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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Dolington Manor *Benjamin*

AND/OR COMMON

~~Original Taylor Homestead~~**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Washington's Crossing Road (286 ft. east s. Silver Lake
Rd. 590 ft. s SR 532) *NE of Newtown to SR 532*

CITY, TOWN

Newtown *Pa.*

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Pa.

CODE

42

COUNTY

Bucks

CODE

017

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Ruth C. and John T. Brown, Jr.

STREET & NUMBER

Dolington Manor

CITY, TOWN

R. D. #1 Newtown

VICINITY OF

STATE

Pa.

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Recorder of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

Bucks County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Doylestown

STATE

Pa.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE None known

DATE

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Dolington Manor was constructed in three stages beginning in 1738 and the last addition completed in 1820. Today its dimensions are 30 ft. x 60 ft.

It is at present a 2½ story stone structure 7 bays in width. The far eastern section (which was added later) is built of a different stone texture than the western section of the building. The windows on the first floor of the front facade are 6 over 9 sash windows and the windows on the second story are 6 over 6 sash. In the 4th and 5th bay of the 1st floor are 20 paned rectangular windows surrounded by smaller panes and voussoirs. This is the feature which makes the house unusual in its area.

There are two entranceways in the front facade of the house; one in the third bay and one in the sixth bay. The main entrance in the first bay is a paneled door with a transom panel and two wooden pilasters. The entrance in the sixth bay is a plain wooden paneled door.

Each gable has a plain boxed cornice which returns. One chimney is located on the western gable and the other chimney was located on the eastern gable of the original section, but since the eastern addition this chimney is situated a third of the way from the eastern gable of the house.

There are two six over six sash windows on each story of the western facade.

The 30 ft. eastern gable of the building consists of five 6 over 6 sash windows - one on the first floor, two on the second floor and two on the attic floor. Two entrances are also on this gable. The entrance near the front of the house is a 6 paned wooden and glass dutch door with a pediment. Leading to this door are four cement steps and an iron railing. The other plain wooden paneled door leads to the basement level of the house.

The rear facade of the house is constructed of the same stone as the rest of the house and in appearance it is similar. The main difference is that the rear of the house has no entrances or voussoirs. Windows on the first floor and the second floor are 6 over 6 sash.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

- PREHISTORIC
- 1400-1499
- 1500-1599
- 1600-1699
- 1700-1799
- 1800-1899
- 1900-

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

- ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
- ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
- AGRICULTURE
- ARCHITECTURE
- ART
- COMMERCE
- COMMUNICATIONS

- COMMUNITY PLANNING
- CONSERVATION
- ECONOMICS
- EDUCATION
- ENGINEERING
- EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
- INDUSTRY
- INVENTION

- LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
- LAW
- LITERATURE
- MILITARY
- MUSIC
- PHILOSOPHY
- POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

- RELIGION
- SCIENCE
- SCULPTURE
- SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
- THEATER
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES 1738 (date stone)

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Benjamin Taylor

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house was built by Benjamin Taylor from whom the Taylorsville Village and road received their names. Due to its dimensions (60 ft. x 30 ft.) the structure has an imposing appearance. An unusual characteristic of the house is its arcaded front which can be found in only 5 other houses in the area. The stone that was used in the construction of the house is not the common field stone usually used in houses of this period - the builder used a rose stone from another quarry nearby.

The interior has gone through extensive remodeling, but the original woodwork is well preserved.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bye, Arthur E.; "Bucks County Panorama", Panorama Publication, June 1968 issue "Mansions at Washington Crossing" page 7 and 20.
 Bye, Arthur E.; "A Friendly Heritage Along the Delaware"; Vantage Press Inc., New York, 1959. pp. 26,27,36-8,70-71; plates 3 and 77.
 "History of Bucks County"- Pennsylvania Illustrated page 445.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

UTM OK - Wm
12-22-75

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UTM REFERENCES

A	1 8	51 07 4 80	44 5 40 90	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
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE John Thomas Brown, Jr.
Irene Schiavoni
 ORGANIZATION Owner of the house
Pa. Historical Museum Commission
 STREET & NUMBER Dolington Manor
Wm Penn Museum, Box 1026
 CITY OR TOWN R. D. #1 Newtown
Harrisburg
 DATE 12/17/73
 TELEPHONE (717) 787-4363
 STATE Pa.

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

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 *William J. ...*
 TITLE Executive Director
Pa. Historical Museum Commission
 DATE 8/25/75

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER
 Acting *[Signature]*
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
 ATTEST: *[Signature]*
 DATE 12/6/75
 DATE DEC 3 1975
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER