

William Nyce House (Eshbach House)
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north of Egypt Mills vicinity,
Lehman Township
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STATE PENNSYLVANIA	COUNTY PIKE	TOWN OR VICINITY NEAR EGYPT MILL, LEHMAN TOWNSHIP
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) WILLIAM NYCE HOUSE (Original Owner)		HABS NO. PA-1163
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Eshbach House		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) West side of U.S. Rte. 209, 1.5 miles north of Egypt Mills in Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Circa 1820.	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) None known	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Resembling an 18th century Georgian house in plan and fenestration, the Nyce House is an excellent example of an early 19th century frame and clapboard house in the Delaware region. It is also notable for its association with the Nyce family who owned the house until 1948.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Resembling a Georgian house.		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Of wood frame construction with clapboard exterior.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) It is a large two-and-one-half story house with an interior end chimney, capped by a gabled roof with the ridge running parallel to the main elevation.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The five bay symmetrical facade contains a front entrance with side lights and a fan-light, and is set into an entablature. The windows are nine-over-nine double-hung sash windows.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The plan is a conventional center hall type. Much of the original woodwork and hardware remain, including reeded and gouge carved mantels, wrought iron strap hinges and six panel doors with original wrought iron elbow latches.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES There is a later frame addition in the rear and modern porches on the sides that are set back from the east (front) elevation. The shutters are not original. An old photograph (Henn, Wm. F. <u>The Story of the River Road</u> , 1975) shows a front porch which is now gone.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE The house is in excellent condition and is presently owned by J. Russell Eshbach.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Henn, William F., <u>The Story of the River Road</u> , 1975 Mathews, A., <u>History of Wayne, Pike and Monroe Counties, Pennsylvania</u> , R.T. Peck, Philadelphia, 1886.		
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