

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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

1. NAME	
COMMON: Woodland Terrace	
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 501-519, 500-520 Woodland Terrace			
CITY OR TOWN: Philadelphia			
STATE Pennsylvania	CODE 42	COUNTY: Philadelphia	CODE 101

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input 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	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 checked="" 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: various			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: City Hall Records Office			
STREET AND NUMBER: Broad and Market			
CITY OR TOWN: Philadelphia	STATE Pennsylvania	CODE 42	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Philadelphia Historical Commission Survey			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1955, constant revision <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Philadelphia Historical Commission			
STREET AND NUMBER: 1313 City Hall Annex			
CITY OR TOWN: Philadelphia	STATE: Pennsylvania	CODE 42	

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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

Woodland Terrace was originally comprised of ten two-family semi-detached dwellings, five on either side of the street, which is only one block in length. Although the houses are not identical, they are very similar and are evidently derivatives of the same plan.

Typically the houses are three-story stone or stucco Italianate suburban "villas" with wooden verandas, wide eaves and bracketed cornices. Second floor windows are capped with bracketed shallow hoods, while the third story windows are pairs of narrow double arches. There is usually a belt course between the second and third stories.

Subtle differences in each house can be noted in the several different patterns of brackets, the occasional squat tower as on 501 and 510, and a second story tripartite window opening onto a porch-roof deck on 501.

At present Woodland Terrace is in good condition, although none of the houses is unaltered. Several of the houses have been converted to apartments; others have had their porches removed or fenestration changed. However, the essential character of the terrace has been preserved.

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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) 1861

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input 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 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

Woodland Terrace was designed by Samuel Sloan and built in 1861 by Charles M.S. Leslie, a speculative builder. Sloan was a major figure in American architecture and is remembered chiefly for his many hospitals, asylums, and Philadelphia schools, but is perhaps most widely known as the designer of "Longwood," an octagonal 'folly' in Natchez, Mississippi. Sloan edited the Architectural Review and Builders' Journal and wrote several builders' guides, among them Homestead Architecture (1861) and The Model Architect (1862).

During the last half of the 1850s, Sloan designed many "terraces" for speculative builders in West Philadelphia. The majority of housing commissioned by speculators for sites in West Philadelphia was made up of two-family semi-detached dwellings like those of Woodland Terrace. However, some of the terraces had areas entirely reserved for 'mansions' which were dispersed through the rows of 'double' villas to relieve their monotony. As late as 1955, many examples of Sloan-designed speculative developments were extant in the West Philadelphia area. However, in recent years the growth of the University of Pennsylvania has spelled their doom.

For many years the prominent Philadelphia architect Paul M. Cret owned and occupied 516 Woodland Terrace.

Woodland Terrace is a charming block of Italianate houses, a quiet tree-lined street which still retains its Victorian character. It is one of two remaining "terraces" of speculative houses (the other being nearby Hamilton Terrace, also designed by Sloan) built during the boom period of West Philadelphia's development.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Philadelphia Historical Commission files, containing briefs of title, insurance surveys, and other pertinent material.
 Coledge, Harold N. "Samuel Sloan, Architect", unpublished Ph.D. dissertation. University of Pennsylvania, 1963.
"A Sloan Check-list". Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians. March, 1960.

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	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0	0		40	01	38
NE	0	0		75	09	37
SE	0	0				
SW	0	0				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5.4 Acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Mary C. Meany, for the Pa. Historical & Museum Commission.

ORGANIZATION: Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission DATE: 4/15/71

STREET AND NUMBER: William Penn Museum & Archives Building

CITY OR TOWN: Harrisburg STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: _____

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 J. K. Stewart
 Title Executive Director
Pa. Historical and Museum Commission
 Date July 29, 1971

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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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Philadelphia Ward Map (Ward 27)

1" = 500'

Baltimore Ave. on the north; Woodland Ave. South
between 40th & 41st Streets





LANCASTER 54 MI.
BRYN MAWR 4 MI.

100 FEET
(N. J.)

425

WESTCHESTER 21 MI.

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Woodland Terrace

