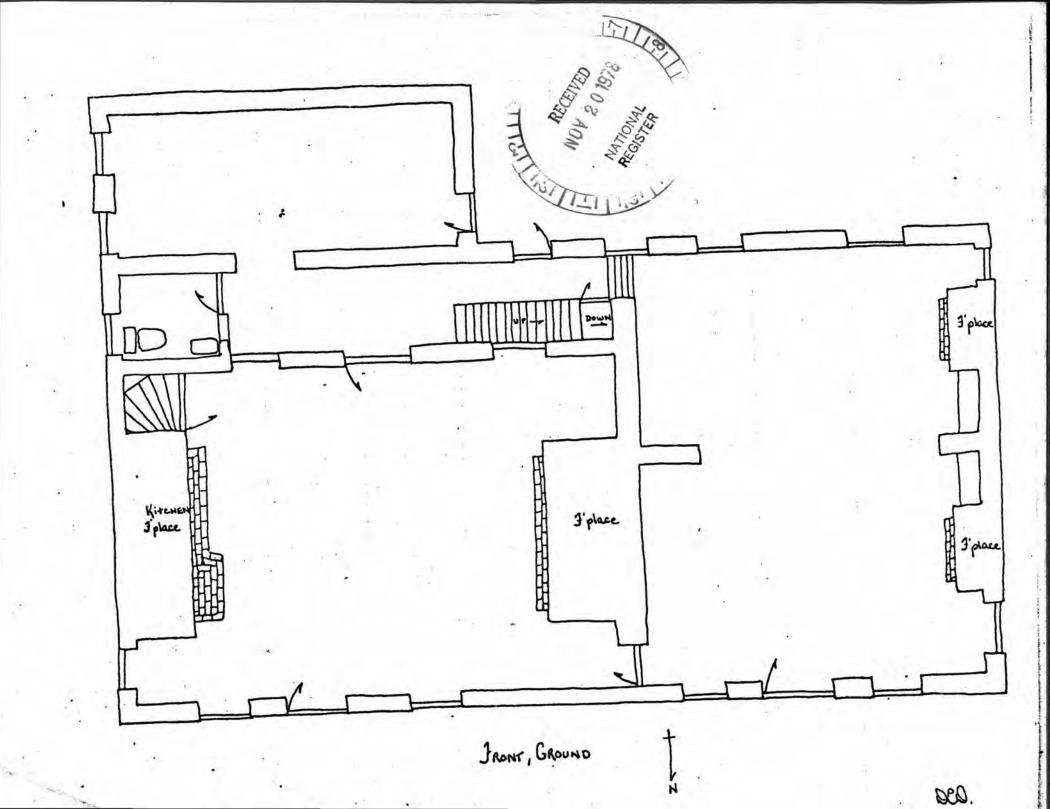
In reviewing a nomination for an adjacent property we find that we made an error in the drawing of the boundaries on the USGS map for the nomination of the White Horse Inn, Chester County, placed on the National Register 12/29/78. Below are the corrected UTM's and site map showing legal boundaries. Also included is a new USGS map.

