

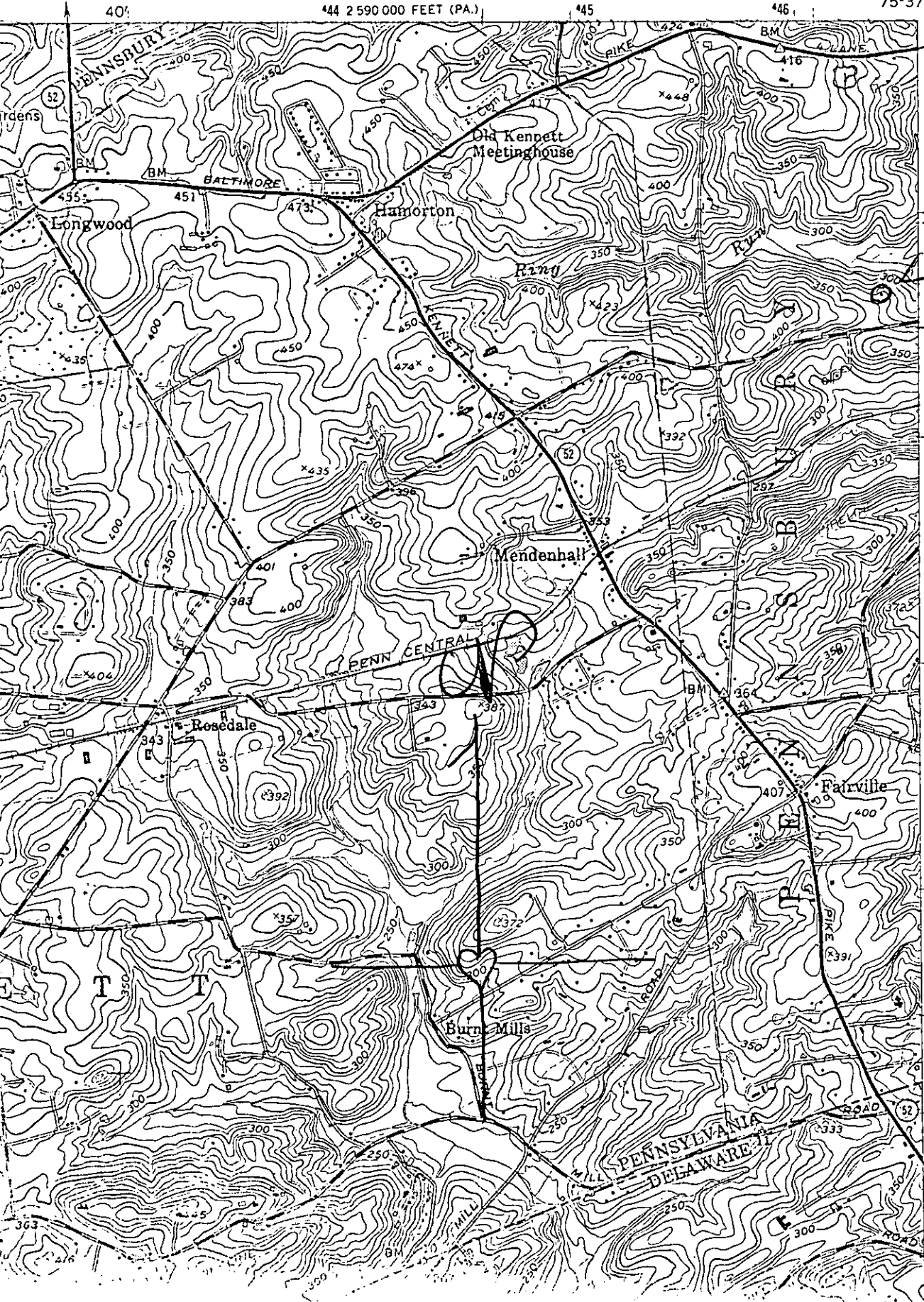
William Peters House

KENNETT SQUARE QUADRANGLE  
PENNSYLVANIA—DELAWARE  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
SW/4 WEST CHESTER 15' QUADRANGLE

5863 1 NE  
(WEST CHESTER)

ST CHESTER 8.4 MI.  
LENAPE 3.8 MI.

75°37'30"  
39°52'30"



WILLIAM  
PETERS  
HOUSE

CHADDS FORD 1.8 MI.  
PHILADELPHIA (CITY HALL) 30 MI

200 000 FEET  
(PA.)

Lat: 39° 51' 05"  
Long: 75° 37' 36"

KENNETT  
SQUARE  
QUAD  
1954

LE 0.7 MI.  
LIC CENTER) 7.8 MI.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Peters (William) House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Hillendale Road

CITY OR TOWN:  
Mendenhall

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"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<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:  
John A. and Judi C. Herdeg

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Hillendale Road

CITY OR TOWN:  
Mendenhall

STATE: Pennsylvania	CODE 42
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Chester County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:  
High and Market Streets

CITY OR TOWN:  
West Chester

STATE: Pennsylvania	CODE 42
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: July, 1970  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Bx 1026

CITY OR TOWN:  
Harrisburg

STATE: Pennsylvania	CODE 42
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house was originally located in Aston Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania. The present owners moved it to its present site in 1965. The house was ready for occupancy in December 1965. The major changes which the present owners made were:

- (1) The addition of a rear wing for a modern kitchen and laundry.
- (2) A brick drainage system around the foundation of the house.
- (3) A built-in book case in the library.
- (4) Deletion of the doorway between the parlour and library closet to make a single large closet.
- (5) The servants' bedroom and the "back" staircase were changed.

The architectural comments appended to this report describe the house in greater detail.

The structural integrity was altered when the owners moved the house in 1965 to accommodate modern living. When the Herdegas bought the house in 1963, it was essentially the same as it had been in 1750 except that:

- (1) A porch was added in the nineteenth century, at which time the balcony door, second floor front elevation was closed and a window put there.
- (2) The windows, front and rear exterior doors were replaced.
- (3) A rear porch was added.
- (4) The bake oven and summer kitchen were dismantled.

The nineteenth century owners did not alter the interior wood-work.

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century            |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable, and Known) **1749-50**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                      |  |  |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input 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   | <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

The house William and Eleanor Peters built in Chelsea, Aston Township, Chester (now Delaware) County in 1749-50 is an outstanding example of Georgian architecture in the middle colonies. The original plan was four rooms and a center hall on both floors. The front and western facades were laid in Flemish Bond; the rear and eastern facades in common bond. Although the house has been moved, the care with which all alterations were documented and the efforts which were made to preserve its architectural detail still make it an important house. Had it not been moved, it would have been destroyed completely.

William Peters, the original owner, was a prosperous resident of Aston Township where he had gist and sawmills on Green Creek. He served as a member of the Pennsylvania General Assembly from Chester County.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Matlack, . Historical Sketches of Friends Meetings. Vol.1, p. 294.  
 Rice, Elaine. The William Peters House. Unpublished manuscript, January, 1966 (in possession of J. A. Herdeg.)  
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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		
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		
SW	° ' "	° ' "		

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2.203 Acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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: **February, 1971**

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

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

*Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation*

Name: *S. R. [Signature]*  
 State Liaison Officer

Title: Executive Director  
Pa. Historical and Museum Commission

Date: March 3, 1971

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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*Keeper of The National Register*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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