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Form 10-300  
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| STATE:<br>PENNSYLVANIA |      |
| COUNTY:<br>DELAWARE    |      |
| FOR NPS USE ONLY       |      |
| ENTRY NUMBER           | DATE |
|                        |      |

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
DARBY MEETING

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1017 MAIN STREET

CITY OR TOWN:  
DARBY

STATE: PENNSYLVANIA      CODE: 42      COUNTY: DELAWARE      CODE: 045

*6th Cong Dist.*

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

| CATEGORY<br>(Check One)   | OWNERSHIP   | STATUS   | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC   |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> District<br><input type="checkbox"/> Site<br><input type="checkbox"/> Object<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building<br><input type="checkbox"/> Structure | <input type="checkbox"/> Public<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private<br><input type="checkbox"/> Both | Public Acquisition:<br><input type="checkbox"/> In Process<br><input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress | Yes:<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted<br><input type="checkbox"/> No |

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

|  |                                     |   |  |                                   |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural  | <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Park                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation  | <input type="checkbox"/> Comments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial    | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) | _____                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational   | <input type="checkbox"/> Military   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious | _____                                    | _____                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum     | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific           | _____                                    | _____                             |

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: DARBY      STATE: PENNSYLVANIA      CODE: 42

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
DELAWARE COUNTY COURT HOUSE

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: MEDIA      STATE: PENNSYLVANIA      CODE: 42

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
PENNSYLVANIA REGISTER OF HISTORIC SITES AND LANDMARKS

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970       Federal       State       County

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
WILLIAM PENN MEMORIAL MUSEUM

STREET AND NUMBER:  
BOX 1026

CITY OR TOWN: HARRISBURG      STATE: PENNSYLVANIA

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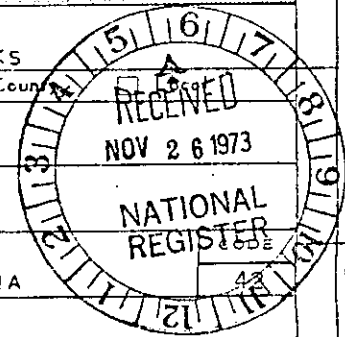
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7. DESCRIPTION

|           |   |  |                                |   |                                |                                    |
|-----------|---|--|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| CONDITION | (Check One)                                 |  |                                |   |                                |                                    |
|           | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair  | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated             | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
|           | (Check One)                                 |  |                                | (Check One)                                       |                                |                                    |
|           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered       | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site |                                |                                    |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

DARBY MEETING IS A QUAKER MEETING HOUSE THAT WAS BUILT IN 1805. THE STRUCTURE IS TWO AND A HALF STORIES HIGH AND MEASURES SIX BAYS ACROSS AND THREE BAYS DEEP. IT IS CONSTRUCTED OF FIELD-STONE IN A COURSED METHOD AND HAS A GABLE ROOF WITH BRICK CHIMNEYS AT EACH GABLE END. A PENT EAVE IS CARRIED AROUND THE GABLE END WITH A MOULDED CORNICE BENEATH IT.

THE GABLE ENDS ARE STUCCOED. A SLIGHT HIP ROOF PORCH RUNS AROUND THREE SIDES OF THE MEETING HOUSE. THE PORCH IS SUPPORTED BY SIMPLE WOODEN PILLARS. A SMALL SHED TYPE BUILDING OF FRAME CONSTRUCTION IS PRESENT ON THE REAR OF THE MEETING HOUSE.

FENESTRATION ON THE BUILDING CONSISTS OF TWELVE OVER TWELVE DOUBLE HUNG SASH ON THE FIRST FLOOR AND EIGHT OVER EIGHT DOUBLE HUNG SASH ON THE SECOND STORY LEVEL. THE WINDOW FRAMES ARE CONSTRUCTED OF HEAVY TIMBER IN THE MORTISE AND TENON MANNER. DOORS ARE PRESENT ON AT LEAST THREE SIDES OF THE STRUCTURE. THE DOORS ARE BATTEN.

ON THE INTERIOR, THE MEETING HOUSE HAS BEEN PLASTERED. ITS FLOOR IS MADE OF OAK AND MUCH OF THE INTERIOR WOODWORK, ESPECIALLY THE WAINSCOTING IS OF PINE. TWO BRICK FIREPLACES ON THE INTERIOR ARE STILL PRESENT, ONE AT EACH GABLE END. THE WINDOW SILLS ARE OF WOOD AS WELL AS ALL OF THE FURNITURE OF THE INTERIOR.

