

E.O. 11593

DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY NOTIFICATION
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service

Redington Historic District
Name of property: (PA 33 Extension Project)

Location: Northampton Co., *Lower Saucon*

State: PENNSYLVANIA

Request submitted by: FHWA/Manuel A. Marks

Date received: 4/23/90

Additional information received:

Opinion of the State Historic Preservation Officer:

☒ Eligible

☐ Not Eligible

☐ No Response

Comments:

The Secretary of the Interior has determined that this property is:

☒ Eligible Applicable criteria: *A*

☐ Not Eligible

Comments:

36 CFR Part 63.5
Determination

☐ Documentation insufficient

(Please see accompanying sheet explaining additional materials required)

Manuel P. Lando
Keeper of the National Register

Date: *7 May 1990*



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION
BUREAU FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION
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Jan. 31, 1990

Fred W. Boyser, Director
Bureau of Design
Department of Transportation
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Re: ER 88-0224-095-G
Northampton County
S.R. 0033, Sec. A09 & A10
(TR33 Extension Project)
Additional Information for
Determination of Eligibility
of Reddington Historic
District, Lower Saucon Twp.

Dear Mr. Bowser:

Based on the supplemental information recently submitted to the Bureau for Historic Preservation concerning the above referenced project, the Bureau has re-evaluated the effect of this activity on cultural resources. Your cooperation in dealing with this matter has been appreciated.

It is the opinion of the State Historic Preservation Officer that the following properties are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places:

Reddington Historic District, Lower Saucon Township

If you need further information in this matter please consult Susan M. Zacher at (717) 783-9920.

Sincerely,

Brenda Barrett
Director

cc: Alan D. Tabachnick, Cultural Heritage Research Service, Inc.
Roy Leister, PDOT, Bur. of Design
BB/snz



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December 14, 1989

Ms. Susan Zacher
PHMC
Third and North Streets
Harrisburg, PA 17108

Dear Ms. Zacher:

In response to the comments received from the PHMC concerning the Route 33 Report, and after consulting with you on December 13, I have prepared additional materials for your use in evaluating the Redington Historic District. As per our conversation, I am including this material in the final report, with the Historic Resource forms and with the National Register Nomination. The map clarifies the relationship of all of the contributing elements and identifies the specific buildings described in the text. In addition, the written information further clarifies the relationship of the elements of the site, discusses the different ruins found on the site, and elaborates on the significance of the Redington Historic District under Criterion D. Finally, as per our conversation, the original photographs of Plates 1, 2, and 3, will be inserted into the report.

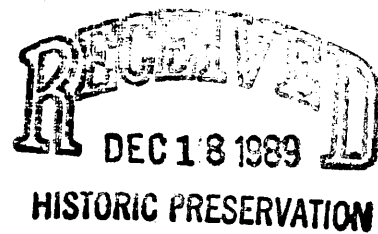
If you have any additional questions, or if I can be of any further help, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Alan D. Tabachnick
Preservation Specialist

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These changes should address your concerns.



REDINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICT: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Site Information: The buildings discussed in the architectural description section of the National Register Nomination, and the Pennsylvania Historic Resource Form, are identified on the National Register District Boundary illustration included with the site forms. Although other buildings are identified within the district, only six of the buildings contribute to the district and date from the period of the Coleraine Iron Company. Buildings 1 and 2 are located along the south side of the railroad line along the Lehigh River. Buildings 3 through 6 are located on both sides of Redington Road.

Ruin Identification:

(refer to Redington Historic District Boundary Map, included)

Ruins located in the zone just north of Redington Road, include the large stone arches (A), a concrete guard house, and a large rectangular foundation (B). This section of ruins is visible on historic photographs included with the forms. The only element which clearly dates to the earliest use of this site by the Coleraine Iron Company is the stone and brick arches which were part of the furnace complex (A). Ruins located in the zone west of Redington Road include concrete foundations of various sizes and shapes, brick foundations and walls, fences, utility poles, ramps, and other features. Further examination of this section was not carried out due to its distance from the project area, circa 4,000 feet. Historic photographs of this zone of the site are included with the site forms. The quarry, visible as Zone C, was used as an ordnance testing area, however no standing historic structures appear to remain within the area. Zone D, the site of company housing for the Coleraine Iron Company, and later used by workers at the Bethlehem Steel Company, was not studied, but it is possible that foundations may remain. Historic photographs of this zone are included with the site forms.