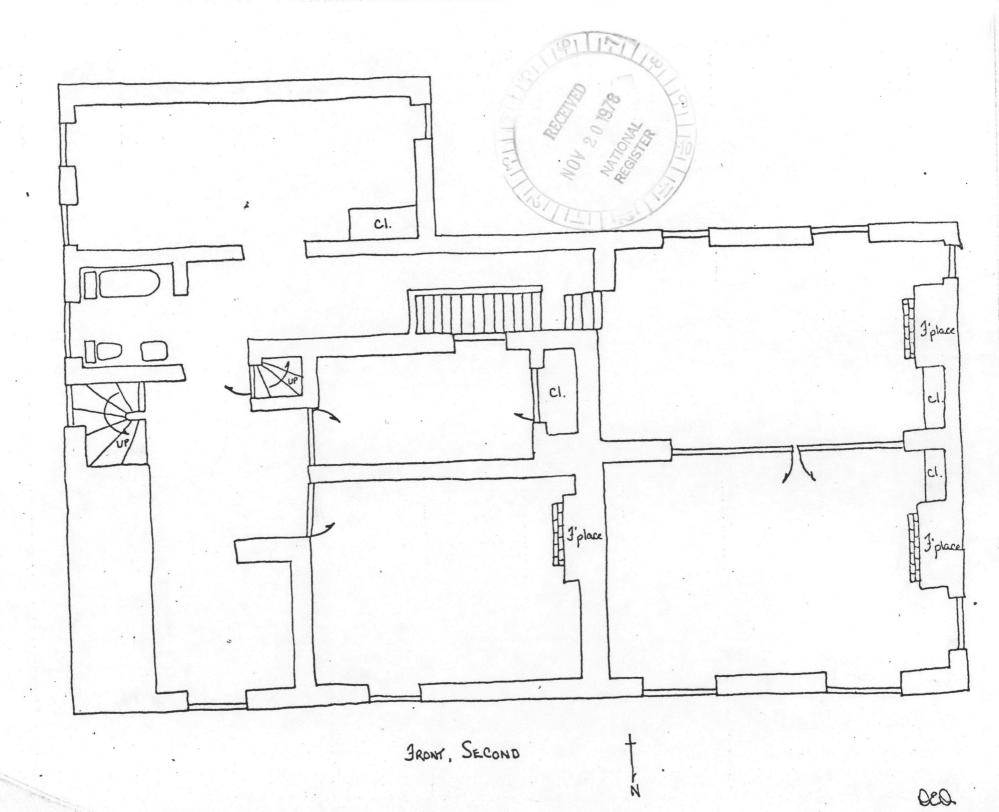
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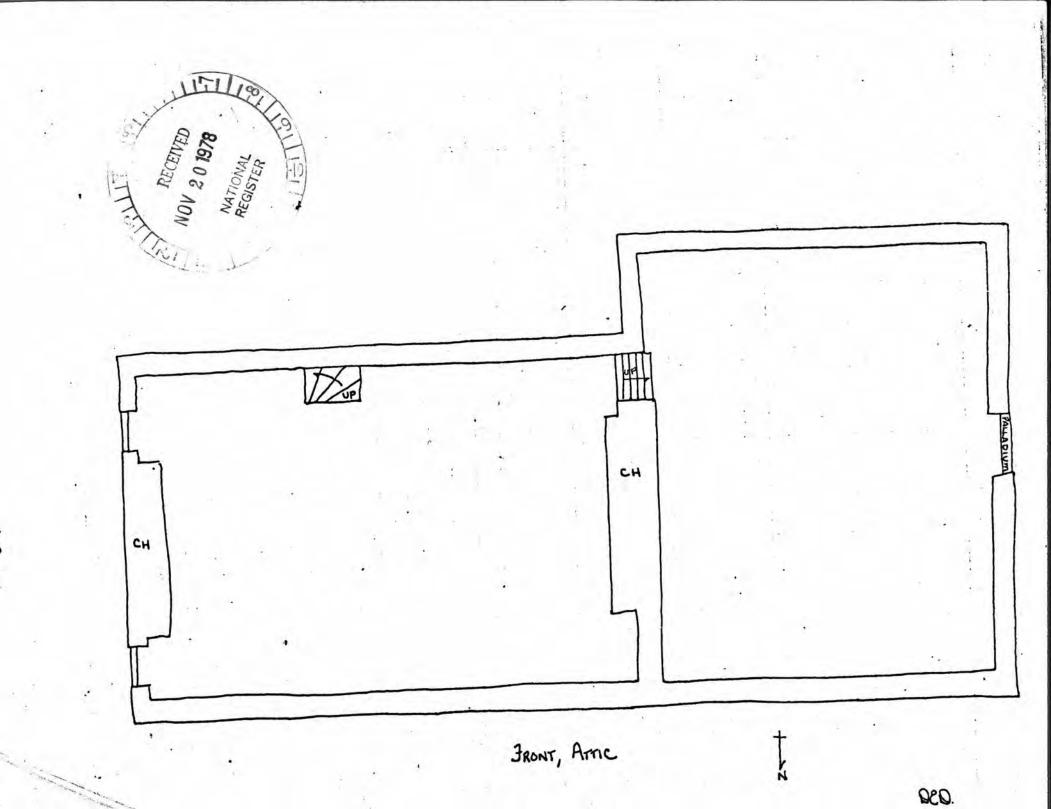
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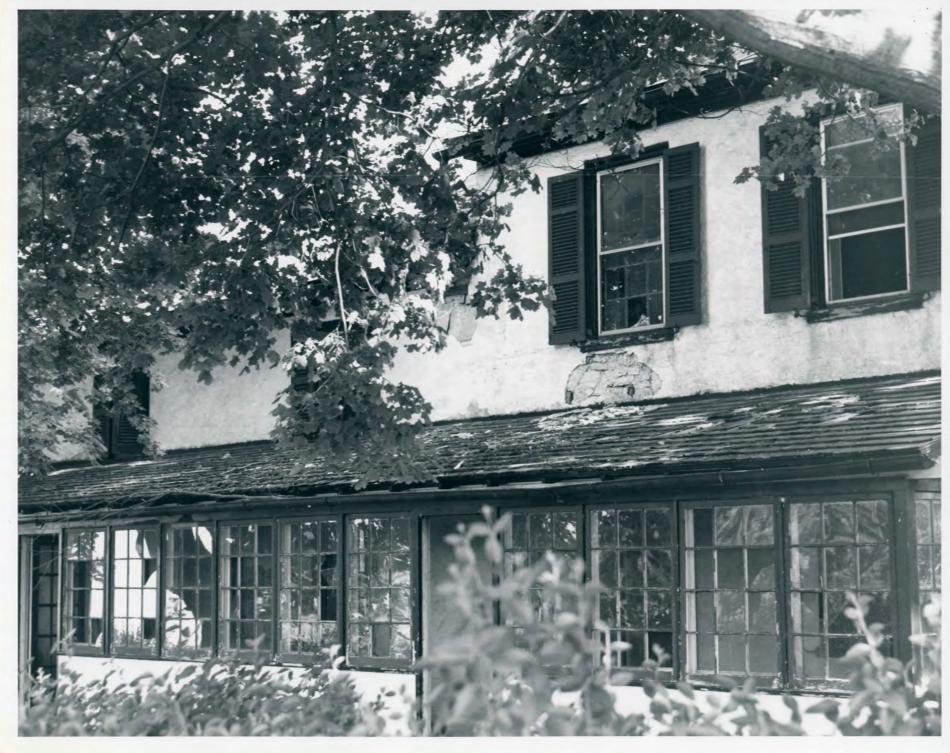


