

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: "Old Main"

AND/OR HISTORIC: formerly Crozer Theological Seminary, Crozer Normal School

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 21st Street and Upland Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Upland, Chester

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

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	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"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<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	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" 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 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: Crozer-Chester Medical Center

STREET AND NUMBER: 15th Street and Upland Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Upland, Chester

STATE: Pennsylvania	CODE: 42
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Delaware County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER: Front and South Streets

CITY OR TOWN: Media

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: continuous  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: William Penn Memorial Museum

STREET AND NUMBER: Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN: Harrisburg

STATE: Pennsylvania	CODE: 42
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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century  
 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1858

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input checked="" 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/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                        | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                      | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                        | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation                 | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |   |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Construction was begun on Old Main in 1857 to house a Normal Institute for Boys and finished at a cost of \$45,000. John Price Crozer, a textile manufacturer in the Village of Upland, provided the land and the funds.

In June, 1862, Mr. Crozer offered the building to the United States without charge, as a hospital. On July 17, 1862, the steamer, State of Maine, arrived with 223 sick and wounded Union soldiers on board, who had been captured and later exchanged in the Seven Days' Fight before Richmond. The building contained nearly a thousand beds, but so great was the demand that thirteen hundred persons, including patients, surgeons, attendants, and guards, were gathered within the walls. Until the 14th of July, 1863, the hospital was used almost exclusively for wounded Union soldiers, but after the battle of Gettysburg the Confederate wounded, left on the field by General Lee in his retreat, were so many that the Government was compelled to designate a certain hospital for the reception of the Confederate wounded. Old Main in Chester was selected.

After the hospital was set apart for the reception of Confederate wounded, a picket fence, twelve feet in height, was built surrounding the grounds, and guards were stationed to prevent the escape of convalescent prisoners of war. The graffiti in the tower with names, addresses and dates preserve a record of the presence of Confederate soldiers. The rectangular windows, in the doors off the corridors were made for hospital guards to check patient-prisoners.

In 1865, the building was returned to its owner and in December of that year Col. Theodore Hyatt leased the property until 1868 for the Pennsylvania Military Academy.

John P. Crozer having died in 1866, the family in 1868 as a memorial to their father, established the Crozer Theological Seminary.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Ashmead, Henry Graham. History of Delaware County, Pennsylvania, 1884.  
History of Upland, Pa. 1683-1969, 1969.  
 Keighton, Robert E. A Layman's Ministry, John Price Crozer, 1793-1866.  
 Martin, John Hill, Chester-Delaware County in Pa., 1877.  
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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **one acre**

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: **June, 1972**

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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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STATE	
Pennsylvania	
COUNTY	
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8. Significance (continued)

"Old Main"  
Crozer Theological Seminary

From 1868 to 1970 Old Main housed the principal activities of the seminary. Although Baptist related, the theological school served an ecumenical and international clientele. The seminary graduated some 2,000 clergymen who have served with distinction in the United States and abroad. Martin Luther King, Jr., class of 1951, lived while a student in room 52 of Old Main.

Old Main is located in the approximate center of thirty acres of campus. Other buildings located on the grounds include:

- |                          |                                  |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Sunnyside House - 1863   | Vedder House - 1887              |
| President's House - 1868 | Evans House - 1890               |
| Humpstone House - 1868   | Lewis House - 1891               |
| Pollard House - 1868     | Eastgate House - 1916            |
| Bucknell Library - 1871  | Neisser House - 1919             |
| Davis House - 1881       | Weston and Franklin Apts. - 1949 |
| Crozer Hall - 1881       | Chec House - 1960                |

On adjoining property Crozer-Chester Medical Center, owner of the Seminary campus and buildings since 1970, is located. The two properties constitute about sixty acres of land.

All buildings on the campus are presently being utilized for purposes of the Medical Center which include health care, mental health and a wide range of educational programs.

The Medical Center proposes to preserve the present campus setting and the nineteenth century architecture of the buildings.

