

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Pennsylvania</b>	
COUNTY: <b>Bucks</b>	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

**1. NAME**

COMMON: **Bolton Mansion**

AND/OR HISTORIC: **Pemberton, Phincas House**

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Holly Drive**

CITY OR TOWN: **Bristol Township**

STATE: **Pennsylvania** CODE: **42** COUNTY: **Bucks** CODE: **017**

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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 type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <b>Unused and boarded up</b>

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: **Township of Bristol**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Bath Road**

CITY OR TOWN: **Bristol** STATE: **Pennsylvania** CODE: **42**

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: **Court House Deed Books**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Administration Building**

CITY OR TOWN: **Doylestown** STATE: **Pennsylvania** CODE: **42**

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: **Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Properties**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1970**     Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: **William Penn Memorial Museum and Archives Building**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Box 1026**

CITY OR TOWN: **Harrisburg** STATE: **Pennsylvania** CODE: **42**

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" 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

The Bolton Mansion, consisting of four connected structures, was begun in 1687 and completed in 1790. The earliest portions of the house are located to the rear of the 1790 front section. The rear wing consists of Phineas Pemberton's 1687 house, a later enlargement and a section connecting rear wing to main house. This two story wing is constructed of rubble fieldstone and has brick chimneys. One is located in the middle while the other is situated at the end farthest from the main house. Fenestration consists of a dormered roof, four six over six small paned windows on second floor and four six over six windows on first floor. Regretfully most of these windows have not survived due to vandalism. The original woodwork has suffered equally.

The main section, completed in 1790 by descendants of Phineas Pemberton, ~~is a late Georgian country mansion.~~ The house is an excellent example of the transition from Georgian to the Neo-Classical style. ~~This two story four bay building has a gambel roof and is constructed of semi dressed fieldstone. On the first floor there are two chambers on either side that are bisected by a central hall. The second floor consists of five bed chambers and hall. The fenestration consists of a dormered roof, four six over six small paned windows on second floor and three six over six windows on first floor. This lack of symetry denotes alteration.~~ The windows are trimmed with stone arches with central keystones. The entrance is pedimented with a fan transom ( destroyed ) and with pilasters with Doric capitals. The chimneys are no longer standing. Several later frame porches have been removed since the 1920's. The original woodwork and small paned windows have been destroyed by vandals.

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8. 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century            |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1687, 1790

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

Bolton Mansion, named for a location in England, was the second home of Phineas Pemberton. Pemberton had a profound impact on the settlement of Pennsylvania and Bucks County. His talents and responsibilities in shaping a government in the wilderness were a great help to William Penn. Pemberton took an active interest in public affairs on both the state and county levels. He was a member of the provincial council in 1685 - 87, 1695, and 1697 - 99. He served as a member of the Assembly in 1689, 1694, 1698, and 1700. During the 1698 term Pemberton served as Speaker of the Assembly. In 1701 he was a member of Penn's council of state.

Pemberton was also involved in the affairs of early Bucks County. He served as Register of Wills, Recorder, and Clerk of all courts. He held for a time the position of Master of Roles, Register General, and Recorder of Proprietary Quit - Rents for the province.

Bolton Mansion is significant for several reasons. The farm was the home of an early Colonial public servant and associate of William Penn named Phineas Pemberton. The architecture of the property is also important. This series of four connected buildings incorporate a 1687 stone house which is one of the earliest buildings in Bucks County. These connected buildings show the evolution of architectural styles in early southeast Pennsylvania.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

n.a. Publication of the Geological Society of Pennsylvania. Vol 1 - 1; 1895.

n.a. The Bucks County Traveler. October, 1952.

Eberlein, C.,U. Portrait of a Colonial City

Green, Doron. History of Bristol, Pennsylvania.

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	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		
NW	° ' "	° ' "	40 ° 09 ' 37 "	74 ° 50 ' 23 "		
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Five acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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: August, 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

Name J. K. [Signature]  
State Liaison Officer

Title Executive Director, Pa. Historical and Museum Commission

Date August 30, 1971

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

Chief, Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Oxford Valley

Fairless Hills

Vermilion Hill

Oxford Valley Sch

William Penn High Sch

St Frances Cabrini Sch

Fairless View Sch

Thornridge

Manor Sch

Birch Valley

Magnolia Hill

Elderberry Pond

Bolton Mansion

Cobalt Ridge

Upper Emilie

Appletree Hill

Thomas Jefferson Sch

St Paul Ch

Quincy Hollow

Emilie

Red Cedar Hill

Levittown

Pine Lake Park

480 000 FEET (N.J.)

Indian Creek

Goldenridge

Oaktree Hollow

Greenbrook

John Fitch Sch

Whitewood

Ralph Waldo Emerson Sch

Violet Wood

Dogwood Hollow

Farmbrook

Mill Creek Falls

Blue Ridge

Yellowwood

3 M AIRPORT

Edgely

Sewage Disposal

DELAWARE PA

33 MI. TO N.E. EXTENSION PA. TURNPIKE 5 MI. TO INTERCHANGE 28