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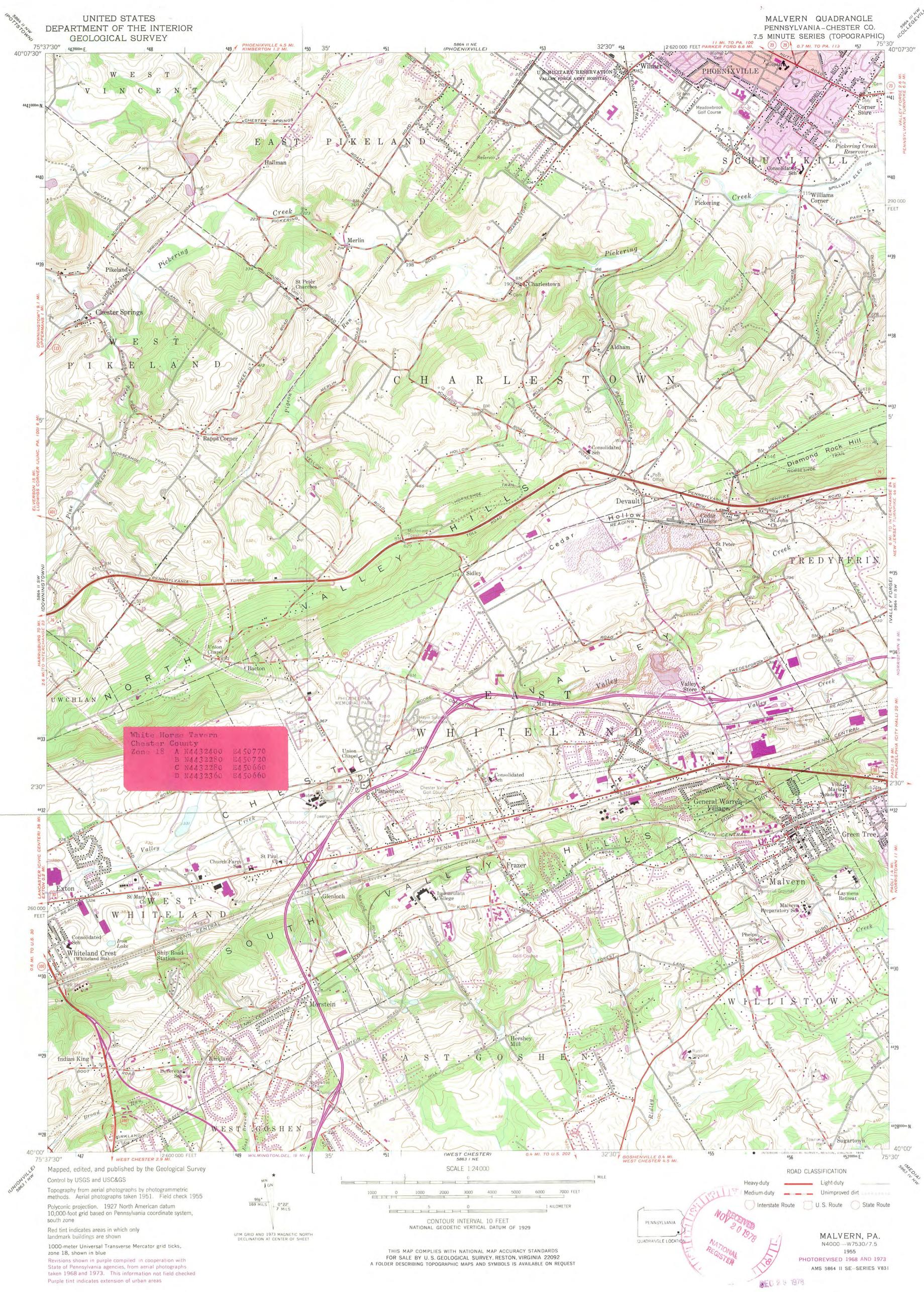
