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CHESTER CO.
DELAWARE CO.

STATE PARK

Westtown-Thornbury

Darlington
Corners

Dilworthtown

Birmingham

Birmingham-Lafayette
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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:
 East Bradford Boarding School for Boys

AND/OR HISTORIC:
 Strode (Richard) House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
 R. D. #5 Lenape, West Chester and Sconnelltown Roads

CITY OR TOWN:
 West Chester

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

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
 William A. Limberger

STREET AND NUMBER:
 R. D. #5

CITY OR TOWN:
 West Chester

STATE:
 Pennsylvania

CODE:
 42

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
 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

STATE:
 Pennsylvania

CODE:
 42

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

There are no known early photographs of East Bradford Boarding School. Richard Strode built the stone house around 1810.

The original house was five bays across. There were two dormer windows in the attic. The exterior on the east is unchanged. The doorway, cornice, windows are all original. The porch on the west elevation and the porch over the doorway on the north elevation are twentieth century additions as is the kitchen wing on the east side of the house. There are no extant descriptions of the interior of the house when it was used as a boarding school.

The present appearance of the East Bradford Boarding School is shown in the photographs appended to this report.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <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)

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 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

Richard Strode, a descendant of the Strode who built the mill which is located diagonally across the road from the East Bradford Boarding School, built the house as a private residence between 1790 and 1810. In 1816, Edward Sparks established the East Bradford Boarding School for Boys. Two years later Richard Strode's grandson, Joseph C. became principal of the school which he ran from then until 1846. The school closed finally in 1857. During the time it was operated, the school provided secondary education for some of the boys of Chester County. It was typical of the boarding schools which grew up as a consequence of the need to provide education for the youth of Chester County before a free school system was established.

Architecturally the house is a good example of early nineteenth century rural architecture. The doorway and modillioned cornice are particularly handsome and reflect the skill of an unnamed Chester County craftsman.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Chester County Court House: Deed Books, 0-18 p. 500, x-15 Vol. 370 p. 574
 Chester County Historical Society:
American Republican (West Chester) 15 July 1834; 25 November 1834,
 20 July 1841.
Daily Local News (West Chester) 25 January 1935; 7 December 1935
East Bradford Township Census Records, 1791 and 1842
Letters Concerning East Bradford Boarding School for Boys -
 ITR - 6914.
 Sheriff Deed Docket #10, p. 78, 30 January 1890

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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SE	0 . "	0 . "				
SW	0 . "	0 . "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 4 Acres

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:
 Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

ORGANIZATION: Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission DATE: 4/20/71

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 [Signature]
 State Liaison Officer

Deputy Executive Director
 Pa. Historical and 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

Date _____

ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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