Significance Under Criterion D:

(refer to Redington Historic District Boundary Map, included)

The ruins located to the north of Redington Road were identified through a pedestrian walk-over, which discovered concrete foundations, railroad trestles, and other features (Zones A and B). The ruins located to the west of Redington Road, approximately 3000 feet west, were identified by a drive-by (Zones C and Ruins). No pedestrian reconnaissance was carried out in this location, due to its distance from the project area. However, numerous ruins were seen, including concrete foundations of various sizes and shapes, concrete walls, brick foundations, and other structural features. As the district lay entirely outside of the area of project impact, no archaeological testing was performed. There is a potential for archaeological remains in addition to the building foundations which were noted. It is possible that subsurface remains may be present which relate to site use. These would include prehistoric archaeological remains and historical archaeological remains. It is possible that prehistoric archaeological remains are extant within the floodplain beneath the historic materials. Historical archaeological remains which could be anticipated would include ruins, remains of ancillary buildings, and subsurface deposits including: waste from the foundry process, waste products from the munitions operations, and domestic middens associated with the workers housing (no longer standing). These potential remains may be situated throughout all of the zones of the Redington Historic District.

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM BUREAU FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION Box 1026 PA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION Harrisburg, PA 17120		7. Local survey organization		1. County Northampton County	
8. property owners name and address Joseph J. Deremer 4750 Wm Penn Hwy Easton, PA 18042		9. tax parcel number / other number #N8-14-2 Block 10, Parcel 1		10. U.T.M. zone easting northing usgs sheet:	
12. classification site () structure () object () building (District) in N.R. district yes () no ()		13. date(s) (how determined) 1871, 1910		15. style, design or folk type N/A	
16. architect or engineer Unknown		17. contractor or builder Bethlehem Steel		19. original use part of an iron producing community 20. present use target range/vacant	
23. site plan with north arrow 		18. primary building mat./construction Concrete		21. condition concrete ruins/fair 22. integrity foundations/fair	
24. photo notation Historical view of industrial complex, ca. 1910. Drawing at Bethlehem Steel.				6. other name (historic name if any) Redington Works/Proving Grounds	
25. file/location		26. brief description (note unusual features, integrity, environment, threats and associated buildings) The Redington area, south of the Lehigh River and west of the study corridor, was the location of a number of important industrial developments, and appears to meet the criteria of eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, specifically meeting Criterion A. The Coleraine Iron Company functioned here from 1869 to 1893. Remains from this period include large, cut stone and brick arches that were part of the furnace complex. At the height of the company's activity, two furnaces were working on the site. Other remnants from this period include a number of late nineteenth-century, frame houses located south of the site. Building One: Building One is a two-and-one-half story, two-bay, gable- (cont.)		2. municipality Lower Saucon Township	
27. history, significance and/or background The Redington Historic District appears to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places for its significance under Criterion A of the National Register. The site is significant because of its association with Bethlehem Steel's Proving Grounds and Shell Filling Plant. The significance of the site and of its usage by Bethlehem Steel is discussed fully in the attached information.		28. sources of information (see attached sheets)		3. street address or specific location Along south bank of Lehigh River near Redington	
29. prepared by: Alan Tabachnick CHRS, Inc.		30. date 3/8/88		revision(s)	

26) (cont.) roofed, frame dwelling; it has internal end chimneys and a modern, frame addition on its west side. The house, which has been sheathed in asbestos shingles, faces south and has a hipped-roofed porch on the main (south) facade. The windows are two/two, double-hung and have wooden frames. A one-story, shed-roofed storage structure is attached to the southern bay of the east facade. The second story of the east facade has one two/two, double-hung window in the southern bay, and a pair of two/two, double-hung, wooden windows let light into the attic. The roof has been sheathed in composition shingles. There is a two-story addition to the rear facade of the house. This two-bay by one-bay structure has a gable roof. Building One is in fair condition, but its integrity has been greatly diminished by the large addition on the west.

