Findings

This survey documented architecturally significant properties 50 years old or older that were visible from the public right of way within the West Branch Susquehanna River Valley towns of Jersey Shore, Muncy, and Montgomery. This resulted in the identification of a total of 60 significant historic buildings. Of the 60, 6 are located in Jersey Shore, 41 are located in Muncy, and 13 are located in Montgomery. Of these 60, one is currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places (St. James Episcopal Church, located in Muncy), 1 was found to have been previously determined eligible for listing (The McHenry-Bone House, Jersey Shore) and 17 were determined by the surveyors to be potentially eligible for listing. The 60 significant properties identified by the survey were recorded because they retained sufficient integrity of materials, design, workmanship, location, feeling, association and/or setting to be considered potentially eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

A separate survey was taken of historic buildings in Williamsport prior to the survey of Jersey Shore, Muncy, and Montgomery. That survey was a reconnaissance level survey which examined every building in Williamsport over 50 years of age and served to update the City’s 2005 List of Significant Historic Buildings and Sites.

The Williamsport survey indicated that the historic building stock falls in line with the industrial trends of the city, which also mirror the industrial trends of the County at large, although Williamsport was certainly the center of the industrial activity. The same is true in the boroughs examined in this survey. It was found in all areas that the majority of structures date from the time of the lumber boom from 1860-1900. After the decline of the lumber industry, new construction had fallen off. A small sample of buildings were constructed in the early 20th century. This slight increase in construction is most likely a result of the new industries introduced to the area after the depression.

The majority of structures surveyed in Jersey Shore, Muncy and Montgomery are classified as Vernacular, most adapting Queen Anne or Victorian details. The “Other” category is the second most common style identified by the survey. This category includes mostly industrial, commercial, institutional and religious structures that were constructed with no particular architectural style. Mid-century modern style buildings did not occur nearly as frequently as in Williamsport, and none were identified which possessed or retained any notable characteristics. Queen Anne, Federal, and Italianate were the other documented styles. A small number of Second Empire buildings were documented, and the Classical, Gothic, and Colonial Revival styles are also represented.

No previously unidentified clusters of historic buildings were identified outside of existing historic districts in any of the three boroughs examined in this survey. A handful of properties were identified which appear to be potentially eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and warrant further study. Those properties are discussed further in the following sections.
Findings in Williamsport held true in Muncy, Jersey Shore and Montgomery. The majority of architecturally significant historic properties were Vernacular in style and constructed around the turn of the century or earlier.

Surveyed Building Stock in Muncy, Jersey Shore and Montgomery by Year of Construction

1910 & Earlier: 87%
1911-1949: 10%
1950-1965: 3%

Number of Properties Surveyed in Williamsport by Architectural Style

- Vernacular: 116
- Italianate: 7
- Moderne: 7
- Colonial Revival: 6
- Federal: 6
- Second Empire: 5
- Romanesque: 5
- Tudor: 5
- Commercial: 4
- French Renaissance: 4
- Classical Revival: 4
- American Four-square: 3
- Bungalow: 3
Surveyed Building Stock in Williamsport by Year of Construction

- Pre-1900: 54%
- 1901-1920: 14%
- 1921-1950: 22%
- 1951-Present: 10%
Jersey Shore

The survey of Jersey Shore resulted in the identification of 6 significant historic buildings, only one of which is located outside of the National Register Listed Jersey Shore Historic District.

The Jersey Shore Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on March 31, 1975. The district contains 286 contributing and 50 non-contributing buildings and encompasses approximately 150 acres. It is bounded by the West Bank Susquehanna River on the east, Wilson and Tomb Streets on the west, and by the Borough limits on the north and south.

This survey found that Jersey Shore’s historic building stock is comprised of dwellings, commercial, industrial and municipal buildings. Surveyed significant historic structures date from the late 19th and early 20th century. As with most developed areas, late 20th century infill is interspersed with the historic properties of the city.

It is clear that the historic building stock in Jersey Shore falls in line with the industrial trends of the rest of lower Lycoming County. As seen elsewhere, the majority of structures date from the time of the lumber boom from 1860-1900, with a decline in new construction mirroring the decline of the lumber industry after the turn of the century.

