

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Twentieth Century Club of Lansdowne

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

84 South Lansdown Avenue

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Lansdowne

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

7

STATE

Pennsylvania

VICINITY OF

CODE

42

COUNTY

Delaware

CODE

045

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Twentieth Century Club of Lansdowne

STREET & NUMBER

84 South Lansdowne Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Lansdowne

STATE

Pennsylvania 19050

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Delaware County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

West Front Street

CITY, TOWN

Media

STATE

Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

PHMC

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Twentieth Century Club is a rectangular, stone and brick structure of one and one half stories. Its outside dimensions are 43'10" by 95'6". The exterior walls are stucco covered and in good condition. The pyramedal roof is slate covered. A large articulated chimney is located in the L formed by the rear elevation and a small rear wing. The main door section is flanked by two gabled projections. The gable ends are half-timbered. Nine over nine windows with six light sidelights are centered in these projections. The main door is double with large one light windows, multi-pane sidelights, and transom encircle this doorway. Set in the roof above the main doorway is a three window balcony.

This very excellent two story and basement structure designed by Heacock and Hokanson, very highly regarded Philadelphia architects, and erected some time during the year 1911 is an architecturally interesting and correct structure. It was well constructed and it is in very excellent condition.

The Club owners have over a period of years taken good care of this property with necessary attention to maintenance, painting, and such other items as would be necessary to maintain the building in a good and readily useable condition.

On the exterior the slate roof except for one or two missing slate is in good condition, the brick masonry is well pointed, the stucco is in generally good condition, and wall openings whether for doors or windows have been well maintained. The steel truss roof over the high storied first floor auditorium and the ceiling beneath it are in good condition and my inspection of the exposed attic wood framing over the first floor club room in an area which is really a loft indicates that the roof structure in that portion of the building is likewise in good condition.

The interior is divided into workable area for club activities. The basement level has a large dining room, kitchen, storage and furnace rooms. The first floor has a large auditorium with stage, reception room and club room. A small gallery is located in the attic level.

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1911

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Heacock & Hokanson, Architect
George W. Groover, Builder

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This fine early 20th century community building has played an important part in the social and cultural activities of Lansdowne. It was built specifically for the use of the Twentieth Century Club and has been used by the Club continuously since 1911.

The design of the building fits in well in the area where it stands. Behind it are a group of well built older homes which are approached through a gateway composed of two large stone columns, one of which is on the Twentieth Century Club grounds. Across the street is the Public Library which is in a very unique building next to a small public park. The Twentieth Century Club lots also have a considerable expanse of landscaped grounds on the south side which enhances its appearance.

The building is perfect for cultural and social gatherings. There is sufficient space on the south side to provide for parking without disturbing the landscaped appearance of the grounds. The panelled library is a pleasant meeting room. The auditorium and stage have been used by local theater groups. The auditorium and kitchen are regularly used for large dinners because it is the only building in the Borough which is adequate for this purpose.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Twentieth Century Club Records.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Lansdowne, Pa.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 18 476700 4420440

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Continuation Sheet

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Roy L. Hill, Jr.

ORGANIZATION

Lansdowne Borough Council

DATE

215-Ma 6-7743

STREET & NUMBER

180 W. Drexel Avenue

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Lansdowne

STATE

Pennsylvania

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Ed Weintraub, Dir. Office of Historic Preservation DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

ATTEST:

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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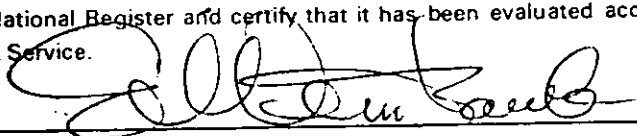
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DATE 10-25-79

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DATE

ATTEST: KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION



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QUAD

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57'30"

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Antieth Century Club of Lansdowne
Lansdowne, Pennsylvania
Chester County