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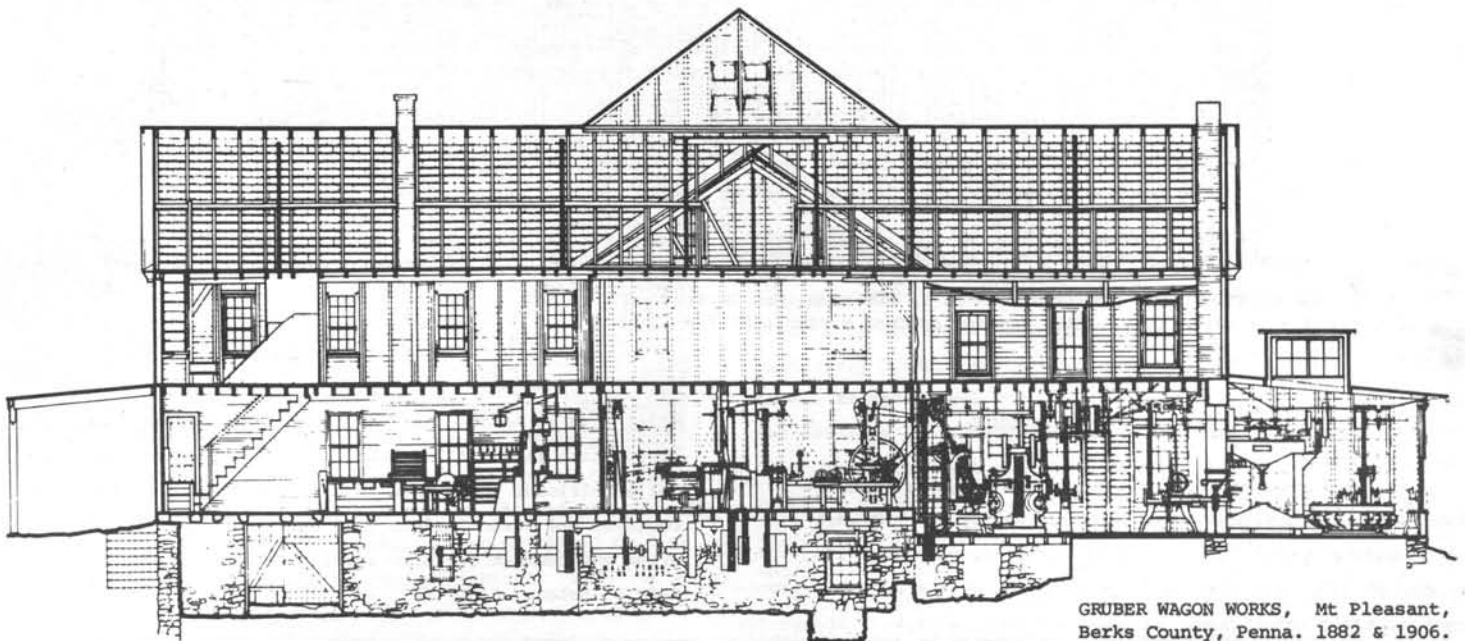
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GRUBER WAGON WORKS, Mt Pleasant,
Berks County, Penna. 1882 & 1906.
Longitudinal Section Looking So.
HAER drawing by R. D. Schaff.

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With the passage of time, the key element in the understanding of our Industrial Archeology--field work--is gaining more and more support. The great bulk of this effort continues to be undertaken by groups directly connected with or fully supported by the Federal Government, but many other institutions and agencies presently are directly sponsoring field work, or even contributing financially and in-kind to the Federal projects. It all is good: the recording; the sub-surface investigation; the inventorying; the identifying; and the supporting archival research, endeavors that interact symbiotically to further everything that Industrial Archeology represents.

The many projects conducted by the National Park Service's Historic American Engineering Record--HAER to its participants and friends--continue to stand as the backbone of IA field work. This is one of those all too rare instances in which the Federal Government exerts an influence that can, with only occasional reservation, be viewed as exemplary.

There was altogether such a quantity of such important and interesting work carried out last summer by HAER and others, that rather than report only briefly on it in the customary truncated format of the SIA Newsletter, we determined to give it the fuller coverage it deserves. Hence this Supplement.