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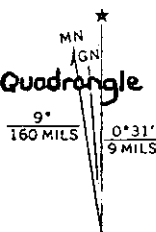
Topography from aerial photographs by stereoplanigraph
Aerial photographs taken 1951. Field check 1956

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Pennsylvania coordinate system,
south zone. 1,000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator
grid ticks, zone 18, shown in blue

Unchecked elevations are shown in brown

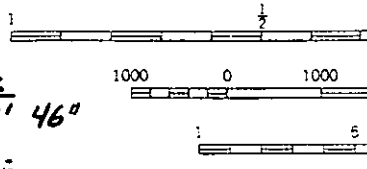
Boundaries shown in purple compiled in cooperation with State of

Wagontown, Pa.
SE/4 Honeybrook 15' Quadrangle
1956
Photorevised 1969
Scale - 1:84000



Latitude:
40° 01' 46"

Longitude:
75° 50' 30"



UTM GRID AND 1969 MAGNETIC NORTH
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC **Hibernia Mansion**

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER **Hibernia Park**

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

West Cain

VICINITY OF

STATE

CODE

42

COUNTY

Chester

CODE

029

Pa.

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

(ballroom used for meeting of local organizations)

NAME **Chester County Park and Recreation Board**

STREET & NUMBER

Chester County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

West Chester

VICINITY OF

STATE

Pa.

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Chester County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

High Street

CITY, TOWN

West Chester

STATE

Pa.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE **none**

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hibernia Mansion consists of four stages of construction spanning nearly 150 years from the late 18th to the early 20th century.

The original section was an 18' by 24' stone house with a cellar kitchen. Later alterations have obscured its detail, but it was probably a 2 bay, 2 story structure with a gabled roof and a large fireplace in the west cellar wall. A 1½ story stone kitchen addition to the east and large walk-in fireplace on the first floor completed the ironmaster's house in 1798. This portion presently comprises the west wing of the larger structure and can be seen to the left in Photograph #1.

The central, mansion section was built near 1821 after Charles Brooke purchased the property. It was a large, 2½ story stone structure measuring 45' by 43' with four bay front and shuttered windows. It had a gabled roof with a boxed cornice with return, 2 round-headed dormers in the rear roof-line (north), large gable windows and semi-elliptical windows in each eave. It was distinguished by its floor plan that included a longitudinal front hall, large rooms, and a central chimney with two fireplaces on each floor.

Hibernia Mansion today is the result of changes made by Franklin Swayne in the period between 1895 and 1910. A 33' wide, heavily pedimented pavilion projects more than a foot from the wall of the central, mansion section. This pavilion also included a double front door with elaborate, corniced overhang supported by columns (photograph #2). A large, stone ballroom with gabled roof and boxed cornice was added as the present east wing, and the east windows of the main section were converted to doors leading into the ballroom while the second floor windows now serve as wall cupboards. The east and west wings are tied to the main structure by means of two double story quarter-round additions. (These later alterations are visible in photograph #1 which shows the south facade of the Hibernia Mansion).

Swayne also constructed a 2 story, double gabled ell on the north side of the original west section to serve as a service area. This portion of the house is used as the residence of the Park superintendent and has undergone many changes.

The entire building has been stuccoed and a metal roof added over all sections except for the shingled roofs of the quarter-round additions.

The interior woodwork of the 19th and 20th century additions is imitative of the original woodwork which was Georgian-Federal in design.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the Hibernia Mansion lies in its distinct and unusual architectural character. It has had four stages in its history that have spanned the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries, and has combined various designs to create a balanced and continuous structure.

While Colonel Swayne attempted to "upgrade" the structure with various additions between 1895 and 1910, he did recognize the importance of the main section and sought to maintain its centrality in the overall scheme of the building. This main section has several distinctive features including the floor plan, consisting of a longitudinal front hall and central chimney, which is not typical of the area. Its ceilings are higher than most country houses and its rooms more spacious than most. These factors lend themselves easily to Victorian adaptations.

The alterations instituted by Swayne are imitative of early English design such as the chamfering of the exterior woodwork, the use of large casement windows, the double-gabled ell, the quarter round turrets, and the decorative chimney stacks. The front facade is an unusual but, nonetheless, pleasing combination of Palladian and neo-Greek features.

These modifications and additions have been carried out recognizing the inherent beauty and integrity of the structure and have been proportioned so as to enhance the charm and beauty of the entire structure.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 9 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	18	428120	4431130	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

ORGANIZATION Pa. Historical and Museum Commission DATE June, 1972

STREET & NUMBER Box 1026 TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN Harrisburg STATE Pa.

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Executive Director
Pa. Historical Museum Commission

DATE 8/25/70

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
 ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER