

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Pennsylvania	
COUNTY: Delaware	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Chichester Friends Meeting

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
611 Meetinghouse Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Boothwyn

STATE Pennsylvania	CODE 42	COUNTY: Delaware	CODE 045
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Society of Friends

STREET AND NUMBER:
611 Meetinghouse Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Boothwyn

STATE: Pennsylvania	CODE 42
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Friends Library

STREET AND NUMBER:
Swarthmore College

CITY OR TOWN:
Swarthmore

STATE Pennsylvania	CODE 42
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: July, 1970 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN:
Harrisburg

STATE: Pennsylvania	CODE 42
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

(Check One)

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Chichester Meeting is in excellent condition on both the exterior and the interior and is being well cared for. The Meeting is rectangular in plan with a small stone "out-house," now a woodshed, in the southeast corner. The east, west, and north facades are all three-bay with a porch over the east entrance and a datestone inscribed, "B=D 1769" over the north entrance. The watertable running around the meeting house and up at the corners and doors is a nice refinement. All three doors are nail-studded and retain their original hardware. The east door still has its original wooden lock and the north door is marked with the bullet holes of British foraging parties which shot at the closed doors in September, 1777.

The meeting house is panelled around with vertical board pine panelling. The panelled shutters of the dividing partition bear the eighteenth-century chalk inscription, "John Talbot" or "Tabbot", perhaps a builder. There is a fireplace with brick hearth in the northeast corner and an old stove in the center of the meeting house. A very early eighteenth-century Pennsylvania stretcher-table and an eighteenth century bookcase complete the furnishings.

The carriage shed has been restored.

This Meeting House is a typical Eighteenth and early Nineteenth Century Quaker house of worship with an interior partition for the purpose of separating the male from the female congregation. The interior is very plain, which is also typical. As with many such buildings, Chichester Friends Meeting is virtually the same as it was in the late Eighteenth Century.

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9. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1769

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Chichester Meeting was established as a Monthly Meeting in 1684, the first Monthly Meeting was held on March 17. At the close of 1688 James Browne conveyed two acres of land to trustees for the use "of the people of God called Quakers in the township of Chichester." The exact date of the erection of the meeting house is not recorded, but on December 4, 1768, it burned and the present stone meeting house was built the following year.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Ashmead, Henry G. History of Delaware County. Philadelphia, 1884.
 Smith, George. History of Delaware County. Philadelphia, 1862.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES									
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE			LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	39°	50'	11"	75°	25'	53"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 6 Acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

ORGANIZATION: Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission DATE: February, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN: Harrisburg STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name S. V. Stover
 State Liaison Officer

Title Executive Director
Pa. Historical and Museum Commission

Date March 10, 1971

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

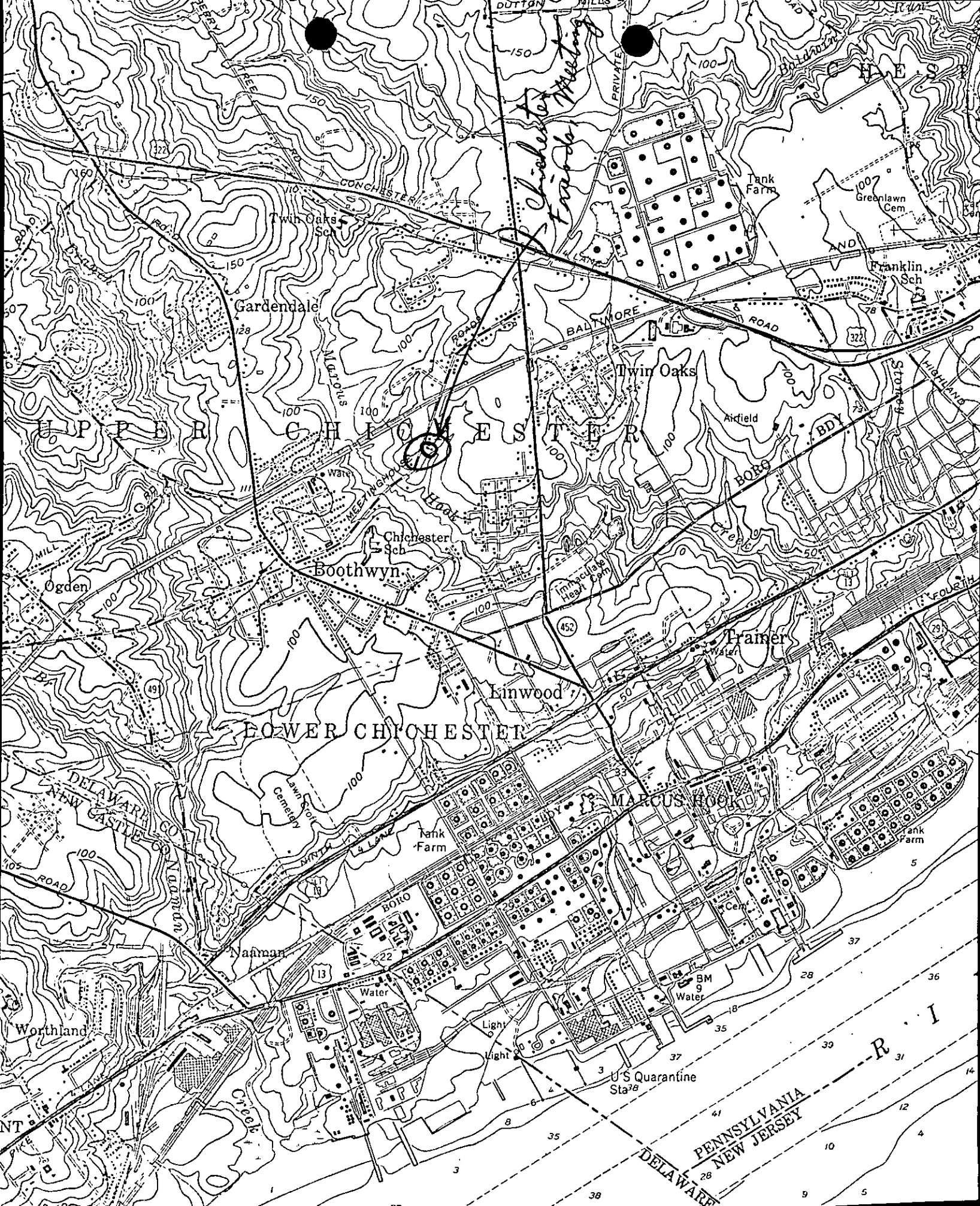
Date _____

ATTEST: _____

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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Chichester Friends Meeting

UPPER GHOESTER

LOWER CHICHESTER

DELAWARE PENNSYLVANIA NEW JERSEY

Marston Hook, Pa. Dec. 24. 1953
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