**Form 10-300**  
**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**  
**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**  

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

*(Type all entries – complete applicable sections)*

### 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

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☑ Site  
☐ Structure  
☐ Object | ☑ Public  
☐ Private  
☐ Both | ☑ Public Acquisition:  
☐ In Process  
☐ Being Considered | ☑ Occupied  
☐ Unoccupied  
☐ Preservation work in progress |

**PRESENT USE:** (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☑ Agricultural  
☐ Commercial  
☐ Educational  
☐ Government  
☐ Industrial  
☐ Military  
☐ Museum  
☐ Park  
☐ Religious  
☐ Private Residence  
☐ Scientific  
☐ Transportation  
☐ Other (Specify)  
☑ Comments

### 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

**OWNER'S NAME:** various

**STREET AND NUMBER:**

**CITY OR TOWN:**

### 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

**DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:** Philadelphia Historical Commission

**STREET AND NUMBER:** 1313 City Hall Annex

**CITY OR TOWN:** Philadelphia  
**STATE:** Pennsylvania  
**CODE:** 42
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 cours 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.
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.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA
LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFining A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY OR LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFining THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5.4 Acres

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY
NAME AND TITLE: Mary C. Muscat for the Pa. Historical and Museum Commission
ORGANIZATION: Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission
STREET AND NUMBER: William Penn Museum & Archives Building
CITY OR TOWN: Harrisburg
STATE: Pennsylvania

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 [x] Local [ ]

Name: [Signature]
State Liaison Officer
Title: Executive Director
Pa. Historical and Museum Commission
Date: July 29, 1971

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

ATTEST:
Keeper of The National Register

Date