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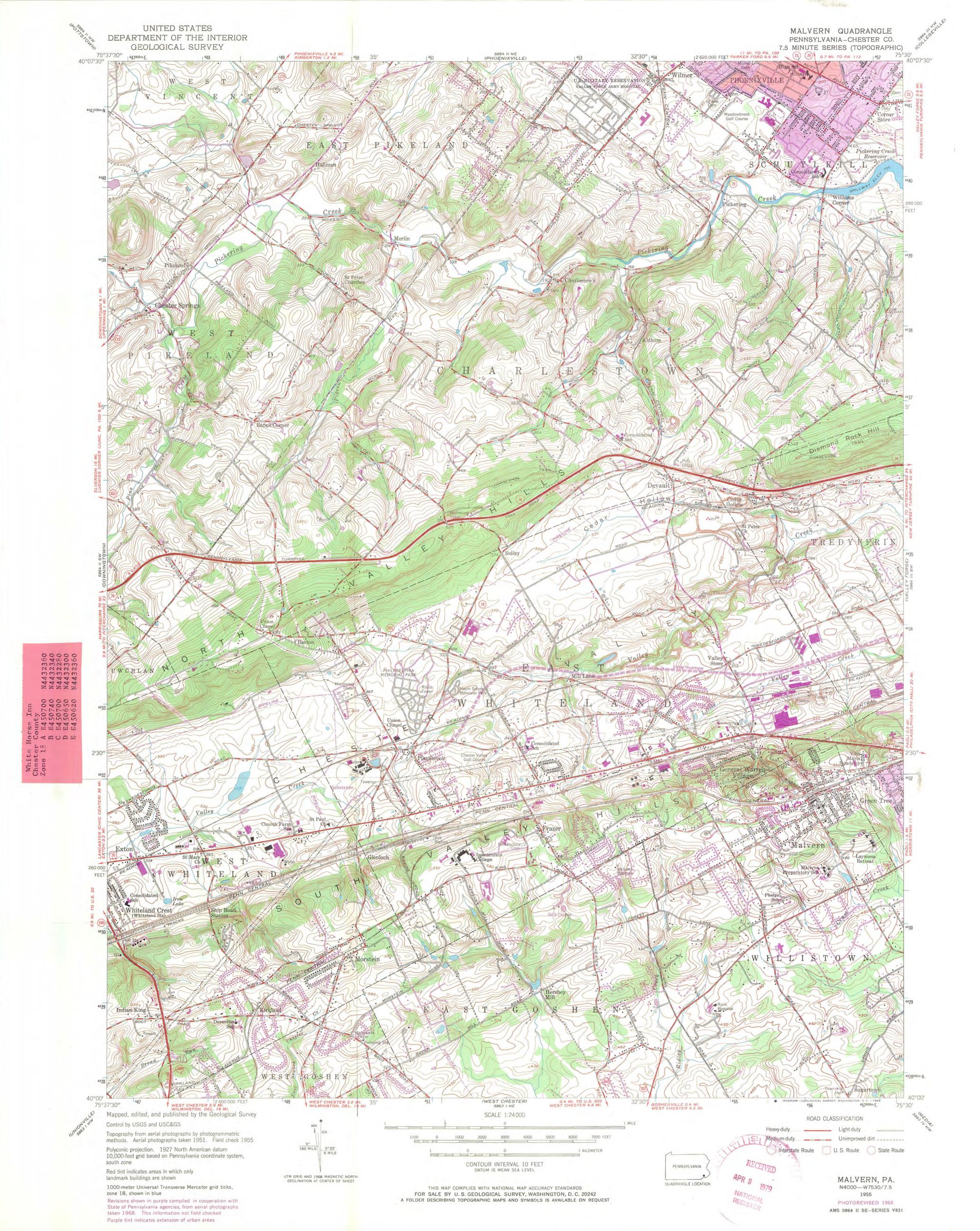


