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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 18). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

### 1. Name of Property

historic name West Chester Boarding School for Boys  
other names/site number Square House

### 2. Location

street & number 200 East Biddle Street  not for publication N/A  
city, town West Chester  vicinity N/A  
state Pennsylvania code PA county Chester code 029 zip code 19380

### 3. Classification

#### Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

#### Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

#### Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<u>  </u>	<u>  </u> sites
<u>  </u>	<u>1</u> structures
<u>  </u>	<u>  </u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

### 4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Keeper \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Action \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Education/school

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling**7. Description**Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)Federal

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stonewalls BrickStuccoroof Tinother WoodMetal/Iron

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The West Chester Boarding School for Boys is a large single dwelling which depicts the use of the Federal architectural style during the nineteenth century in Chester County. Constructed specifically as a private academy in 1836 by Nathan Sharpless, the brick, three story building is situated in a neighborhood of Queen Anne Revival, Second Empire and Colonial Revival residences on expansive town lots in the County Seat's northeast quadrant. While of substantial proportions, these dwellings built between 1871 and 1912 are smaller than the nominated historic resource. The property contains one contributing building (academy), one non-contributing building (garage), and one non-contributing structure (peripheral brick wall). The main elevation of the academy is parallel to East Biddle Street overlooking Marshall Square Park and its west elevation faces North Matlack Street.

A Colonial Revival dwelling is located immediately south of the nominated property on a contiguous town lot. The academy sits directly west of an open garden which is surrounded by a brick wall built in 1925 as part of a professional landscape plan on the nominated property. A small frame garage, c1925, is located southeast of the academy outside the brick wall and on the nominated property. All are in excellent condition. The integrity of the academy is exceptional with well preserved distinctive interior and exterior features. The addition of a two story portico on the northern elevation is of equal quality.

The academy, measuring 40 feet by 49 feet, reflects the Federal architectural style in configuration and scale. The terre tin low pitch gable roof is punctuated by two bonnet dormers on both the north and south elevations which have six-over-six lights accented by flanking pilasters terminating in bullseye corner blocks. Another original feature, unusual to West Chester architecture, is the wood widow's walk which can only be viewed from Marshall Square Park. It is still accessible by the original wood staircase located in the finished attic's northeast corner.

The five bay wide north elevation's distinctive symmetry is accented by the centered main entrance and double hung sash windows. The academy's original second floor centered doorway

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contains a substantial architrave and broad surround supporting an elliptical brick arch and fanlight which enhances the six light paneled door. The current first floor main entrance is a recessed six paneled wood door flanked by side lights with a granite sill and a wood lintel. Six-over-six light double hung sash windows possessing wood extended sills and flush lintels have wood paneled shutters painted white on the first floor and louvered shutters painted black on the second and third floors. The Flemish bond brick facade is further enhanced by a double coarse brick dentil cornice and a two story portico with a flatterne tin roof and box cornice. The deep wood portico which encompasses the middle three bays consists of decorative ironwork, flat support posts, and brackets in addition to a second floor balustrade containing three horizontal iron pieces and thin iron spindles.

The four bay wide east elevation is composed of a gray stucco over brick facade, six-over-six light double hung sash windows, an eight light French door, and connected quarter round windows centered near the gable apex. The first story has three windows with solid paneled shutters and a French door, while the second and third stories each have two windows with louvered shutters located near the facade corners. The massive shaft and double joined chimneys, set flush with the gable, are finished with a double coarse brick.

The common bond brick south elevation incorporates a two story wood and brick gallery extending the full width of the building. The second story contains six wood hexagonal columns, a balustrade system of narrow spindles and a beaded rectangular banister. It is topped by a flatterne tin roof. The middle aperture's workable paneled window skirt provides accessibility between the gallery and the second floor interior. With the exception of the aforementioned aperture, the second and third story windows, cornice and roof are identical to that of the north elevation. Approximately one-half of the first floor gallery, toward the east corner, is enclosed in common bond brick. An open arch doorway with a deeply recessed six-paneled door highlights the enclosure's east facade while three six-over-six light double hung sash windows are on the south elevation and one is on the west elevation. Two small four-light windows add uniformity to the enclosure's south elevation. The remaining first floor gallery is a patio with chamfered posts, a granite block floor and a ceiling consisting of exposed floor joists from the second story gallery. Three eight-light French doors with wood lintels afford entrance to the first floor.

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The three bay wide west elevation is also constructed of common bond brick. With the exception of the elliptical fanlight and first floor aperture, the east elevation's design is repeated here. The off-centered entrance contains a wood paneled door with a plain one-light transom, extended wood lintel and a granite sill. It is protected by a small terne tin flat-roofed portico supported by two Tuscan columns and a slate floor.

