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northwest of Jay Street Bridge
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- Location:** Legislative Route 18011, the Farrandsville Road, approximately 2.4 miles northwest of the Jay Street Bridge, Lock Haven Vicinity, Clinton County, Pennsylvania
- USGS Lock Haven Quadrangle, Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 18. 292770. 4559930
- Significance:** The well is significant for its important role in the early activities of the Packer farm, serving as a source of water. The well and the farm house are the only extant resources associated with Isaac A. Packer's occupation of the property.
- Description:** The well-head is carved out of a large, flat rock that is flush with the ground. The rock acts as curbing, and is located approximately 10' west of the porch addition on the southwest facade of the farm house. The well consists of an infilled shaft and a triangular drain relief, or water run-off, carved into the rock. The well's original form, concerning a well-house or pumping equipment, is unknown. Presently, rocks are piled around the shaft in a circle. The inscription "86" is carved into the rock, which, according to the current owner, alludes to the year 1886, when the well was dug. Thus, the well was dug a year after the construction of the farm house, probably by Isaac A. Packer.
- History:** The current owner, Richard D. Packer, does not recall the well ever being used. The well became obsolete when the house's plumbing was connected to the water company lines, which apparently occurred in the early twentieth century.
- Documentation of the Isaac A. Packer Farm, Well, was undertaken in October and November 1991 and serves as a mitigative measure for the treatment of this historic property, as it would be affected by a proposed Lock Haven flood protection project under the direction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District. The well-head will be elevated along with the farm house.
- Sources:** See Isaac A. Packer Farm (HABS No. PA-5500).
- Graphic Documentation:** See Isaac A. Packer Farm (HABS No. PA-5500).
- Historians:** Martin B. Abbot and Susan C. Nabors
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