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11. FORM PREPARED BY: **Mr. W. Clinton Powers, Director of Development**

NAME AND TITLE: **Crozer-Chester Medical Center**

For: **Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks**

ORGANIZATION: **Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission** DATE: **June, 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Box 1026 - 15th Street and Upland Avenue**

CITY OR TOWN: **Harrisburg, Chester** STATE: **Pennsylvania** CODE: **42**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

**Owner of property notified 8/8/72**  
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National  State  Local

Name *Walter P. ...*  
 State Liaison Officer

Title ~~...~~ Executive Director, Pa. Historical and Museum Commission

Date 12/14/72

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

*Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

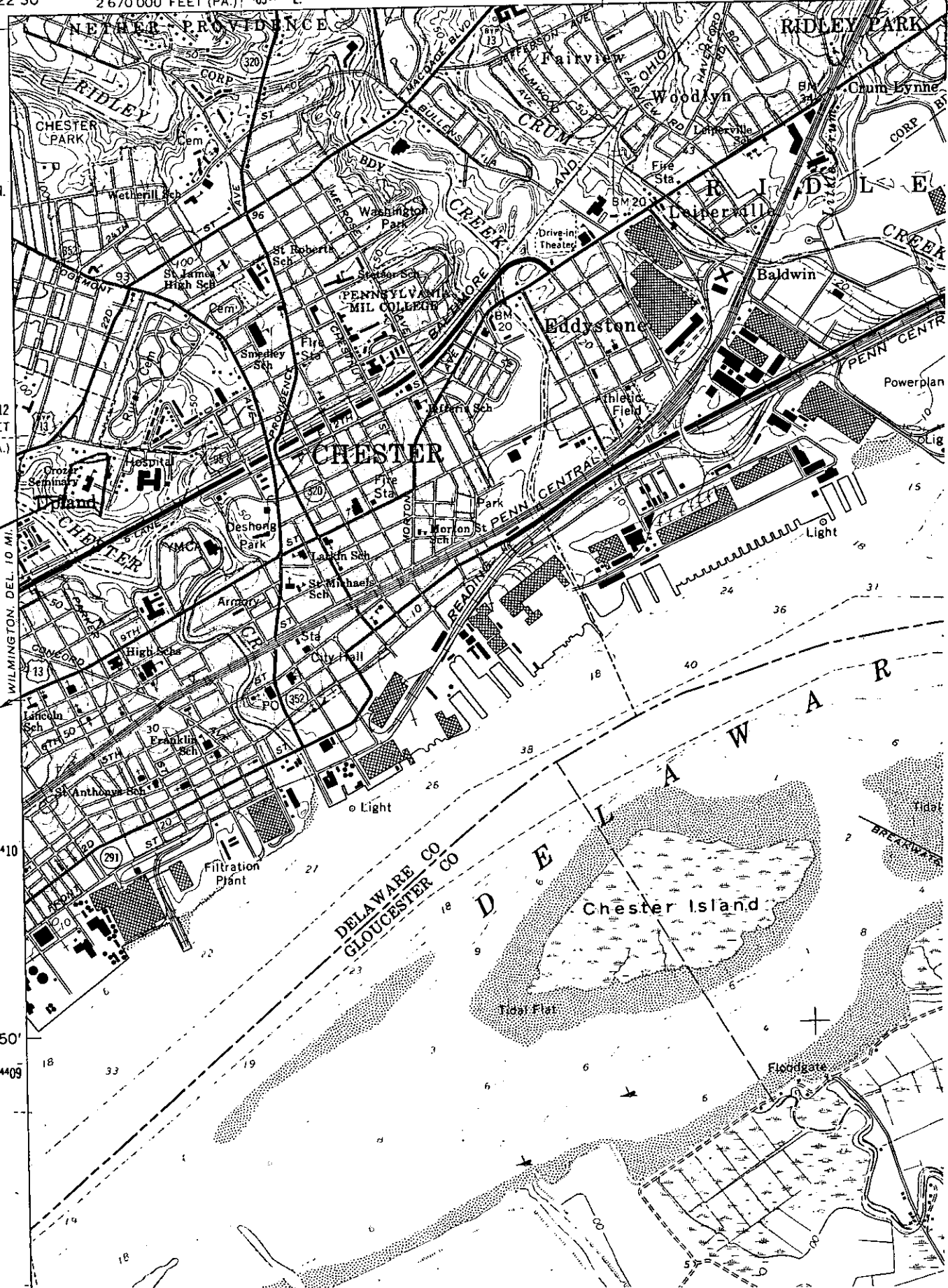
*Keeper of The National Register*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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39°52'30"



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CROZER THEOLOGICAL  
SEMINARY*



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