Documented buildings in Jersey Shore were categorized as Gothic Revival, Second Empire, Vernacular, and ‘Other’.
Surveyed Properties in Jersey Shore

235 S Main Street

300 Front Street

433 S Main Street

1236 Allegheny Street

226 Allegheny Street

328 S Main Street
McHenry-Bone House
CRGIS Key# 001214
Muncy

The survey of Muncy resulted in the identification of 41 significant historic buildings, only one of which is located outside of the National Register Listed Muncy Historic District.

The Muncy Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on July 3, 1980. The district contains 298 contributing and 36 non-contributing buildings and encompasses approximately 151.9 acres. It is centered on Main Street and roughly bounded by Riddell Lane, Sherman, Washington and Mechanic Streets.

This survey found that Muncy’s historic building stock is comprised of dwellings, commercial, industrial and municipal buildings. Surveyed significant historic structures date primarily from the late 19th and early 20th century. As in the other boroughs surveyed, 20th century infill is interspersed with the historic properties of the Borough.

As found in Jersey Shore, the historic building stock in Muncy reflects the industrial trends of the rest of lower Lycoming County.

Documented buildings in Muncy were categorized primarily as Vernacular. Queen Anne was the second-most commonly recorded style, followed by Federal. Second Empire, Classical and Colonial Revivals were also represented.
Surveyed Properties in Muncy

206 S Market Street
312 S Main Street
306-308 Main Street
302 S Main Street
220 S Main Street
214-216 Main Street
208 S Main Street
206 S Main Street
Surveyed Properties in Muncy, continued

- 201 S Market Street
- 210 S Washington Street
- 201 S Main Street
- 5 N Market Street
- 223 S Main Street
- 301 S Main Street
- 305 S Main Street
- 307 S Main Street
- 213 W Penn Street
Surveyed Properties in Muncy, continued

116 S Market Street
112 S Market Street
110 S Market Street
108 S Market Street
109 W Penn Street
118 S Main Street
114 S Main Street
105 S Market Street
109 S Market Street
Surveyed Properties in Muncy, continued

11 W Penn Street
100 N Main Street
38 S Main Street
20 S Main Street
101 S Main Street
127 S Main Street
129 S Main Street
305 S Main Street
43 S Main Street
Surveyed Properties in Muncy, continued

2 N Main Street

15 S Water Street
Mozley’s Opera House
CRGIS Key# 155877

46 S Main Street
Penn Hall Building
CRGIS Key# 117201

9 N Main Street
Ritz Theater
CRGIS Key# 155875

215 S Main Street
St. James Episcopal Church
CRGIS Key# 000614
NRHP Listed 11/20/1979
Montgomery

The survey of Montgomery resulted in the identification of 13 significant historic buildings, nine of which are located outside of the National Register Eligible Montgomery Historic District.

The Montgomery Historic District was determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places on May 19, 1990. The district is roughly bounded by E. Houston Avenue to the south, Penn Street to the north, Heilman Street to the West and Grays Alley to the west.

The survey found that Montgomery’s historic building stock is comprised of dwellings, commercial, industrial and municipal buildings. Surveyed significant historic structures date primarily from the late 19th and early 20th century. As in the other boroughs surveyed, 20th century infill is interspersed with the historic properties of the Borough.

Similar to Jersey Shore and Muncy, the historic building stock in Montgomery follows the industrial trends of the rest of lower Lycoming County.

Documented buildings in Montgomery were categorized primarily as ‘Other’. Vernacular, Queen Anne, and Classical Revival were also represented. All dated from the 1880s through the turn of the 20th century.
Surveyed Properties in Montgomery

- 94 Penn Street
- 84 Broad Street
- 32 S Main Street
- 105 2nd Street
- 25 Broad Street
- 43 E Houston Avenue
- 125 S Main Street
- 102 Montgomery Street
- 110 Montgomery Street
Surveyed Properties in Montgomery, continued

81 E Houston Avenue

50 E Houston Street

88 Penn Street

82 Kinsey Street
Kinsey House
CRGIS Key# 117939
SHPO Eligible 5/19/1990