TO THE REAR OF THE INTERIOR IS A BALCONY. IT IS CONSTRUCTED OF WOOD IN A SIMPLE STYLE. IT HAS UNADORNED WOODEN PILLARS PAINTED WHITE. THE STEPS TO THE BALCONY ARE WOOD AND HAVE ONE 90° TURN IN THEM. THE BALCONY AS WELL AS THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE MEETING HOUSE CONTAINS PEWS. LIGHTING HAS BEEN INTRODUCED INTO THE BUILDING. OTHER THAN THAT AND THE USUAL UTILITIES, THE INTERIOR AND THE EXTERIOR REMAINS MUCH THE SAME AS IT DID WHEN IT WAS CONSTRUCTED.

ALSO ON THE PROPERTY IS A LARGE TWO AND A HALF STORY STONE HOUSE. THE HOUSE WAS BUILT IN SEVERAL SECTIONS. IT HAS A GABLE ROOF WITH A CHIMNEY IN THE MIDDLE. IT WAS CONSTRUCTED IN THE RANDOM COURSE STYLE. IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE IS A STONE WALL APPROXIMATELY THREE FEET IN HEIGHT.

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DARBY MEETING  
CONTINUATION SHEET

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DESCRIPTION: Additional Information requested

Stone house located on property of Darby Meeting:

This two and one-half story stone house was constructed in three sections. The first section is three bays by two with a gable roof and an interior brick chimney. The front facade has two 6 over 6 panelled windows and a central paneled door. Covering the door and windows is a hipped roof porch supported by two square pillars. The second story windows are also 6 over 6 and have louvered shutters.

To the right of the first section is a two story stone addition also with a gable roof. The front facade has a 6 over 6 window on the first story and one on the second story. There is also a interior brick chimney in the gable end. The end facade has a 6 over 6 window on the first story and one on the second as well as two 2/2 windows in the gable end.

Later a two story gable roof addition with an interior brick chimney was added to the rear of the second section. This section is covered with asbestos shingles and has 2 over 2 windows.

**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1805

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

THE FIRST RECORDED MINUTES OF DARBY MEETING DATE FROM JULY 2, 1684. IN ITS EARLY DAYS, IT WAS HELD IN THE HOMES OF PRIVATE MEMBERS. IN 1687 A MEETING HOUSE WAS BUILT. IT WAS A LOG CABIN. IN 1701 MORE SPACE WAS NEEDED FOR THE CONGREGATION, SO A LARGER MEETING HOUSE MEASURING SIXTY BY TWENTY FEET WAS BUILT.

THE PRESENT MEETING HOUSE WAS BUILT TO REPLACE THE 1701 STRUCTURE. IT WAS RECORDED AS BEING A STRUCTURE FORTY FIVE FEET BY SIXTY FEET AND HAVING A COST OF THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS. AS A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION DARBY MEETING GOES BACK INTO THE LATE 17TH CENTURY AND IS STILL FUNCTIONING AS A MEETING HOUSE.

ARCHITECTURALLY THE BUILDING REPRESENTS THE SIMPLE QUAKER TRADITION OF AN UNOBTRUSIVE BUILDING, USUALLY OF STONE AND OF LARGE PROPORTIONS. THE DARBY MEETING IS QUITE SIMILAR TO THE HORSHAM FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE. THE INTERIOR REMAINS THE SAME AS IT HAD SINCE ITS ERECTION. THE BUILDING IS IN GOOD STRUCTURAL CONDITION AND IS IN A GOOD STATE OF REPAIR.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

ASHMEAD, HENRY G. HISTORY OF DELAWARE COUNTY. PHILADELPHIA, 1884  
PROCEEDINGS CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY, FRIENDS MEETING, DARBY, PENNSYLVANIA, 1905  
 RECORDS OF DARBY MEETING IN FRIENDS LIBRARY, SWARTHMORE COLLEGE,  
 SWARTHMORE, PENNSYLVANIA

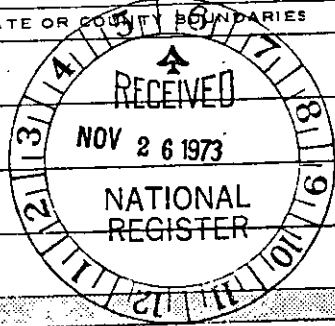
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY |          |         | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY<br>OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES |         |    |          |         |         |           |         |         |         |
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 7

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

| STATE: | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: CHARLES DUNLEVEY, STUDENT AIDE