The graduated theme from the smaller first story windows to the much larger second and third story windows is carried out on all four facades, but is most noticeable on the east and west elevations. This feature is indicative to the construction of this building as a private academy whereby the first floor was originally used as service quarters while the second and third floors housed the classrooms.

The historic resource's interior stratification consists of a basement, first through third floors, and a finished attic used for storage. Of these, the more formal spaces can be found on the first and second floors. Eight fireplaces are distributed through the dwelling and the interior walls and ceilings have a flat finish. High ceilings in spacious rooms, random width Pennsylvania Pine floorboards, carved wood and marble mantels, high beaded baseboards, and paneled doors with box locks enhance the living quarters.

The spacious first floor center hall--nine feet in width--spans the building's depth from the main entrance to the original south exterior door (now used as a door to a closet) backed by the enclosed southern gallery. The dining room and kitchen are located east of the hallway; to the west, in what had originally been double-pile rooms, is a suite of offices partitioned in 1951 to accommodate the owner's medical practice. Many original embellishments remain intact, securing the integrity of these rooms.

The dining room is a large rectangular room accented by windows with round cheek walls and a built-in double cupboard, c1874. The multi-light cupboard doors are embellished by a wood keystone, round arches, and fluted pilasters descending to the lower wood paneled doors. The dining room opens directly into the kitchen which contains one of the fireplaces. Although it was remodeled c1951, the original utilitarian mantel has

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been retained. In comparison, an embellished fireplace mantel interpreting the Federal architectural style can be found in the first floor northwest room.

The main stairway, beginning on the first floor and ascending the building's full height, incorporates small drop pendants on each floor as a part of the staircase system. Its conservative simplicity is accented with solid 3/8 inch pegged spindles topped by a slender banister. The heavy newel post balances the impressive scale of the four story staircase.

The second floor staircase serves as the axis for the living and sitting rooms to the east and the master bedroom suite to the west. The full bathroom to the north, c1875, incorporates the original entrance with elliptical fanlight. The curved doorways to the southeast sitting room and southwest bedroom are accented with plaster relieving arches above corner Gothic surrounds while the other doorways have the usual configuration. All doors on this floor have eight panels.

The two eastside rooms are actually a double-pile room connected by massive, over-sized eight paneled doors. The design of the baseboard, window and door surrounds compliment the use of the Federal architectural style mantel in the sitting room which is supported by fluted columns on block bases. Similar components can be found on the two unique built-in cupboards incorporated in the fireplace design. The recessed cupboards, complete with paneled doors, are located on either side of the fireplace, of which the taller six-foot cupboard is tucked beside the fireplace to the right. In comparison, the northwest room's fireplace has a granite mantel.

While the third floor room configuration is identical to the second floor, the use of space reflects a more utilitarian function. The staircase's uppermost segment ascends to the finished attic. The attic--originally used as dormitory accommodations for the school boys--now functions as storage space.

Most of the nineteenth century changes by Joshua and Rachel Hoopes occurred as a result of converting the historic resource from a boarding school to a residence. Shortly after erecting the building, Joshua Hoopes installed sanitation facilities in the 1840's as documented in West Chester Borough's Water Committee Report. Later changes were precipitated by the Borough

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substantially lowering Biddle Street which necessitated a first floor entrance and removal of the hillock between the building facade and the street. To further enhance the residence, Hoopes constructed a two-story portico on the north facade.

After Joshua Hoopes died in 1874, his widow, Rachel, hired their neighbor, John D. Worth, to continue the improvements by using revenues from the estate as documented in the estate account. She authorized the completion of the south elevation gallery's second story and installed granite curbing as per her correspondence with Worth. The next owners, John and Thomas Hall, benefited from these changes and found it necessary to perform only routine maintenance.

Subsequent nineteenth and twentieth century owners retained the building's fabric with their individual alterations. Elizabeth Taylor, who purchased the property in 1889, sold off a parcel to the south on which a Colonial Revival residence was built in 1912. Bathroom installations in the former boarding school are also attributed to her ownership.

In 1925 the new owner, John Mickle Hemphill, obtained professional services to improve the premises at which time landscape architect Gilbert McIlvaine planned a formal garden landscape. Incorporating trees planted by Joshua Hoopes, McIlvaine enclosed the property with a seven foot high brick wall laid up in a Flemish bond pattern interspersed with ironwork filled apertures on the south and west walls. Marble inlays and an open garden structure can be found on the south and east walls, respectively. Brick and flagstone walks are the cohesive component between the historic resource, the brick wall, and an assortment of fountains, boxwood, English ivy and other ground cover. Other changes attributed to Hemphill are French doors on the south and east facades--the former providing accessibility to the south gallery fountain patio and the latter to the dining room. They also enclosed the east side of the first floor gallery with brick to create a laundry and powder room accessible through the kitchen. The property contains a one-story frame garage; a non-contributing building, c1925. This 12' x 20' rectangular building has a gable roof, corrugated metal facades and an entrance opening onto Prospect Alley.