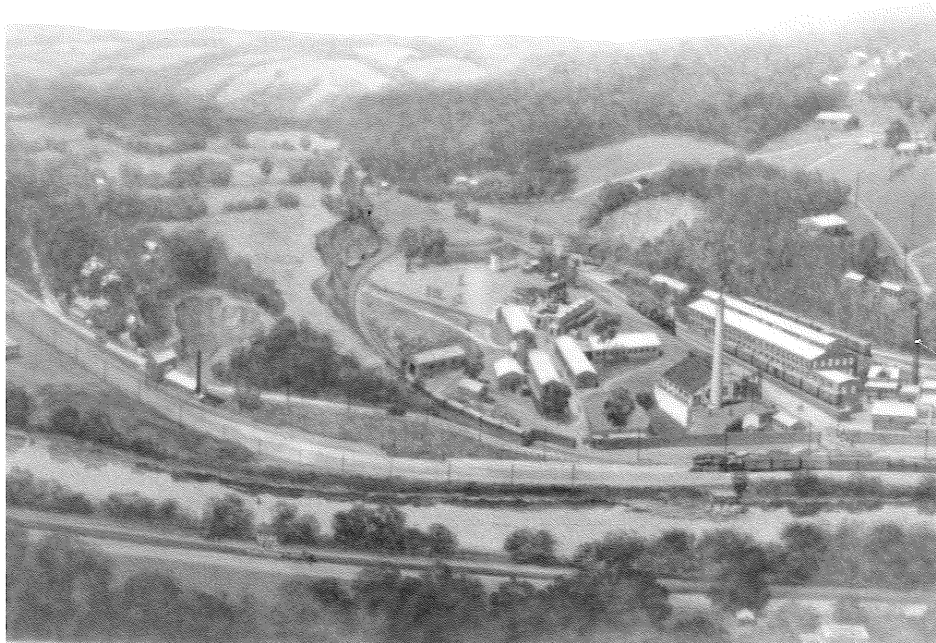
Building Two: Building Two is a two and one-half story, three-bay dwelling with a cross gable at the rear. Aluminum siding obscures the frame construction of the house. The front (north) facade has been altered on the first story, where there is a door at the eastern bay and a large, single-paned window has been added west of the door. The second story, which has three symmetrically placed bays, shows the historically correct fenestration of the house. In the gable is a full sized, wood-framed window; like most of the other windows on the house, it is two/two, double-hung. There is a shed-roofed porch on this facade. The cross-gabled section of Building Two, also two and one-half stories, has six symmetrically placed bays on the east facade. The bay window on the first story of the west facade appears to be original. All of the windows on this facade are wooden, two/two, double-hung. The roof of the house has been sheathed with slate shingles. This house is in good condition and has good integrity despite the recent aluminum siding.

Building Three: The school-house/meeting house associated with the Coleraine Iron Company has been designated as Building Three. It is sited facing east on a rise above the former industrial complex. The frame building, a one and one-half story, three-bay, frame structure, sits with its gable running perpendicular to the road. The building rests on a fieldstone foundation. Its front (east) facade has a shed-roofed porch and a central door flanked by two windows. There is a window at the gable. The door and all the windows on this facade, like most on the building, have been sealed with wood boards. The south facade has three symmetrically placed bays with elaborately carved window moldings. The north facade is identical to the south facade. The building has a slate roof, is in fair condition, and is currently being stabilized.