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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION

WILLIAM PENN MEMORIAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES BUILDING BOX 1026

HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120

November 8, 1978 RECEIVE NOV 2019/0 Mr. William J. Murtagh Keeper of the National Register NATIONAL National Register of Historic Places REGISTER Department of the Interior 18th and C Streets, N.W. Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Mr. Murtagh:

Please find enclosed for your review and consideration the following property, White Horse Tavern, Chester County, for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. If any additional information is needed, let us know.

Sincerely yours,

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William K. Watson Grant Manager Office of Historic Preservation

Enclosure

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TELEPHONE REPORT OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECT: White planse Tavern TO/FROM: Madeline Cohen DATE: 12-26-76 ADDRESS: PA SHPO PHONE: STAFF MEMBER: Lightner DIVISION: REPORT: I asked her about missing words in the nomination. She supplied them. (These are penalled in .) Since building is deteriorated, I asked her about plans for preservation. She said both the community & owner are interested in restoration. They plan to make use bldg for a restaurant or other commercial purpose & want it hoted on NK to take advantage of Jan act. the also said they would be eligible for a grant from the state if they apply for one.

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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White Horse Tavern

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Also Notified

Honorable Richard S. Schweiker Honorable Henry John Heinz III Honorable Richard T. Schulze

State Historic Preservation Officer Mr. Ed Weintraub Executive Director, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission P.O. Box 1026 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

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For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.

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