The present ambience of the historic resource is a credit to the current and previous owners who had the financial means to sustain the building's fabric through careful and sympathetic treatment. Regardless of the collective--in most cases, contemporary

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and functional--changes, today the West Chester Boarding School for Boys still portrays the architectural integrity of one of West Chester's nineteenth century landmarks.



**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION  
ARCHITECTURE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period of Significance

1836-62

Significant Dates

1836

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Sharpless, Nathan

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The West Chester Boarding School for Boys, also known as the Square House, is significant under Criteria A for education and Criteria C for architecture. Established in 1834 by Joshua Hoopes, the West Chester Boarding School for Boys exerted a strong influence in the educational climate of West Chester for the following twenty-eight years. The present building constructed in 1836 and built specifically for private education purposes is an intact representative of the single sex private schools which were the predominate form of education in West Chester during the mid-nineteenth century. The building is a well preserved local representative of the Federal architectural style. The overall integrity of the building, converted into a private dwelling in 1863, has not been severely impacted by changes to accomodate residential living.

A large number of West Chester's prominent community leaders freely lent Hoopes the necessary funds to erect the building in 1836. Their unified generosity to the school indicates their recognition of Hoopes' teaching abilities. These leaders included the internationally reknowned botanist and U.S. Congressman, Dr. William Darlington, and David Townsend, Esquire, multi-elected county official and one of the founders of the Chester County Cabinet of Natural Science. Whereupon, Hoopes hired Nathan Sharpless to construct the present day building. Long before Hoopes' death he succeeded in refunding to his friends each amount loaned.

Besides providing typical instruction of the day, Hoopes attracted scholars who wanted to excel in mathematics and the sciences due to his well-known expertise.

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in these subjects. In fact, numerous advertisements expound on the school's broad scientific related curriculum. Therefore, Hoopes' favorite subject, astronomy, presumably accounts for the school being erected on the highest point of land in West Chester proper and for it's widow's walk on the rooftop. In 1855, Hoopes' daughter, Margaret, opened a day school for female students in the same facility, thereby encouraging young women to become equally well versed in the aforementioned subjects. Both schools were closed in 1862 due to Hoopes' advancing years.

Since 1862, the building has been well preserved and maintained by subsequent owners. Thomas Hall, treasurer for the West Chester and Philadelphia Railroad Company, followed by Elizabeth Taylor, lived in the dwelling for the remainder of the 19th century. Three twentieth century men gained notoriety while owners of the former academy. In 1930, John Mickle Hemphill was the Democratic candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania and lost to forester-turned-politician Gifford Pinchot. During World War II, Dr. Everett S. Barr purchased the property from the Hemphill family while holding the position of director at the Marshall Square Sanitarium nearby. He specialized in psychiatry and hospital administration and was the former superintendent of the Chester County Hospital and the Philadelphia Hospital for Mental Diseases at Byberry. In 1951, Dr. Francis Jacobs purchased the property. He has been one of the County's leading pediatricians for nearly half a century.

In West Chester, until the mid-nineteenth century, the majority of school age children were taught in 25 single sex private educational institutions. Of these, eleven were open to male enrollment; five of which were boarding schools. Six of the remaining fourteen were private boarding schools for girls. Hoopes' school was an intact representative of this norm; indeed, it was one of the most prominent in terms of longevity--operating for twenty-eight years and accommodating up to fifty scholars per semester.

Other schools representative of this trend included: the West Chester Academy, incorporated in 1812 and closed in 1869; Price's Boarding School for Young Ladies, established in 1830 by Rachel and Philip Price and conducted under the superintendency of their daughter, Mrs. Hannah Davis, until 1852; and the Boarding School for Young Men, owned and operated by Anthony Bolmar between 1840 and 1860. Of these, twenty-five schools, Hoopes' school is the only intact representative in existence today.

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During the same period, the Free School Act of 1834 provided State means to support Pennsylvania's common schools. Only one public school in West Chester opened its doors prior to the Civil War; the Barnard Street School, built in 1841. Of the 311 students that attended this institution in 1851, males and females were equal in number. Today the school is enveloped by a multi-story industrial building.

In comparison, Prices' Boarding School, located in the southwest quadrant of the borough, housed two other schools during its tenure which necessitated several additions to the original structure. Between 1872 and 1883, half of the building was destroyed by fire, thereby ruining its original architectural integrity. In 1837, Thomas U. Walter designed the building which housed the Boarding School for Young Men as well as five other schools until it was razed in 1970, at which time it was replaced by an apartment complex. The West Chester Academy--expanded with additional structures added under several different administrations between 1854-1866--was closed and sold in 1869. Its profits were combined with that of the Chester County Cabinet of Natural Sciences to purchase the original ten acres of the State Normal School. The original building no longer stands today.

