

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Pennsylvania	
COUNTY: Chester	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
"Derbydown" Homestead

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Marshall, Abraham House, Birthplace of Humphry Marshall

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
North side of County Road 15077 at Intersection of

CITY OR TOWN:
Northbrook, West Bradford Township

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42 COUNTY: Chester CODE: 029

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure 	<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 	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" 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"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Part of Stud Farm

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Joseph C. Giangulio

STREET AND NUMBER:
2701 Cobbs Creek Drive

CITY OR TOWN:
Ardmore

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Recorder of Deeds, Chester County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:
High and Market Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
West Chester

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 Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN:
Harrisburg

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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

From rather interesting information obtained from a sketch in ...
 Putney and Cope, A History of Chester County, and from a post
 1915 photograph, Derbydown seems to have been enlarged and altered
 many times. This interesting house started life as a much smaller
 one room deep, three bay one and a half story structure. Early in
 its life it was raised to a story and a half gambrel roof house
 but remained only one room deep. Traces of the stone wall may be
 seen in the post 1915 photorgaph. In the 1760's someone with initials
 H.M. (probably Humphry Marshall) furthur enlarged the house by
 adding one room to its depth and raising the old gambrel roof to
 a two and a half story gable roof with a pent eve. In the post 1915
 view traces of the string course of the pent eve of the addition
 may be seen. Marshall used brick in his 1764 addition and therefore
 the side walls are a combination of brick and fieldstone. The
 front of the second floor is constructed of brick.

By 1915 the window openings had been enlarged and the attic window
 enlargement partially obliterates the H.M. set into the gable with
 glazed headers. Furthur damage to the house has been accomplished
 since 1915.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Belden, Louise, C. Humphry Marshall. American Quaker Botanist. Unpublished Thesis for M.A. American Studies, University of Delaware, 1958.

Belden, Louise, C. " Humphry Marshall's Trade in Plants of the New World for Gardens and Forests of the Old World," Winterthur Portfolio 11, 1965

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			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 . "	39	55	30
NE	0 . "	0 . "	75	41	13
SE	0 . "	0 . "			
SW	0 . "	0 . "			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 9.8 ACRES

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: August, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN: Harrisburg STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 12

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: [Signature]
 Title: Deputy Executive Director, Pa. Historical & Museum Commission
 Date: 6/11/72

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

[Signature]
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

ATTEST: _____
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____

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IX. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (check one or more as applicable):

Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century Specific Date(s) CA. 1707
 (if known).....

AREAS:

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historic	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion and/or	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Invention	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Art	<input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Literature	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social - Humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Communications	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Theatre	<input type="checkbox"/>	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Including Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Note: One may wish to attach here appraisals by noteworthy local historians or other interested parties who have knowledge of the property.

The house was built in or shortly after 1707 and was first owned by Abraham Marshall and his wife Mary Hunt. They moved from Darby to the land on which it stands, and which was purchased from Indians, in 1707. (Darlington, p. 484.) Abraham Marshall and his wife were instrumental in the establishment of the present-day Bradford Friends Meeting. The Meeting assembled in this house from 1722 until the Meeting House was constructed in 1727. (Belden, p. 20.)

Humphry Marshall, the eighth of Abraham and Mary's nine children, was born in the house on October 10, 1722. He lived there until moving to Marshallton in 1774. He managed his father's farmland from 1748 on. In 1764, he enlarged the house. Having been apprenticed to a stone mason, he did the work himself, including the manufacturing of the bricks. His improvements included building an adjoining conservatory and a gristmill. Marshall is important not as a farmer or a stone mason, but as one of America's first botanists and men of science. Like his naturalist cousin, John Bartram, he established a botanical garden and arboretum. Portions of it still exist on the Marshallton property on which he began planting in 1773. His Marshallton Home, which he built himself, included a hot-house and an observatory, for he had a strong interest in Astronomy as well as in Botany. (Darlington, pp. 484, 487-88.) He was the author of one of the earliest botanical works concerning the flora of the United States - Arbustum Americanum: The American Grove, or an Alphabetical Catalogue of Forest Trees and Shrubs, Natives of the American United States ..., published by Joseph Cruikshank in Philadelphia in 1785. His essay, "Observations on Botany as Applicable to Rural Economics, Tending to Show the Utility of Botanical Knowledge in Relation to Agriculture and the Feeding of Cattle, etc.," prepared in 1786 for the Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture, is evidence of his role as an early promoter of forest conservation and scientific agricultural practices. (Pleasants, pp. 18-19.) In addition, Humphry Marshall engaged in a lively trade in seeds and plants and was responsible for the introduction of many North American species to Europe. (Belden, pp. 107-109.) Until his death, November 5, 1801, Humphry Marshall was active in civic affairs. He held administrative posts in Chester County and was a prime mover in the founding of the Chester County Almshouse and the Westtown Boarding School. (Dictionary of American Biography, pp. 311-312.)

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