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STATE: PENNSYLVANIA
COUNTY: MONROE
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:
QUIET VALLEY FARM MUSEUM

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
R.D. 2

CITY OR TOWN:
STROUDSBURG

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
TENTH

STATE:
PENNSYLVANIA

CODE: 42

COUNTY:
MONROE

CODE: 089

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <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 type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
QUIET VALLEY FARM MUSEUM INC.

STREET AND NUMBER:
R.D. 2

CITY OR TOWN:
STROUDSBURG

STATE:
PENNSYLVANIA

CODE:
42

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
MONROE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

STREET AND NUMBER:
MONROE STREET

CITY OR TOWN:
STROUDSBURG

STATE:
PENNSYLVANIA

CODE:
42

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
PENNSYLVANIA REGISTER OF HISTORIC SITES AND LANDMARKS

DATE OF SURVEY: 12/71

Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
WILLIAM PENN MUSEUM

STREET AND NUMBER:
30x 1026

CITY OR TOWN:
HARRISBURG

STATE:
PENNSYLVANIA

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input 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

QUIET VALLEY FARM MUSEUM CONSISTS OF THE ORIGINAL 72 ACRE HOMESTEAD PURCHASED BY JOHAN PETER ZEPER (TOPPER) IN 1765. JOHAN ZEPER AND HIS WIFE EMIGRATED FROM THE PALATINATE AND SETTLED ON THIS TRACT OF ROUGH LAND IN THE POCONO FOOTHILLS, LAND MUCH LIKE THAT WHICH THEY HAD LEFT IN EUROPE. THE FARM WAS OPERATED BY THE ZEPER'S DESCENDANTS UNTIL 1958, WHEN IT PASSED TO A PRIVATE PARTY WHO NOW OPERATE THE FARM AS A LIVING MUSEUM OF 19TH CENTURY RURAL LIFE.

STRUCTURES ON THE SITE INCLUDE:

MAIN HOUSE - CONSTRUCTED SHORTLY AFTER 1765, THE MAIN HOUSE WAS OF SQUARE LOG CONSTRUCTION BUILT ON AN EXPOSED STONE BASEMENT. THE ORIGINAL HOUSE WAS ONE STORY WITH A LOFT, BUT EARLY IN THE 19TH CENTURY ANOTHER STORY WAS ADDED. THE ORIGINAL HOUSE FEATURED A SMALL CAVE-LIKE KITCHEN WITH A BEATEN CLAY FLOOR AND AN ADJOINING EARTHEN COLD ROOM. IN 1892 AN 18 BY 11 FOOT, FRAME AND CLAPBOARD KITCHEN WING AND PORCH WERE ADDED TO THE ORIGINAL 24 BY 26 FOOT LOG HOUSE. THE HOUSE HAS UNDERGONE NO RENOVATION SINCE THEN. IT HAS NO ELECTRICITY AND NO PLUMBING, BUT IT DOES CONTAIN MOST OF THE 19TH CENTURY FURNISHINGS AND APPOINTMENTS.

SPRING HOUSE - BUILT ABOUT THE SAME TIME AS THE LOG HOUSE, THE SPRING HOUSE IS A 10 BY 12 FOOT STONE BUILDING WITH A STONE FLOOR AND SHAKE ROOF.

BARN - THE PRESENT BARN DATES FROM 1850 AND IS OF THE BANK BARN STYLE. OF FRAME CONSTRUCTION ON A STONE FOUNDATION, THE BARN MEASURES 46 BY 47 FEET. IT HAS A LARGE ENCLOSED FOREBAY WITH THREE ARCHED ENTRANCES IN THE FRONT. HERE TOO, MOST OF THE MID 19TH CENTURY FARMING IMPLEMENTS STILL REMAIN.

OTHER MID 19TH CENTURY BUILDINGS LOCATED BETWEEN THE HOUSE AND THE BARN INCLUDE A FRAME WASH HOUSE, A DRY HOUSE FOR DRYING FRUIT, AND A SMOKE HOUSE. AN ICEHOUSE, STORAGE SHED, AND WAGON SHED LIE TO THE SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST OF THE FARMHOUSE. A SMALL BRICK AND STONE BAKE OVEN AND A 1 1/2 STORY LOG CABIN (GRANNY HOUSE) ARE MODERN RESTORATIONS LOCATED A SHORT DISTANCE TO THE NORTHWEST OF THE FARM HOUSE.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1765, 1850

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input 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

ALTHOUGH SEVERAL OF THE BUILDINGS AT THE QUIET VALLEY FARM CAN BE TRACED TO THE ORIGINAL 1765 SETTLEMENT, THE FARM AS A WHOLE IS MORE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE 19TH CENTURY. THE FARM IS SIGNIFICANT NOT ONLY BECAUSE IT HAS A COMPLETE COLLECTION OF 18TH AND 19TH CENTURY FARM BUILDINGS AND IMPLEMENTS, BUT ALSO BECAUSE IT REPRESENTS THE NOW VANISHED WAY OF LIFE OF 90% OF OUR ANCESTORS.

THE FARM IS NOW OPERATED AS A FUNCTIONING MUSEUM BY 3 GENERATIONS OF A LOCAL FARM FAMILY. WHILE OPERATED ON A PAYING BASIS, THE QUIET VALLEY FARM MUSEUM IS LACKING IN MOST OF THE ASPECTS OF 20TH CENTURY COMMERCIALISM. IT IS MUCH MORE THAN A MUSEUM. IT IS ONE OF THE FEW REMAINING EXAMPLES OF THE OLD SELF-SUFFICIENT FARM AND THE WAY OF LIFE OF THE EXTENDED FAMILY THAT IT SHELTERED.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

No KNOWN SOURCES. X

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		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	40° 57' 33"	75° 15' 14"		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	40° 57' 33"	75° 14' 52"				
SE	40° 57' 11"	75° 14' 52"				
SW	40° 57' 11"	75° 15' 14"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 72 ACRES

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
WILLIAM WATSON, HISTORIAN

ORGANIZATION: PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION DATE: Oct. 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN: HARRISBURG STATE: PENNSYLVANIA CODE: 42

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

Owner of property notified 10/5/72
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 William Watson
STATE LIAISON OFFICER

Title DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
PA. HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION

Date 11/23/73

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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PENNSYLVANIA
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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SCRANTON 4.0 MI. |
BARTONSVILLE 0.7 MI. |

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