The interpretation of the Federal architectural style in Chester County was generally rectangular in shape, two stories high, topped with a low-pitched roof and often incorporated double joined chimneys in both gable ends. The exterior fabric of the building was either brick or fieldstone covered by whitewash or stucco, which emphasized a smooth facade. Five-bay wide examples were usually found as farmhouses in the rural areas which incorporated center hall floor plans, wood lintels and sills, and plain wood box cornices without any embellishment. Any fluted pilasters or gouging that occurred was reserved for buildings along major thoroughfares. Doorways were often surrounded with an elliptical fanlight and flanking slender sidelights. Narrow columns and moldings were chaste and delicate and any exterior decoration was generally confined to the porch or entrance motif. The use of three-bay townhouses was more dominate in villages and towns such as West Chester.

The West Chester Boarding School for Boys is one of fourteen Federal architectural style buildings identified in a historic site survey of West Chester (Schooler, 1980). Two buildings are combined Federal and Georgian, located respectively at 19 N. High Street and the northwest corner of Church and Market Streets, while the remaining twelve represent the pure Federal architectural style.

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The Lincoln Building at 28 W. Market Street is the finest representative of the ten three-bay wide side hall buildings in the borough. It is rectangular in shape, laid up in brick and has retained a more formal appearance with a corbled brick dentil cornice. Other features include a terne tin roof accented by two gable dormers with fluted pilasters, six over six light double sash windows, a second floor aperture with window skirt and a horizontal, full elliptical four light window under the wide gable end of the east elevation. This building utilizes ironwork embellished in a second story balcony on the north elevation, c1858.

The remaining three-bay wide buildings are constructed of brick with wood box cornice, raised water table, low pitched roof, no dormers, six over six lights which graduate from large (first floor) to small (second and third floors) and elliptical fanlight incorporated in the front doorway. Exceptions to the aforementioned include 100, 101 and 102 South Church Street. The building located at 101 South Church Street is square in shape, has a flat roof, bonnet overdoor and side bay windows added between 1915 and 1928. The two story rectangular duplexes at 100 and 102 South Church Street share the similar features of white painted brick facades and terne tin roofs. 101 South Church Street retains an individualism through the use of a single brick diagonal dentil, pediment dormer accented with fluted pilasters and bonnet overdoor, while 101 South Church Street incorporates double brick coarse dentil work, a single plain pediment dormer, gable overdoor and windows on the northern elevation in the middle of the facade.

In comparison, the West Chester Boarding School for Boys is the most intact representative of three five-bay wide Federal buildings in Schooler's survey. When Nathan Sharpless constructed the Boarding School, he incorporated the rural Federal architectural style of the five-bay wide center hall plan with the average appointments of the period found in other borough Federal residences built by him. He also used embellishments normally reserved for buildings of commerce along the thoroughfare. Hoopes' building was specifically constructed as an academy, thereby requiring more space than a three-bay wide building could accommodate. As a result, the total composite interprets the Federal architectural style in a grand scale. Whereas Price's Boarding School, located at West Union Street, was originally constructed as a side hall, three-bay wide dwelling and assimilated into an academy. The third building, 220 West Gay Street, is the only stone Federal of this period in Schooler's survey. Owned and operated by the Chester County Prison, the building has been modified to meet the current needs of the correctional center.

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The final Federal example in Schooler's survey is located on the northwest corner of Church and Market Streets. Grossly altered, the owner combined four buildings under one common roof utilizing Federal and Georgian components.

The West Chester Boarding School for Boys is the only surviving building in the Borough of West Chester, erected between 1830 and 1860, expressly constructed for private educational purposes. The excellent preservation of most of the original design features of the building considerably enhances its local architectural merit.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

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Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:  
Chester

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property .4 acres

UTM References

A 18 448340 4423800  
Zone Easting Northing

C         

B           
Zone Easting Northing

D         

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property corresponds to the deed recorded in West Chester, Chester County Deed Book F25, page 21.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the contributing building (academy), non-contributing (garage), non-contributing structure (peripheral wall), gardens and lawn. Man-made boundaries -- the wall of the east side, Market Street and Biddle Street on the north and west sides, and a non-contributing house on the south side -- are used to delimit the nominated property.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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other names/site number Square House

### 2. Location

street & number 200 East Biddle Street  not for publication N/A  
city, town West Chester  vicinity N/A  
state Pennsylvania code PA county Chester code 029 zip code 19380

### 3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>      </u>	<u>1</u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

### 4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

Dr. Brent Glass Brent Glass 11-30-89  
Signature of certifying official Date  
Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action