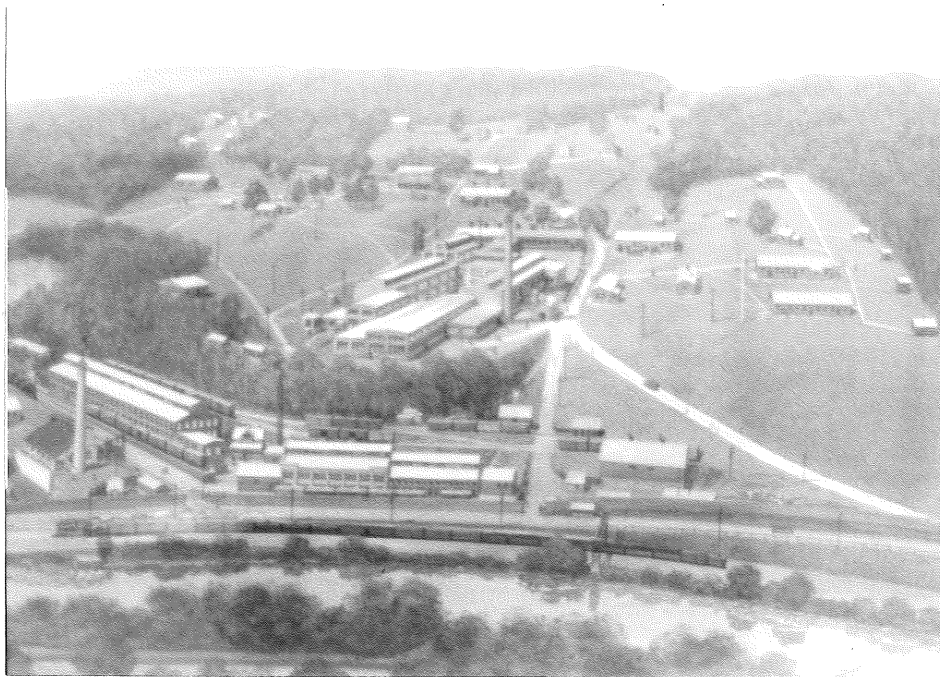
Building Four: Building Four within the Redington Historic District sits on the east side of Redington Road and faces west. This two and one-half story, three-bay, frame dwelling has a gable roof and brick interior end chimneys. The door of the front facade opens from the northern bay and has an elaborate pilastered enframing. The windows on this facade are two/two, double-hung and have wooden frames. The house, which has been covered in (cont.)

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Center Section of Redington Site, ca. 1910.



Western section of Redington Site, ca. 1910.
Photo of drawing at Bethlehem Steel Corp, Bethlehem, PA.

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Building 5: Coleraine Iron Company worker house.



Building 6: Coleraine Iron Company, double worker house.

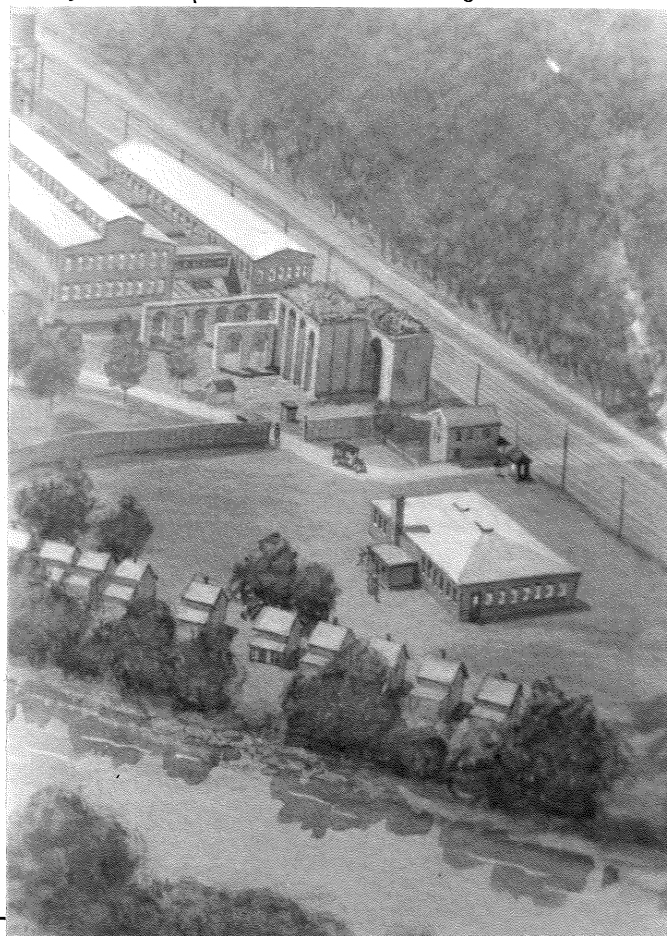
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View of stone arches from Coleraine Iron Co., later part of the Redington Works.

Close up view of stone arches as integrated into Works. Note worker houses constructed for the Coleraine Iron Company, but also used later.



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Building 1: Coleraine Iron Company House.



Building 2: Coleraine Iron Company Worker Housing.

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Building 3: Coleraine Iron Company School.



Building 4: Worker Housing.

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