

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Pennsylvania	
COUNTY: Erie	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Old Customs House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
409 State Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Erie

STATE Pennsylvania	CODE 42	COUNTY: Erie	CODE 049
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Administrated by Pa.

STREET AND NUMBER:
Historical and Museum Commission
Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN: Harrisburg	STATE: Pennsylvania	CODE: 42
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Court House Deed Books

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Erie	STATE: Pennsylvania	CODE: 42
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Building Survey

DATE OF SURVEY:
 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
United States Dept. of the Interior

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Washington	STATE: D.C.	CODE: 11
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Home of Erie County Historical Society.
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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)

1839

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" 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 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 checked="" 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

The Old Customs House in Erie has had a long and diversified life. The Greek Revival structure served as the home of the Erie Branch of The United States Bank in Pennsylvania. After the Bank of The United States went out of existence the building served many purposes. It was the Post Office until 1867. From 1849 until 1888 the building served as a Customs House for the port of Erie. Some years later the building was the home of the Strong Vincent Post of The Grand Army of the Republic and later the home of the Erie County Historical Society.

The Old Customs House is an important structure for several reasons. The building is an excellent example of Greek Revival architecture. This architectural style was not common in the Northwestern portion of Pennsylvania during the 1830's. The construction of this structure symbolized the early growth of business and finance in America and the rapid growth of Erie County.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Reed, John Elmer. The Old Customs House of Erie, Pennsylvania Erie County Historical Society Publications, Vol. 1 No. 7, January 1937.

The Erie Story, " Old Customs House", April 1966

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	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Under one acre

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: Keeper

ORGANIZATION: Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Comm. DATE: July 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: Third and North Streets

CITY OR TOWN: Harrisburg STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

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

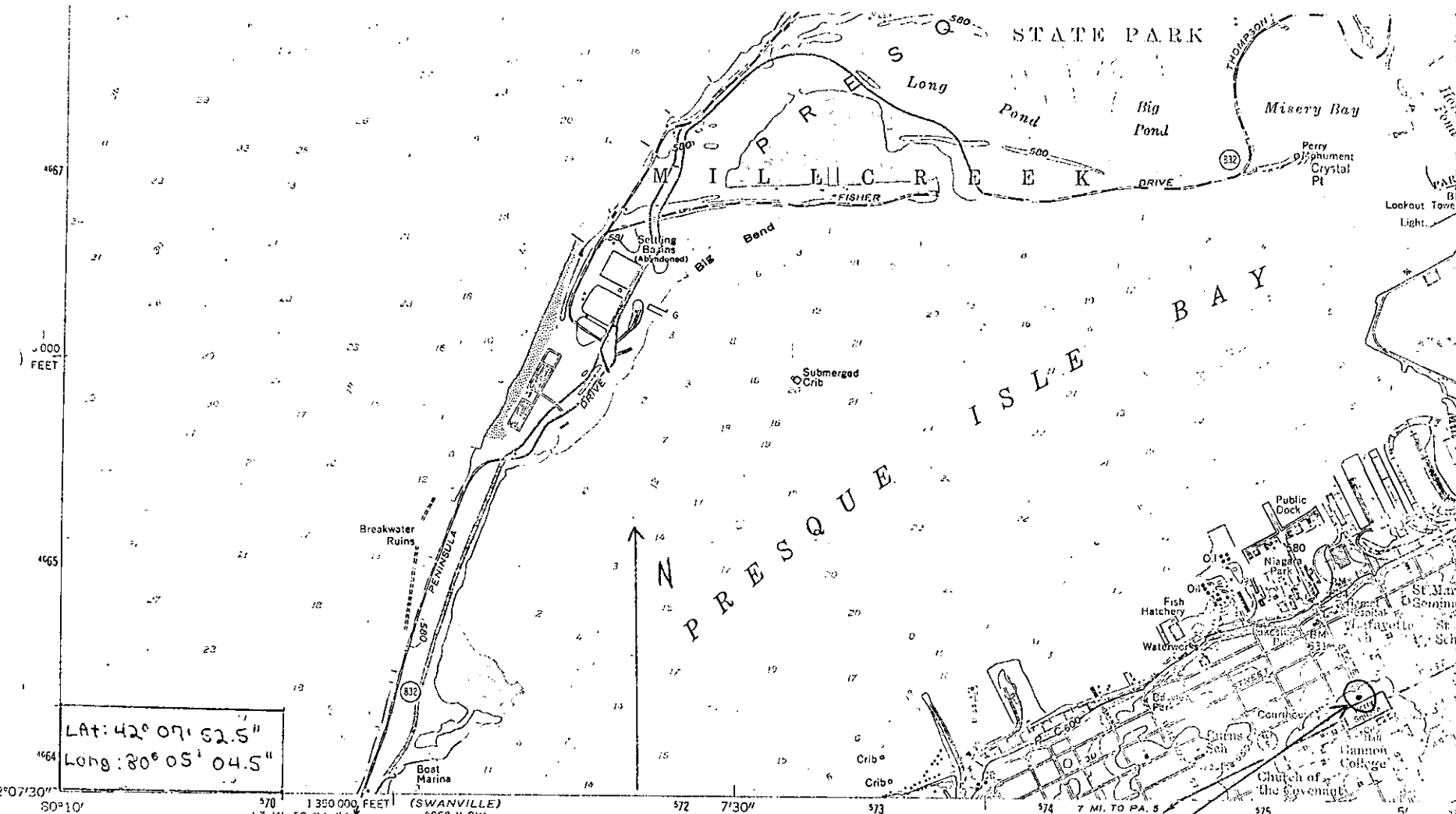
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Name _____
 Title Executive Director
 Pa. Historical and Museum Commission
 Date _____

Date _____
 ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register
 Date _____



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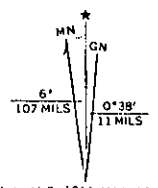
Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
 Control by USGS, USC&GS, and U. S. Lake Survey

Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods
 Aerial photographs taken 1955. Field check 1957

Hydrography in Lake Erie from U. S. Lake Survey charts 33 (1956)
 and 332 (1956). This information is not intended for navigational purposes

Reference projection. 1927 North American datum
 D. M. S. 1927 based on French 1793 meridian system.

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