ORGANIZATION: PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION  
 PENNSYLVANIA REGISTER OF HISTORIC SITES AND LANDMARKS

DATE: APRIL, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER: Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN: HARRISBURG

STATE: PENNSYLVANIA

CODE: 42

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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: William J. Wewer  
 WILLIAM J. WEWER  
 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
 TITLE: PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND  
 MUSEUM COMMISSION  
 Date: 11/16/73

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

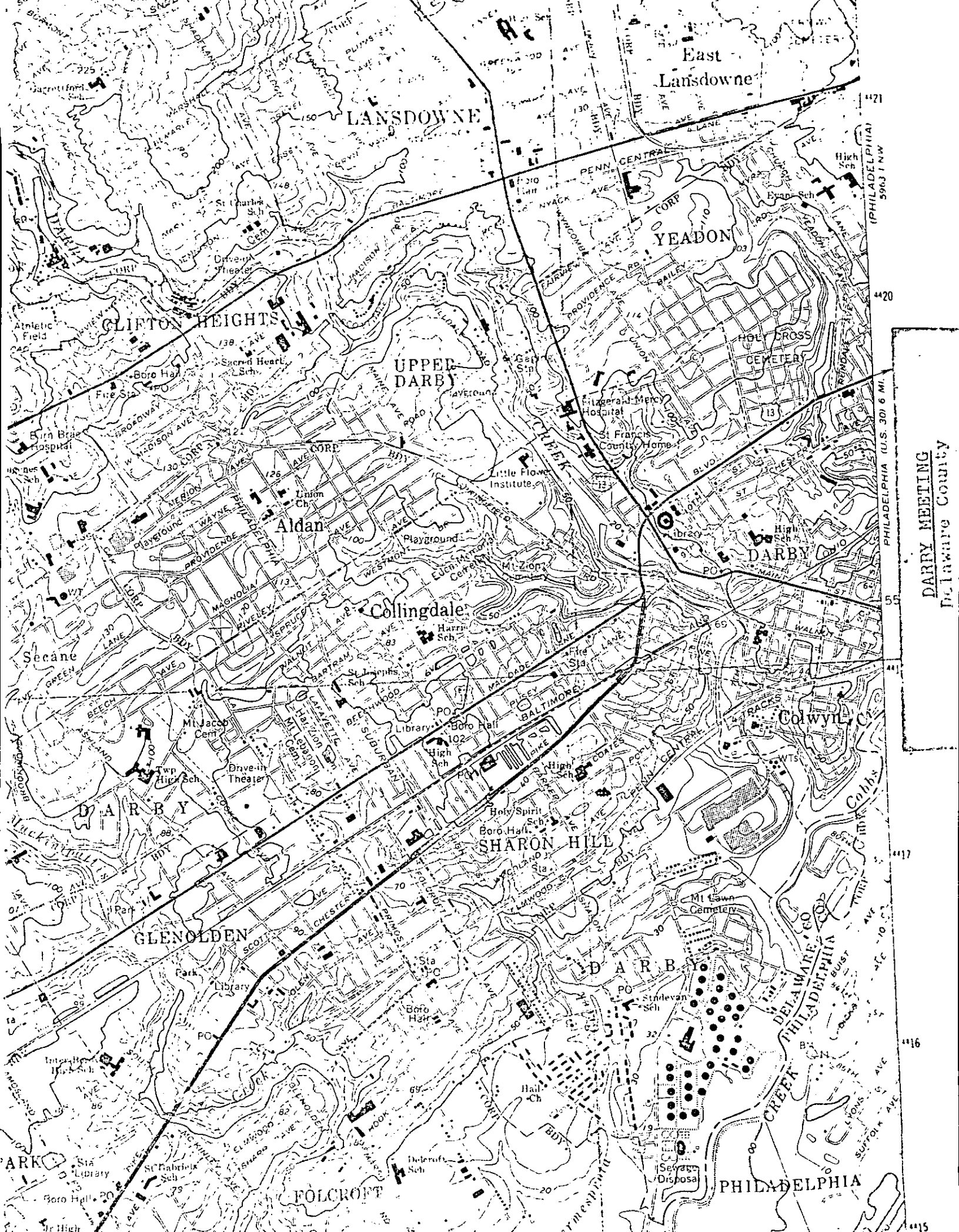
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 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Keeper of The National Register

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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Lansdowne

LANSDOWNE

YEADON

CLINTON HEIGHTS

UPPER  
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Aldan

Collingdale

DARBY

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SHARON HILL

GLENOLDEN

DARBY

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DARBY MEETING  
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